



# **THE GARDEN GABBER**

**NEWSLETTER OF THE GARDENERS OF GREATER AKRON**

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## June Meetings

### Monthly Club Meeting

Our monthly meetings are on the third Monday of each month. Make plans to attend. It's a great time to socialize, enjoy good food and learn about gardening, our environment and our community involvement.

When: Monday, June 19  
5:30 PM – Social Hour  
6:30 PM – Dinner

Where: Coventry Oaks Pavilion  
Firestone Metro Park  
40 Axline Avenue  
Akron, OH 44319

Program: Strawberry Fest  
Hostess: Sue Godard

### July News

See the next page regarding the National Summer TGOA Convention.

Also, We are holding the CGLG Convention at the latter part of the National Convention. See the Regional Registration On last page of GABBER for details.

Registration forms are also available online at: [www,tgoa-mgca.org](http://www,tgoa-mgca.org) for national convention and <http://cglr.org/News.htm> for the region conference.

## Monthly Board Meeting

Our monthly board meeting is the fourth Monday of the month. All members are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn about the operations of our club and to become a more active participant in club activities.

When: Monday, June 26 @ 7:00 PM

Where: Faith Lutheran Church  
2726 West Market St  
Akron, Ohio 44313

### Greeters for June Club Meeting

Julia Zeber and Rich Perrin

Greeters should arrive at 5:30 PM to assume their positions at the front door. We have several greeter positions open for this year in September, October, November and December. It is always nice to see a smiling face when you attend our meetings; especially for new members and visitors. Please see Steve Hoot if interested.

### Web Site

All members are encouraged to visit our club website –

<http://gogakron.org>

### President's Letter

Both the month of June and hot weather have finally arrived. This is the month (June 19) for our Strawberry Festival at the Summit County Metro Parks Coventry Oaks Pavilion off South Main Street. Don't forget to bring your favorite side dish to share and table service for yourself. It's a wonderful, casual evening so come and enjoy yourself and bring a friend, neighbor or relative along. Please remember to thank Sue Godard and her helpers as they put out a great deal of time, work and effort into our Strawberry Festival.



### *The array of plants at the auction*

I have been told that our geranium sale and plant auction were both a success. Don't have the final dollar figures yet. Perhaps they will be available at the Strawberry Festival.



*Our auctioneer, Walt Starcher, hard at work*

### President's Letter (cont'd)

Again, thanks to all that helped to make these events such a success. We also had a Habitat house to work on (June 10) and I wish to thank the volunteers in this effort as well. Steve Thompson also needs help at Crouse School so let's make this project a success also.

The chipmunks have returned to my yard in full force. I thought the cats, dogs or hawks had taken care of the little critters but I guess they were just waiting for the plants to start growing and become tasty before they showed their cute little faces.

One last thing – we have not had a new member for several months. Let's get some! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Strawberry Festival.

### Club News Strawberry Fest

Come one, come all to our Strawberry Festival this month. The club will provide chicken, drinks and dessert. You need to bring place settings and a well filled dish to share (salad or side dish). This is one of our most popular meetings of the year so make sure that you attend.

Submitted by Sue Godard

### May 2017 Planting At Crouse School



### *Students planting at Crouse*

Under the direction of GOGA member Ken Bell and in coordination with Crouse teacher Julia Spangler, two planting days have occurred at Crouse this May. Students finished the preparation of the soil in the 24 raised gardens, preparation begun by GOGA members of the Youth Gardening Team (deep digging of soil and the addition of GOGA-purchased soil amendments).



*Ken Bell and daughter Evelyn at Crouse*

And then students planted potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, squash, strawberries, and sunflowers under the direction of their teachers and adult GOGA members. When their time in the gardens was at an end and they needed to get back to their classrooms, Ken and his volunteer sister Stephanie finished planting the beds with eggplant and more tomatoes, peppers,

## Club News (Cont'd) Crouse School (Cont'd)

and squash. Ken's little girl, Evelyn, also got into the act, enjoying playing in the soil and making over 20 "safety inspections" of the Crouse playground slide!



*Student hard at work on raised bed*  
Seeds and starter plants were donated by GOGA members and purchased with GOGA funds and GOGA member cash donations. In addition, a garden club in Kent donated tomato and pepper plants. Thanks to all who donated and participated in the actual planting!

