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## President's Message- Tom Davis



Musgrave and Fred Robinson, committee members, did an excellent job organizing and recognizing all the folks who serve the region or their home club. The list of awards is on another page of this issue of the "JAB."

Dear Central Great Lakes Gardeners,

"Summertime an' the livin' is easy..." from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess.

I hope your "livin' is easy" this year. At least we don't have to water our gardens and flowers thanks to all the rain. My brother lives in California, and they've had about a quarter of an inch of rain since March. Big cracks are opening up in the ground. OK, we'll get a lot more snow, but I'll take the weather we get here anytime.

Sam Morlan and the Gardeners of Greater Akron put on a great Summer Conference this year. I want to congratulate Sam and his whole committee for a well-organized and interesting program. I live about 40 minutes driving time north of the events, but seldom get down there. You can bet that I'll be back down to check out Tom Dalton's nursery in Copley. If you missed the trip to Stan Hywet Hall, please come see it sometime on your own; it is spectacular.

At the meeting on July 18 the members confirmed Sam Morlan as president, Les Knight as 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., Bill Lanning as treasurer and Marcia Davies as secretary. We also elected Mary Jo Marshall, Director, Gardeners of Greater Cleveland, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Thanks to everyone for agreeing to serve our region! Also I want to acknowledge Bob Bell and Hugh Earnhart for their work on the nominating committee.

A feature of the dinner meeting was the annual awards ceremony. Rodney Toth, Chair, with Kay

I want to invite everyone to attend our fall meeting at Kingwood Center in Mansfield, OH. It will be on October 11 (the second Saturday of October) starting promptly at 10 AM. At the fall meeting we'll do a roundtable discussion on **Membership Recruiting and Retention**. That seems to be a perennial issue for many clubs. I suggest that someone from your club's membership committee attend if possible. Please bring facts on your membership history for the past few years, AND examples of posters, flyers, notices and application forms you utilize to recruit members. .

Please share any suggestions you have for the CGLG, the meetings or the summer conferences with Sam, Les, Mary Jo, Bill, Marcia or me. We welcome your suggestions!

Good gardening to you all, Tom Davis, President,  
The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland



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**Fall Meeting CGLG – October 11,  
2014 Kingwood Center, Mansfield, OH**

The fall meeting of the Central Great Lakes Gardeners will be on the second Saturday of October (10/11/14) from 10 AM to 2 PM. We will be meeting at Kingwood Center in Mansfield, OH. Parking, the grounds and the greenhouses are free for all attendees. Just tell the gate attendant that you are going to our meeting.

Here is the plan of the meeting:

- Cover the business meeting in about one hour.
- Have an open discussion on **Membership Recruiting and Retention.** (see note)
- Install the new officers
- Lunch at the Golden Corral.
- Guest Speaker.
- Adjourn to enjoy the fall gardens.

**NOTE!** Please have your membership chair or a membership committee member attend the meeting. Bring your membership statistics with you (how many, classes of membership, etc.). Please also bring several copies of any recruiting materials and your application forms to the meeting to share. Recruiting and Retaining Members is a constant struggle for most clubs. We hope you can go home with some good ideas for strengthening your club’s membership.



Gardeners of Northern Iowa sent me today the theme for the 2015 Convention.  
It is: **"Planting Your Dream in 2015."**

Added on the 2015 Convention page on our website: <http://www.tgoa-mgca.org/Convention2015.htm>

Frank Mitch

**VA Project by the Gardeners of  
Greater Cleveland**

The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland has a long history of community garden service projects. The club has been the recipient of three “Gardening from the Heart” awards from the national organization in the past few years to help with those projects. This spring the club received the latest of those grants to assist with a project at the Spinal Cord Injury Unit of the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. The \$900 “Gardening from the Heart” grant was matched by an anonymous local donor.

The VA had some raised beds constructed that would be accessible by patients in wheelchairs. The request to our club was to help with the garden design, plant purchases and planting of the beds. The first step was soil testing. The soil was totally unsuitable for gardening but the Home Depot agreed to remove the soil and replace it with volunteer labor from their stores. The next step was developing a design and getting approval from the residents. We included both vegetables and ornamental plants.

