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President's Corner

Happy Summer!

Your Foundation has been busy with several events including the relaunch of the MayFair plant sale, the first bus trip, and the What's in Bloom Reunion Tour!

May Fair at the Market debuted the first weekend in May at the 2nd Street Market! This new location allows people to get all their LOCAL shopping done in one place. A special thank you to cochairs Loretta Hill and Mary Gordon and the numerous volunteers who put their time and talent into making it a success!

The wheels on the bus are rolling for the 2023 tours! They are a wonderful way to connect with other members and explore new places!

Our annual What's in Bloom in June event was one big reunion of past Foundation presidents. We presented each one with a special certificate before touring the gardens.

Make sure to read through this edition for a complete recap of Foundation happenings and upcoming events!

Jessica Wagner

Jessica Wagner, Foundation President

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MayFair at the Market Success

by Mary Gordon

After a three-year hiatus, the MayFair plant sale makes its debut in a new location!



MayFair at the Market was held the first Thursday and Friday in May at the 2nd Street Market. The plants sold out, and new or returning Foundation memberships grew! A big thank you to all the Foundation volunteers, 2nd Street Market staff and Five Rivers MetroParks' team for their support in raising funds to support Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark.

Planning is now underway for next year's sale, planned for early May at the Market.



Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Open House

by Mary Gordon



Wegerzyn Gardens
F o u n d a t i o n
and MetroPark
celebrated 50 years
of bringing people
and plants together
during the Memorial
Day weekend with a

special open house event. Those who stopped by the gardens were treated to a garden tour with MetroParks staff; met



with present and past horticulturalists; and enjoyed some history and shared memories of time spent in the gardens.



What's in Bloom in June celebrated 50 years of Foundation leadership!

by Jessica Wagner

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It was a reunion 50 years in the making at the What's in Bloom in June event! Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation past presidents and board members were invited to share their favorite



memories and milestones at Wegerzyn. The past presidents were also presented with a special certificate to thank them for their leadership and

dedication. Guests then toured the Gardens with Five Rivers MetroParks horticulture technician, Franz Kirchner, to learn aboutnew features, including the water exhibit inside the Children's Discovery

Garden.



June Bus Trip

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The first Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation bus trip of 2023 is in the books! Participants had fun visiting Bucyrus to learn the history of Ohio's railroad stations and shop at an artisan market. The trip also included lots of plant talk and purchases at the Groovy Plant Ranch. The next two trips are planned for late September and early December. Details for those trips can be found at wegerzyngardensfoundation.org/bus-trips-2/.



Upcoming Bus Trips:

- September 27: What's New in Dayton
- December 6: Festival of Trees in Indianapolis, IN

Gift & Garden Shop

by Carol Self



It's summer gardening season and the shop has been busy. House plants continue to be popular along with garden tools and seasonal garden decor. The outdoor vendors attract lots of shoppers to the 2nd Street Market with their fresh produce and plants. When you're at the market for fresh veggies and fruit, don't forget to stop in the Wegerzyn Gift & Garden Shop!

We're there every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Don't forget to mention that you're a Foundation member to get your 10% discount on all purchases in our shop! We hope to see you soon. As always, we appreciate your support.



Garden Party

by Jessica Wagner

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You're invited to bask in the glow of our Golden Anniversary at the Garden Party!



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Our annual Soiree on the Garden Green is Thursday, September 14 starting at 5:30 p.m.

You can expect dinner, dancing, and a stroll through the Children's Discovery Garden to see the new water feature.

Formal invitation should arrive in the mail soon, but you can purchase event and 50/50 raffle tickets online at www.wegerzyngardensfoundation.org/ garden-party.

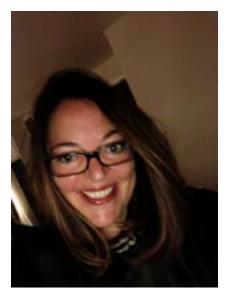
Tickets are \$100 for Foundation members and \$150 for non-members.

50/50 raffle tickets start at \$25 per ticket. Winner announced at Garden Party but you do not need to be present to win.

We hope to see you there to celebrate the Golden Gardens!



New Board Members



Katie Herzog CareSource Vice President of **Customer Service**

Katie is the VP of Customer Service at CareSource. Her passion and focus is on the continued evolution of service for experiences members and

providers. She is a graduate of the Leadership Dayton program. Katie lives in Bellbrook with her husband Norm. They are big travelers; love time with friends and family; movie goers; spend massive amounts of energy and time with their two dogs Basil and Ella – and love to be outside in their garden or walking in the reserves and parks across Ohio.



Elliott Haller Coolidge Wall Associate

Elliott Haller is an associate in the firm's Corporate Department. Не focuses his practice transactional, business, healthcare law. Elliott was named a

2023 Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch in Litigation – Labor and Employment Law. He started his career in the wine business and has remained engaged as an owner of a brokerage, a certified sommelier and as a former wine director for the Chaîne-de-Rotisserie gastronomic society. Born in Dayton, Elliott is excited to practice law and live in the Miami Valley again.

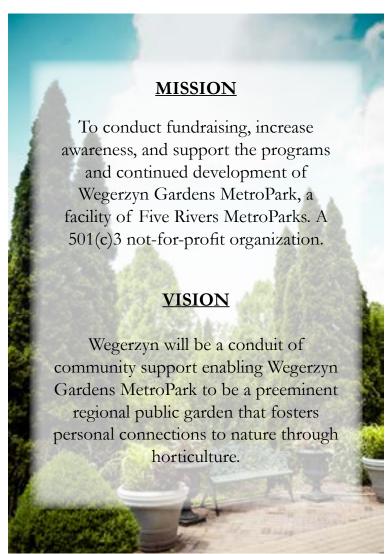




Rich Gillette **Dayton Daily News Managing Editor**

Rich Gillette is a managing editor with the Dayton Daily News. He has been a lifelong resident of the Miami Valley and remembers numerous trips with his grandmother to Wegerzyn Gardens as she prepared for her Northridge Garden Club projects. Rich lives in Springboro with his wife, Andrea. They raised two children in Springboro. Rich andemor his wife are both Wright State University graduates and enjoy gardening and the outdoors.

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Planning Ahead for MayFair 2024

To all you gardeners out there, as fall approaches it is time to divide many of our plants or maybe you are switching some out for something new, Please consider potting some of these up and keeping them over the winter for pass alongs at next years MayFair. Happy Fall!



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