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## Monday, March 15

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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, March 15, 2010  
5:30 p.m. – Social Hour  
6:30 p.m. – Dinner

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Our speaker for March is Chris Norman who is The Executive Director of Crown Point Ecology Center. He graduated From Cleveland State with a Masters Degree in Urban Planning where he focused on community food planning.

Al Eddy will speak on recycling in the garden.

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Board meeting March 22 7:00 p m at Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 West Market Street, Fairlawn. All members are invited to attend board meeting

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

## President's Message

Arthur Britton

For those who were not in attendance and have not heard, at the February meeting we had 45 members cast their votes as to whether or not to change the name of the club and the results were: 35 said to change the name of the club and 10 said not to change. With this being the results the board came up with 7 different possibilities for a new name. The list has been narrowed down to 3. In no particular order they are:

Gardeners of Greater Akron

Gardeners of North East Ohio

Northeastern Ohio Gardeners

At the March dinner meeting we will vote (using Ballots) until we have a new name. To vote you must be a paid member and be in attendance.

There is some other news that will affect our big fund raiser this year (The Geranium Sale). We are able to have the sale at the same location (Faith Lutheran Church 2726 W. Market Street). This year we need to stop selling at 2:30 pm due to a wedding at the church. We realized that this might affect some sales but it is a great location and the Board meets at the church and we are more than willing to comply.

We all have our special group or school that could use a few extra dollars. Now is the time to let the club know who they are and how much you think that the club could donate to them. It must be approved by the club and we would like to have some information as to how and when the money would be spent. Let us know, if we don't know then we can't say yes.

In March our own Al Eddy is going to be on the radio with Tom Dayton of Dayton Nursery (WAKR am 1590) from 8-10 am, we are not sure what Saturday but it will be nice to have him talk about the club, youth and gardening. We have many other people who are contributing in many other ways, if you know of someone, then please let us know so that we may share with the rest of the club to be better informed about everything that our club is doing. We thank you in advance.

While the name of the club is about to change, it is my hope that members will continue to be members of this club. I hope that people will not leave because of the name change but if some do, they will be missed. The interest and excitement of working with plants, educating the youth, listening to speakers, helping out with the habitat projects, Crown Point and many other parts of the club will not change, just our name.

May we all continue to enjoy gardening, and the many benefits that go with it.

## **Seminars at Dayton Nursery**

Saturday March 6 - Backyard Bird Watching by Joyce Pelz, \$8.00 at noon

Tuesday March 9 - New Plant Introductions and Use of Bamboo in the Garden , \$5.00 at 6:30 p m

Tuesday March 16 - Organic Gardening with Espoma, \$5.00 at 6:30 p m

Saturday March 20 - Green Room Presentation, free at noon

Saturday March 27 - Mountain Laurels, \$5.00 at noon

Saturday April 3 - Proven Winners and Proven Performance plus Water Wise Irrigation Tips, \$5.00 at noon

Saturday April 10 - Seasonal Lawn Care, free at noon

Tuesday April 13 - Sweet Peas and The Best Mulch on Earth, \$5.00 at 6:30 p m

Saturday April 17 - Growing Clematis, \$5.00 at noon

Saturday April 24 - Rhododendrons and Azaleas, \$5.00 at noon

All seminars are held at the Owl Barn at the nursery 3459 Cleveland-Massillon Road in Norton

## **Upcoming Events**

Central Great Lakes Regional Meeting - April 10 at Kingwood Center in Mansfield. It will be in the Exhibit Hall across from the greenhouse. Park in main parking lot, enter from Trimble Road entrance. There is now a \$5 charge per car to enter the parking lot. At 10 :00 a m there will be a business meeting. Lunch is at a Golden Corral. At the afternoon session Chuck Gleaves, the director of Kingwood Center will speak about the gardens at Kingwood Center. Several members of our club will be attending this meeting. For a possible ride pool contact Bob Bell who is the first vice president of the region or Leroy Hart who is the second vice president of the region.

National Convention - June 10 -12 at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Location- The Grand Rapids Hilton. The registration cost of the convention is \$235.00 and the hotel is \$89.00 a night. Several club members are planning to attend and would welcome the chance to share a ride with other club members. Frank Mitch, a national director will be going along with Leroy Hart. Bob Bell may also be going. Registration forms and hotel reservations can be found at the national club's web site:

<http://www.tgoa-mgca.org/pdfs/TGOANews/MarAprNLRev.pdf>

Since the convention begins on Thursday morning we will be going to Grand Rapids on Wednesday the 9th and returning on Sunday the 13th .For more details of this convention contact Frank or Leroy.

Central Great Lakes Regional summer conference July 30 and 31. Bob Bell, the regional vice president is in charge of this meeting. More details later.

