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## Monday, June 21

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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.

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**When:** Monday, June 21, 2010

5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – Picnic Time

**Where:** Tom Dayton's Nursery  
3459 Cleveland Massillion Road  
Norton, Ohio

**Program: Picnic and Strawberry Festival**

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The Strawberry festival will be held at a new location this year. Tom Dayton of Dayton Nurseries is giving us the loan of his new Owl Barn for our festival; it is beautiful!!! If that is not enough the board has agreed to purchase fried chicken for us this year so we are not going to have to bring our own meat to the festival.

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Please still bring a covered dish and your paper plates. We will furnish the chicken, beverages, strawberry shortcake. Same time as always 5:30 social hour, eat at 6:30. Afterwards you may shop at the nursery or walk through the gardens. The address is 3459 Cleveland-Massillon Rd. Norton, Ohio . Hope to see you there!!!

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Board Meeting: June 28 at 7:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 West Market Street, Fairlawn, Ohio. All members are invited to attend board meetings.

Club web site: <http://mgcakron.org> & <http://ohiogardeners.org>

## Message from the President

Arthur Britton

Hello June... the warmer weather has arrived, the plants are off and running and so are we. There are a lot of activities that we are able to participate in, from the National (in Michigan), then the Central Great Lakes Region Summer Conference in Holden Arboretum, Kirkland, OH in July. Then there are the local speakers and festivals that we all enjoy. Now is the prime time to not only get out and do but to get out and find out what others are doing that will give us ideas on what we might want to change in our own yards. I hope that you are able to get out and not only enjoy being with others that also enjoy gardening but that we all will be able to learn from each other and have fun doing it.

The geranium sale was not as successful as in years past. The three contributing factors were: 1) Not being able to sell all day (due to a wedding), 2) The economy 3) The weather (cold and windy). I would like to thank those who have helped by taking the flats with them to work and also for the ability to sell them at the "Big Dip" in Barberton. Thank you Al Eddy, for allowing us to store some at your home for a period of time. We only have a few left, due to a lot of effort by a lot of people Thank you.

At the spring plant sale we did very well raising over \$1,300.00!!! What a Great Sale! Thank you all for bringing in your plants and helping raise money for the club.

It was decided that this year we will not have a booth at the Barberton Mum Fest. We tried it last year and after talking about many different aspects, decided to pass this year. Maybe in the future.

A change of pace for the month of June, the Strawberry Festival & Potluck Picnic, will be at Dayton Nursery, Norton, Ohio. It is NOT necessary to bring grills or meat to cook, this year the club is going to provide chicken. Make sure that you leave the grills and raw meat at home, Please bring a side dish to share. Thank you Marti for being in charge of this.

One of the challenges of our club and others is that we need to keep the interest of the club in mind and to keep all of the members active in the club. I am trying to find ways and techniques to get new members involved and keep the interest of the rest in mind as well. I welcome ideas both new and old. If you are a new member, I am sure that you joined not only for a place to go once a month for dinner and a speaker. I would like to ask you to join one of the many activities that the club is involved in and donate some time and knowledge; it would benefit both you and others. If you see a beautiful garden please take a picture and send it to Sam Morlan who is in charge of the Beautification awards this year or you could call him and he might be able to go visit. If he does not know about it, we will not be able to nominate it for an award. Sam Morlan: 330-336-6269.

May we all continue to enjoy and learn from gardening!

