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Monday, October 19

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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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When: Monday, October 19, 2009
5:30 p.m. – Social Hour
6:30 p.m. – Dinner

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Where: St. George Fellowship Centre
3205 Ridgewood Road
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Program: Fall Clean Up

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Denise Ellsworth, the Educator for the Western Reserve Region, a nine county area for the OSU Extension Service. She will talk about how to clean up your garden and flower beds and put them to bed for the winter.

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Board meeting October 26, 7:00 p m at Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 West Market Street. All members are invited to attend the board meetings.

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Message from the President Arthur Britton

What's in a name? This is a topic to which the door has been opened, and at the last board meeting we began talking about the name of our club. As of now, the name is **Men's Garden Club of Akron**. In the last 70 plus years, the club has gone from not only men, but allowing women in the club as well. Eventually, they have been allowed to vote and even hold office- we have even had women presidents. As of this month, there are 23 women on the roster and many have been members for years. Should our name reflect our membership-both men and women or stay the same? The board has decided to bring it before the members to discuss, and if we decide to vote on the issue, a 2/3 majority would be required to change the name.

Some of those that want to change the name (which will be determined later) say that they are tired and almost embarrassed to say that they belong to the Men's Garden Club of Akron, even though we have women members as well. Some of the possible new names mentioned include 'The Akron Men's and Women's Garden Club', 'Gardeners of the Akron Area', and 'Gardeners of Ohio'. However, these are just some of the options.

On the other hand, those who do not want to change the name make the point that our current name has lasted for over 70 years, so why change now? This is how the community knows us, and that our name itself isn't as important as the people and what they do.

These are some of the arguments from both sides of the topic, and the board is bringing it to the members to decide. We are not going to make everyone happy-we realize this, the club is the members and we are asking you to please give this some thought.

At this time we are only asking if we should change the name or not. Later on, we will develop a group to come up with some possible names. At the January meeting of 2010, we will be devoting time to talk about the next couple of steps, so between now and then please give this some thought. Also, please feel free to call or e-mail me or a board member.

On another topic, the Mum Fest was a fun experience and I would like to thank all of you who helped out. We had 100 people stop by and fill out forms for more information about the club. Many people really enjoyed just talking about gardening. We are now in the process of getting them information about possibly joining the club.

In conclusion, I would like to ask for everyone to think about the name change and not rush to a decision. The **ONLY** action taken at this time is to open the door and **TALK** about the possibility of a change-nothing more for right now.

Arthur Britton

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Answers to September Quiz:

1. Cornelian cherry (Cornus mas)
2. Serviceberry, birch, dogwood, crabapple, hawthorn, mountain-ash.
3. Stonecrop
4. Reduce algae growth
5. Not enough humus-rich soil has built up
6. As a vertical contrast, and some forbs (flowering plants) are parasitic on grass roots
7. Cockscomb, globe amaranth, strawflower, bells of Ireland, love-in-a-mist, moneyplant, yarrow, statice
8. Monkshood, aster, coneflower
9. Create steps or by terracing
10. Snow drops and winter aconite
11. Nicotiana and evening primrose
12. Shade and moisture

Habitat Plans for October

The week of October 26 is the tentative date for landscaping a new Habitat for Humanity home in northwest Barberton. Location is 211 24th Street NW. Thanks for your help with this worthwhile service project. Please let me know what dates you might be available between Oct. 28 and 31st. It will be easy if most of you say all of them. Actual work will be the usual 3 hours on the one day selected. Donuts and coffee/soft drinks if we pick a morning.

Frank Mitch fmm2065@hotmail.com, 330-666-2327

Horticulture Show

When the winners in the various sections of the horticulture show were published in last month's Gabber there were a couple of section winners who were unknown and they were asked to identify themselves. Frank field called and said he was the winner in the fruit section with a pear. He also said we should add his name and the name of his wife Eileen to the list of participants. If the unknown winners in the other sections would identify themselves we would have a complete record.

October Quiz:

1. Bulb is a loose term. There are true bulbs, corms, tubers, tuberous roots, and rhizomes. Of the following which is a true bulb? a corm? a rhizome? a tuber? a tuberous root: tulip, caladium, dahlia, canna, a gladiolus.
2. The 2009 tomato crop was for many gardeners considered a failure because of
 - a. cool summer;
 - b. drought;
 - c. virus-infected seedlings.
3. Which of these pears is a "winter pear"? bosc, kiefer, or bartlett.
4. Is there a cure for the lower leaves of tomatoes dying, especially after the fruit begins to ripen?
5. The cardinal rule of soil preparation is never work the soil when _____ .
6. When growing peppers from seed in your greenhouse or under grow lights, you will have a better germination rate if you _____ .
7. Mustard greens, a southern favorite, are less bitter if harvested when they are _____ long.
8. Vining cucumbers will produce larger, straighter fruits if you _____ .
9. Is ornamental kale edible?
10. Which of these plants do better with a lower pH? cucumber or cauliflower.

Beautification Awards

Second Vice President Clark Bordner wants to do something different this year in choosing the winners of the Beautification Awards. Instead of just one person choosing the winners he will present a pictorial display of all the gardens that were nominated and visited by him. The members present will then vote on the winners.

Horticulture Show continues

The missing sections were: Section B perennials, Section I flowering plant in a container, and Section P trees and shrubs. There were no blue ribbons given in Section K, hanging baskets

How To Plant Your Garden

First, you Come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses....

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
- 2.. Thyme for family
- 3.. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

submitted by Howard Palmer

Autumn's Wonder

Howling winds are making their debut,
 Lovely foliage of brilliant color on the trees,
 Gray clouds with sun streaked gold above us,
 Leaves floating down with swift Autumn breeze,

Another season has arrived with its beauty,
 God's masterpiece is seen everywhere,
 Fragrant flowers to enjoy; crops to sustain,
 All produced by God's tender, loving care.

Autumn's morn, with its fog and its shadows,
 Disperse as the sun comes shining through,
 The rest of each day, God puts on display,
 Autumn's wonder in panoramic view.

Seasons come and go in their splendor,
 All with artistry, wonderfully planned,
 Autumn is touched by the Master Painter,
 In colors arrayed by His skillful hand.

Virginia Davis Wiseman
 Cicero, Indiana

This poem was submitted by member
 Samuel Williams of Dublin, Ohio

Member News

Sue Tewell passed away Wednesday, October 7 at Hospice on Ridgewood Road after a lengthy illness beginning on Mother's Day. We extend our sympathies to John Cochran and the members of her family.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee, composed of Bob Bell, Leroy Hart and John Lewis makes the following nominations: Because of the time that John Cochran has been spending in visiting his very close friend (significant other) Sue he feels that he cannot advance to the position of president. The nominating committee has received word from two members who would like to become president: Arthur Britton would like a second term and Marti Williams would like to move up from secretary. Therefore, there will be an election at the November meeting so you can decide between these two. In the event that Marti is elected president Grace Cochran said she would become secretary. If Marti loses she will remain as secretary. For first vice president Clark Bordner will move up. Sam Morlan has consented to become second vice president. Leroy Hart will continue as treasurer. Nominations may be made from the floor; the person you nominate should have indicated his or her willingness to serve if elected. This report will be presented at the October meeting.