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## Monday, September 21

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, September 21, 2009  
5:30 p.m. – Social Hour  
6:30 p.m. – Dinner

**Where:** St. George Fellowship Center  
3205 Ridgewood Road  
Copley, Ohio

**Program:** Plant Sale and Seed Exchange

Last year for the first time we had an additional plant sale in the fall. The board decided to repeat this sale again this year. So when you are dividing your perennials or thinning your perennial beds bring them into the sale. One of your fellow members could use them. Also you could save some of the seeds from your plants and bring them for the exchange.

The ten minute speaker will be David Lockledge on the subject of Costa Rica. This was scheduled for last month but it was decided to postpone the ten minute talk because of the horticulture show.

Board meeting September 28 7:00 p m at Faith Lutheran Church. 2726 West Market Street. All members are invited to attend board meetings. The last two board meetings have included some spirited discussions about club rules and activities. Come and join in the fun.

**Club web sites:** <http://mgcakron.org> & <http://ohiogardeners.org>

## Message from the President: Arthur Britton

There are many in the club that are very talented and have quite a green thumb. Two of these people are Lora and Sam Morlan. They have turned an average yard into one that really shows off their talents. It appears that they think along the same lines as many others in this club ... I bought this plant and now where am I going to put it!?! They very kindly opened their yard to us, allowing others to see what they have done and maybe get a few ideas of what we can do. Thank you very much!

At the last board meeting it was decided that we need to get a budget to know where and how much we are spending in several categories: Speakers, Habitat for Humanity and Scholarships. We also know that in the future we will be expected to contribute to the 2010 and 2011 national meetings, so we need a better picture of what we have to work with.

Bob Bell has done a lot of research on projectors that the speakers and the club will be able to use. In the near future we will be able to have 10 minute talks with slides for all to see. The projector will have many benefits and will be in our near future. Also, we need to discuss the amount that we pay our speakers. If we pay more for speakers, will more people attend our meetings?

So, where has the heat of July gone? As many of you know this is one of the coolest Julys that we have had in many years. I know we would like the heat for our plants, just be careful. As the saying goes: Be careful of what you ask for-you just might get it!!

Saying THANK YOU to someone or a group of people really does go a long way; to me it is something that is not said enough. So in my attempt to try to address this issue I would like to say THANK YOU to: those who attend the board meetings, those who do silent auctions, putting our info out to the public ( the Gabber) the website, cutting up strawberries, judging the competitions, and many other things that most of the club members take for granted. THANK YOU!

## Special Thanks to Special People:

John and Colleen Bowyer have created and supplied the Garden Club's name tags for years.

Jim Bell has kept track and presented name tags for each meeting.

Andy Bettick and Leroy Hart have provided guidance and worked diligently at Crown Point.

We thank these dedicated members for their generosity and time for jobs well done.

## Horticultural Show

We had another excellent turnout for our horticulture show held during the August dinner meeting. Thanks to our seven judges from Youngstown for doing a terrific job.

**Best of Show** went to Bob Bell for his perfect, blue hydrangea;

**Second Best of Show** went to Andy Bettick for his eggplant;

**Third Best of Show** went to Jim Bell for his orchid in a container;

**People's Choice Award** was a tie between Roger Hite's fish-themed arrangement and Gene Chlosta's Fairy Garden;

**Marshall Greenlun Big Blue Award** to Andy Bettick for 16 Blue Ribbons

### Section winners

A-Annuals Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich for a marigold;  
B-Perennials (No marked card-whoever won please let us know for the next Gabber)

C-Vegetables-Andy Bettick for his eggplant

D--Fruit- The Winner was a pear but the card was not filled out-please come forward with information for the next Gabber

E-Herbs-Jim Bell for his Angelica

F-Herbs in containers-Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich for

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Columnar Basil

G-Corms, Bulbs, Tubers-Frank Mitch for his canna

H-Orchids in Pots-Jim Bell

I-Flowering Plant in a container- (No card, please let us know for the next Gabber)

J-Foliage Plant in a container-Jim Bell for Voodoo Lily

K -Hanging Basket-No winner

L-Fairy Gardens-Gene Chlosta

M-Largest Tomato by circumference-Walt Starcher

N-Longest Zucchini-Marti Williams

O-Best Geranium from our sale-Andy Bettick

P-Trees and Shrubs- (No card-please come forward for next issue)

Q-Cactus and Succulents-Jim Bell for his Euphorbia  
R-Arrangements-Roger Hite for his fish-themed arrangement

S-Bonsai- Michael Dockrill

T-Foliage-cut specimens-Joyce Baldwin

As you can see, a few of the cards disappeared, or they were not fully filled out. **Please make sure for next year that you fill out the bottom and the top of the card and turn the bottom half in to show personnel before leaving.**

Thanks to the following for participating in the show- if your name is not here and you entered, let us know for next month's Gabber-we keep track of participation for awards given out at the end of the year.