And now comes summer! And with the growing season—and with Crouse kids out of school—comes the community aspect of the Crouse School/ **Community** gardening program. As members of the Crouse community, GOGA members are needed as volunteers to weed and maintain the beds during the summer months. There are 24 raised beds that need tending. I have given myself the chore of watering the beds as needed. At the present time, we have two **Crouse School**

**(Cont'd)**  
volunteers – Ken Bell and Les Knight. Would you consider "adopting" some of the 24 raised beds to weed and harvest? That would mean visiting the gardens once a week or so to pull weeds, stake tomatoes, etc. The beds are small so the task is not huge. And you could do it when you're free – early morning, after work or on the weekend. The choice is yours. Teachers and summer school students will do the harvesting of vegetables. Harvested vegetables will be put by the side of the road by the raised beds with a sign offering them free to neighborhood passers-by.

If you can support our garden club's participation in the ways described above, please contact GOGA member Steve Thompson at 330.245.6272. Thank you!

Submitted by Steve Thompson

## National and Regional Conferences

The national and regional summer conferences are only one month away! This is your opportunity to fellowship with gardeners from across the country in your own backyard. Included in this edition of the Gabber are registration forms and other information about these conventions.

## National and Regional Conferences (Cont'd)

Les Knight asked to remind members that we are in need of door prizes valued in the amount of 15 - 20 dollars. We plan on 75 attendees so our share of the door prizes would be 25 (divided between the three sponsoring clubs). This is a remembrance for the conventioners of their experience in Cleveland this summer. We need to get this together because time is short. Let Les know what you can offer either in the way of a prize or a cash donation.

Submitted by the Editor

## Remembrance

On May 1, a long time member, Orlando "Oz" Simons passed away. He lived to be 100 years old. A memorial donation has been sent in his name to our national organization.

Submitted by Bob Bell

## Second Vice President

It is not too early to consider running as a candidate for the Second Vice President position in our club. If elected you would become president in two years. As an officer, you learn a lot, get more involved and play a key role in the decision making process for our club. If you are interested, contact any of the officers.



TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION
JULY 19- 21, 2017



GARDEN SCENE IN SEVENTEEN

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE USE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON

CONVENTION Fee: Per Person

Early Bird Until March 1, 2017 \$240.00

March 2 - June 1, 2017 \$260.00
After June 2, 2017 \$290.00

Cancellation Fee after (June 1, 2017) - \$50.00
Enclose a copy of current AHS card - AHS Card Reduce Fee by \$11.00

If interested in Optional extra tour day July 22, Cost TBD

DAY RATES AVAILABLE: JULY 19TH: \$85; JULY 20th, \$90
plus \$11 if you do not have an AHS card; JULY 21st, \$120.

SEMINARS

Wednesday Seminars

1:00 PM - 2:15PM

- Horticulture Show Basic by Peggy Moody
Gardening & Garden Centers Trends by Jeff Griff
Hydrangeas by Eric Barrett

2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

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Friday Seminars

10:45 AM- 11:45 AM

- Plant Nutrition and Lighting by Mark Occhionero
What is in a name by Ellen Speicher
Succulents by Jeff Havel

1:30 PM- 2:30 Pm

- What is in a name by Ellen Speicher
Photography by Richard States
Pollinators by Denise Elsworth

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

- Succulents by Jeff Havel
Photography by Richard States

MEALS

Friday Night Dinner Chose One Chicken Steak

Vegetarian Meals if preferred.

