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Monday, June 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, June 17, 2013
5:30 p.m.

Where: Coventry Oaks Pavilion on Axline Road

Take route 224 (east or west) to Exit 3 South Main Street, turn right on S. Main Street, travel about 0.5 miles to Axline, turning left, the pavilion will be on the right.

Program: Strawberry Festival

Bring your own meat to grill, place settings, and a well filled casserole or salad to share.

Dessert will, of course, be strawberry shortcake!

If you would like to help clean strawberries come early! Any questions call Sue Godard at 330-699-0509.

Board Meeting: June 24 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>

President's Message - Sam Morlan

June has in a way snuck up on us. All of a sudden, it is time to plant our gardens and mow our lawns. We have many decisions to make this time of year along with some difficult chores. For some of us it is a good time to hook up with our children and grand children or nieces and nephews to help with chores and try to inspire them into the world of gardening. My first memories of gardening are with my grand mother, helping her with a vegetable garden and plants she ordered through catalogues. I do not know how much help I really was but there were many pleasant afternoons at her side. As time went on, I did become more important in keeping her flowers and yard looking good. I think it is an experience we should give to as many young people as we can, be it family or friends in the neighborhood. We can do this by volunteering at places like Arrowhead School or many other school programs that are available. Some nursing facilities could use our expertise in planting gardens that delight many of the residents. I have found that the joy you give to these groups is returned many times over.

The flower of the month is the Rose. Roses have seen big changes since I first tried them 20 years ago and failed and again 10 years ago and failed again. The Knockout series is a carefree and easy rose to care for but lacks fragrance and bloom appeal. Most nurseries do not carry many hybrid teas or floribundas anymore. If you have roses now is the time to start spraying a fungicide and spray every 7-10 days until frost. Fertilize every month until September with a 10-10-10 fertilizer. I have given up on them.

I attend conferences and lectures during the winter and into the spring and receive a lot of goody bag stuff in the process. I sat down a few weekends ago and decided to go through some of the stuff and see what was there. I became aware of how many opportunities there are in our area to observe and learn about all aspects of gardening and nature in general. We not only have many great private garden centers that have programs mainly in the spring but an overwhelming array of public places that really belong to each and everyone of us. The Metro Parks of Summit county alone has a full summer schedule of talks and walks and entertainment. As does The Metro Parks of Cuyahoga County, The Cleveland Botanical Gardens, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History. There are hikes lectures and demonstrations almost every day through the summer and many are in the evening or on weekends. The best way to find out what is going on is to Google these sites.

Peter Schneider is having his open house again this year. June 9 from 10-5. June 15 from 5-8 June 16 10-5. His address is 6193 Vair Rd., Freedom Township, Portage County. His phone number is 330-296-2618. You can Google him using his name.

I would like to thank Clark for his handling of the Geranium sale and all those that helped. I want to give Walt Starcher a big round of applause for his stellar performance as an auctioneer along with his helpers. I would also like to thank Steve Thompson; Les Knight; Jack Cochran and Barb Crogan for stepping in and helping Al Eddy do the paper pots.

Welcome New Member

Richard (Rick) Hoddinott 925 Merton Ave. Akron 44306-1948 phone 330-606-1386
Rick is single and is employed as a Senior Project Manager for ActionLink
His gardening interests are birds/ butterflies, herbs, landscaping/lawns, and roses.

Geranium Sale – 2013

As promised, here is a recap of our 2013 Geranium sale. The plants from Paul's were in outstanding condition. We ordered 308 flats of geraniums and sold almost 200 of them despite the weather which was not very good. We also sold most of the hanging baskets and annuals that we brought to the show. We should realize a profit of between \$1400 and \$1500 for the sale.

I would like to recognize a number of individuals for their efforts to make our Geranium sale a success.

