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Monday, January 16

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, January 16, 2012

5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

Where: St. George Fellowship Center

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
3204 Ridgewood Road

Copley, Ohio

Program: Tom Dayton

Our speaker this month is the well known nurseryman, Tom Dayton. His subject will be rain gardens. These gardens are a good solution for dealing with excess rain water run off.

Board Meeting: January 23 at 7:00 p m 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

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you all had a joyful Christmas and a safe and fun New Years Eve.

I want to thank Clark and all of the board members for their hard work in the past year; we had a full year of projects and duties to take care of. We have more things to accomplish this coming year to make our club both more visible and active in our community via our existing programs. With members help maybe some new outreach projects can be added this year. We are open to all proposals any one has to offer via email, phone, snail mail or a presentation at the Board meetings.

I would appreciate feedback on possible weekend tours, another idea may be a Saturday gardening symposium such as the Youngstown Club and the Master Gardeners have. Let us try to get a group together again to tour Lakeview Cemetery, this time with a much smaller bus. Contact us if any of you are interested.

January is a good time to review last year's results and plan the next season. If you have any duplicate seed catalogues or magazines bring them to a meeting to share with your fellow gardeners.

Last of all I would like to welcome all of the new members who signed up the past year and please do not be bashful about approaching committee chairs to find out more about what they do or help they may need.

Good Luck and Happy Gardening,
Sam

Flower Show Trip

Kingwood Center is planning a trip to the Philadelphia International Flower Show, Longwood Gardens and Winterthur Museum and Gardens, March 5 to 8. This show is the largest indoor flower show in the world. The show includes ten acres of lush gardens, horticultural specimens, floral designs, room and table settings, displays by plant societies, lectures and demonstrations, and a large sales area. The theme for the flower show is "Hawaii: Islands of Aloha". Native and tropical plants will rise in a living wall amid cascades of orchids and thundering waterfalls. Hula dancers, torch twirlers and 3-D images of crashing waves and rumbling volcanoes will honor Pele, The Goddess of Fire.

Wednesday morning we will visit Longwood Gardens. The Gardens and five acre conservatory are one of the finest gardens in the world. The highlight of the tour will be the "Orchid Extravaganza". In the conservatory thousands of orchid blooms will cascade down walls, spill from containers, and adorn planting beds throughout the sixteen spectacular gardens in full fragrant bloom. Weather permitting, we will also tour the grounds. Wednesday afternoon we will visit Winterthur Museum and Gardens which is known for its magnificent collection of American furniture and decorative arts. Lunch will be in their restaurant prior to the tour. On Thursday will begin our trip back to Mansfield with an estimated arrival time around 6:30 PM. Cost includes dinner Monday, breakfast each morning in the hotel and lunch at Winterthur. We will be staying at the Concordville Hotel and Conference Center. They have a fitness center and indoor pool. The cost is \$625 for Longwood members and \$650 for nonmembers. There is also a \$165 single supplement charge.

If you would be interested in going contact Jim Bell at 330-644-6867. Reservations must be made and paid for by February 1, 2012, a \$100 nonrefundable deposit is required upon registration.

Preview of the Membership Roster

The board decided that because of the potential delay in the publishing of the membership roster a preview should be included in the January issue of the Gabber. Last year the roster was not available until May. This year the board hopes for an earlier date but some events may have already occurred before you get the roster. That is why you are getting this preview of the roster.