## Walt' s Gardening Tips for June

1. Check for bagworms and control as needed.
2. Dig up spring flowering bulbs and transplant them when beds become over crowded.
3. Remove spent blossoms from annual and perennial flowers every few days if possible. This prevents formation of seeds and allows the plant's energy to be used for growth and future flowering.
4. Remove weeds before they go to seed and you can put them on your compost pile.
5. Check moisture in hanging baskets and outdoor house plants every day all summer. If temperatures are extremely hot , plants may require watering in early morning and evening.
6. Be sure to fertilize hanging baskets, planters, and containers on a regular schedule during summer months to maintain vigorous, healthy plants.
7. Blossom-end rot appears on the bottom of a tomato as a large black or brown sunken area. It is caused by fluctuating water supply that results in a lack of calcium supplied to the plant. Deep root water every 7 to 10 days. Apply organic mulch.
8. It is best to harvest in the morning for maximum flavor. this includes vegetables and herbs. For sweetness, pick peas and corn late in the day.
9. After your vegetables are well established, it is best to water them thoroughly once a week rather than giving them a light watering daily.
10. Plant tropical water lilies after the water temperature rises above 70%.
11. Lift tulip bulbs once the greenery has died back. Clean and dry them, and store them in a cool place until fall. If you choose to leave them in the ground, don't forget to fertilize them.

## For July

1. Water early in the morning. It is best to provide a slow deep watering. Water the soil,not the leaves, to reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation and to discourage disease.
2. Work compost or animal manure into the soil. Organic matter holds water like a sponge and soil doesn't dry out as fast.
3. Home canning is one way gardeners are saving money and preserving the rich flavor of the healthy home harvest. Dehydrating and freezing vegetables and fruits are other methods that work well.
4. Mulching is beneficial because it retains moisture in the soil. Mulches can be cooling or warming. Cooling mulches (straw, paper, grass clippings, or leaves) allow rain to soak in and cool the soil. Warming mulches (Black or clear plastic, black paper, or compost) allow the soil to retain heat.
5. Avoid low light levels on plants when pulling shades to keep out summer sun.
6. Drought and hot dry winds can cause pepper and tomato blossoms to drop off. Try misting plants twice a day to cool them and help the blossoms set fruit.
7. Keep an eye on house plants that are summering outdoors. Water and fertilize frequently.
8. Fertilize roses on a regular basis for strong plants and improved flowering. pinch faded rose blossoms.

## Arrowhead School

The club is developing a relationship with Arrowhead Elementary School in Copley. Last month Al Eddy met with a group of kindergarteners and he showed them how to make a small flower pot out of newspaper. Last week Al Eddy, Lora Avens and Leroy Hart met with the kindergarten class to help them plant the sunflower plants that they had grown in these newspaper pots. They also planted geranium plants they had started. The club donated five flats of geraniums to the school. We also made a contribution of \$300.00 for gardening projects with the children of the school.

# Central Great Lakes Region



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Call or email me with any questions

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if Vegetarian Diet

**One form for each person. \$90 registration fee for each. Make check payable to Gardeners of Greater Akron.**

Mail check and this form to Robert Bell,  
1832 Sandy Lake Road, Ravenna, OH 44266

I need a roommate! yes no circle one

Check here if you plan to go to the baseball game Friday night. Cost is an additional \$9. Please add to registration fee. *If you need additional baseball tickets enter number here.* Include payment.

**Reservation Deadline is July 16, 2010**

## CGLR 2010 Summer Conference

We will stay overnight at Quail Hollow Resort. Cost is \$88 per night plus tax, two to a room. This cost is not in the registration fee. The phone number for room reservation is 1-800-792-0258.

Make your reservations by July 1, 2010. Quail Hollow will attempt to accommodate late registration.

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

#### Quail Hollow Resort

11080 Concord Hambden Road  
Concord Twp, OH 44077

#### FROM THE WEST

Take I-90 East to Exit 200. Turn left onto SR 44. At the traffic light turn left onto Auburn Road continuing to Concord-Hambden Road. Turn right. The hotel is on the right.

#### FROM THE SOUTH

Take I-71 or I-77 or I-271 North to I-90 East. Follow I-90 East to SR 44S Exit 200. See above

From SR 44N turn right on Auburn Road, follow to Concord-Hambden Road and take a right. The hotel is on the right.

