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Monday, July 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, July 20, 2015
5:30 p.m. – Social Hour
6:30 p.m. – Dinner

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

Program: Speaker – Denise Ellsworth - *Pollinators*

Board Meeting: Monday, July 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: Pat Pickard, Steve Hoot

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

President's Message – July 2015

We have had record cold for the past two winters. I do not think that we need more records in the summer! June was one of the wettest in history and July is starting out the same way. At least the weekends have been nice. One beneficiary of all of the rain: our plant friends. Even though blooms may suffer during stormy weather, foliage is definitely flourishing. I look forward to both an outstanding summer and fall growing seasons. It is not too early to select potential candidates for the plant show in August. Let's fill all of the tables and make it extremely difficult for our friends from Youngstown to pick winners.

I was gratified to see the turnout for our annual Strawberry Festival. Sue Godard and the rest of her assistants did a wonderful job in organizing and making the event an unqualified success. I also would like to thank all of you that brought your specialties for everyone to enjoy. One option that we will explore for next year is the club supplying some type of meat. We have done this in the past and people enjoy it. We will discuss this at the next board meeting. The Strawberry Festival is one of my favorite events of the year and this year was truly special.

The Regional Summer Conference is next weekend. I am so looking forward to attending these two days with Cheryl. The center of activities is at ATI in Wooster. One of our two time scholarship recipients, Amy, is the head of the greenhouses at ATI and will conduct tours for us. It is sure to be a great time of fellowship, learning and great fun. One of the speakers at ATI will be Denise Ellsworth, who is a leader in our area in the study of pollinators. Those who attend the conference and also our next club meeting on the 20th will get the pleasure of hearing her twice in a week. Do not worry!! She has a great variety of subjects to speak about and I doubt if there will be any repetition.

Due to the hard work of many individuals, our club is experiencing a banner year. The Geranium sale brought in over \$ 1,500 and our plant sale brought in a record of over \$ 1,000. We started the year with 62 members and are now at 71. I challenged the membership committee to reach 80 members by the end of the year and if we did that there would be a special treat at the Christmas celebration. Let's all contribute to the effort to reach that goal. When many clubs are losing members and even having to fold; it is gratifying to me to see our club moving briskly ahead. Congratulations to everyone!! With the utmost respect and appreciation for this club and its members, Clark

Membership Report – 1st Half – 2015

Current membership – 71

Six new members and three late renewals

One expiration – Howard Palmer

Membership in 2014

Five new members

Five expirations

Twelve non renewals

New members/recommended by:

Mary and Nick Calabro/Les Knight

Louise Gifford/Newspaper

Linda Greenleaf/Colleen Bowyer

Larry Kell/Associate member – Cleveland

Ashley Layton (youth member)/Linda Greenleaf and Colleen Bowyer

Looking at these numbers, I have come to the following conclusions

Expirations for at least the rest of this year are unacceptable!

We need to make our meetings and activities exciting so we have a 100% retention rate!

We need to have at least nine more new members to achieve our yearly goal!

We have several membership award winners already. Let's get some more!

We have a great membership committee so let's do everything we can do to support them!! The editor

Thank You!

This year's Strawberry Festival was a huge success due to the efforts of the best committee ever. Cheryl and Clark Bordner provided the delicious ice cream, the wonderful berry cleaners/table setters were Jim Bell, Grace Cochran, Sally Cole, Barb Croghan, Linda Greenleaf, Charles McCoy, Vanessa Nichols, Ashley Payton, Claire Reinke and last but not least Chris Godard who put up with me and did whatever I asked him to do! Thanks so very much to Dave Cole who rearranged tables with Chris to my liking. The annual rainfall event on the third Monday of June did wait until everyone finished grilling! I am in possession of one serving spoon and one straw hat left behind which will be at the July dinner meeting.

Submitted by Sue Godard

July – Gardener's Remembrance

No matter how very hard I try,
To me the blazing month of July is a remembrance –
It was hot in Philadelphia town,
When our forefathers of renown,
Voted Independence.

The flowers grew pretty and looked good,
The tall timbered trees said they would,
Go for Independence –
The grass became greener with the news,
Brighter sparkled the morning dews,
Aiding Remembrance.

All who are gardeners this truth knows,
Without care and concern no good grows
So with Remembrance –
If we want our country to be free,
We must be alert, you and me,
For our Independence.

Bob Van Kirk

Gardening Word Search

This word search features a ton of words related to gardening. This search is jam-packed, so don't overlook anything.

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

Our winner of his month's puzzle
 is Jack Cochran. This month's
 puzzle just might be a challenge!
 Good luck, Clark

Words List

mulch
 seedlings
 blossoms
 superphosphate
 rosebud
 sterile
 pollination
 fern
 weed
 loamy
 cutworm
 cultivar
 dianthus
 eglantine
 evergreen
 espalier
 genus
 hybrid
 ilex
 sulphate
 jasmine
 lemons
 nitrates
 odorous
 annual
 perennial
 peapod
 quince
 tomato
 tuberous
 blight
 bean
 underground
 verbena
 virescent
 watermelon
 wheelbarrow
 xerophyte
 yarrow
 ornamental
 mould
 legume
 insecticide
 heliotropic
 graft
 foliage
 dieback
 corm
 chlorophyll
 bonsai
 arboretum