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Monday, April 19

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Make plans to attend each monthly meeting. It's a great opportunity to socialize, enjoy good food, and to learn more about gardening and our environment.

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When: Monday, April 19, 2010

5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

Where: St. George Fellowship Centre
3205 Ridgewood Road
Copley, Ohio

Program: Lakeview Cemetery

Secretary:

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Our speaker's name is Katherine Kohl and has been associated with Lakeview for many years in various roles. She is well informed and very easy to listen to

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Board meeting April 26, 7:00 p m at Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 West Market Street, Fairlawn. All members are invited to attend board meetings.

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Presidents Message

Arthur Britton

Gardeners of Greater Akron is the new name for the club. We have gone through a lot over the last several months and I would like to thank everyone for taking the changes in stride as we move forward. We are in the process of changing the name with the state and the IRS. This process should take about 4 months. We realize that there are some that do not approve of the change. We hope that you will continue to be members of the club and enjoy all that it has to offer.

With regards to other issues, the budget is in the process of being finalized, we are happy to be able to let you know that the Youth Gardening will receive \$100.00, Arrowhead School will receive \$450 and Crown Point will receive \$450.

I am sure that many of us are at the ready to get out and start to work in the garden or flower beds. Make sure that your tools are sharp and don't forget to start out slowly with regard to the amount of time and energy spent in the garden. None of us want to spend a great day in the yard only to need three days to recover from over doing it. Like a lot of things in life do it in moderation and enjoy. While you are out in the garden please take time to decide what, if anything, you would be willing to bring to the plant sale in May. One of the many benefits of the sale is that the plants are from this area and we are able to talk to the person who brought them in and we are able also to raise some money for the Gardeners of Greater Akron.

While most of us have our own gardens and yards to take care of, have you decided where you would be willing to help out and add your knowledge to the community or organization? As we all know times are tough and a person may not be able to donate money, but what about your knowledge and wisdom? Our club has many different ways that you are able to get involved. I hope that everyone will donate some time and knowledge and, if able, some energy. I have found that usually all benefit when this is done. Please give this some thought.

Spring is the time of year which some (non gardeners) view as the beginning of the season when yard work, pulling weeds and other non enjoyable activities are to be done. They fail to look beyond to the many benefits they will receive when time and effort, along with some knowledge (if not firsthand, then the willingness to ask) are applied. I am hopeful that as gardeners we all look, not only at the gardening season ahead, but at the opportunity to possibly try something new, that we have not done in the past. The garden club is doing just that. We have the chance to try new things, with a new name, and we will, I am sure, be given the opportunity to continue to garden and to try something new beyond a new name.

May we always continue to enjoy gardening!

Welcome New Members

Olive Ashmore 642 Mardon Ave Akron, Ohio 44303 phone 330-864-0886

She did not state whether she was married or not or where she was employed. Olive listed her gardening interests as annuals, birds and butterflies and shrubs and trees. She was recommended by Les Knight

Christine Freitag 830 Eaglenest Ave, Akron, Ohio 44303 phone 330-864- 2209

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She is married to Robert Freitag. She did not state whether she was employed or retired. Christine lists her gardening interests as birds and butterflies, conservation and environment and vegetables. She said she was interested in the following club and community activities: spring plant sale, beautification awards and scholarship committee. She was recommended by Les Knight

Patty Stoner 2292 Oak Glen Court Akron, Ohio 44333 phone 330-867-2120

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She is unmarried. She is a teacher assistant at Fairlawn Village Preschool

Patty lists her gardening interests as annuals, birds and butterflies, flowers, herbs, landscaping, lawns, perennials and vegetables. Her hobbies are gardening, reading, traveling and sewing. she listed the following as club and community service opportunities: spring plant sale, member plant exchange, Habitat for Humanity landscaping, youth gardening program and Crown Point Her application did not state who recommended her.

Member News

Bill Carney passed away. Bill was a long time associate member of our club and a leading member of the Youngstown club. He was a past president of the Youngstown club, the Central Great Lakes Region and the national Mens Garden Club. Bill was a horticultural show judge who judged our show many times. For many years Bill and his wife Jo Anne attended our December meetings and Bill would install our members into office. Because of his ill health he missed last year. Bill was a Navy vet of both World War II and the Korean War. He was very active in many community activities in the Youngstown area. Bill will be missed by his many friends and fellow club members. Our condolences to JoAnne and the other members of his family.

Seminars at Dayton Nursery

Saturday April 17 noon - Growing Clematis \$5.00

Saturday April 24 noon - Rhododendrons and Azaleas \$5.00

These seminars will be held at the Owl Barn at the nursery. 3459 Cleveland-Massillon Road in Norton.