Andy Bettick, Jim Bell, Walt Starcher, Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, Colleen Bowyer Leroy Hart, Clark and Cheryl Bordner, Claire Reinke, Bob Bell, Joyce Baldwin, Gene Chlosta, Roger and Jeanie Hite, David Rich, Frank Mitch, Michael Dockrill, Les Knight, Mike and Marti Williams, Clarence Lucas, Chet Lowry, Sam Morlan, Al Eddy and John Lewis.

### Thanks to Jim Bell for co-chairing.

We had 160 entries. It was a great show and we saw some wonderful horticulture. Start planning your entries for next year!

-Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich Show Chairman

## New Web Site Addresses

### New Web Addresses for MGC Akron

As a result of a special website committee meeting in August, various improvements to our club's website were recommended. The first of these is that we now have our own domain names. The club will now be paying annual fees for these domains and for hosting by a commercial company. Up to now we have had free hosting at the Akron Summit County Public Library. We had no real domain name but used an abbreviation name for our club tacked on the end of their acorn.net website domain.

Please start using either of these for accessing our website:

<http://mgcakron.org>

<http://ohiogardeners.org>

You can use the usual www in there but it is no longer necessary.

We hope two real domain names will provide more variety of ways for folks to find our website. The short one will be easy for our members to remember. The ohio gardeners.org happened to be available. We do have members in 5 counties plus at least one member in Columbus. The library will not host real domain names but we will still be on their list of non-profit club websites in the area.

Stay tuned for additional changes on our website.

Reported by Frank Mitch

## Regional Meeting

The Central Great Lakes Region will have its next meeting on October 10 at the Gatehouse at Kingwood Center in Mansfield. Business meeting at 10 a.m., lunch at Golden Corral and a program about orchids in the afternoon. After the regular meeting the committee planning the 2010 national convention will meet. Lee Hart is driving and has room for four more, contact him if you want to go.

## August Answers to Garden Quiz

1. Mimosa. generally, yes.
2. Ohio Buckeye has 5 leaflets and Common horse-chestnut has 7.
3. full sun, is one answer.
4. Every year cut back the oldest stems to 2 inches.
5. No, because they will bleed. Better to prune them in July.
6. Annual.
7. Common Periwinkle.
8. Four.
9. Yes, the result is longer blooming period.
10. Slugs.
11. No. Butterfly weed is related to milkweeds, and butterfly bush is Buddlea.
12. Tubular, like fuschsia.

## Walt's September Garden Quiz

1. Which dogwood had tasty edible fruit?
2. Name 3 trees or shrubs which provide food for birds.
3. What is another name for sedum?
4. In the water garden, both submerged and floating plants have the same beneficial purpose. What is it?
5. In some woods native flowers do not flourish. Why not?
6. Give 2 reasons for planting prairie grasses in your prairie garden.
7. Name 5 flowers that make good dried flowers.
8. Name 3 late-blooming perennials that are good for cutting. (arrangements)
9. What are 2 acceptable ways to plant on a slope?
10. Name the 2 earliest flower bulbs to bloom in spring?
11. Name 2 flowers that are fragrant at night.
12. What are the 2 greatest needs of ferns?

(Editor's note - I want to especially thank Walt for writing this column each month for the Gabber. He has also written in the past about the things you should do each month in the garden. I use these from time to time when there is space.)

## At Summer's End

There's a peaceful quiet rest, at summer's closing,  
 The petals from daisies fall, the roses fade,  
 Hydrangea and larkspur have come and gone,  
 The leaves change to gold, from soft muted jade, at summer's end.

There's joy, as the farmers see God's blessings,  
 Golden wheat and soybeans are ready for reaping,  
 The corn is full and dry for livestock's winter feeding,  
 The garner and silo stand by for harvest keeping, at summer's end.

There's a sadness, saying goodbye to backyard gatherings,  
 Soon there will be closing of the windows, doors and gate;  
 The neighbors and friends return to the inside,  
 A stir of loneliness tempts me to plan to hibernate, at summer's end.

But then I remember, with God, I can soar as an eagle on high,  
 No matter the season, He gives comfort without measure,  
 The summer sun quickly is fading away,  
 Autumn awaits with its beauty, its pleasure, at summer's end.

Virginia Davis Wiseman  
 Cicero, Indiana

This poem was sent by our member Samuel Williams of Dublin Ohio. Mrs. Wiseman is the widow of a pastor and a friend of Mr. Williams.

### Roster Addition and Correction

Add to the roster a member who has just renewed her membership:

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Please keep the editor informed of any changes in your address etc.