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President's Message-



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I want to start out by thanking Les Knight and his committee for putting on this summer's meet in Wooster. I was not able to stay for the entire event but I understand that it was done well. Thanks to all who helped.

Les has written up a good synopsis as to what went on and what was discussed at the business meeting so I will not rehash most of that. As you all know, we are in need of vice presidents to step forward to keep this organization running as of now we will not have a president for 2017 and so we have none to organize a summer conference. We may hear from someone by October. Maybe one reason no one wants to step up is the obligation to chair a summer conference. We may be able to mitigate that problem by changing how and where we meet and when we meet. My suggestion was to have it during the week when it is easier to get hotel rooms and meal reservations also to meet in a central location when possible. If no one volunteers, these suggestions are moot. We will discuss this more in the fall meeting.

As I am writing this, I have been wondering if maybe the Region has outlived its usefulness. As many of you know, we are probably the last functioning region in the national organization. I have met many great people at the regional events I have attended and would hate to see that camaraderie and friendships disappear so I hope we can keep going even if we only meet twice a year instead of three times. Let me know what you

think and I hope to see you this fall; be ready to make some decisions.

It has been another hair-raising year for gardeners in Ohio. First, we had more rain than we could handle and now we haven't had any rain in about two weeks. It has occurred to me after seeing many types of gardens this summer that gardening is akin to dancing. You have the basic two steppers' whose gardens are very neat and orderly but not too flashy. Next comes those that tango and do the waltzes whose gardens are well thought out and planned and practiced to perfection and their gardens are showy and well planned. Lastly, we have the rockers who go with the flow and just plant and design whatever strikes their fancy resulting in some very surprising gardens you never know what to expect. All are wonderful in their own way.

It is really a great joy to sit in a garden on a sunny summer day and watch all that is going on in your own little microcosm. Enjoy and share your garden with your friends.

See you on October 10th

Sam

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Club News



Shortcut to the Club Directories in Members Only:

<http://www.tgoa-mgca.org/Members/Luvtodig/Directory.htm>

Youth Gardening Contest Rules and Forms posted in the Red Book page in Members Only.

Interim issue for use now, with final approval at the next board meeting.

Rules and Forms for:

- Favorite Flowers
- Perfect Plants
- Container Gardening
- Big Pumpkins
- Sunflowers
- Octopus Outreach

Shortcut: <http://www.tgoa-mgca.org/Members/Luvtodig/RedBook.htm>

Frank M.

*The calendar foretells summer but the trees, fauna and I know
that Autumn is now upon us in spite of the
Gregorian.*

*Deciduous trees are shedding their kaleidoscopic,
colored dead on the earthen ground below;
and decaying scents fill the air, nostrils, the mind
with reverie of indelible yesteryears.*

*Squirrels burying recent finds, cheerleading and
football practice*

*Unmistakable, autumnal, recurring signs of its
presence.*

- Albert Ahern

Fall CGLG Meeting is on October 10. Kingwood Center.

Topics for the meeting:

Summer Conference

Future of Great Lakes Region.

Sam

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News from Les Knight, GOGA 8/5/15

2015 OHIO GOURD SHOW

The 53rd Annual Ohio Gourd Show will be held on October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of October, 2015, at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Delaware, Ohio. The show theme this year is "Gourds in Space." There will be workshops and gourd sales all weekend. Judging for those gourds in competition will take place on Saturday, October 3, in the large building on the fairgrounds. Some of our certified region judges will be there to help with the judging. This show promises to be a great show and well worth attending in October. For more information and to become a member of the Ohio Gourd Society, check out the website www.ohiogourdsociety.com

*A man who has a garden fair,
Whether small or big,
With flowers blooming here and there, Must bend
his back and dig.
Some seek their God in wild, wide places. I, in
tranquil little places.
With mystical glory,
They rise from the sod,
Who loveth not flowers, Knoweth not God.
—Author Unknown*

Horticulture Show

Gardeners of Greater Akron (GOGA) will hold its annual Horticulture Show on August 17. Members are urged to bring their entries of plants, vegetables, fruits, and trees for display and judging by certified judges. This program is a fun event and we seem to be getting more participants each year.

In May we participated in a landscaping project at one of the houses built by Habitat for Humanity. We worked as a team spreading top soil, planting grass seed, spreading straw and watering to insure good growth.



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The Central Great Lakes Region Summer Conference 2015

CGLG Summer Conference was held on July 17 and 18, 2015 in Wooster, Ohio, at the campus of Ohio State (ATI) Agricultural Technical Institute and Ohio Agriculture Research and Development Center.