Jim Bell – Co chairman, stayed overnight and provided the tent

All Eddy – Co chairman, worked both at set up and tear down

Lee Hart – Worked the entire sale as cashier and helped with set up and tear down

Cheryl Bordner – Helped in the selection of annuals and transported plants from Pauls, also assisted with set up

Les Knight – Publicized the sale in many newspapers and helped with set up

Barbara Croghan – Worked all day Saturday in sales

Graham Reinke – Worked in both set up and tear down as well as sales

Walt Starcher – Helped with set up and conducted supplemental sale in Medina

Arthur Britton – Stayed overnight

And all of the other club members that helped to make this sale a success

I would also like to thank Faith Lutheran Church for the use of their property and facilities as well as tables and chairs. Again, I would like to thank Marge and Jeff from Pauls. When I saw that we had a considerable amount of flats of plants to return, I called to see if we could get their truck to transport the plants back to their greenhouse. They graciously did this with no charge. Please visit their location on Wright Road in Copley.

Beautification Award

Please submit deserving entries to me via email as soon as possible for yards and gardens that are ready. I am sure that some are as this has been a great growing season for some varieties of flowers and plants.

Best regards to you all, Clark

Horticulture Show Judging Classes - Les Knight

One of the ways to learn a lot about flower and vegetable plants is to become a certified judge under the rules and regulations published in the "Judges Manual" of our national organization, TGOA/MGCA. There are many men and women trained judges who are in demand for judging various flower and vegetable shows across the country. Many are needed right here in our local area for club shows, county fairs and other locations.

Several of our club members are involved in training classes taught by our own Jim Bell, Regional Judge Committee Chairman. Jim has a great deal of experience in judging horticulture shows over a period of years and also has a keen knowledge of many plants, trees, and vegetables. The classes are held at his house where the trainees review and discuss the "Judges Manual" made up of eight chapters and numerous appendices. Not only do they meet inside his home, but they also casually visit his various gardens outside. Specimens for practice judging are brought inside.

There are four levels of certification under the national program: 1) Apprentice Judge; 2) Accredited Judge; 3) Life Accredited Judge and 4) Judge Emeritus.

Under each classification there are written specific requirements that must be completed by the trainee for certification

Those participating in Judging Classes now are: Robert Bell, Clark and Cheryl Bordner, Les Knight, Kathy Lee, Ft Wayne Garden Club, Sam Morlan, David Rich, with Jim Bell, Instructor.

The names of active horticulture show judges in our club are: Leroy Hart, Roger Hite, Jim Marshall, Mary Ann Ferguson Rich, and James Bell

Endowment Fund Report

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The Endowment Fund continues to grow as you can see in the attached chart. Last year we had total contributions of \$745. First Quarter this year was \$35. At this time we continue to recommend that the \$780.40 of funds we can spend remain in the Akron Community Foundation. We have included a chart prepared by Frank Mitch to show the quarterly activity below. Please keep the GOGA Endowment Fund in mind. You can contribute directly to the Club's Fund online at <http://bit.ly/T6HEFT>.

Bob Bell, Chairman – Endowment Fund Committee

4/21/2013	Gardeners of Greater Akron Endowment Fund				
	For Year 2013				Calendar
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	2013
Beginning Balance	\$ 12,833.55				\$ 12,833.55
Contributions	\$ 35.00				\$ 35.00
Investment Activity	\$ 704.34				\$ 704.34
Administration Fees	\$ (39.61)				\$ (39.61)
Grants	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 13,533.28	\$ -			\$ 13,533.28
% Investment Activity	5.5%				5.5%
% Due to Contributions	0.3%				0.3%
% for Administration Fees	-0.3%				-0.3%
% Net Total Increase	5.5%				5.5%

Grant Summary:

Spendable Income		
Allocation		\$ 165.53
Available for Grants	Including amount from previous years	\$ 780.40

Central Great Lakes Gardeners



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Call or email me with any questions

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
 Club: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Check if Vegetarian Diet

One form for each person. Registration fee for each \$100. Make check payable to "Gardeners of Greater Cleveland." Put "Summer Conf." on the memo line.

