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Monday, August 17

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, August 17, 2015
5:30 p.m. – Social Hour
6:30 p.m. – Dinner

Where: St George Orthodox Church
3204 Ridgewood Rd
Fairlawn, OH 44333

Program: Horticultural Show

Board Meeting: Monday, August 24, 2015 at 7:00 p. m.
Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 West Market Street, Fairlawn, Ohio.
All members are invited to attend board meetings.

Greeter: Marilyn Fellenstein

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

President's Message – August 2015

We have had some glorious weather the last few weeks. I doubt that any of us believed that we would have to water anything with all of the rain that we had in June. But watering cans and sprinklers are certainly in evidence as we nurture our lawns and gardens.

Where most of our plants were predominantly foliage earlier in the summer; we now are pleased with blooms bursting forth. Our dahlias, geraniums, petunias and roses are producing beautiful arrays of color. I truly am looking forward to the Horticultural show where all of the plants that you have lovingly cared for are proudly displayed. I included a copy of the show schedule in this edition of the Gabber for your review. Please look it over to get ideas on how your entries should be displayed. Jim Bell will be at the church at around 4:00 PM to assist in staging of your entries. Please ask questions of him and other club members; many of whom are certified judges. It is truly a shame when a beautiful specimen is disqualified because of a technicality. The judges from Youngstown really have had difficult decisions to make because of the quality of our flora.

I am truly proud of our club who received a special community service award from our parent organization, the Central Great Lakes Gardeners. This award was achieved through the efforts of all of our club members. When you think of all of the projects with which we are involved, it is truly amazing. Chuck Keach with Crown Point, Steve Thompson with Crouse School, Chris Godard with Habitat for Humanity and Frank Mitch and Les Knight with our scholarship program have done a great job along with the other members of their committees. These are just a few examples of ways that we most favorably impact our community. I look forward to continuing with these projects and fostering even more relationships with our community in the future.

It is with a great deal of sadness that I learned of the passing of Chet Lowry. As I spoke about in my email, he was a mentor to me when we first joined the club and helped get me interested in the geranium sale. He was truly active in the club and inspired me to become active myself. I have not seen any obituary notices for him but I can tell you that a time of visitation will be at 10:00 AM at Fairlawn Lutheran Church on Wednesday, the 12th of August with a memorial service to follow. This is not the same church where the geranium sale is held but is just down the street on West Market across from Summit Mall. I hope that many of you can be there to offer your condolences to the family.

I close this letter with a great deal of pride in the accomplishments of our club and our gardening family. I am truly honored to be serving as your president.

With utmost best regards, Clark

HORTICULTURE SHOW SCHEDULE AND RULES

AUGUST 17, 2015

ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM 4:00-5:30 p.m. Entrants must provide their own entry containers, preferably clear, glass bottles, and have them ready to display. Entry cards were passed out at the July meeting and are available the day of the show, or prior to the show by calling Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich at 330-630-9625. You must identify your exhibit with the variety or cultivar name, (or the botanical name), to receive a top award. Please include the botanical name if at all possible. Example: *Capsicum annuum*, 'Gypsy' pepper.

Judging will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. except for section winners and Best of Show, Second Best of Show and Third Best of Show. Those awards will be decided after dinner with the judges providing commentary about their decisions. This will be an educational benefit for the members. All decisions of the judges are final. Those in attendance will vote on a People's Choice winner. Rosettes will be awarded to section winners and prizes shall be awarded to the three best of show winners and the People's Choice Winner. The Marshall Greenlun Big Blue Award will be given to the entrant with the most blue ribbons.

All items must be removed at the close of the meeting. Any questions, call Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich or Jim Bell at 330-644-6867.

Specimens shall be a single flower etc., unless the rules specify a larger number. Paper plates and wedging material will be provided as necessary for display. The Show Chairmen will subdivide the sections into classes at the time of entry. (Two or more entries may constitute a class) We reserve the right to add as many classes and/or sections as deemed necessary.

Section A-Annuals-Three specimens of small flowers, one of larger flowers; Example: three dwarf marigolds; one only of the large, carnation-type marigolds.

Section B-Perennials-Three specimens of small flowers, one of larger flowers.

Section C-Flowering shrubs-(i.e. hydrangea), one specimen

Section D-Vegetables-Three specimens of tomatoes, peppers, onions, summer squash and other smaller vegetables. One specimen of larger vegetables such as eggplant, winter squash and pumpkins. (Unless it is a miniature variety, then three). All vegetables should include a stem. Stems may be trimmed but should be at least ½ inch. Cherry tomatoes shall be displayed by the cluster-one cluster with tomatoes still attached, six or more tomatoes on the cluster.

Class D-1 Any vegetable

Class D-2 Any heirloom vegetable

Section E-Fruits-One specimen of larger fruits such as apples, peaches, etc., six specimens of smaller fruits such as berries.