2012 Gardeners of Greater Akron Calendar of Meeting

January

- 16 Dinner Meeting
Speaker: Tom Dayton
Rain Gardens
- 23 Board Meeting

February

- 20 Dinner Meeting
Speaker: Jeanne Poremski
Native Shrubs
- 27 Board Meeting

March

- 19 Dinner Meeting
Speaker: Chris Harris
Waking the Garden
- 26 Board Meeting

April

- 16 Dinner Meeting
Deborah Hardwick
Clematis
- 23 Board Meeting

May

- 21 Fish Fry and
Plant Auction
- 28 Board Meeting

June

- 18 Picnic and
Strawberry Festival
- 25 Board Meeting

July

- 16 Dinner Meeting
Speaker: Rudy Moyer
Open Forum
Horticultural Display Lesson
Speaker will answer gardening questions
- 23 Board Meeting

August

- 20 Dinner Meeting
Horticultural Show
- 27 Board Meeting

September

- 17 Dinner Meeting
Peter Schneider
Roses
- 24 Board Meeting

October

- 15 Dinner Meeting
Judy Semroc
Pollinators
- 22 Board Meeting

November

- 19 Beautification and
Service Awards
- 26 Board Meeting

December

- 17 Holiday Party
No Board Meeting

Guests and potential members are welcome at all meetings

Special Events for 2012

April 28 - Central Great Lakes Gardeners Spring Meeting

10:00 AM Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio in the Meeting Building.

Enter Kingwood by the Trimble Road gate.

Lunch at the Golden Corral.

Denise Ellsworth will be the speaker at either this meeting or the fall meeting.

Contact Leroy Hart for details

May 11 & 12 - Geranium Sale

Faith Lutheran Church 2726 West Market Street, Fairlawn, Ohio.

Volunteers are needed on Friday to set up the sale, unload the trucks and handle sales and on Saturday to handle sales and tear down the sale.

Contact Jim Bell at 330-644-6867 or e-mail at bell8676@aol.com

May 21 - Fish Fry and Plant Auction

Plant materials and gardening equipment from members are needed and volunteers to help with the sale.

A good meeting to bring guests.

June 12 & 13 - TGOA/MGCA National Convention

Youngstown, Ohio

June 18 - Picnic and Strawberry Festival

Bring a covered dish to share Chicken, soft drink, and strawberry shortcake and ice cream will be provided by the club. Location to be announced.

July 27 & 28 - Annual Great Lakes Summer Conference

The conference will be headed by Regional Vice President Cheri Kessem of the Fort Wayne, Indiana club.

Location will be the Michigan State University campus, East Lansing, Michigan

August 20 - Horticultural Show

Members are encouraged to bring entries from their gardens. Volunteers will be needed to assist in setting up the show.

October 6 - Central Great Lakes Gardeners Fall Meeting

10:00 AM Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio

December 17 - Annual Holiday Party

Entertainment, gifts for the spouses and installation of the club officers.

More details about these events will be given at the meetings and in the Garden Gabber Also the names of people to contact for each event.

The geranium sale and the plant auction are the club's two biggest fund raisers and they both need the fullest co-operation from the club's membership.

Board Members and Committee Chairs

The Board of Directors include the officers, the past three club presidents and the committee chairs. The board meets on the fourth Monday of every month except December at 7 PM at the Faith Lutheran Church

Officers for 2012

President	Sam Morlan
First Vice President	David Lockledge
Second Vice President	Barbara Croghan
Secretary	Marti Williams
Treasurer	Leroy Hart
National Director	Frank Mitch
Regional President	Leroy Hart

Immediate Past Presidents

John Lewis	2008
Arthur Britton	2009 - 2010
Clark Bordner	2011

Committees

10 Minute Presentation	David Lockledge	330-865-3665
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Crown Point	Charles Keach	330-336-3063
Endowment Committee	Bob Bell	30-673-3553
Geranium Sale	Jim Bell	330-644-6867
Habitat	Chris Godard	330-699-0509
Horticulture Show	MaryAnn Ferguson-Rich	330-630-9625
	Jim Bell	330-644-6867
Membership	Bob Bell	330-673-3553
	Grace Cochran	330-864-4352
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Scholarship	Jim Fee	330-864-0442
	Frank Mitch	330-666-2327
Seed Exchange	Andy Bettick	330-666-8793
Silent Auction	Cheryl Bordner	330-745-4799
Strawberry Festival	Marti Williams	330-825-5315
Youth Gardening	Al Eddy	330-666-3158
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