The actual planting was completed on May 27 with the active participation of the veterans. The next steps will include supplying adaptive gardening tools for the vets, building a garden cart for their use and horticultural therapy sessions from the Cleveland Botanical Garden staff, paid for with local funds. This was a very successful and satisfying project for the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland thanks in part to the Gardening from the Heart Grant. Tom Davis, past president GOGC



**GOGC Board Member Bill Novak helps Veteran plant flowers in raised bed.**



**News from Region Clubs**

**52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ohio Gourd Show**

On October 3, 4, and 5, 2014 at the Delaware County Ohio Fairgrounds in Delaware, Ohio This Gourd Show with various vendors is sponsored by the Ohio Gourd Society. The show theme for this year is “Gourds on the Move” with Bruce Barber as show Chairman. For more information you can write to Ohio Gourd Society, Inc., 6305 Dustin Rd, Galena, Ohio 43021 or contact the website at <http://www.ohiogourdsociety.com/>. Membership is open to the public.

Are you interested in CGLG Horticultural Judging? Jim Bell from GOGA is the Chairman of the Judge Committee for CGLG and is willing to start a class this fall if there are enough people interested. Jim uses the “Judges Manual” available through TGOA/MGCA for training as well as live plants, vegetables and arrangements. If interested please contact Jim at 330-644-6867 preferably or by email at bell8676@aol.com.

**News from Gardeners of Van Wert County Garden Club**

At a time when we are struggling with maintaining an active membership, the Gardeners of Van Wert County Garden Club keeps busy. Our leaders, Dale and Marcia Davies, keep finding interesting speakers for our monthly programs. One month our presentation was on the lavender fields of France. Another month one of our own members gave a presentation on peonies, not only the care of the plant itself but also their history in Van Wert back in the days of fields of peonies and the parades that made thousands of people flock to our city. Another month representatives of the park and fair boards as well as downtown merchants and the convention bureau came to meet and brainstorm ideas for continuing the maintenance of the civic flower beds.

Our car pool trip was only a few miles away this year but no less interesting. Millie Ruen's several-acre lawn and garden, near Ottoville, were a big hit with our membership. Over the last 15 years she has turned a bean field into a work of art with trees, a pond, vegetable gardens, and, best of all, thousands of annuals. Millie starts all the

annuals from seeds in her basement, so she can “wow” all passers-by with brilliant colors of marigolds, zinnias, dahlias, and such. She is a firm believer in composting, and it certainly seems to help in the growth of her beautiful, weed free gardens.

Our chief focus every year is planting and maintaining public gardens throughout the city of Van Wert. Mother’s Day Weekend is busy as we sell fresh-from-the-green house annuals. Proceeds from the two days allow us money enough to plant hundreds of flowers. We are nearing the end of this project, not for lack of money BUT because our members are all retired and are physically no longer able to handle the kneeling, bending, and lifting required to take care of the beautiful gardens everyone has come to expect. How does a club get another group of volunteers to step forward?

Members of our club use the months leading up to our August meeting looking for gardeners who have brightened their “little corner of the county.” We have a camera in the car so we can snap a picture and note the address. As addresses of these especially pretty lawns are turned in, a committee checks them so we can honor them with Beautification Awards. Third year for our August picnic on the grounds of the Van Wert County Historical Museum, a beautiful setting for such awards. As usual, the recipients will be pleased that someone has noticed the care they've put into their yards, and our club will enjoy getting to know these gardeners and encourage them to continue making Van Wert an attractive place to call home.



Across Millie’s Pond

Here is a link to that website page:  
<http://gogakron.org/Plant%20A%20Row.htm>



## Johnny Appleseed Broadcaster

### Plant a Row for the Hungry



Gardeners of Greater Akron (GOGA)

Plant A Row for the Hungry - Purpose:

- To encourage members to plant an extra row of vegetables and donate harvested crops to the Akron Canton FoodBank or to similar organizations and churches in the area.
- Also to encourage donation of surplus garden vegetables and fruit to organizations providing food to needy poor.

GOGA Plant A Row for the Hungry Award -

To be presented each year to the GOGA member who has contributed the most pounds of fruit and vegetables. These are to be from their garden or from an extra Plant A Row added to their garden. Fruit and vegetables are to be dropped off at :

1. Akron-Canton Regional FoodBank or any of their designated drop off locations.
2. Churches with a food for the needy program
3. Other non-profit organizations with similar food for the needy donation programs.

GOGA members are to keep a record of their annual fruit and vegetable contributions each year and report to the GOGA Plant a Row committee before November 1.

Send report to: Leslie Knight, 77 Stadium Drive, Tallmadge, OH 44278

or send email to: [lhandlknight@att.net](mailto:lhandlknight@att.net)

Report:

1. Pounds of fruit and vegetables from your garden (your best estimate of weight).  
Include names of fruit and vegetables.
2. Drop off locations and names of organization. Dates of drop offs.