Six clubs, Akron, Cleveland, Findlay, Lima, Van Wert, and Youngstown, were represented and the attendees who stayed overnight used the student apartments nearby for lodging. The weather was sunny and pleasant on Friday, but Saturday was a hot summer day in Ohio. The apartments were air-conditioned as well as the meeting room at ATI where we gathered for the business meeting, speakers, plant show and free time.

Sam Morlan, President, led the business meeting Friday afternoon. Marcia Davis, Secretary, Bill Lanning, Treasurer, and Les Knight Vice President along with others were present. The main discussion of the meeting was the absence of candidates to fill the offices of first and second vice president for the coming year and also if we will have a summer conference in the future. The By Laws say we are to have certain officers and the first vice president is responsible for the summer conference. An election was held and Les Knight, Marcia Davis and Bill Lanning were elected for the new year with no candidates for first or second vice president. This is a serious problem for this (our) organization. If we do not have enough officers, we do not function or exist. Representatives from each club were asked to return to their clubs to search for people to fill these important offices.

One suggestion has been made by a prominent member of the Region: (Earnhart)

In order to attract candidates for vice president, 1st & 2nd, eliminate the two day summer conference and replace it with a one day conference and reduce much of the work involved for the two day conference. Hold the conference or gathering in Mansfield, Ohio, or at another suitable central place

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Following the business meeting, Denise Ellsworth from OARDC gave a very interesting talk on pollinators, their history and importance for our food chain.

The meals were prepared by a caterer in the cafeteria in a nearby administration building where we gathered as a group for the meals. Rodney Toth, Chairman of the Awards Committee, presented the awards following the dinner on Friday night.

On Saturday morning after breakfast Jackie Kowalski spoke on city farming and food production in Cleveland. We were then led on a tour of the ATI Greenhouses under the direction of Amy Ryan. We broke into two groups and toured not only the greenhouses, but also the outside flower gardens and grounds around the area. Amy, a former scholarship winner from Akron and National, was very helpful in explaining the work the students do with plants and was quick to answer our questions.

On Saturday afternoon the group met at Secret Arboretum and was led on a tour of the grounds by Joe Cochran. Two large golf carts were used to transport the group around the grounds as Joe walked and pointed out different trees and sites. It was an educational experience.

The conference committee consisting of Les Knight, Bob Bell, Frank Mitch and Maryann Ferguson Rich thanks all who came and participated. Les Knight



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Photos from the 2015 CGLG Summer Conference

Thank you Lawrence Kell



Attendees admiring flowers on tour



CGLG Flower Show Winners



The best way to tour on a hot day

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Joy of Gardening



Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul. Luther Burbank



Gardens are not made of singing "Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade. Rudyard Kipling



A garden is a grand teacher....It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust. Gertrude Jekyll



Little things seem nothing but they give peace, like those meadow flowers which individually seem odorless but all together perfume the air. Georges Bernanos

Reminder

Johnny Appleseed Broadcaster (JAB) is published 3 times per year. Spring Edition is March 1; Summer Edition is June 1; and Fall Edition is September 1. Deadline for accepting articles for JAB is the 10th of the previous month (February 10; May 10; and August 10).

Thank you to all who contribute to JAB. You make our region club what it is and you and your local clubs have wonderful ideas and news to offer JAB.

Thanks again,
Maggie Faley JAB Editor





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News Article for publication in “The Gabber”, The National Newsletter, and “The JAB”

Habitat for Humanity, a national organization, with a chapter in Summit County, Ohio, is always looking for volunteers. Many volunteer and help in different ways.

Our Club in Akron, Ohio, “Gardeners of Greater Akron”, has been helping Habitat for many years by volunteering to do landscaping around the houses after they are built. After coordinating with Habitat officials, the club chairman makes arrangements for members to be at a certain location to do the work of landscaping. Habitat usually furnishes the top soil, the seed, and straw and the club furnishes the labor. We usually have ten to fifteen members to help. They bring their own shovels and rakes. Some bring wheelbarrows and occasionally a rototiller.

Certain plants, shrubs or trees are furnished by Habitat and some are donated by club members. These are planted near the foundations or in other appropriate places before the soil is spread. Black mulch is then carefully spread around the plants

The main work usually consists of spreading a large load of top soil in the front of the house and a large load in the back of the house using shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes and other tools as needed. It all depends on the size of the lot. Large stones are removed and protruding roots are cut off and disposed of. With the use of a push spreader a person spreads the grass seed and dry fertilizer all over the surface of the yard. Then bales of straw are torn apart and used to lightly cover the seed and fertilizer. Portable water hoses and sprinklers are installed to water and soak the straw to encourage germination and growth of the grass.

