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Monday, October 20

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, , October 20, 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: Danae Wolfe

We welcome back Danae Wolfe as our speaker this month. Danae is the Summit County Extension Educator. She is also an interpretive Park Ranger for the National Park. She has degrees in environmental sciences.

Board Meeting: October 27 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 – Arthur Britton

Yes the month of October has arrived. I am still trying to get ready and realize that I don't have a lot of time to get the yard, and flower beds ready. Where has the time gone, how have you done with your yard?

One of the many activities that the club does is Crown Point. There is a work day on October 25, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. I am told that Yes there will be donuts and coffee. All help is appreciated and should be done in a short period of time.

I would like to thank Les Knight for coming up with an idea, presenting it to the board and doing the research and now is taking orders for shirts. There should be an order form in the rest of the Gabber. This is one of many ways that we can show our pride for our club.

I would like to take this time to please continue to talk to your friends and family about our club and to invite them by one of the many social media that is out there. We have a good club and I am happy to tell other and invite them to come.

Have you wondered what the inner workings are of the club? Elections will be at our October meeting and we always encourage people to do more than attend dinners and listen to speakers. I would like to invite you to consider being part of the board.

I hope that we all continue to enjoy gardening.

To all Habitat Volunteer Friends:

We have been asked once again to landscape a lawn and mulch various bed of flowers and shrubs. The date has been moved to Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 9:00a.m. 1916 Stanford in Twinsburg. I need a few more members to join us for the event with gloves, shovels, rakes and a heart of gold. Coffee, water, and doughnuts will be available. Please contact me ASAP at 330-699-0509. Thank you in advance!

Chris Godard

Amaryllis Care

When the blossoms fade, cut the stalk off very close to the bulb taking care not to injure the leaves. There won't always be leaves at this time but many do produce leaves and flowers at the same time. Keep the plant in good light and fertilize at half strength until it is warm enough to plant outside, You may remove the plant from the pot or plant the pot and all with $\frac{1}{3}$ of the bulb out of the soil. When planting outside remove any new small bulbs and plant them separately in the ground. Grow in some sun, keep watered and fertilized until late September. Dig up the bulbs and put them in pots. If possible, keep the small bulbs growing all year until they are large enough to flower. Put the potted bulbs where they won't freeze and let them dry. When the foliage dies cut it close to the top of the bulb and keep dry until you are ready to start new growth or when new growth starts on its own. Water the dry bulb once and not again until growth starts. Water sparingly until the leaves start growing and then keep the plant moist.

Welcome New Member

Sally Cole. 1227 Robinson Avenue, Barberton, Ohio 44203 phone (234) 678-0033
 E mail sac040755@gmail.com. Sally is married to David Cole. She is a staff nurse at FOH/DS2
 HerGarden club interests are Habitat for Humanity Landscaping and Youth Gardening Program. Her gardening interests are annuals/perennials, herbs, landscaping/lawns,and fruits/vegetables.
 He says her hobbies are gardening, reading and hand crafts (knitting, jewelry making).
 She was recommended by Les Knight.

A Lesson from the Geese

1. As each bird flaps its wings it creates an “uplift”for the bird following. By flying in a V formation the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flies alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

2. Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the birds immediately in front.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will go in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.

3. When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point - position.

Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership with people, as with geese, interdependent with each other.

4. The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those in front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging, not something less helpful.

5.When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow their fellow member down to help and provide protection. They stay with this member of the flock until he or she is either able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation or to catch up with their own flock.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as the goose, we will stand by each other like that.

{From the newsletter of the Mansfield Mens Garden Club}

Fall Cleanup?

There are some good reasons to put off fall cleanup until spring. Cutting back perennials actually hurts the plant, by depleting the nutrition they can get from remaining leaves. Perennials with architectural form are especially appealing in winter. For example,even though the leaves of tall sedum may have dropped off and its color has faded the flower heads add winter interest to the garden. Foliage provided natural protection for the crowns of plants. The stems also catch blowing leaves adding more insulation. Plants with hollow stems, such as salvia, are unique, if cut in fall the stems will direct winter moisture into the crown, which can lead to the plant’s demise. The leaves of plants like daylilies are easier to pull in the spring. Plants that have not been cut back provide food and shelter for birds.

(from the newsletter of the Mansfield Mens Garden Club)

2015 RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP-GARDENERS OF GREATER AKRON

The campaign for membership renewal starts in October. We plan to receive all renewals by the December meeting with the intent of the Roster being available sometime in January-February 2015.

Annual dues are \$35.00 per individual/year

\$60.00 per couple/year

Life/Associate member dues are \$15.00/year

Make check payable to Gardeners of Greater Akron and bring them either to the dinner meetings or mail to Leroy Hart 633 Schocalog Rd. Akron, Ohio 44320 (330-836-1407) or Bob Bell 1832 Sandy Lake Rd. Ravenna, Ohio 44266 (330-673-3553).

Sooner is better than later.

Please enter your Name (s): _____

Renewal \$ amount/cash or check: _____

To keep the Roster current, if you have any changes to your address, phone, E-mail or Garden Club interests please fill out those areas listed below, otherwise the information will remain the same for 2015.

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

Garden Club and Community Service Opportunity Interests:

(Check all interests below)

Calling Committee: ___ Crown Point Gardens: ___ Endowment Committee: ___

Garden Club Website: ___ Garden Club Face Book: ___ Geranium Sale: ___

Habitat for Humanity Landscaping: ___ Horticulture Show: ___

Membership: ___ Publicity: ___ Scholarship Committee: ___

Silent Auction: ___ Strawberry Festival: ___ Youth Gardening Program: ___

If you have been unable to attend meetings and would like the Roster mailed to your home address please check the box below.

Please send Roster to my home address: _____

Thank you from the membership committee.

Garden Club Shirts

At the September Board of Director's Meeting, the Board approved a program for members to voluntarily purchase garden club shirts. White polo and tee shirts with green lettering on the front only are being offered at \$10 for the polo shirt and \$8.25 for the tee shirt. The polo is very nice quality with 50% cotton and 50% polyester. The tee shirt is heavy pre-shrunk cotton.

Shirts may be ordered by completing the attached Shirt Order Form and accompanying it with your personal check or Cash at the time of order. Checks are to be made payable to GOGA.

We are sending this information to you now so you can be prepared to **submit your order and payment to the Shirt Chairman, Les Knight, at the October 20 membership meeting**. We need at least 24 shirt orders to retain the prices offered by the supplier. If desired, members may mail their order now with check to Les Knight prior to and no later than October 20, 2014.

Delivery of the shirts will be made at the November 17, 2014, membership meeting to those who have ordered. Don't delay, get them while you can.

---Les Knight

Gardeners of Greater Akron – GOGA

White Garden Shirt with Green Imprint on Left Chest

ORDER FORM

Your Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

<u>Shirt</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check or Cash Paid</u>
Polo	Tee		
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Polo Shirt – \$10 Tee Shirt – 8.50 Need Payment at Time of Your Order

Same price for Sizes S, M, L and XL Add \$2 for 2XL. \$4 for 3XL, \$6 for 4XL

Make your check payable to GOGA Deadline: October 20 Meeting with Delivery at Nov 17 Meeting

Submit to Les Knight, 77 Stadium Dr, Tallmadge, OH 44278

Phone: 330-633-2616