



# The Garden Gabber



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## Monday, November 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.

**1st Vice President:**

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**When:** Monday, November 16, 2009  
5:30 p.m. – Social Hour  
6:30 p.m. – Dinner

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**Program: Presentation of Awards**

Second Vice President Clark Bordner will present the winners of the Beautification Awards that you, as a club, voted for at the last meeting.

**Treasurer:**

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Award's Committee chair, Jim Fee, will present the awards for members' service to the club during the year.

**National Director:**

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Board meeting 7:00 pm November 23 at Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 West Market Street. All members are invited to attend the board meetings. Help the board decide how to spend the club's money.

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## Message from the President

The November meeting is going to have an election for President between myself, Marti Williams, and anyone who wishes to run for the office. All will be able to say a few words before the election. **You** must be at the meeting to vote (per our constitution).

On January 18, 2010 we will be voting to find out if we should change the name of our club. To do this, we need two-thirds of the qualified members in attendance at the meeting to approve the name change. We will allow those who would like to voice their opinions on this matter to speak at this time. In order to vote in the January meeting you must have paid your dues for the year, **no exceptions**. You will be able to pay dues and vote on the same night.

Steps are being taken to work on a budget, so if you are in charge of a project and it requires money from the club please estimate the amount needed and let Sam Morlan know. Some topics that are covered include the printing of the Gabber, rent, and speakers. Our speaker for the October meeting did not attend due to a mistake on her part. We are sorry we missed her and look forward to her coming back soon. I would like to say thank you to Lowell for expanding his 10 minute talk. Also, I think that we really enjoyed the opportunity to have an open forum and discuss many of the topics at hand.

Our club now has a plaque at Crown Point which is visible to all of their visitors. I am sure that we will continue this volunteer program, and now we are looking for new areas to which we will be able to lend both knowledge and some financial support. If you know of such a program, we would love to hear from you before the November board meeting.

May we always enjoy gardening!

Arthur Britton

## October's Garden Quiz Answers

1. I lost the question, or I changed it and cannot remember how I changed it. (Maybe I'll find it.)
2. Virus-infected seedlings.
3. Kiefer pears are harvested 30 days or more after the Bartletts and Bosc.
4. No. It is the way the plants get rid of unneeded foilage to increase fruit production.
5. When it is wet.
6. Keep the potting soil warm.
7. The leaves are only 4 to 5 inches long.
8. Raise them on trellises.
9. Yes.
10. Cucumbers.

## Walt Starcher's November Garden Quiz

1. Hollyhock is an annual, a perennial, or a biennial?
2. Which of these flowers is (are) edible? nasturtiums, pansies, violas, calendulas, flowering kale?
3. What are the two advantages of using a cold frame?
4. How do gardeners use empty gallon milk jugs?
5. As a general rule, your garden needs how much water per week?
6. Besides discouraging weed growth, what advantages are there in applying mulch to your garden?
7. What is the advantage of wood ashes as a fertilizer?
8. What can you do with your Easter lily after it is done blooming?
9. Name three of the seven don'ts or commandments when raising a wildflower garden.
10. How many Park Seed Co. catalogs do you get per year?

## Quailcrest Farm

Some of our members are acquainted with Quailcrest farms, 2810 Armstrong Road, Wooster. They are having several special activities for the holiday season. The Quailcrest Farm Christmas Open House will be on Saturday, November 14th 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, November 15th 12 to 5 pm. There will be food, music and a chance to mingle with various artist.

Christmas luncheons will be held on Tuesdays through Fridays, December 1st to December 18th. Two times: 11:30 am and 12:45 pm Reservations are required at 330-345-6722.

Holiday workshops are being held through the month of December. You can make objects associated with Christmas such as a hostess gift, a silk wreath, a holiday topiary, a stencil gift bag and apron set, a pomander ball, a fresh greens candle ring, a holiday wall basket, a baby bird house, a boxwood wreath, a Williamsburg swag/centerpiece and a fresh green centerpiece.

The editor has more information about these activities at Quailcrest Farm including details, costs and times of these workshops.

40% off all Christmas items from December 18th to the 24th. Quailcrest Farm will close at 3 pm December 24 and open on Tuesday March 30, 2010.