Mail check and this form to: Tom Davis

35 Fox Glen Rd. Moreland Hills, OH 44022

I need a roommate! yes no (circle one)

Reservation Deadline is July 3, 2013

CGLG 2013 Summer Conference

We will stay overnight at the Kensington Suites. Cost is \$89 per night plus tax. This cost is not in the registration fee. The phone number for room reservations is 440-442-8400. Make reservations under "Great Lakes Gardeners". Robert is the contact person.
 Make your reservations at the Kensington by June 15, 2013. We have 20 rooms reserved for July 19 and 20 (Friday and Saturday). Breakfast is included in room rate. All rooms have internet access, but are non-smoking.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

The Kensington Suites (formerly the Comfort Inn)
 1421 Goldengate Boulevard
 Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124
 440-442-8400

FROM THE SOUTH

Take I-71 North to I-271 North
 Exit #34, Mayfield Rd, West
 Goldengate Blvd. is the second stoplight – turn right.
 Go one block and turn right. The hotel is on the left and a Bob Evans is on the right.

OR

Take I-77 North to I-480 East to I-271 North – Follow the directions above.

FROM THE WEST

Take I-90 East to I-271 South
 Exit #34 Mayfield Rd. West – Follow the directions above.
 OR
 Or take I-80 East to I-480 East to I-271 North to Exit #34 - Mayfield Rd. West

Central Great Lakes Gardeners 2013 Summer Conference July 19-20, 2013

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, July 19

- Lunch on your own. Maps & dining options later.
- 12:30 PM - Conference Registration at the Hotel
- 1-2:30 Business Meeting at the Kensington Suites.
- 3-4:30 Tour Cynthia and Mark Druckenbrod's private garden in Moreland Hills.
- 4-5:30 PM Turf management at the Chagrin Valley Country Club and/or a visit to Tom Davis's garden (deer fence) in Moreland Hills
- 6 - 7:30 PM Social Time and Dinner, Chagrin Valley Country Club
- 7:30-8 PM Awards Ceremony, Chagrin Valley CC

Saturday July 20

- Breakfast at the Kensington for registered guests
- 8:30-9:30 Car Caravan to the Rockefeller Greenhouse with Guides from GOGC
- 9:30 Board "Lolly the Trolley" for a guided tour of Cleveland's unique Cultural Gardens representing over 30 nations or cultures.
 Continue tour in Lakeview Cemetery.
- 12:30 PM Lunch at the Cleveland Botanical Garden.
- 2:00 PM return to Rockefeller Greenhouse for a tour. Then return to the Kensington by car caravan. We will go through University Circle on these trips.
- 4-6 PM Free time to visit Eton Square for spectacular botanical displays, shopping and relaxation.
- 6 PM Closing dinner at "Bravo" in Eton Square.

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CROWN POINT SPRING CLEANUP - Saturday June 15th -- TIME: 10:00 AM

Just a short note to ask for your help on June 15th (Saturday) for our Spring Cleanup of the gardens surrounding the main office (and residence) at Crown Point.

I will be there around 9:00 AM, taking care of odds and ends. Please try to arrive at Crown Point at 10:00 AM. This seems like a reasonable time (not too early, not too late), and we shouldn't be there won't be there longer than 2 to 2 1/2 hours at most.

Being an optimist, I am assuming that the weatherman will cooperate with clear skies and warm temperatures. If the weather happens to look unfavorable, we will probably reschedule the cleanup for the following Saturday (June 22). However, this will be dependent on Friday's weather forecast for the weekend. If it looks bad, I will send e-mail announcements out late on Friday afternoon, 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 anytime.

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

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 15th from 10:00 AM to Noon plus.**

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.

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.

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 (6-15-13). Thanks for your help. Best regards, Chuck Keach