



# The Garden Gabber

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## Monday, April 20

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.

**When:** Monday, April 20, 2015  
5:30 p.m. – Social Hour  
6:30 p.m. – Dinner

**Where:** St. George's Fellowship Center  
St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church  
3204 Ridgewood Road  
Copley, OH

**Program:** **Speaker – Noelle Akin – Pettiti's**  
**"Benefits of House Plants"**

Board Meeting: Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:00 p. m.  
Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 West Market Street, Fairlawn, Ohio.  
All members are invited to attend board meetings.

Greeters – Graham and Claire Reinke

Club web site: <http://gogakron.org>

President's Message  
April 2015

I truly hope that we have seen the last of the snow for this season. Buds are on the trees and tulips and daffodils are making their appearances. I truly hope that we have a glorious gardening season this year.

I wonder if you were as amazed as I with all of the activities offered in the Summit Metro Parks as David Brumfield outlined in his presentation last month. I am sure that Cheryl and I will take advantage of some of the concerts. We already do the Fall hiking spree as many of you do and plan to take part in the Spring biking spree as well. We received a nice note of thanks from the director of the parks for our donation of \$50.00 to assist in the operation of the parks for the upcoming year.

We also received a very nice letter from Holly VanKeuren, a recipient of one of our scholarships to ATI students. She commented on how much the scholarship would mean to her pursuit of higher education. She said something else in the letter that was even more meaningful. She stated that she felt that she was speaking to good friends as Frank, Les and I were conversing with her. This is typical of the feelings that I get when I come to club meetings or when we have activities such as Habitat or Crown Point. The sense of family is truly apparent and is the main reason that I love to be a part of this club.

I hope that you will consider attending the regional meeting in Mansfield on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The setting at Kingswood is spectacular and the speakers are very informative. This will give you a chance to experience gardening clubs at the next level. I am proud to say that we have had many officers of our regional club in years past. This year Sam Morlan is the regional president with Les Knight as his 2d Vice President. I also have included a flyer about the regional conference this summer that Les is has put together at ATI in Wooster.

Cheryl and I just attended a membership meeting hosted by Grace Cochran. We were amazed at all of the various activities associated with this committee. Bob Bell and Grace have done a masterful job in organizing and delegating responsibilities. The other members of this committee have embraced their roles and all of this makes for a dynamic and responsive group that certainly has the best interest of our club in mind. They are a model!

I hope to see all of you at our April meeting to hear a dynamic speaker, Noelle Akin from Petitti Garden Center. With the utmost in best regards, Clark

**A SPECIAL INVITATION TO YOU**

You are cordially invited to attend the Central Great Lakes Regional Conference to be held at ATI, Agricultural Technical Institute, OSU, in Wooster, Ohio, on July 17 and 18, 2015. We would like to have a good representation from our club attend.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW**

**JULY 17 AND 18, 2015**

This day and a half conference in the summer is a good opportunity for you to learn more about gardening and to meet fellow gardeners from other clubs in our region. You will want to listen to special speakers and participate in the tours.

Wooster is only about forty miles southwest of Akron and the ATI OSU campus is easy to find. If you haven't been there, this is a good opportunity to see the facility. AtI is located near OARDC, The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, where many students come to study horticulture and related subjects.

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**You will need to register for the conference by no later than July 1, 2015.** We are letting you know early so you may reserve the date and plan to attend.

Registration forms regarding housing on campus, meals and cost will be available soon.

*Your Conference Committee,*

*Les Knight, Chairman*



*Mary Ann Ferguson Rich, Bob Bell, Frank Mitch*

MARCH 16, 2015

GOGA Club Mtg

**MESSAGES FROM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**WANTED!!!!**

VOLUNTEERS TO MENTOR NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CLUB

EASIEST JOB YOU WILL EVER HAVE

WE WILL NOTIFY YOU OF NEW MEMBERS, YOU MAKE A CALL WELCOMING THEM INTO THE CLUB.

OFFER TO LOOK FOR THEM AT THE NEXT MEETING AND SIT WITH THEM. INTRODUCE THEM TO OTHER MEMBERS.

MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME. (WE SHOULD ALL BE DOING THAT)

ASK IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLUB

ENCOURAGE BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES WE HAVE TO OFFER.

INTERESTED?????????

CONTACT GRACE COCHRAN OR BOB BELL.

WE WILL BE PASSING AROUND A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE NEXT MEETING.

**WANTED!!!**

MEMBERS FAMILIAR WITH SOCIAL MEDIA-FACEBOOK

IF EACH OF US SHARES WITH FACEBOOK FRIENDS ABOUT GARDEN CLUB EVENTS AND MEETINGS- JUST THINK OF HOW MANY PEOPLE WE CAN REACH

MANY OF US NEED HELP BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH HOW TO SHARE PICTURES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB.

ANYONE WILLING TO TEACH US HOW TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND USE OUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES?

IT COULD BE A SHORT 10 MINUTE PRESENTATION AT A MEETING.

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## Time to Plant a Row for the Hungry

Spring is here. Starting or buying tomato or other plants? Some extra plants this year can yield more food for needy poor folks. Or if you have or buy extra seeds good use of it would be to plant an extra row. Extra vegetables and fruit then will be welcomed by Akron Canton Food Bank or a local church with a food program for needy folks. Last year we started our Plant a Row project kind of late in June. Andy Bettick was the winner of our Plant A Row Award after contributing a lot of vegetables. Several other members also contributed surplus vegetables.

With an early start this year we can do even better. Plant some extra vegetables and turn in your crop at these drop off sites. We assume last year's locations will be open again:

- Crown Point Ecology Center, 3320 Ira Road, Bath Township
- Stow Administration Offices, 3760 Darrow Road
- Stow Community Garden, 5070 Stow Road
- Canton Road Garden Center, 1881 Canton Road, Springfield Township
- Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, 350 Opportunity Parkway, Akron

Keep a record of all of your annual fruit and vegetable contributions each year and report to the GOGA Plant a Row committee before November 1.

Send report to: Leslie Knight, 77 Stadium Drive, Tallmadge, OH 44278

Email: [lhandcknight@att.net](mailto:lhandcknight@att.net)

Report for the Plant a Row for the Hungry Award:

1. Pounds of fruit and vegetables from your garden (your best estimate of the weight)  
Include fruit and vegetable names.
2. Drop off location and name of organization. Date(s) of drop off.

Thanks and have fun gardening this year.

Frank Mitch

GOGA Plant a Row Committee Chair

APRIL SOUNDS

THEY COME FROM THE FAR CORNERS,  
OUT THE SKY, UP FROM THE GROUND,  
THE RUSTLING NOTES OF MUSIC,  
THAT COMPRISE THE APRIL SOUND.

THERE ARE DRUMMINGS OF RAINDROPS,  
FLUTED STRAINS OF BIRDS A-WING,  
THERE ARE THROBS OF PLANTS GROWING,  
DANCING TUNES THE BREEZES BRING.

THERE ARE SONGS OF GRASS GREENING,  
ECHOS OF FRESH BUDS IN SPROUT,  
THERE'S BLOOMING NOISE FROM FLOWERS,  
THE POP OF LEAVES COMING OUT.

THEY COME FROM ALL DIRECTIONS,  
MELDING IN SYMPHONIC ROUNDS,  
ALL THESE GREAT TONES OF NATURE,  
MAKE FOR GORGEOUS APRIL SOUNDS.

Bob Van Kirk



We had four club members correctly solve the crossword puzzle in the last edition of the Gabber. The winner of the contest prize is David Hawkins. He will receive his prize at our next meeting.

This month we have a numbers game that is very popular - Sudoku. In this game, there is a grid of 81 boxes divided into nine blocks of nine boxes each. The game is solved correctly when all 81 boxes are filled while adhering to the following rules.

When you start the game, some numbers will be pre-filled in for you. You cannot change these numbers during the course of the game. Each column must contain all of the numbers 1 – 9 with no two numbers in the same column. Each row must contain all of the numbers 1 – 9 with no two numbers in the same row.

Each block must contain all of the numbers 1 – 9 with no two numbers in the same block. Good luck

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8				9		2	6	

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