## What We Eat from Walter Starcher

### Gourd Family

Pumpkin  
Squash (both summer and winter)  
Watermelon  
Cantaloupe  
Cucumber

### Rose Order: Saxifrage Family

Currant  
Gooseberry

### Rose Family

Apple  
Pear  
Quince  
Strawberry  
Peach  
Plum (and Prune)  
Apricot  
Almond  
Cherry (Sweet and Sour)  
Blackberry  
Raspberry (Red and Black)  
Serviceberry

### Dogwood Family

Cornelian Cherry

### Legume Family

Lima Bean  
Green Bean  
Sweet Pea  
Peanut  
Soybean  
Lentil

### Mint Family

Sage  
Basil

### Ebony Family

Persimmon

### Citrus Family

Orange  
Lemon  
Lime  
Kumquat  
Tangerine  
Grapefruit

### Nightshade Family

Potato  
Tomato  
Pepper (Sweet and Hot)  
Eggplant  
Garden Huckleberry

### Mustard Family

Radish  
Turnip  
Mustard (Greens)  
Rutabaga  
Cabbage  
Kale  
Kohlrabi  
Brussels Sprout  
Cauliflower  
Broccoli  
Water Cress  
Horseradish

### Goosefoot Family

Spinach

### Buckwheat Family

Rhubarb  
Beet  
Sugar Beet  
Buckwheat

### Lily Family

Onion  
Garlic  
Leek  
Chives  
Asparagus

### Grass Family

Wheat  
Rye  
Barley  
Rice  
Oats  
Corn  
Sorghum  
Sugar Cane

### Nettle Family

Mulberry  
Fig

### Bromeliad Family

Pineapple

### Orchid Family

Vanilla

### Palm Family

Date  
Coconut

### Beech Family

Chestnut  
Chinkapin  
Filbert  
Hazelnut

### Walnut Family

Black Walnut  
English Walnut  
Butternut  
Hickory  
Pecan

### Heath Family

Blueberry  
Cranberry  
Huckleberry

### Mallow Order

Okra

### Daisy Family

Lettuce  
Sunflower  
Jerusalem Artichoke  
Globe Artichoke  
Chicory

### Violet Order

Tea

### Bedstraw Family

Coffee

### Anacardiaceae Family

Cashew  
Pistachio

### Morning-glory Family

Sweet Potato

### Grape Family

Grape

### Mallow Order

Cocoa

### Parsnip Family

Parsnip  
Parsley  
Celery  
Lovage  
Carrot  
Caraway  
Anise

### Honeysuckle Family

Honeyberry  
Elderberry

## Autumn's Splendor

Colorful sunsets, arrayed in majesty,  
Hues of gray, orange, magenta, and blue,  
Hummingbirds making their final rounds,  
    To flowers, before bidding adieu.

The wondrous beauty of the season,  
Waking with briskness and chill in the air,  
Winds from the north are arriving,  
Autumn's splendor is finally here.

Virginia Davis Wiseman  
Cicero, IN

## Inspirational Words from Howard Palmer

I Believe....  
That we are responsible for what  
We do, no matter how we feel.

I Believe...  
That either you control your attitude or it controls  
you.

I Believe...  
That heroes are the people who do what has to be  
done when it needs  
to be done, regardless of the consequences.

I Believe....  
That money is a lousy way of keeping score.

I Believe....  
That my best friend and I can do anything or  
nothing and have the best time.

I Believe....  
That sometimes the people you expect to kick  
you when you're down will be the ones to help  
you get back up.

## 2010 Dues Are Due

It's that time of year again - the dues are due. Last year the club did much better than usual in the timely collection of dues so that the membership roster could be published earlier than usual. This year there is an added incentive for early payment, you must be paid up in order to vote on the proposed name change. If you have not paid your dues you can attend the meeting but you cannot take part in the discussion or vote.

The dues are the same for 2010 as they were this year;  
\$15.00 for life members  
\$35.00 for regular members  
\$15.00 for associate members

Family membership, two in the same household  
\$40.00 for a life member and spouse  
\$60.00 for a regular member and spouse.  
\$200.00 to the national to become a life member.

Send your check to the treasurer:

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or you can pay at the meeting. In January you can pay at the meeting before the vote is taken and still be eligible to vote.

## Member News

Elizabeth Ann Hertle, wife of long time member Ivan passed away on October 11, 2009. She was 86 years old and they had been married 65 years. She was a life long resident of Akron and graduated from Buchtel High School and the University of Akron. A surviving son, Richard, is also a member of the club. Our sympathies go to Ivan and the family.

## Horticulture Show

The name of another show winner has been discovered; Bob Bell was the section winner for perennials for his blue hydrangea. It had to be the section winner because it was the over all best of show.