Section F-Herbs One stem of larger herbs such as rosemary, mint, borage, etc. Three stems of small herbs such as thyme.

Section G-Herbs in containers

G-1 One plant in container

G-2 Multiple plants in a container (can be the same herb or an assortment of herbs)

Section H-Corms, Bulbs, Tubers and Hemerocallis-One specimen.

Section I-Orchids in pots

Class I-1 Single plant in a pot

Class I-2 Multiple plants in a pot (one type or a mixture of plants)

Section J-Flowering plants in pots

Class J-1 Single plant in pot

Class J-2 Multiple plants in pot (one type or a mixture of plants)

Section K-Foliage plants in pots

Class K-1 Single plant in pot

Class K-2 Multiple plants in pot

Section L-Hanging baskets. One type or a mixture of different plants in the basket.

Section M-Miniature Gardens-(with accessories in containers of any size)

Section N-Foliage- One leaf specimen of any plant

Section O-Cactus and Succulents in pots.

Class O-1 Single cactus in a pot

Class O-2 Multiple cacti in a pot (can be the same variety or an assortment)

Class O-3 Single succulent in a pot

Class O-4 Multiple succulents in a pot (can be the same variety or an assortment)

Section P-Largest tomato by circumference, can be green

Section Q-Longest zucchini

Section R-Best Geranium-limited to those varieties obtained at our sale.

Section S-Trees and shrubs-on branch lot less than 12" and not more than 30".

Section T-Arrangements:

Class T-1 Any arrangement under 15" in height or width.

Class T-2 Any arrangement over 15" in height or width.

(Floral material does not have to be grown by the exhibitor)

Hello Habitat Friends,

Yes, Summer is fading fast and Fall is upon us. Time for good grass to grow along with those Spring bulbs. The only thing you need is to bring your talents to someone's house who is in need of our help. In the meantime, I've spoken to Tim Crozier of Habitat for Humanity about our next couple of adventures. He volunteered by saying they have soon to be by mid September and late September several different sites. Two possible sites are in Tallmadge and the Hawkins area of Akron, respectively. So get your shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows and gloves ready for the fun of it. Coffee and donuts will be provided. I believe that we may just ask our friends again from the service fraternity at Akron University for additional help. So sign up or give me a buzz. Being close to that weather guy, I'm counting on some great weather next month. Take care and I'll hear from you soon. We shall try for the dates of September 19th and October 2nd.

Thanks,

Chris Godard, Habitat Chairman

We have a problem with the region of our garden club. We have two vice president positions open as of now. We need to appeal to our members that if anyone is interested in being an officer in the Great Lakes Region that they let me know. I am willing to talk to anyone that is interested and explain what the duties and responsibilities are for these positions. If we don't get people to fill the vice presidential positions, it could signal the end of the region in a few years.

Sam Morlan 330-336-6269 Thank you

Ed. Note Our club is also looking for a second vice president. We were in the same situation as the region a few years ago. Most of you know, we weathered that storm by several club members assuming the presidential duties for more than one term. We have had excellent candidates assume the positions of 2nd vice president the past two years. I know that we have several likely candidates that would do an outstanding job if elected into office. Please consider applying with either Sam Morlan, Arthur Britton or myself for this important and necessary position.

The winner of the July puzzle contest is Sally Cole. She will receive her gift at our next meeting. The clues for this month's puzzle are listed here. The puzzle is on the following page. Good luck!

Achillea
Anthemis
Aster
Baptisia
Bergenia
Campanula
Cimicifuga
Delphinium
Dicentra

Eryngium
Filipendula
Helenium
Hemerocallis
Heuchera
Liatris
Ligularia
Lychnis
Monarda

Paeonia
Papaver
Phlox
Primula
Pulmonaria
Trollius
Veronica

25 Perennials for Cold Climates

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

C	H	E	C	K	P	S	I	R	T	A	I	L	E	R	R	Y	A	S
P	H	E	R	E	N	N	M	I	A	L	P	A	G	M	E	I	S	F
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A	M	B	Q	L	E	Y	Q	V	I	M	R	I	K	O	F	I	T	T
C	E	Q	N	G	Z	L	K	A	M	N	G	I	E	W	M	W	R	L
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D	S	L	Q	H	H	P	P	C	S	X	R	L	R	F	K	U	A	A
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N	A	M	U	T	G	P	K	L	Y	K	R	H	E	F	Y	B	W	L
O	K	L	R	R	E	V	A	P	A	P	M	C	C	T	H	K	G	H
M	A	A	G	U	F	I	C	I	M	I	C	A	I	K	Q	Q	X	H
D	F	I	L	I	P	E	N	D	U	L	A	T	D	D	D	F	T	K