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When: Monday, February 15, 2010

5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

Where: St. George Fellowship Centre

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Our guest speaker this month is Tom Dayton of Dayton Nurseries located in Norton on Cleveland Massillon Rd.

Tom entered the nursery trade with his father in 1973 specializing in azaleas and rhododendrons. Later he graduated from the OSU Agricultural Institute with a degree in greenhouse management and landscape design.

Mr. Dayton is an accomplished speaker that will keep you interested and leave you well informed.

Board Meeting: February 22 7:00 p m at Faith Lutheran Church West Market Street, Fairlawn. All members are invited to attend the board meetings.

Club web site: <http://mgcakron.org> & <http://ohiogardeners.org>

Message from the President Arthur Britton

The time has come to set aside the talking and do the voting. February 15th is when we will vote to determine if we are to change our clubs name. In order to vote a person must meet 2 criteria. First they must have paid their dues for 2010. (You can pay on the 15th). Second must be present. No absentee ballots.

To make sure that everyone is clear, if you receive a ballot and do not cast you ballot it will be counted as a no vote.

Article XII of our bylaws say: `` The above Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the qualified voters present at a regular meeting of the club, provided the proposed amendments and the notice of the vote has been sent to each active member at least (10) days prior to the meeting.``

If the decision of the club is to change the name then at the board meeting on the 22nd of February we will come up with some names to present to the club and we will vote on the new name of the club at the March meeting the 15th of March. Also at that time you must be present and have paid you dues to vote.

With regard to collecting money and keeping track of how many dinners we are to pay for. We need everyone to fill out a card and pay for the dinner as soon as you walk in the door. This would help out a great deal to help prevent any differences in the number of dinners we are to pay for.

Our club is really making a strong showing as to getting out in the public to be seen and talked about. Both at the IX center and the Euclid show people are coming and asking questions about joining and what are some of the clubs activities. To me and others this is a great thing to happen. I would like to say thank you for all of the people who put together the scheduling of the show time and all that it involved, but also to those who worked the show. Without everyone we could not have done both shows so successfully.

Spring is just around the corner and we are all looking forward to a new season of gardening, may we all have a very successful year. Have your seed catalogs come yet and what will we plant this year? Go with the same old? Or shall we try something new?? There are so many choices, and only so much room.

May we all continue to enjoy gardening.

Graf's Winter Garden Seminars

February 6th -Perennials That Take the Guess Work Out of Gardening

Speaker: Jean Poremski, J.P.Gardens Landscape Designer and Master Gardener Volunteer. Jean will provide answers to the common perennial gardening questions we always ask ourselves... "I love this plant, where can I use it?" & "What will work in my garden?" She will discuss how to successfully use various perennials including common and unusual varieties.

February 13th - Edible Landscaping – Discover the Possibilities!

Speaker: Pamela Bennett, OSU State Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator. Pam breaks down the meaning of "edible landscaping" into something that is easy to understand and incorporate into your landscape and garden plans. Learn about trees, shrubs and other plants that have decorative as well as edible value.

February 20th –Interesting, Low Maintenance Perennials & Shrubs

Speaker: Virginia Oswald, OSU Chadwick Arboretum Associate and freelance designer. Low maintenance plants don't have to be boring! There are many varieties to choose from as well as ways to use them. Virginia will discuss a wide variety of interesting perennials & shrubs that you can incorporate into your landscape that are easy to care for.

February 27th - It's All About Color

Speaker: Dr. Laura Deeter, Associate Professor, OSU at ATI Wooster. Laura will discuss how to have continual color in your garden. Additionally, learn how the science of color theory can be used effectively in any garden to create pleasing combinations for all garden seasons. Laura is an engaging speaker with a good sense of humor so be prepared to laugh a lot!

Please remit with cash or check to Graf Growers, 1015 White Pond Drive, Akron, Ohio, 44320
Call (330)-836-2727 for phone registration

Donzell's Winter Gardening Seminars

February 6 "It Starts With A Tiny Seed"

Speaker: Dan Dubnicka, Donzell's grower. Good things grow with our grower Dan! Seed starting is economical and enjoyable for the whole family. Whether you want to grow vegetables or flowers, Dan can help you get started indoors early with seeds.

February 13 "Growing Orchids is Easy"

Speaker: Barb Ford, Akron Orchid Society. This seminar is the answer to your orchidacaepobia, the fear of killing orchids! Beginners and experts alike will gain valuable information from an expert on the ease of orchid growing.

February 20 "Purple Martins in Our Backyard"

Speaker: Larry Hunter, PLPMA. Larry, Chief Advisor of the Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association, gives us a look at these fascinating swallows that visit our area. Primarily dependent on the assistance of humans in areas east of the Mississippi, find out why martins continue to migrate here each year.

February 27 "Houseplants: More Than Decor"

Speaker: Beth Minger, Donzell's greenhouse staff. Choosing plants for inside your home or office requires a bit more than just selecting what you like. Take the guesswork out of selecting plants and get care tips for many easy-to-grow indoor plants.

March 6 & 7 Greater Akron Orchid Society Show at Donzell's

There will be no Saturday seminar this weekend. The Orchid Show offers exotic orchid displays, orchid vendors, and experts on hand to answer your questions. Free and open to the public.

