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## Monday, May 19

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, May 19, 2014

5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

**Where:** St. George's Fellowship Center  
St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church  
3204 Ridgewood Road  
Copley OH

**Program:** Fish Fry and Plant Auction

The annual fish fry and plant auction is the second largest money making activity that our club has. For this auction members are asked to bring plants and other gardening items that can be sold to fellow club members. So when you clean out your flower beds and divide your perennials bring some to the auction. Also bring your wallets; you will want to buy some of the plants that other have brought in.

The auctioneer again will be Walt Starcher.

This is a good meeting to bring guests ( with their checkbooks).

Because of the fourth Monday being Memorial Day the board meeting was moved up to May 12, 2014

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

## **President's Message - Arthur Britton**

Ok so if April showers bring May flowers then what happens when April is colder and includes some snow... answer, the May flowers are running a little late. Yes, as we all are aware that on average the growing season is about 2 weeks behind normal. Those of us who have been living in the area know that average and normal are something to keep in mind. I have purchased some plants that I wanted but due to the possible frost/cold weather I have not planted, but because I did want them I bought them and put them in the garage when it got cold and will plant soon.

As a reminder, this month we have our plant sale. So, as you are starting to work in your yard and realize that as you divide some plants or just want to remove some (for whatever reason) to please bring them to the meeting (with some sort of basic info on the plant) and we will happily include it in our plant sale. So please bring some plants and maybe take some new plants home with you. To me trying new plants is a fun thing to do and you are able to ask the person who brought it how and where to place it in your yard.

There are many ways that a club or organization grows, and many different ways to try to do this. We are about to try something new. Any current member of the garden club that brings a person, and that person becomes a member, will receive a \$10 gift card to a local garden center. If you have already had someone join since January 2014 you will receive a gift card. Our membership is currently at 73 and the board is willing to try new ways to continue to grow our club. If you have questions, please contact me or a board member. The gift cards will be given out either in December 2014 or January 2015.

I would like to take this time to thank all who have helped with the Geranium Sale, it requires a lot of work and planning. Thank you Clark and everyone who helped.

Some sad news, last month one of our fellow gardeners, Roger Hite, died. He was a very active person in our garden club and many other clubs that he belonged to. He will be missed and to his family I say that he was a very special person. He will be missed, but not forgotten.

I would like to say Happy Mother's day to everyone, if you are not a mother you had one.

### **Geranium Sale – 2014**

As I write this, we just turned in the plants and hanging baskets that we did not sell at our Geranium Sale, May 9 – 10. We were able to return what we did not sell in a pickup truck and a regular car so that was not too bad. The weather was not ideal, however, the people did buy! We will be able to report on the results of the sale later this month.

I was thrilled with the participation by club members to help in many aspects of the sale. I counted 27 members who helped in some capacity. In this day and age where volunteers are getting harder to come by; we can be proud that we have a club that supports events such as this with energy and enthusiasm. We had about a dozen people come between 8 and 8:15 Friday morning and as we waited, it was a joy to be a part of the camaraderie of that group. I am proud of all of you and efforts such as this are what makes this club special.

Special recognition goes to Les Knight, who spearheaded the publicity campaign and to Jim Bell and Lee Hart who guarded the plants throughout the night. We also need to thank the pastor and staff of Faith Lutheran Church who provide us with a beautiful site to conduct this sale every year. The collective efforts of everyone made this year's sale a true success.

Clark – Geranium Sale Chairman

## SUMMER CONFERENCE

I would like to invite everyone personally to attend The Regional Summer Conference in Akron Ohio this coming July 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>. Please register as early as you can so plans can be made.

Remember to bring your plants for the horticultural show.

Friday afternoon we will have our business meet at the Montrose area (RT 77) Holiday Inn hotel. Following the meeting we'll be going to Dayton's Nursery for a tour of the gardening techniques the owner Tom Dayton has developed on the property. Tom has installed a living roof on his farmer's market barn and added an extensive water retention system. Friday evening's dinner is at the Holliday Inn hotel. After dinner there will be a presentation by a member of the Cleveland club concerning the arboreal history of Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens.

Saturday we will tour Stan Hywet Hall and gardens. Stan Hywet is a National Historic landmark and is the nation's 6th largest Historic Home open to the public. This majestic country house museum and grounds now cover seventy acres with many unique gardens and exhibits. We'll have guided tours of the Manor house as well as the many gardens including the Butterfly House.

Saturday's lunch is at Papa Joe's, a restaurant on the edge of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. After lunch we'll be touring The Seiberling Nature Realm a Summit Metro park with many interesting exhibits and gardens. You'll have the opportunity to feed chickadees right out of your hand.

Time permitting our next stop will be at The Mustill Store on the Ohio Erie Canal near downtown Akron. This store was a stop for canal boats during the canals heyday. In the evening, we will have the awards banquet and dinner at The Spaghetti Warehouse. The restaurant is located in downtown Akron in an old portion of The B.F. Goodrich Company. Along with dinner there will be a short talk about the history of the canal and the role it played in the development of Akron.

I want to encourage our local members to attend. I know this is your own backyard but unless you have been to Stan Hywet in the last few years you will be surprised at the changes. The Nature Realm is always a pleasant place to visit and I hope to have some interesting tours of the site. Again, the history of Akron is closely tied to the canal in more ways than we sometimes imagine. Again we will explore the history of the canal. Most important it is an opportunity to meet old friends and maybe make some new ones along with plenty of time to chat and catch up. Register early so we can finalize some of the plans. Feel free to call if you have any questions or want to help in any way. Thanks

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### Member News

Roger M. Hite, one of the club's most active members passed away on April 10, 2014. He was born on April 17, 1937, this means that he missed his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday by six days. Roger was very active in almost every activity that the club is involved in, especially as president in 1999. He was also a horticultural show judge. He was an excellent landscaper having won a beautification award. He is survived by wife Jeanie, children, step-children and grand children. He will be missed by his many friends in the club.

**Treasurer's Report  
2013 Summary  
Income**

Dinners	\$6125.00
50/50	451.00
Silent Auction	174.50
Dues	1900.00
Geranium Sale	5359.50
May Plant Sale	1103.00
Calendars	0.00
Interest Savings Account	6.09
Total	\$15,119.09

**Expenses**

Dinners	\$6422.00
Programs	520.00
June Picnic	585.48
Flowers for December Dinner	148.50
Tips for Waitresses	200.00
Dues, National	628.00
Dues, Regional	76.00
Printing	\$479.90
Newsletter	170.50
Mailing	50.65
Membership Roster	258.75
Committies	\$327.16
Membership	65.54
Youth	142.04
Service	0.00
Publicity	0.00
Endowment Fund	69.58
Sunshine	50.00
Projects	\$392.78
Crown Point	0.00
Habitat	0.00
Beautification	168.68
Horticulture Show	224.10
Donations	\$615.00
Memorials (TGOA/MGCA)	150.00
Arrowhead School	100.00
Faith Lutheran Church	0.00
Scholarships	0.00
Secrest Arboretum	100.00
Food Bank	200.00
Community Foundation	35.00
Master Gardeners	30.00
Geranium Sale	
Racin Products	\$3782.50
Website Expenses	139.01
Calendars	110.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Insurance	0.00
State Tax	50.00
Total	\$14,476.33

# 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 Schochalog 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