Note: National sponsor of Plant a Row for the Hungry is the Garden Writers Association. They encourage garden clubs and community gardeners to participate and join a network of garden writers, individuals, Master Gardeners, and nurseries.



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CGLG AWARDS 2014

(See Article attached to this newsletter)

### Reminder

**Johnny Appleseed Broadcaster (JAB) is published Three times a year (March 1, June 1 and September 1). Deadline for articles for JAB is the 10th of the month preceding publication date (February 10, May 10, and August 10, respectively).**

**We welcome your articles.. Please let me know about any stories, club news or events for the Central Great Lakes Gardeners (CGLG) region.**

**Thanks**

**Marggie Faley, JAB Editor**

**Johnny Appleseed Broadcaster**



### SUMMER CONFERENCE 2014

I would like to thank all that came to Akron this summer. You are the main ingredient at any meet. I had a chance to be better acquainted with some members and to catch up with some that I have not seen for a while; the conversations are always good and entertaining. .

My only regret is that I did not have a camera with me at the Nature Realm when some of us were out hand feeding the Chickadees. There was Bill and Anita Lanning; Cheri Kessen; John Kessen and others all lined up in a row with arms extended trying to get the birds to feed out of their hands. Cheri had the knack with the most visits of anyone a total of nine I think. Anita had one but it startled her and she became an observer after that. Would have been a great picture.

I would like to thank my local club members that helped make the weekend work. Frank Mitch; Bob Bell; Jim Bell; Les Knight; Leroy Hart and all the judges. Thanks everybody, Sam Morlan



**Kathy's Kibitzin' for JAB  
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“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.”

Maya Angelou

I intended to follow the last two Kibitzin's for JAB with information about Integrated Pest Management. (IPM), but I'm so in love with Milkweed and Monarchs I decided to write about those instead.

Most of us in the Midwest are familiar with the Common Milkweed, perhaps the Butterfly weed and the Marsh or Swamp Milkweed. Last winter while looking for something else I came upon two sites of interest to me:

[www.butterflyencounters.com](http://www.butterflyencounters.com) gives pictures and information about many more milkweeds that grow across the United States. Their website is closed for the season, but you can find a link to Facebook and see the information there.

The other site is The Natural Treasures of Ohio. There you will find information of all the milkweed that are found in Ohio.

<http://floraofohio.blogspot.com/2013/06/a-guide-to-milkweeds-of-ohio.html>. So much native plant habitat has been eliminated from roadsides, neighborhoods, and fields, the monarchs and other insects that use the plants are suffering. I hope you will start an initiative in your community to increase the growing of milkweed plants of any variety.

While looking all around for everything milkweed and monarch, I've learned there are other insects that populate that particular plant. The monarch we know about; and now I've learned the queen butterfly does as well. I've added 3 pictures below for comparison. The first is a monarch (male); the second is a queen; and the third is a viceroy (often confused with a monarch.) The queen too lays her eggs on milkweed. Her egg, larva (caterpillar) and chrysalis look like the monarchs with the size of the chrysalis being smaller and a bit different hue to the color. The viceroy's host plant is willow and poplar

trees. The egg, larva and chrysalis are very different from the monarch and queen.



Other insects you might find using the milkweed as host are the milkweed tussock moth, and its larva



Red milkweed beetle,



Small milkweed beetle



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### Kathy's Kibitzin' for JAB

Milkweed leaf beetle and its larva



So just when you think you know all there is to know about a subject, you learn there is so much more and you are not as smart as you thought! And so it goes.....

Kathy Lee, [igarden2@aol.com](mailto:igarden2@aol.com)

The Gardeners of America - Fort Wayne



The 2015 TGOA National Convention page was updated to include an Invitation Letter, Driving Directions, and an excellent Midwest Map. Hotel room rates will be \$79.00 per day including breakfast. Wow! Here is a shortcut to the page: <http://www.tgoa-mgca.org/Convention2015.htm>  
Frank M.

### RODNEY and KAY'S 18th ANNUAL OPEN GARDEN

You are invited to visit Rodney and Kay Toth's gardens **Sunday, August 31, 2014, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.** They reside at 5637 W. Liberty St. (Rt. 304) Hubbard, OH 44425. (2.5 miles east of Belmont Ave., State Rt. 193).

Come and enjoy the gardens with many specialty plants such as Mexican Petunias, Sunflowers 'Shock o Lot' & 'Waooh', Hibiscus 'Tequila Sunrise', Tomato 'Burpee's Steakhouse', Purslane 'Cupcake', Sedum 'Sea Urchin', Pole Beans 'Rattlesnake' and a Mexican Quilt.

