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Monday, December 19, 2016

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

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When: Monday, December 19, 2016
5:30 PM - Social Hour
6:30 PM - Dinner

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Where: St George's Fellowship Hall
St George's Antiochian Church
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Program: Installation of 2017 Officers
Christmas Extravaganza – Miller South

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No board meeting this month

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December 9, 2016

Greetings from the weed factory. The end of the year is fast approaching and winter is just about upon us. The weather man is calling for appreciable snow and bitter cold over the next few days (or is that months?). I pretty much have my yard clean-up work (at least to the extent that I do) completed although there are several projects that remain incomplete. One that I spoke about last month was the renovation of a native flower plot. It's close but it isn't finished. And the bulbs I bought at our bulb sale remain unplanted. The yard work from now on until spring will be weather dependent although I will always spend a fair amount of time outdoors throughout the winter. I came up with this notion some time ago that if I would just spend at least 1 hour a week in the yard throughout the winter, I would be so much further ahead come spring that I'd end up with a fabulous landscape. I watch Sally and Dave Cole work year round in their garden and it seems to work for them because it shows - they have fabulous vegetable garden. I have the hour per week head dream every fall and it usually last until the first snowfall and then it vanishes until the next fall. As I said, I still spend a fair amount of time outdoors but my efforts change from garden work to shoveling snow. For some reason I find removing snow from the drive relaxing. I guess it's my way of working off the daily grind (nervous energy?). But I am no fan of snow. If it didn't snow a flake I wouldn't be too upset provided we got our allotment of rainfall. I bought a snow blower several years ago. Never used it once the first year I had it for lack of measurable snow. Best investment I ever made.

Parting Shots - Separated at Birth?



Notice the gray fuzzy hair and coat – the beady brown eyes – the peanut butter breath

As my tenure as president of GOGA rolls to and end I would like to thank all those individuals that helped me thru my (never ending) learning over the past year. Clark Bordner headed up a very successful plant sale with the inclusion of perennials from North Coast Perennials (arranged by Jim Bell) and the successful bulb sale in the fall headed up by Leroy Hart. Both endeavors brought revenue into the club. The perennials and bulbs were new this year and I really hope these sorts of efforts will continue in the future. I would especially like to thank the GOGA board members for showing patience as I stumbled through our board meetings. As anyone who has attended a board meeting can attest, Roberts Rules is not my forte.

This month's meeting will be the Christmas Extravaganza. Next year's officers will be sworn at (in) and Miller South will provide the entertainment and poinsettias will be provided to all.

So Happy Holidays and thank you one and all for all your support and allowing me to be a part of such a great club. The weed factory - signing off – over and out!

Thanks - Pat

Membership

October starts our 2017 Membership Renewal.

Please complete the enclosed 2017 Renewal for membership form enclosed with your check mailed to Bob Bell or bring cash or check to the November meeting.

Membership Dues are \$35.00.

Membership Dues for Life Members is \$15.00

We will be adding Garden Club Interests into the 2017 Roster. This will assist the Committee Chairs.

Feel free to include on the membership renewal form all of your club interests.

Becoming involved in the GOGA is an excellent opportunity to meet other members and sharing your knowledge and assistance with the club.

2016 New Members

This year we welcome 6 new members:

Tricia Carlson

Kris Urbanski

Referred by Sam Sampiero

Julia Zeber

Richard Perrin

Referred by Chris and Sue Godard

John Anderson

Angela Anderson

Referred by Bob Bell

Our current membership total=86

Remember each new member you bring into the GOGA you will receive a \$10.00 gift certificate which is presented yearly at the awards meeting.

Please seek out all of our new members, making them welcome to the GOGA.

If you have any questions on membership please contact Grace Cochran or Bob Bell.

2017 RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP-GARDENERS OF GREATER AKRON

The campaign for membership renewal starts in October. We plan to receive all renewals by the December meeting with the intent of the Roster being available sometime in January-February 2017.

Annual dues are \$35.00 per individual/year
\$60.00 per couple/year
Life/Associate member dues are \$15.00/year

Make check payable to Gardeners of Greater Akron and bring them either to the dinner meetings or mail to Bob Bell 1832 Sandy Lake Rd. Ravenna, Ohio 44266 (330-673-3553). Sooner is better than later.

Please enter your Name (s): _____

Renewal \$ amount/cash or check: _____

To keep the Roster current, if you have any changes to your address, phone, E-mail or Garden Club interests please fill out those areas listed below, otherwise the information will remain the same for 2017.

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

Garden Club and Community Service Opportunity Interests:

(Check interests: Interests will be included in the Roster as of 2017)

Calling Committee: ___ Crown Point Gardens: ___ Endowment Committee: ___

Garden Club Newsletter: ___ Garden Club Face Book: ___ Geranium Sale: ___

Habitat for Humanity Landscaping: ___ Horticulture Show: ___

Membership: ___ Publicity: ___ Scholarship Committee: ___

Silent Auction: ___ Strawberry Festival: ___ Youth Gardening Program: ___

If you have been unable to attend meetings and would like the Roster mailed to your home address please check the box below.

Please send Roster to my home address: _____

Thank you from the membership committee.

Any questions contact: Bob Bell or Grace Cochran

Updated: 11/26/16

Email forwarded by Les Knight concerning Master Gardener Course. There was an application attached that I was unable to open.

Good morning,

I am pleased to announce that we will be offering a Master Gardener course in 2017 at Secrest Arboretum. The classes will run weekly March 15 through May 17 and last from 9-3:30. The cost is \$150. The class is limited to 40 people. Most importantly, you do not have to know anything about gardening to take the class.

Upon completion of the class, participants are required to apply what they have learned through 50 hours of volunteer service within the first year (20 hours of service the following years). Please feel free to share this information with your friends.

All applicants will be interviewed and must pass a background check in order to complete the course. Payment is due by the first class once the applicants have been selected.

Perhaps you like to garden but don't want to go through the MGVC course at this time, then maybe becoming a Secrest volunteer would be right for you.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have

Regards,

Paul Snyder

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November 15, 2016

Mr. Leslie Knight
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Dear Mr. Knight:

As we approach the holiday season one of the joys of this time of year is the opportunity to recall our everlasting appreciation for your generosity. On behalf of the entire Ohio State ATI family, I thank you for your dedication to student support and scholarships at Ohio State ATI through the Gardeners of Greater Akron.

You make possible the dreams and discoveries that inspire our students. Due to your generosity we are able to provide students an education to change their lives. Enclosed for your records is a list of the 2016-2017 scholarship recipients.

For many students, the opportunity of an Ohio State ATI education would not be possible without your assistance. Once again, thank you for the continued support of Ohio State ATI's students. On behalf of the Faculty, Staff and Students at Ohio State ATI, it is my pleasure to thank you and wish you and yours much happiness.

Sincerely,

Barbara LaMoreaux
Coordinator, Financial Aid

cc: Development