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Monday, June 16

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, June 16, 2014
5:30 p.m. – Social Hour
6:30 p.m. – Dinner

Where: Coventry Oaks Pavilion
Program: Picnic and Strawberry Festival

It is June and time for delicious strawberry shortcake again. This year again our meeting will be held at Coventry Oaks Pavillion. For those who did not come last, year take Main Street south to 40 Axline Road (about one mile south of Waterloo Road). Follow the signs. If lost call Sue Godard at 330-592-7190!

The grills will be ready for your choice of meat. Bring your table service and a well filled side dish to share! Any questions call Sue Godard. Those helping will start at 4:00. See you there!

Board Meeting: June 23 at 7:00 p m at Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 West Market Street, Fairlawn, Ohio. All members are invited to attend board meetings.

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

Presidents Message - Arthur Britton

Hello to one and all. Hopefully there is some consistent warm weather coming. This rollercoaster of temperatures should hopefully stop and we really see all of our plants take off and be all that they can be.

So who likes strawberries? Yes is the answer that I am guessing based on the past turn out. This month is the strawberry festival. Please come one and all, and bring a side dish and whatever meat you plan on cooking at the picnic. And yes, for dessert there will be homemade ice cream (from the owners of the “Big Dip in Portage Lakes, Clark and Cheryl Bordner who are also members of the club). When you receive a call asking if you are coming, please give as accurate a number as possible so that we know how much ice cream and strawberries (cleaned and prepared by Sue Goddard and others) to provide.

In May I was able to attend an open house at the Arrowhead school. This is a school that has many different types of gardens and educates the children about what is required to plant, grow, and maintain vegetables, that when they mature, are consumed by the students. One of our members (Al Eddy) was remembered for his work with the children and the making of paper pots. Sam Morlan and many others have helped out at the school and continue to add to the school’s programs and gardens. This to me is a good example of one of the many ways that our club is active in the community.

As many of us go on summer vacations, if you happen to come across an idea that our club might be interested in doing, please let the officers know. Please feel free to make suggestions as the board is interested in looking into new directions that the club might go, maybe a community garden?

July 18th and 19th there is a Regional convention that our club is hosting; please fill out the registration if you are going to attend so that they may plan accordingly.

May we all continue our love of Gardening. Arthur

Words of Wisdom

(taken from the newsletter of the Mansfield Mens’ Garden Club)

The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first!

Don’t let aging get you down. It’s too hard to get back up!

Light travels faster than sound. That’s why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you.

Those who live by the sword, get shot by those who don’t.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Upcoming Summer Conference

I am sitting here trying to think of something to write to encourage people to register for the Summer Conference. I have explained already what we are doing and where we are going. I remind all of you who have not seen Stan Hywet lately, you are in for a surprise; much has been done in the past few years.

As I sit here waiting for the gods to inspire me I noticed a graduation party going on at my neighbors. There have been a few graduations in my family this year along with a wedding and I realized what fun occasions these events are. You get to see people and friends that you don't get to see often enough. We did not have a National Convention this year, which I always enjoy not only for the tours and such but for the chance to catch up with old friends and an opportunity to meet new ones. We have some registrations already for the Summer Conference from people I have not seen for awhile and look forward to catching up with them. My point is to please start making your reservations so we can do what's necessary to get the planning finalized Any questions feel free to call or email me. I hope to see most of you this summer

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For the Golfers in the Club

The author of the articles gave several reasons why he would never take a golf lesson even though they might improve his game but would probably not enhance his golf experience.

1. Everybody wants me in his foursome. Golf is tense at the best of times. I come up with at least two shots per round that throw everyone into hysterics. That makes me an immensely popular fellow competitor.
2. My bag doesn't contain more metal than a Buick. Unlike more refined players I have no need for a 1 iron, 7 wood, lob wedge, two drives and three putters. That's because the path of my shot has little to do with the club I am using. The only two essentials in my bag are a ball retriever and a sand wedge.
3. Strategy is irrelevant. I don't have to worry about draws, fades, pitch and runs, bunker saves or reading greens. My strategy is always the same: swing hard and pray like hell.
4. Shot making is my speciality - in fact, no two shots look the same. The many different trajectories my shots take keep the game interesting. At any moment, I might unleash the Colossal Slice, the Worm Burner, the Ripple Maker, Major League Pop-up, or game winning Double Down the Line. If I took enough lessons, my shots would all start to look the same. How boring would that be?
5. I have no illusions about my game. The more talented a golfer becomes, the more likely he is to start thinking he might actually become good enough one day to crack the PGA Tour. I'm just happy to connect on a five foot putt.

CROWN POINT SPRING CLEANUP
Saturday June 21th -- TIME: 10:00 AM

Greetings,

Just a short note to ask for your help on June 21 (Saturday) - we will be holding our Spring Cleanup of the residence gardens at Crown Point Ecology Center.