There are several major gardens that include a **Mexican Dahlia Garden**, different and unusual varieties of tomatoes (in **The Giant Tomato Forest**), peppers, hosta, coleus, annuals, perennials, **The Great Gourd Tunnel** (a forty foot long gourd

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arbor), the **Grandchildren's Garden** which consists of eight triangular sections – one for each grandchild, a **Super Sky High Sunflower Garden** and **The Potpourri Pole** with Blue Sky Vine and Red Mandevilla.

Special guests will be **singing entertainment** by Monica Toth Baker at 2:00., John Schinker from the Men's Garden Club of Youngstown with **mums** and Alice Lang with **decorative gourd art**. **Come** and have a relaxing day visiting and sharing with friends. **Note – Ample Parking** is available. There is **no admission fee**. For additional info or to arrange **Garden Club Tours** on other dates contact Rodney Toth at (330) 759-1993.

### News from CGLG CLUBS

Access a nice article about the President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, John Kessen and Cheri Kessen, TGOA Fort Wayne Club, in the Kendallville area newspaper, The Kendallville Sun (KPC News). **You can also see the video at** <http://www.kpcnews.com/> Look for August 4, 2014 front page. Scroll to the bottom of the page and view the video.



**Email address:**

[http://www.kpcnews.com/news/neighbors.kpcnews/article\\_231ac246-d021-5d36-8e98-ac4702dcf6b5.html](http://www.kpcnews.com/news/neighbors.kpcnews/article_231ac246-d021-5d36-8e98-ac4702dcf6b5.html).







## CGLG Awards – 2014

The awards ceremony at the 2014 summer conference was especially rich in well-deserved recognition. The awards committee of Rodney Toth, Chair, Kay Musgrave and Fred Robinson did an outstanding job evaluating the nominees and organizing the event. Rodney noted in his remarks that the committee relies on the nominations prepared by the members and the clubs of the CGLG. The deadline for submissions for 2015 awards is April 4, 2015. Award criteria, a list of past recipients of these awards and contact information for Rodney, Kay and Fred can be located on the CGL GARDENERS website (<http://www.cglr.org>) under REGION AWARDS – Submission Details & Instructions.

### The following awards are “Once in a Lifetime” awards:

1. The William Moorehouse Award (Replaces the Master Gardener Award). The 2014 winner is Kathy Lee; Fort Wayne GOA. PURPOSE: To honor the service that William Moorehouse has rendered to the Central Great Lakes Region. This award is given to an individual who has performed significant service to GARDENING in his or her respective community.
2. The Green Bronze Medal. The 2014 winner is Tom Davis; The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland. PURPOSE: As recognition for a member of TGOA/MGCA who has rendered outstanding service to his or her regional organization.
3. The Delbert R. Dunbar Award. The 2014 winner is Cheri Kessen – Fort Wayne GOA. PURPOSE: To honor the memory of Delbert R. Dunbar by recognizing a region member who has rendered outstanding service to the National Organization, the Central Great Lakes Region, and the local club in the TGOA/MGCA organization.

### The following awards can be won by the same individual or organization more than once:

1. Horticultural Achievement. The 2014 winner is John Kohlar; MGC of Youngstown. PURPOSE: As recognition for a person in their region who has made outstanding achievements in the field of horticulture.
2. Certificate of Honor. PURPOSE: There are no restrictions as to the use of these certificates. The purpose for which they are used and the manner of their presentation is left to the discretion of the region. 2014 Winners are listed below.
  - Art Bauer – Gardeners of Van Wert County.
  - Marcia and Dale Davies – Gardeners of Van Wert County. For their many years of providing refreshments for the Regional Meetings.
  - Chuck Evans - Chuck has provided many hundreds of heirloom tomato seedlings for the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland annual plant sale.
  - Larry Kell, Dave Rittenhouse and Fred Robinson – Gardeners of Greater Cleveland. For their work on the GGLG 2013 Summer Conference.
  - William F. Lanning – Men’s and Women’s Garden Club of Findlay. For his dedicated, long-term and excellent service as the CGLG Treasurer.
  - The Golden Corral Restaurant – For providing economical meal service at the regional meetings in Mansfield.



2014 CENTRAL GREAT LAKES GARDENERS MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE DATES  
Gardening in Education and Excellence in Horticulture Since 1932

TGOA-MGCA National Convention, June 25 – 27, 2015. Clear Lake, Iowa – Sam Morlan 330-336-6269  
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