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Make plans to attend each monthly meeting. It's a great opportunity to socialize, enjoy good food and learn more about gardening and our environment.

When: Monday, July 18, 2016
5:30 PM - Social Hour
6:30 PM - Dinner

Where: St George's Fellowship Hall
St George's Antiochian Church
3204 Ridgewood Road
Copley, OH

Program: Ann Bryant
Soil Health through Cover Crops

Our monthly board meeting is the fourth Monday of the month. All members are invited to attend.

When: Monday, July 25, 2016 @ 7:00 PM
Where: Faith Lutheran Church
2726 W. Market Street
Akron, OH

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

July 8, 2016

Greetings from the Weed factory. I've been off work for the last week which has allowed me to spend an inordinate amount of time in the yard. And it seems as if I haven't made a dent in what I had hope to accomplish. I just today finished getting the last of my purchased plants in the ground, and several in less than ideal location, but I had no other options at the moment. I had to get them planted. I'll move them later as time permits and better locations become available.

I could sure use a little rainfall. So far the plants seem to be holding their own based on the limited rainfall and the limited watering I have done. I'm not big on watering (I kind of augment rainfall). I keep newly planted material (stuff I panted this year) well-watered but I let established plants pretty much fend for themselves. It seems to work – sort of. Probably why most of my plants look wilted

A couple of weeks ago, Jim Chatfield mentioned the Buckeye Yard and Garden Line bygl.osu.edu in the "Plant lovers Almanac" section of the Saturday Beacon Journal. The BYGL is not so much a webs site as it is a blog where extension folks post information (sometimes several times daily) about planting conditions, pests, disease and a whole lot of other plant information. I highly recommend taking a look. BYGL is informative and entertaining.

A speaking of logs, blogs and internet sites, there is a ton of gardening call-in type radio shows and web sites available to address all your gardening problems. I listen over the internet to "You Bet Your Garden" with Mike McGrath (who professes organic gardening to the bone) and Howard Garret the "Dirt Doctor". I don't get a chance to hear the local programs simply because I'm generally not near a radio when their programs are on. I would be interested in hearing what gardening programs other members listen to. How about sending me an e-mail telling which gardening show you like (internet and radio).

The speaker at this month's the club meeting is Ann Bryant who will be discussing "Soil Health thru Cover Crops". Please plan to attend. And bring a friend.

Pat



Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)
And a bunch of happy campers!

Seed Exchange

To all thrifty GOGA members,

I'd like to set up a seed exchange among our members. With many plants, a little time spent saving seeds can yield hundreds. It would be a wonderful thing if we could supply each other with most of the seeds each of us use during the year. Given the surplus usually obtained when saving seeds, we could donate some to local libraries too. It would let us all put more of the gardening budget towards tools and transplants. If you have plants in your garden or yard that you would be willing to try and save seeds from (even if you don't know how!), please let me know (by email or at the meeting) what those plants are. I will put together a seed saving guide for those plants.

Submitted by Ken Bell

Fall Bulb Sale

The Board has set the price of one (1 bulb) at \$0.50. The Board suggested that I place an order form in the Gabber so that I will have some kind of idea of how many bulbs to order. Therefore, I am asking you to bring the order form to the next meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting; call me, email me or mail your order to me. Do not send money with your order. Pay when you receive the bulbs. If I place an order before July 22, the supplier will give us a good discount. I will attempt to order medium bulbs; not the cheapest or the most expensive available.

For tulips, I will order long stemmed Darwin Hybrids tulips in various colors. For daffodils, I will order a mix of all season daffodils (some bloom in February, others in May) in a mix of colors. For hyacinths, I will order fragrant hyacinths in mixed colors. For crocus, I will order jumbo size bulbs in mixed colors. For anemones (Grecian windflower), I will order a mixture of colors.

Submitted by Leroy Hart

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Fall Bulb Sale Order Form

Name _____

Bulb Type	How Many
Tulips	_____
Daffodils	_____
Hyacinths	_____
Crocus	_____
Anemones	_____

HORTICULTURE SHOW SCHEDULE AND RULES

AUGUST 15, 2016

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 will be available 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 annum*, '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 trophies 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, such as Fairytale eggplant, 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)