## Central Great Lakes Region 2010 Summer Conference

### Schedule of Events

Friday, July 30

12:30 PM Registration at Quail Hollow Bronze Bear Room

1:30 PM CGLR Business Meeting – Roost Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

3:30 PM Holden Arboretum Corning Visitor Center – Reinberger Room. Jennifer Watson – speaker, **Pollinator Gardening** and tour of the garden.

5:30 PM Dinner at Quail Hollow

7:00 PM Baseball Game for those interested, others free time

Saturday July 31

7:00 AM Continental Breakfast Quail Hollow

8:30 AM Holden Arboretum Corning Visitor Center – Reinberger Room. Marian Williams – speaker, **Underutilized Trees and Shrubs for the Landscape**

9:30 AM Break

10:00 AM Guided Tour of Holden Arboretum

12:00 PM Grand River Cellars Winery – Wine tasting, lunch and tour

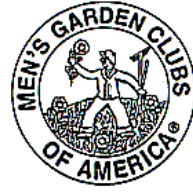
2:00 PM North Coast Nursery – tour of perennial nursery (may purchase perennials at wholesale).

4:00 PM Free time

6:30 PM Dinner and Awards at Quail Hollow



## CGLR Summer Conference July 30 – 31, 2010



We will meet at Quail Hollow Resort which is about 8.5 miles from Holden Arboretum. In addition to our rooms we will have both evenings' dinners and Saturday's breakfast at Quail Hollow. Offering two of the region's most revered golf courses Quail Hollow Resort is one of Ohio's top golf resorts. You golfers may want to spend another night at the same \$88 room rate. Set in the scenic wine country just 30 miles from Cleveland, it offers swimming pools, and an indulgent day spa. A room is being provided for our meetings.

The centerpiece of our weekend is The Holden Arboretum. Reprinted from the Holden brochure, "A living museum, an arboretum is a collection of woody plants, with plants labeled, catalogued and mapped. The Holden Arboretum is one of the largest arboreta in the country, with 3500 acres. Our gardens and collections comprise about 600 acres while diverse natural areas and ecologically sensitive habitats make up the remainder. A main feature of the overall landscape design is the integration of the natural areas and the collections in a process known as site blending, which gives Holden its unique character," The only problem with Holden is there is so much to see and do we can't possible get through everything. Another trip may be necessary.

Friday night those interested can attend a Single A, Lake County Captains, Indians farm team baseball game. If we have 20 attending we will receive special seating, name on scoreboard, participate in a raffle just for us, and it is giveaway night at the park. For those not into baseball, Old Village Market at the James A. Garfield Historic Site ([www.nps.gov/jaga](http://www.nps.gov/jaga)) and International Music Box Society Band ([www.lakehistory.org](http://www.lakehistory.org)) are two additional opportunities. Others are invited to visit among themselves in our meeting room.

On Saturday we are visiting one of the popular Lake Country Wineries, Grand River Valley. There we will enjoy tasting three different wines, a delicious lunch and tour. The price of this lunch is included in the registration fee.

Following lunch we will visit North Coast Nursery which specializes in perennials. Even though it is a wholesale operation we will be permitted to purchase plants there. Plan ahead to have a way to get them home.

The historic Kirkland village is nearby for those not attending the program at Holden. You may want to include a tour of the Kirkland Temple and Visitors Center, the home of the first temple built by Joseph Smith and his followers. The home of the 20<sup>th</sup> president of the USA, James A. Garfield, is also nearby. There are the world's largest art gallery and a model railroad museum not far away in Mentor.

For additional activities in Lake County log on to [www.lakevisit.com](http://www.lakevisit.com)..

There is a lot of information in the registration form. If you plan to bring additional guests to the baseball game (and they are welcome to come) enter the additional tickets required in the box. If you are attending the conference with another, each person registering will pay for his or her own ticket with the registration. Please don't double count. **One registration per person.**

Notice the place to request a roommate. I will try to match up and put you in touch with potential roommate if you check yes. If nothing checked, I will assume no. PS, I am not a matchmaker.