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Monday, October 18

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 18, 2010

5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

Where: St. George Fellowship Centre

3205 Ridgewood Road

Copley, Ohio

Program: Local Food Sources.

Jan Becker will be our speaker for October. Jan has been and is an expert herb grower but she will speak to us this month on local food sources and how to access them. Also she will give an overview of the ideas behind the movement

Board Meeting: October 25 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>

President's Message

Arthur Britton

Summer has ended and autumn has arrived, the colors of the trees and bushes are changing along with the temperatures, are you ready? We all have many different things that are on our to do list, and I am sure that we will include not only doing our own yards/gardens but I would encourage all to lend a helping hand to someone and see the many benefits of this. If you are not able to do it physically, then please share your knowledge with a friend, neighbor or someone that you just meet.

As many of you know a tornado went through Wooster Ohio and did a lot of damage to the Secret Arboretum. We have received many trees from them in the past for our plant sale. An account has been set up for donations, and with a unanimous vote the board has agreed to send them \$500.00 to help with the different items that the insurance will not cover. I am glad that the club is able and willing to help.

Our club is changing and our by-laws also need to change, is there something that you might like to see added, deleted or changed? Should officers be for a one or maybe two year term? Because of the name change we are reviewing the by-laws and welcome any ideas of possible changes. All changes will have to be approved by a 2/3 vote of all voting members at a particular meeting sometime in the near future. There are 3 of us on the by-law committee. Arthur Britton, Clark Bordner and Andy Bettick. Any ideas or suggestions please contact one of us by Dec. 1st.

Geranium sales last year were not so good due to bad weather and having to close down early on Saturday, due to a wedding at the church. I have checked with the church and as of 10-1-10 there is nothing scheduled for that weekend. And we have permission to start the sales on Thursday (one day sooner) to try to increase sales. This will mean that we will need to have people to sell Thursday, Friday and Saturday and people to spend the night keeping an eye on the plants (prevent them from walking off). We are also looking into another possible location for the sale if there is a wedding or a funeral. We welcome your ideas and we are asking for you to plan on helping, even if only for a short time.

For those that were at the September dinner meeting we found out that several members of the club have done things that involve gardening, helping others and doing it because they enjoy it and not necessarily for the publicity (They were in the Akron Beacon and Bath papers). If you know of someone who has done something please let me know because I would like to, if nothing else, give them a mention in the Gabber. To that I say thank you to Al Eddy, Walt Starcher, Andy Bettick, Chet Lowry.

I hope that we may always enjoy gardening

To all Habitat Workers

Wow, what an incredible journey we've all been on for the last few weeks. In the last 25 years., since joining the club, I have neither seen nor heard of the great response on such a club project. I am so proud and thankful for the many hands that made this all possible. On our very first Habitat site; 18 people showed up using braun and cerebral power to landscape a yard with various trees, shrubs, and other perennials. We used a rotoitiller and shovels to loosen up the soil hardened by a long, hot, waterless summer. But we prevailed. And I think you all need to give each other a huge pat on the sore back. Yes, the club needs to acknowledge all the folks involved. At the end of this year's Habitat, I will let your fellow gardeners know who you all are.

In the meantime, we need to finish up our last site at 3909 Moreland, by mulching the two sides of the house. Let me know of your availability asap. According to Mr. Reed of Habitat, he's promised us one more for the group to end the Fall of 2010. The address is 1180 Macintosh St. in the Kenmore district off 27th St. Directions upon my call. Mapquest is available for most of us. I understand, but need to confirm, the date to be on Oct. 16th. I'll be in contact with you that week. Take good care of yourselves by resting and training for the next event. And don't forget your tools and gloves. See you there.

Chris Godard, Chairman

New Web Addresses

Our Central Great Lakes Region has a new domain name for its website which will make it much easier to find the web site.

www.cglr.org or <http://cglr.org> There is also a site for youth <http://www.cglr.org/Youth.htm>

One other note: For a few days you will need to type in the site address exactly as described above. After that you will be able to type cglr or Central Great Lakes Region, etc. into Google or other search engines and they will likely find the site.

There is an easy way to get to the club web sites of other clubs in the region. The list for those clubs is in Members Only on the Directory page in the Web Link Club Directory: www.tgoa-mgca.org/Members/login.htm Password = lily

There are only four CGLR clubs with websites:

Akron: www.mgcakron.org

Cleveland: www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org

Lima: www.thegaradenersoflima.org

Youngstown: www.mgcy.org

A man should never plant a garden larger than his wife can take care of . T. H. Everett

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except learning how to grow in rows. Doug Larson

What a man needs in gardening is a cast iron back, with a hinge in it. Charles Dudley Warner

The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them. Robert Frost

W1alt's Gardening Tips for October--

1. Clean up-- Remove dead plant material from garden and flower beds to prevent over-wintering of disease and insects. put the healthy refuse in the compost bin.
2. Empty out hoses and sprayers and other equipment. Don't store aerosol or liquid chemicals where they might freeze.
3. Spade or till the garden before the first freeze and again before winter arrives. This will bring the pests to the surface where the harsh winter will kill them.
4. Do sharpen your garden tools before putting them away for the season. A light coating of oil of WD-40 will keep rust away.
5. After frost, remove all vegetable garden debris to reduce insects and disease next year. Till vegetable gardens and add organic matter.
6. Plant garlic and shallots now for harvest next July. Plant in a sunny spot in well-drained soil, placing the tips 2" beneath the soil level.
7. Before freezing temperatures, disconnect hoses from faucets and drain, then store indoors before a hard frost.
8. Hot peppers store well dry. Pull the plants and hang up, or pick the peppers and string them on a thread. Store in a cool dry location

For November

1. Deep root water trees and shrubs to insure adequate water supply before the ground freezes.
2. Summer annuals wintering inside may need some pruning this month. Root the clippings in vermiculite or sand for great Christmas gifts.
3. Mulch perennials and roses this month, utilizing straw, hay, leaves of compost. Wait until the ground is frozen.
4. November is the month for relaxing, enjoying a good garden book, or visiting your local garden center for fun and enjoyment.
5. As new seed catalogs arrive, select and order new varieties early. They are usually in short supply. Delayed ordering may leave you without desired seeds.
6. Cooler temperatures and shorter days mean slower growth for indoor plants. Avoid overwatering at this time. Water according to the plant's needs.
7. Cut down faded asparagus foliage. Mulch beds with chopped leaves to protect crowns over winter.
8. Protect your roses during the cold winter months. Place bark mulch around the base so that the first part of the stem (nearest the ground) is completely covered.
9. Mulch strawberries with straw after several nights with temperatures near 20.F. Apply straw loosely but thick enough to hide plants from view.
10. Mount at least 10 inches of soil or compost around the base of tender roses after the ground freezes.

Calendar Sale

Because of the poor response we had last year to the calendar sale the board decided to not order calendars this year. However, Frank Mitch wanted to do more. In order to support the national's calendar sale he ordered several and brought them to a club meeting. They were all sold at one meeting. He donated the profit to the club. Thank you Frank, some of us were glad to have the club's calendars.

Election of Officers

The nominating committee, composed of the past three presidents: Leroy Hart, Robert Bell and John Lewis, has proposed the following slate of officers:

- President Clark Bordner
- First Vice President Sam Morlan
- Second Vice President David Lockledge
- Secretary Marti Williams
- Treasurer Leroy Hart

These names will be presented at the next meeting. Any member may make a nomination from the floor. Just be sure you have contacted that person before and that person is willing to accept the nomination and is willing to serve if elected.

Plant Sale

Over the winter Jim Bell will be taking orders for perennials from North Coast Perennials for delivery in the spring. He has copies of the catalog which you can borrow and order from. A 20% charge is added to cover his mileage and make a little profit for the club. It is still a great bargain when most retailers will charge at least 100% over wholesale. These plants are really nice.

2011 Dues Are Due

Regular Members - \$35.00 _____

Life Members - \$15.00 _____

Associate Members - \$15.00 _____

Family Life Members - Spouse is not a Life Member - \$40.00 _____

Family Regular Member - Spouse is not a Life Member - \$60.00 _____

New Life Membership - at any age - One time payment of \$200.00 _____

Please complete the following form , enclose your check and bring it to a meeting or mail it to:

Leroy Hart

633 Schocalog Road

Akron, OH 44320- 1033

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail address (if OK to print in club roster) _____