Walt's Gardening Tips for April

1. Cut back large-flowered hybrid clematis this month for best flower production in summer.
2. Mount mail box in garden area to store small tools.
3. It is important to leave the foliage of spring blooming bulbs to ripen and die back after blooms fade. The foliage is manufacturing food for next year's flowers.
4. A mouse trap mounted to the wall in the garden shed can hold gloves to dry and be easily found.
5. When transplanting : A. Remove all flowers to overcome shock B. Use a starter solution of liquid fertilizer C. Transplant on a cloudy day or use a shading device for a few days if the weather is hot and sunny.
6. Harden off plants before planting in the garden. Gradually acclimate them to conditions in the garden. Place them outdoors for a few hours a day, and then gradually increase the outdoor time until the plant is left out over night. A cold frame makes the process easier.
7. To control iris borer, clean up and destroy old foliage before new growth begins.
8. Apply complete slow-release fertilizer to established roses. Begin weekly sprays to control black spot and mildew.
9. Keep indoor seedlings and root cuttings cool. Give them plenty of light for bushy compact growth.

For May

1. It always pays to purchase top grade plants when growing roses. The preparation of the planting space is even more important.
2. Avoid working the ground when it is wet. Moving from plant to plant, you can easily transmit fungus.
3. Mow cool season lawns tall (2-1/2 to 3" tall) through summer months for a healthier lawn.
4. Do not apply mulches to any plants until the hot summer months because they will not allow the soil to warm up.
5. Bugs and diseases will be out in force this month. Check plants thoroughly each week to avoid surprise epidemics. Take samples of problems to your local garden center for advice.
6. Plants and trees that attract hummingbirds are clematis, delphinium, pinks, sweet william, day lily, trumpet creeper, bee balm, columbine, salvia, snapdragon, red cardinal flower, and cleome.
7. Fertilize roses this month. Watch for signs of mildew and black spot on leaves.
8. As soil warms and dries out , set out peppers and eggplants. Mulch potato plants heavily.
9. You may need a net over your strawberries if you want to be the one to eat the first ones.
10. Remove cool season annuals as they fade. Plant warm season annuals and summer flowering bulbs when danger of frost is past.
11. Move plants outdoors for summer by gradually increasing exposure to sunlight.
12. Mid to late May is the last opportunity to start pumpkins in time for Hallowe'en.
13. Once all danger of frost is past, you can move your Easter lilies out into a sunny spot in your garden. Mulch roots over winter and remove mulch in spring.
14. Lay out boards over damp ground for slugs to hide under during the daytime. Monitor the traps each morning and destroy the slugs.

Thanks to Walt Starcher for once again supplying us with these timely tips. Walt said that he had obtain these tips from the national newsletter over the years.

2010 Scholarships

Akron Club Scholarships for ATI horticulture students in Wooster. This year 5 ATI students from Summit County and adjacent counties applied for our two \$1,000 scholarships. All had excellent grades and various goals toward getting established in horticulture careers. The two winners are very excellent students:

Amy Ryan is a repeat from last year, lives in Medina, and is working on a double major in nursery management and greenhouse production.

Alexandra Shaffner lives in Massillon, and is working toward a 4 year degree in horticulture and biology. She plans to transfer to OSU in Columbus and earn a Master's degree in horticulture sciences as well as a doctorate.

Both students have been invited to be our guests at the April dinner meeting. We expect they will tell us a little about their interests.

The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America:

Out National organization offers five \$1,000 scholarships each year. Including the above two excellent ATI students, we interviewed a total of nine horticulture students from Ohio and submitted them all to the National selection committee. Two students are from the Columbus main campus of OSU. The other seven are at ATI in Wooster, including the two Akron winners.

Thanks to Jim Fee and Sam Morlan for assisting with two interview trips in February and March. There was a deadline of April 1 for these National applications. Winners will be announced at the National Convention at Grand Rapids in June. Our Akron club is the official sponsor of these submissions.

Reported by Frank Mitch

Lakeview Cemetery Tour

When: Saturday May 22 at 8:00 a m

Where: We will meet in the parking lot behind the Golden Corral in Montrose. It is the parking lot for Home Depot. It is south, across the street behind Golden Corral.

We will be traveling by motor coach (restrooms on board) from Montrose to Lakeview via Cleveland with a tour guide onboard for almost all of the trip.

Our plans are to visit Rockefeller Gardens with a brief stop and opportunity to look around. We will then get a drive-by tour of the many cultural gardens in the University Circle area along with some other highlights of the area.

Then on to Lakeview itself with an overview of the site and no doubt some interesting stories and facts about the cemetery and the surrounding area.

On to lunch in Little Italy with a little time to roam and possibly shop.

After that if we are still awake we go back to Lakeview for a tour of Wade Chapel (decorated by Tiffany) and to Garfield's tomb and home again about 4:00

Cost: tour \$27.00
lunch: 16.00 - all gratuities and fees are included
total: \$43.00

Club members and guests should register for the trip by May 3. After May 3 the trip will be open to members of other garden clubs, Master Gardeners etc. Sam wants to insure that we have a full bus.

The sandwich choices are: Meatball sub, Italian sub, chicken sandwich, veal sandwich and vegetarian sandwich.

Registration: Name: _____ x__
phone number: _____
email: _____
cell: _____

Choice of sandwich: _____

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