Medically Required Diet:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

MAIL REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:

The Gardeners of America / Men's Garden Clubs of America
PO Box 241
Johnston, Iowa 50131-6245

FOR CGLR USE ONLY

Registration Number

Check Number

Date Received

Date Processed

**THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF TGOA/MGCA JULY 18 – 21, 2017**  
**THE SUMMER CONFERENCE FOR THE CENTRAL GREAT LAKES GARDENERS**  
**WILL FOLLOW ON JULY 22**

**THE CLEVELAND AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL**  
**HOSTED BY THE GARDENERS OF GREATER AKRON,**  
**THE GARDENERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND AND**  
**THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF YOUNGSTOWN, OH**

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONVENTION, TOURS AND THE HOTEL**

1. **Where is the hotel?** The Cleveland Airport Marriott (CAM) is located at 4277 W. 150<sup>th</sup> St. Cleveland, OH 44135. It is at the intersection of W. 150<sup>th</sup> St. and I-71. Cleveland Hopkins airport is about 5 miles away and there is a free hotel shuttle to and from the airport. The CAM is convenient to public transportation to downtown Cleveland – about 15 minutes away. The CAM phone: 216-252-5333.
2. **Why this hotel?** The CAM is the best hotel close to the airport and I-71. Members of the sponsoring clubs can get to it easily. It is a Marriott owned hotel – not a franchise. They have 368 newly refurbished guest rooms, 15,500 sq. ft. of meeting space, a bar and restaurant on site, and they are close to “Kamm’s Corners” restaurants and shops. They were a host hotel for the 2016 Republican National Convention. The food is excellent!
3. **When we get there, where do we register?** – On Tuesday, July 18, registration will be by the CAM front desk. You will also get a list of shops and restaurants and a local map. On Wednesday, July 19, registration will be by the meeting and dining rooms.
4. **What’s the convention program?** Here’s the first draft of the 2017 convention program. We will add to it and improve it as time goes on:
  - **Tuesday, July 18;** Executive Board Meeting in the President’s suite. Registration in the lobby by the front desk. Dinner on your own.
  - **Wednesday morning, July 19;** Registration by the Great Lakes Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. E&I and National Directors Meetings held. **New Tours!** CAM Kitchen and Hotel Culinary Garden tours for those not in meetings. **New Event!** There will be a judged Horticulture Show for the first time at a National Convention. The Show Schedule will be issued later. Due to space concerns the number of entries per person will be limited.
  - **Wednesday Noon, July 19;** Lunch in the Great Lakes Ballroom. Welcome to the Convention and to Cleveland by John Schinker and Tom Davis. Door prizes.
  - **Wednesday Afternoon, July 19;** First and second set of seminars in the County Break out rooms. Sign up early for the best choice!
  - **Wednesday Evening, July 19;** Dinner in the Great Lakes Ballroom. Photo Contest and Horticulture Show winners announced. Door prizes.
  - **Thursday, July 20;** Tour Day! We will see some of the main features of Cleveland, visit University Circle, see the Cleveland Botanical Garden (save \$11 with your AHS or reciprocal membership card with your registration), stop at the Rockefeller (yes, that Rockefeller) Greenhouse. There will be a box lunch. Tour Lakeview Cemetery and hold a memorial service in the beautiful Wade Chapel with a huge Tiffany Window, see

President Garfield's tomb, see famous Clevelanders' graves (Rockefeller, Elliot Ness, Roy Chapman, Marcus Hanna, Charles Brush and Carl Stokes), and the cemetery's outstanding horticulture and arboriculture collection. Then we're on to Eton Square for wonderful horticulture displays, great shopping (everything from Tiffany's to Trader Joe's) and tasty snack options. Dinner and door prizes back at the hotel.