March 13 "Bonsai Tips & Techniques"

Speaker: Dale Cochoy, Akron Bonsai Society. Practiced for centuries in China and Japan, bonsai (pronounced "bone-sigh") is the reproduction of natural tree forms in miniature. Dale brings his more than 30 years of bonsai experience to us with demonstration, valuable growing & care information.

Join us on Saturday mornings at 11:00 for FREE seminars. Please phone our reservation line at 330.724.0550 ext. 110 to register for seminars you plan to attend.

2010 National Convention

The Central Great Lakes Region is accomplishing another first by being the first region to sponsor a TGOA/MGCA Convention. We would like a good physical representation from the clubs in our region at the convention. It will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 10-12, 2010 at the Hilton Hotel. All members of the CGLR that have visited the location really like it. The registration fee of \$235 covers the nine meals, field trips, seminars and all other scheduled activities. It will cost \$89 per night plus taxes to stay at the Hilton. We would suggest that you come in Wednesday and leave on Sunday. The complete schedule and registration materials can be found in the December TGOA/MGCA Newsletter and on the TGOA/MGCA web site. All registrations for the 2010 Convention should be sent to Bill Lanning, Treasurer of the CGLR. Complete instructions and all necessary forms are in the TGOA/MGCA Newsletter and on the TGOA/MGCA web site. We have started to receive reservations. Please come and bring a friend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Kessen, President of the CGLR and Chairman of the 2010 Host Committee at 260-854-2988 or lakelover60@yahoo.com.

Dues Are Due

It is not too late to renew your club membership for 2010. If you want to vote in the election at the February meeting on changing the name of the club your dues must be paid. The By Laws of the club state that in order to change the By Laws a two thirds vote of the qualified members present is necessary. A qualified member is one whose dues are paid at the time of the election. This vote is necessary in order to change the name because the name of the club is Article 1 of the By Laws.

Also the new membership roster deadline is the end of February. Therefore, to be eligible to vote and to have your name included in the membership roster have your dues paid by the end of February. You can pay at the February meeting or send a check to me.

The club cannot continue to send newsletters to members who have not renewed their membership. Therefore, if your address label is marked with a black X it means that your dues have not been paid and this will be the last newsletter you will receive. (There is a possibility that I or the membership committee missed your payment. If you have paid and we missed it please call me and we will straighten it out.)

Leroy Hart, Treasurer

Regional Awards

The Awards Committee would like to have all C.G.L.R. Clubs participate in the awards program. Please review the enclosed material with your members as soon as possible and refer this material to your Awards Chairman. Also, please save this material for future reference.

The following are once in a lifetime awards: THE WILLIAM MOOREHOUSE AWARD (Replaces THE MASTER GARDENER AWARD. Previous recipients are not eligible for this award.), THE GREEN BRONZE MEDAL and THE DELBERT R. DUNBAR AWARD.

In addition to the awards above we call your attention to the following: HORTICULTURE ACHIEVEMENT, HORTICULTURE JOURNALISM, CERTIFICATE OF HONOR, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT and the SPARK PLUG awards. There are many people deserving of these awards. Please help us honor them by nominating them for an award.

Awards will be presented at the C.G.L.R. 61st ANNUAL CONFERENCE which will be hosted by The Akron Men's G. C., July 30 & 31, 2010 at the Holden Arboretum and Kirtland, OH area. The conference is open to all C.G.L.R. members.

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Please encourage your members to attend!!! For more info contact Bob Bell at mrrnbell@hotmail.com.

The deadline for submitting nominations is May 1, 2010. This is necessary to give the Awards Committee time to select winners, order and prepare the awards. You may re-nominate a person if they were previously nominated but did not receive the award. Please e-mail or mail nominations and supporting data to all the committee members listed below or bring nominations and data to the C.G.L.R. meeting at the Kingwood Center in Mansfield on, April 10, 2010. NOTE! Criteria and a list of past recipients of these awards can be located on the CGLR web site (<http://www.acorn.net/cglr>) under REGION MEETINGS – SPECIAL IMPORTANT NOTICE – Submission Details and Instructions.

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Awards Committee

In the President's message last month Arthur talked about the need for an Award's Committee chair. Fortunately, this position has been filled. Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich has volunteered to be the Awards chair. She would be thankful for suggestions from the membership for members to be nominated for these regional awards. Almost every year our club has received at least one of these awards, usually it has been the William Moorehouse Award which previously was called the Master Gardener Award. Quite a few of our members have received this award. She is also responsible for the awarding of members' service awards which usually occurs at the November meeting. These awards recognize the hours that members devote to the various projects of the club. It would help her if all committee chairs kept track of the hours their committees worked.

Seminars at Dayton Nursery

Saturday, February 20 Made in the Shade by Megan Vance, \$8.00 at noon

Saturday February 27 Presidential Trees by Mishele Riley, \$8.00 at noon

Saturday March 6 Backyard Bird Watching by Joyce Pelz, \$8.00 at noon

Tuesday March 9 New Plant Introductions and Use of Bamboo in the Garden, \$5.00 at 6:30 p m

Tuesday March 16 Organic Gardening with Espoma, \$5.00 at 6:30 p m

Saturday March 20 Green Room Presentation , free at noon

Saturday March 27 Mountain Laurels, \$5.00 at noon

All seminars are held at the Owl Barn at the nursery 3459 Cleveland - Massillon Road, Norton