



# **THE GARDEN GABBER**

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### **President's Message from Steve Hoot**

**I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.**

**I am honored to be given this chance to be president of the Gardeners of Greater Akron garden club which is now eighty years old.**

**Any new ideas you give me will be presented to the board to be acted upon. We do have a full year of programs for 2017 but not too full to try some different techniques to improve this valuable and informative club and keep it active and interesting.**

**Everyone needs to have their 2017 dues paid by the January dinner meeting to be included in the 2017 directory. This has been a great winter so far. I have only run my snow blower once and that was just to see if it would start. Let's hope we continue to have a mild winter like last year and an early spring with lots of sunshine! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the January meeting.**

**Have a Safe and Happy New Year!**

## **January Meetings**

**Our monthly meetings are on the third Monday of each month. Make plans to attend. It's a great time to socialize, enjoy good food and learn about gardening, our environment and our community involvement.**

**When: Monday, January 16, 2017  
5:30 PM – Social Hour  
6:30 PM – Dinner**

**Where: St Georges Fellowship Hall  
St Georges Antiochian Church  
3204 Ridgewood Road  
Copley, Ohio 44321**

**Program: Tom Dayton  
Lilacs**

**Our monthly board meeting is the fourth Monday of the month. All members are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn about the operations of our club and to become a more active participant in club activities.**

**When: Monday, January 25, 2017 @ 7:00 PM**

**Where: Faith Lutheran Church  
2726 W. Market St.  
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## Letter from the Youth Gardening Team

### GOGA Provides Pencils and Journals

As part of GOGA's ongoing support of Crouse School (Akron) Youth Gardening, our members and club have donated pencils and journals to the third graders at Crouse. The pencils were ordered and donated by GOGA members and delivered in time for Christmas. The inscription on the brightly colored pencils reads "GOGA/CROUSE GARDENING TEAM MBR". Crouse teachers and garden leader Mrs. Julia Spangler says the kids were thrilled to receive the pencils! The pencils are one more way our adult GOGA members salute our junior partner gardeners.

## **GOGA Provides Pencils and Journals cont'd**

**To be delivered during the second semester are spiral notebooks-one for each third grader-to be used as garden journals. Paid for and donated by GOGA budget funds, the journals will give each student his/her own space in which to describe gardening experiences (in the raised gardens on the Crouse campus). As they observe and work in the gardens, students learn so much about soil preparation, seeds and starter plants, bed maintenance, harvesting etc. Writing about their experiences clarifies and reinforces students' expanding knowledge of the how, why and when of gardening. And hopefully; for some if not for all, there will be carry-over to what they do subsequently at home and then in their adult years.**

**Looking ahead, here is the wish list GOGA has on behalf of the administration, teachers and students at Crouse. There are several needs and we'd like to ask for donations from the GOGA membership of new and/or used items: small hand tools, short handled rakes, hoses and reels, pails (both small and larger). We are still investigating the possibility of getting a small shed to be placed outside of the school building to house tools, hoses, wheelbarrows etc. If anyone has a contact with a store or nursery who we might contact regarding a donation, we'd like to hear from you. Please see Steve Thompson**

## **Spring Bulb Sale**

**The fall bulb sale was so successful; all of the bulbs were sold, that the board decided to do another sale in the spring. I volunteered. There is one major problem with this sale-timing. The company will give a 20% discount if the order is placed before February 3. This discount covers most overhead expenses. So, bring the order form on the next page to the January meeting or contact me by February 1 at home by phone (330-836-1407), email or regular mail. The cost will remain the same for most bulbs at \$ .50. Also, I added a couple of bulbs at \$ 1.00 each. Leroy Hart – Bulb Sale Chairman**

**Spring Bulb Sale Order Form (Turn in at January meeting)**

**Name:**

<b>Type of Bulb</b>	<b>Order Qty</b>	<b>Cost Per Bulb</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Anemone</b>		<b>\$ 0.50</b>	
<b>Crocusmia</b>		<b>\$ 0.50</b>	
<b>Dutch Iris</b>		<b>\$ 0.50</b>	
<b>Freesia</b>		<b>\$ 0.50</b>	
<b>Gladiolus</b>		<b>\$ 0.50</b>	
<b>Liatris</b>		<b>\$ 0.50</b>	
<b>Ranunculus</b>		<b>\$ 0.50</b>	
<b>Asiatic Lily</b>		<b>\$ 1.00</b>	
<b>Caladium</b>		<b>\$ 1.00</b>	
<b>Convallaria</b> <b>(Lily of the Valley)</b>		<b>\$ 1.00</b>	

**Total Order**

**A couple of these may be unknown to you as they were to me.**

**Crocusmia – the name comes from the Greek language and means “saffron smell”. This smell can reportedly be detected when dried flowers are submerged in water.**

**Liatris – Flower spikes that bloom from the top down.**