- **Friday, July 21;** The general membership meeting will be chaired by John Schinker. There will be one set of seminars that morning. Sign up early for the best choice! After lunch and door prizes, there will be two sets of seminars in the afternoon. Sign up early for the best choice!
  - **Friday afternoon;** There will be free time for some, and members of the Central Great Lakes Gardeners region will hold their annual meeting. Guests are welcome.
  - **Friday evening;** There will be a president's reception with a cash bar and passed hors d'oeuvres before the banquet. The dinner choices will be Grilled Chicken Breast with tomato jam OR Sirloin Medallions. Awards, installation of officers and an after-dinner speaker are planned.
  - **Saturday, July 22;** Tour day for the Central Great Lakes Gardeners. It will be completely different route from the Thursday tour. Guests are welcome, but sign up early to get a place in the 56 passenger bus.
5. **What about vegetarians?** There will be vegetarian option at all the meals.
  6. **Will there be vendors?** We are working on having vendors with garden related products attractively priced.
  7. **Will there be a hospitality suite?** Yes, it will be located close to the meeting and seminar rooms.
  8. **What about breakfast?** The least expensive breakfast package from the hotel would have added \$51 to the cost of the convention. The planning group decided to hold the price down and ask people to supply their own breakfast. There is a minifridge and coffee maker in every room. There is a restaurant in the lobby of the hotel. There is a Denny's restaurant right next door that gives a 10% discount to hotel guests. There are restaurant and fast food options 5 minutes away. We hope everyone understands this decision to keep the convention costs down.
  9. **What about arriving early or staying over to see places in Cleveland?** The hotel will give you the convention rate of \$94/night for your whole stay. That includes free Wi-Fi and parking garage access. Just identify yourself as a convention guest when you make your reservation.
  10. **What to see in Cleveland?** The Cleveland Indians will be playing the Blue Jays July 21 – 23. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is a top attraction. The Cleveland Art Museum is open and FREE every day except Monday. There are outstanding shopping opportunities at Crocker Park 18 minutes from the hotel. We will have local experts to direct you to any thing you'd like to see!
  11. **When should I register?** The sooner you register, the lower the cost! You will also get first choice on seminars. It would be a great help to the committee if you sent your reservation in before March 1!
  12. **Will there be a "day rate" for the convention?** Yes, but it will save you money to sign up for the whole three days. Besides, there will be a lot going on that you don't want to miss!



## Cleveland Airport Marriott The Gardeners of American National Convention

July 19, 20, and 21, 2017

The Cleveland Airport Marriott is proud to be hosting The Gardeners of America National Convention. All affiliates attending this convention will receive a special rate of \$94 per night (plus tax) effective July 19 through July 22. This Includes free parking and free Wi-Fi. Cutoff date to receive the room discount is June 27. To reserve a room, please call (216) - 252 - 5333 and identify that you are with The Gardeners of America.

Cleveland Airport Marriott  
4277 West 150<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44135

Phone (216) 252-5333

<http://www.clevelandairportmarriott.com>

The Cleveland Airport Marriott has a shuttle between Airport and Hotel. It is located 3.6 miles from the Cleveland Hopkins Airport and one block off I-71 (exit 240)

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/cleap-cleveland-airport-marriott/>





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Please call or email me with any questions

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

One form for EACH person. For attendees of the National conference, there is no charge for the regional activities on Friday. If you are only attending the regional conference, there is no charge for the Friday meeting. If you wish to attend the President's reception in conjunction with the National Conference, the fee is \$60. The only charge on Saturday is for lunch.

Please send this form with remittance if attending the President's reception to:  
Robert Bell  
1832 Sandy Lake Rd  
Ravenna, OH 44266

**Cleveland Airport Marriott**  
4277 W 150<sup>th</sup> St  
Cleveland, OH 44315  
I-71 and W 150<sup>th</sup> exit

**Great Lakes Brewing Company**  
2516 Market Ave  
Cleveland, OH 44113

**Driving Directions from Hotel  
To Great Lakes Brewery  
Company**

North on W 150<sup>th</sup> St - Merge onto I71 North  
Go 4.5 mi - Exit 245 (US 42) toward W 25<sup>th</sup> St  
Go 0.9 mi - Keep right - follow signs for US 42  
Go 0.2 mi - Turn left onto US 42/W 25<sup>th</sup>/Pearl Rd  
Go 2 mi - Turn left onto Market - Brewery on right

**Central Great Lakes Gardeners  
2017 Summer Conference**  
July 21-22, 2017

**Schedule of Events**  
Friday, July 21

**Cleveland Airport Marriott**  
4:00 - 5:00 PM

**CGLG Business Meeting/Election of  
Officers - Clark Bordner - President**

**Saturday, July 22**

**Cleveland Airport Marriott**  
9:00 - 10:00 AM

**CGLG Awards - Rodney Toth**

**Great Lakes Brewing Company**  
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

**Tours of Brewery and Gardens/Lunch**

We will depart from the hotel by privately owned vehicles. We will have transportation to and from the hotel for those without their own vehicles. At 2:00 PM, the organized portion of the meeting will end. You can either go back to the hotel for checkout or enjoy the nearby West Side Market and/or Farkas Bakery at your leisure