Location: **Crown Point Ecology Center, 3220 Ira Road , Bath, Ohio**

Directions are available on Crown Points website: <http://www.crownpt.org/directions.asp>

When: **Saturday, June 21st, 2014 from 10:00 AM to Noon.**

What is required?? Basic Garden cleanup tools. Bring your **gloves**, shovels, hoes, garden trowels, pruning shears, scissors (for trimming ornamental grasses), kneeling pads, and anything else you think you might need.

In addition, **refreshments and donuts** will be served to sooth your hunger pangs

We have been fortunate over the years with nice weather and there's no reason not to expect more of the same. If for some reason, the weather is really bad, then we will re-schedule it for the following weekend - June 28th. If the Friday morning forecast looks bad, I will e-mail everyone late Friday, and also try to contact everyone by phone. If you have any questions, you can always call me on my cell phone330 - 962 - 8992. If you are coming, please RSVP by e-mail or phone.

Please note that Crown Point practices organic gardening and they prohibit the use of commercial weed killers (Roundup, etc). We have used undiluted Clorox spray to kill weeds and grass around the front brick patio, but that is the only chemical that has been used with success in killing unwanted vegetation. There is some question whether this solution would really qualify as an "organically" acceptable material. We have tried a diluted solution of cider vinegar, clove and lemon oil but these organic materials just didn't work out satisfactorily. More trials are probably needed.

Thanks for your help, and if you have any questions, call me at home at 330 - 336 - 3063 or on my cell phone; 330 - 962 - 8992. My E-mail address is: chasbkeach5@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday (6-21-13). Thanks for your help. Best regards,
 Chuck Keach

Plant Sales Results

The results of this year's plant sales were not nearly as good as the results of these sales last year. This year the geranium sale brought in \$ 4352.00 and the cost of the flowers was \$3526.00 leaving a profit of \$826.00. Last year's profit was \$1577.00. The top sales person was Jim Marshall who sold 24 flats for his church.

This year the May Plant Sale brought in \$757.00 as compared to last year's \$2026.00.

Perhaps the club needs different fund raisers. If you have any comments or suggestions come to a board meeting or speak to a board member.

Central Great Lakes Gardeners



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Call or email me with any questions

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
 Club: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Friday Dinner Choice:

- Chicken marsala Roast beef
 Baked Scrod
 Check if Vegetarian Diet

One form for each person. Registration fee for each \$95. Make check payable to "Gardeners of Greater Akron." Put "Summer Conf." on the memo line.

Mail check and this form to: Leroy Hart
 633 Schocalog Rd., Akron, OH 44320

I need a roommate! yes no (circle one)
Reservation Deadline is July 1, 2014

CGLG 2014 Summer Conference

We will stay overnight at The Holiday Inn West. Cost is \$94 per night plus tax. This cost is not in the registration fee. The phone number for room reservations is 330-666-4131. Make reservations under "Great Lakes Gardeners".

Make your reservations at the Holiday Inn West by June 15, 2014. We have rooms reserved for July 18 and 19 (Friday and Saturday). Breakfast is included in room rate. All rooms have internet access, but are non-smoking and no pets

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

The Holiday Inn West
 4073 Medina Road (Route 18)
 Akron, Ohio 44333

FROM THE SOUTH

Take I-77 North to Exit #137A (Medina Road). Hotel immediately on left when exiting I-77. Go to the first red light (Springside Drive)

FROM THE NORTH

Take I-77 South to Exit #137B (Medina Road) Turn Left on Medina Road, go under I-77 to the first red light (Springside Drive)

On Medina Road the Holiday Inn West is the first business on the left. At the first red light turn left onto Springside Drive, and then into parking lot shared with the hotel and First Merit bank.

2014 Summer Conference Central Great Lakes Gardeners July 18-19, 2014

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, July 18

- Lunch on your own.
- 12:00-1:00 PM Bring your plants for judging. Conference Registration at the Holiday Inn West
- 1:00-2:30 Business Meeting at Holiday Inn West
- 3:00-5:00 Garden tour
- 5:00-6:00 Cocktails in lobby of Holiday Inn West
- 6:00 Dinner: choose 1 on registration form
 Baked scrod; Chicken marsala; Roast beef

Saturday July 19

- Breakfast Holiday Day Inn West (included in room rate)
- 9:30 Leave for Stan Hywet
- 10:00-12:00 Tour Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens.
- 12:15-1:30 Lunch at Papa Joe's
- 1:30-3:00 Tour MetroParks Nature Realm
- 3:00-4:30 Visit Mustill Store on Ohio & Erie Canal
- 5:00-5:30 Cocktails at Spaghetti Warehouse
- 5:30 Closing dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse