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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.

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6:30 p.m. – Dinner

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Where: St. George Fellowship Center
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Program: Open Forum and Q & A about Gardening

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The forum for the month of October is going to be what I hear is a first for the Men's Garden Club: a question and answer session about the organization. Some of the topics will be what goes on at the board meetings and what we may want to consider doing in the future. Other topics will be attendance, dues, Habitat projects, how much money the club really has, and many others.

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I hope to be able to answer most of the questions. If not, then those who are on the board or are in charge of a particular topic will be there to get the answer you need. We will also have a 10 minute speaker and we will end the evening as a question and answer about plants. (For example, what do the deer really stay away from and how are people dealing with the lack of water so far this fall?) Please bring any information and/or suggestions to share with others.

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Prior to the meeting, all are welcome to call or e-mail me with their questions. I look forward to trying something new at the meeting and I hope you will continue to be a part of the the club you are a member of.

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See you at the meeting,

Arthur Britton

Ten minute Speaker - Mary Bell ,about orchids. Mary has over 500 orchids in her collection.

Board meeting: October 27, 2008 at 7:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

Club web site: <http://www.acorn.net/mgcakron>

A Message from Your President - John Lewis

Indian summer, my favorite time of the year. Late September, just before gardens and the landscape start shutting down and impatiens and geraniums seem to be at their best. October, a time for fall foliage, mums, and those good pie apples, Ida Red and Northern Spy. Seems to be a poor time to be looking at the new year, but such is the lot of the officers of the club.

This month, October, we hope to start receiving dues for next year. We'll be collecting them for the rest of the year through December. The national organization requires our dues by the end of the year so your early renewal is greatly appreciated. There is no change in our local dues; however, the national has increased family dues by about \$3.00. In the past we have delayed publication of the roster because of dues dribbling in, sometimes as late as May. Our roster contains a lot of useful information for the coming year and the late publication is frustrating. Early payment of all will permit early roster publication.

This month our dinner meeting is primarily devoted to a question and answer session. Club related question will be accepted first followed by horticultural questions. If we are successful in peaking your interest maybe our quest for a second vice president will be easier. As our officers move up and out of office we are faced with searching for a new second vice president each year. Hopefully, there will be some volunteers this year rather than the usual arm twisting. As you may know, a big reason for any club's demise is a lack of officers. We fortunately are blessed with a really fine slate of officers and committee chairmen and members, the best.

We'll also have a name card drawing with a prize, something we've neglected for a long time. Also, let's keep the silent auction alive by bringing in items.

If you are a newer member and have not received a name tag let us know and we'll try to get it to you promptly.

The Cleveland club has invited us to help maintain their booth next February 3rd through the 8th at the IX Center. If you're interested in helping for about a four hour shift let us know, you'll see everything cost free. We have to let the Cleveland club know if we have enough interest to man the booth for a day.

I was saddened by the passing of Jay Halverson. Jay, a long time member, was a really valuable member of our calling committee in making long distance calls as he had certain telephone privileges as an Ohio Bell retiree.

Get your questions ready, your dues and a silent auction item and head for the meeting. If you really want to contribute, volunteer for the second vice president's job, you'll enjoy the experience. See you at the meeting.

Regional Meeting

For members who receive the Gabber by e-mail, there is still time to attend the Central Great Lakes Regional Meeting on Saturday, October 11 at Kingwood Center in Mansfield. The meeting is held in the gate house beginning at 10 am. Those attending are meeting at Lee Hart's house at 8:30 am and car pooling from there. The afternoon speaker will be Dr. Laura Deeter from the Agricultural Technical Institute. The program is about Bringing Your Perennials up Right.

2008 Horticultural Show

The 2008 Horticulture Show was a resounding success with 159 entries, all of which were brought in and registered in a little over an hour! It was hectic but very worthwhile. Thanks to Jim Bell who assisted the chairman with classification and entries and thanks to our terrific six judges who came all the way from Youngstown.

Our Big Blue Winner was Jim Bell with 35 blue ribbons!
 Best of Show went to Jim Bell for his Oncidium Orchid.
 2nd Best of Show went to Frank Field for 'Olympiad' Red Rose
 3rd Best of Show went to Mike Williams for his outstanding floral design
 People's Choice Award went to Mary Ann Rich for 'Chianti' sunflower

Section Winners included:

A-Annuals-Mary Ann Rich 'Chianti' Sunflower
 B-Perennials-Frank Field 'Olympiad' Rose
 C-Vegetables-John Lewis "Boynton Bell' Pepper
 D-Fruits-Frank Field 'Bartlett' Pear
 E-Herbs-Jim Bell Rosemary
 F-Corms,Bulbs, Tubers-Frank Mitch Canna
 G-Orchids in Pots-Jim Bell Oncidium Orchid
 H-Foliage-Joyce Baldwin Fig
 I-Flowering Plants in Pots-Jim Bell Dipadenia 'Red Riding Hood'
 J-Foliage Plants in Pots-Jim Bell Crested Euphorbia
 K-Fairy Gardens-Jim Bell
 L-Hanging Baskets-Leroy Hart
 M-Largest Tomato-Frank Mitch
 N-Best Geranium purchased from our sale-Andy Bettick
 O-Trees and Shrubs-CARD MISSING
 P-Arrangements-Mike Williams

We had many club members enter this year: Roger Hite, Graham Reinke, Bob Bell, Chet Lowry, Mary Ann Rich, Joyce Baldwin, Grace Cochran, Eileen Field, Gene Chlosta, Marti Williams, Vic Giannini, Frank Mitch, John Lewis, Mike Williams, Leroy Hart, Jim Bell, Frank Field, Andy Bettick, Al Eddy, Clark Bordner, Cheryl Bordner, Les Knight, Charles Murphy and Colleen Bowyer. Several cards had no name on the bottom so there may have been a few people we don't know about. This is the highest number of club members we have had enter in the last six years at least! Thank you all for entering and let's talk about what we want to do for next year.

-Mary Ann Rich, Show Chairman

Habitat Landscaping Plans for October

Definite plans for landscaping another Habitat new home are shaping up this way. I have a conflict in the morning on Saturday and Bob Bell says the donuts would be stale by afternoon. Please save these dates for us.

Wednesday, October 15 - 9:00 to 12. Donuts served.

Saturday, October 18 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM. No Donuts.

As usual bring a rake and shovel, and a wheel barrow if you have one.

We will finish the job on Saturday afternoon if not done on Wednesday. Also Saturday will give a chance for some of the younger employed folks to participate. I will contact everyone with email when plans are definite. If you do not have email please call me if you can join in the fun.

Location: 418 Cole Avenue: Map attached.

Quick way to get there from I-76-77 Exressway:

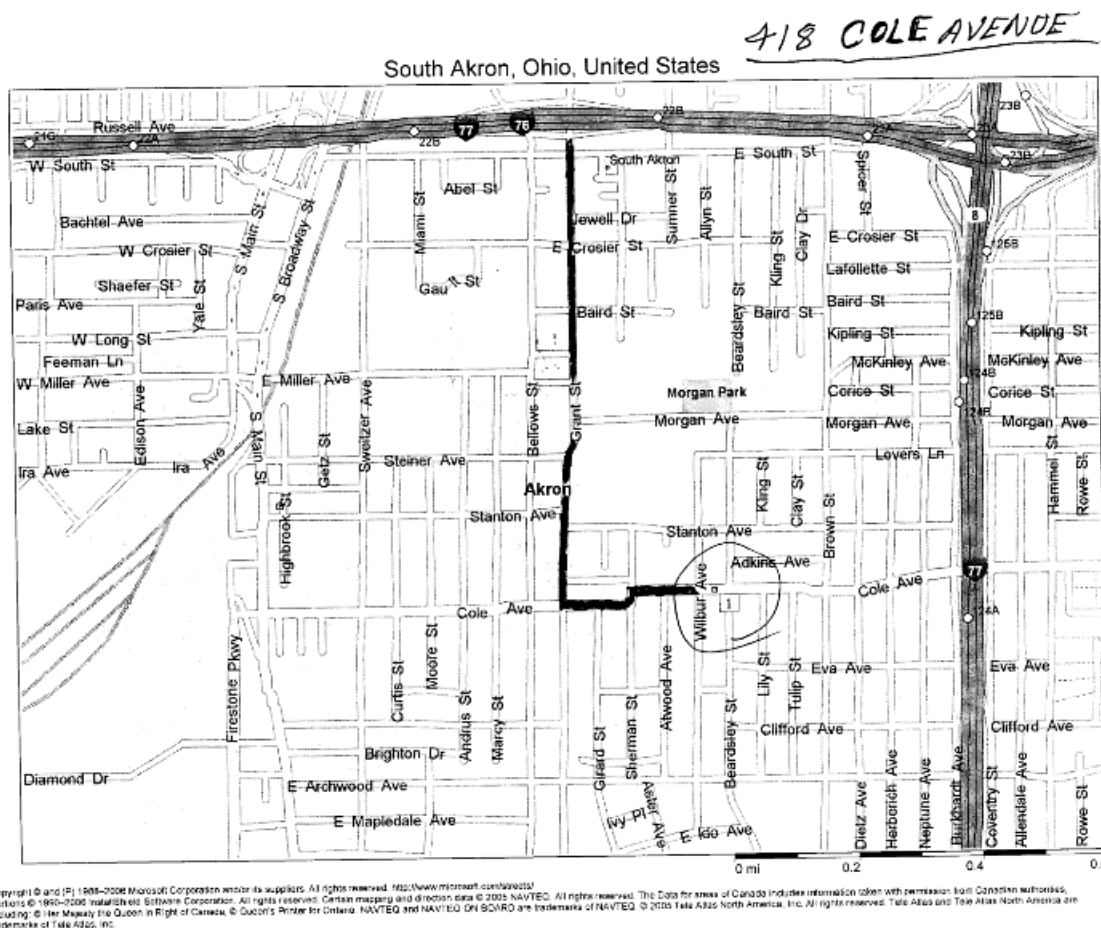
Take exit at Grant Street, South to Cole Avenue

Then East to 418 Cole Avenue

Thanks to all for your help.

Frank Mitch 330-666-2327

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Walt's Gardening Tips for October

In the fall deciduous trees turn carbohydrates in their leaves into sugars and move them into twigs, buds and down into the roots for storage. Leaf cells then break down, starting with the chloroplasts that contain the green pigment chlorophyll. The process reveals the yellows, reds and oranges that were present all along in their leaves, but were hidden under green. The trees will need the stored sugar to feed spring growth. While you enjoy the beauty of autumn's colors, plant some bulbs to enjoy next spring.

Clean up, remove dead plant material from your garden and flower beds to prevent over wintering disease and insects. Pour the healthy refuse into the compost bin.

Empty out hoses, sprayers and other equipment. Don't store aerosol or liquid chemicals in a place where they might freeze.

Plan on paper next year's garden while ideas are fresh in your mind.

For November

Mulch your perennials and roses this month. Utilize straw, leaves and compost. Wait until the ground is frozen.

November is a month for relaxing, enjoying a good garden book, or visiting your local garden center for fun and enjoyment.

Deep root water trees and shrubs before the ground freezes to insure an adequate water supply.

Summer annuals wintering inside may need some pruning this month. Root the clippings in vermiculite or sand for great gifts.

Plants that are hardy for this area need no special treatment; but some plants, including rhododendrons, azaleas and pyracantha might need some protection. Any plans to cover sensitive shrubs in protective burlap should be carried out after the first hard frost. The same goes for other windbreak materials such as baskets, wooden crates and snow fencing.

Order seed and nursery catalogs now to be sure they arrive in time to place your January order.

2009 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:

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

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