## Field Trip

We want to give club members advanced notice of a special event coming on May 22. Sam Morlan is planning a tour of Lakeview Cemetery and the surrounding area. It will take a total of about 8 hours from pick up to drop off. We will tour Rockefeller Gardens Lakeview Cemetery and have lunch in Little Italy. The total cost should be around \$40.00 per person. We will have our own personal guide on a 56 passenger bus commenting on historic sites along the way. After May 1st if the bus isn't full we will open it up to non club members to fill the bus. If you are interested now let Sam know soon.

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## Member News

We were saddened to learn of the death of Ruth M. Fee, the wife of long time member and former president Jim Fee. Ruth passed away on February 9th as a result of complications of pneumonia.

She was a frequent attender of club meetings with her husband. She was active in many volunteer activities, among them was Stan Hywet and the Akron Symphony Guild.

We extend our deepest condolences to Jim and the other members of the family

Grace Cochran has taken on the duties of what in some organizations is called the Sunshine Committee. She will be the one who sends sympathy, get well cards etc. If you know of any member who should receive a call of one of these cards let Grace know.

## Welcome New Members

**Marilyn Fellenstein** 3610 Turnberry Drive, Medina, Ohio 44256 phone 330-723-7048  
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Marilyn is married to Carl Fellenstein. She is an RN at University Hospital. She lists her gardening interests as annuals, flowers, herbs, and perennials. She is interested in the following club activities: plant auction, horticultural show, member plant exchange, and spring plant sale, she was recommended by Grace Cochran

**Margie Tarry** 1747 Sawgrass Drive Uniontown, Ohio 44685 phone 330-699-6810  
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Margie is single and self-employed. She lists her gardening interests as annuals, birds/butterflies, conservatoion, environment, flowers, herbs, landscaping, lawns, perennials, specialty gardening, shrubs/trees, and vegetables. She is interested in the following club activities: member plant exchange, spring plant salegeranium sale, Habitat for Humanity and Crown Point She was recommended by Grace Cochran.

**Stephen Thompson** 302 Treetop Spur, Copley, Ohio 44321 phone 330-666-50665

e-mail st@uakron.edu Stephen is married to Penny and is a retired professor from the University of Akron. He lists his gardening interests as birds/butterflies, and perennials. He is interested in the following club activities: the youth gardening program and Crown Point. He was recommended by Arthur Britton.

Welcome to these new members and thanks to Grace and Arthur for bringing them into the club. If every member brought a new member into the club what a great club we would have.

## **Why Garden**

### **The National Garden Bureau's Top Ten**

1. Garden for Safe, Healthy Food - If you have your own garden you know the food you're eating is fresh and safe with fantastic flavor not always found in grocery store produce.
2. Garden for Exercise - Gardening activities provide both cardio and aerobic exercise. An hour of moderate gardening can burn up to 300 calories for women and almost 400 calories for men. For older people, especially women, gardening can help reduce osteoporosis. Mowing the grass is like taking a vigorous walk. Bending and stretching to plant a garden compares to an exercise class, while hauling plants and soil is similar to weightlifting.
3. Garden to Add Beauty - Your home can be made more inviting simply by adding a container of colorful flowers near the front door. Herbs in the kitchen add freshness to the room, as well as flavor to daily meals. Trees and shrubs not only provide color and shade but shelter for birds and wildlife.
4. Garden to Learn - Gardeners find that the more they learn about plants and gardening, the more they want to know. There are a variety of ways to increase gardening know-how, such as seminars, Master Gardener programs and college or university programs and courses.
5. Garden to Make Money - The love of plants can lead to a rewarding job at a local garden center, a large global company or owning your own business. A garden can be a source of supplies that can be sold at farmer's markets and roadside stands. Gardening adds value to your property.
6. Garden to Meet People - Gardening is a great way to expand your social circle. This can be by sharing produce, plants and bouquets with friends and neighbors or by meeting other gardeners through garden clubs and plant organizations. The Internet is another good way to share information, ask questions and get involved with other gardeners all around the world.
7. Garden to Be Creative - Gardening provides an outlet for creative and artistic expression. Design, art and sculpture can be part of your garden and with the wide variety of plants, your garden's color scheme can change every year.
8. Garden to Win - Competitive gardening is not only fun and interesting there can even be national recognition and financial rewards. Garden clubs have shows and county and state fairs provide opportunities for gardeners to show off their skills.
9. Garden for Emotional Needs and Spiritual Connections - The beauty of flowers can lift spirits, while pulling weeds can be a great release for stress and excess energy. A harvest provides a sense of achievement and feelings of success. Gardening provides a spiritual connection to life and contributes to your living space, the environment and our planet.
10. Garden for Lasting Memories - Gardening is a fun activity that can be shared with children and grandchildren and provides a beautiful way to remember a time of life or a special person.