On Saturday, May 16, 2015, Gardeners of Greater Akron along with some volunteers from a church, did landscaping work at a Habitat for Humanity house in Akron, Ohio. They worked from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to complete the

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job for Habitat and the residents living in the house. GOGA people participating were; Christopher & Sue Goddard, Bob Bell, Graham Reinke, Chuck Keach, Lowell Zurbuch, Pat Pickard, Mike, and Les Knight
Les Knight, GOGA May 16, 2015

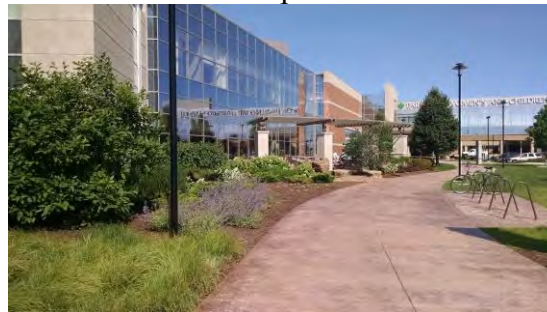


The Gardeners of America Fort Wayne Landscape Beautification Awards for 2015

The Gardeners of America Fort Wayne are celebrating their First Year awarding Landscape Beautification Awards to Homeowners, Businesses and Organizations in the Fort Wayne area for their efforts to bring beauty to their property. This year we will award 5 homeowners, 3 businesses and 1 Organization for their use of flowers, sustainability and native plants in their landscape.



South Central Ft. Wayne Home, TGOA FW -
Homeowner Landscape Beautification Award



Parkview Regional Medical Center - Organization
TGOA FW Landscape Beautification Award

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RODNEY and KAY'S 19th ANNUAL OPEN GARDEN

You are invited to visit Rodney and Kay Toth's gardens **Sunday, September 6, 2015, 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).

There are several major gardens that feature many **special dahlias**, different and unusual varieties of tomatoes such as 'Wapsipinicon' (in **The Giant Tomato Forest**), peppers, hosta, coleus such as 'The Flume'; annuals, perennials, **The Great Gourd Tunnel** (a forty foot long gourd arbor) and its **new sibling** with 'Gremlin Gourds', the **Grandchildren's Garden** with plants such as Cobra Beans, Voo Doo Lily, Megaton Cabbage, 'Ya Ya Carrots (and much more), a **Super Sky High Sunflower Garden**, **The Chinese Amaranth Garden** and **The Potpourri Pole** with 'Chayote Squash' and Mexican Flame Vine.

Special guests will be **singing entertainment** by Monica Toth Baker at 2:00 p.m., John Schinker from the Men's Garden Club of Youngstown with **mums** and Alice Lang with **decorative gourd art**. **Come** for 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.



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Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Wins National Award

The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland won the 2015 George Spader Award for the greatest % increase in membership - 42%. The club has continued to work to add members and involve them in club activities. As of July 2015, our membership stands at 84. This is the best level in many years.

The George Spader Award is awarded to Gardens of Greater Cleveland. Award presented to Larry Kell, from Frank Mitch. Looking on are Fred Robinson, director, Kathy Kosiorek, program chair and Andy Kosiorek, treasurer.



One of our programs to increase membership is to offer a free membership to all speakers for a year following their presentation. We've added several members (and in many cases their spouse in a family membership). Most of the speakers are active gardeners, run a business involving gardening or both. As a group they add significantly to the numbers and quality of our membership.

The activities that get new members involved include our annual plant sale, our service projects, club committees and special events (summer party, Christmas party, etc.) We are proud of our members from all over Cuyahoga County and also from Geauga, Lake, Mahoning, Portage and Summit County. We certainly have the greatest geographic diversity of any club in Ohio that we know of. Visit our Web site www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org for more information and project pictures. Tom Davis

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Kathy' s Kibitzin' for JAB Fall, 2015

“The one process now going on that will take millions of years to correct is the loss of genetic and species diversity by the destruction of natural habitats. This is the folly our descendants are least likely to forgive us.”

E. O. Wilson (1929 -)

“.....as a civilization, we've just spent the better part of a century doing our unwitting best to wreck the human-associated microbiota with a multifronted war on bacteria and a diet notably detrimental to its well-being. Researchers now speak of an impoverished “Westernized microbiome” and ask whether the time has come to embark on a project of “restoration ecology” — not in the rain forest or on the prairie but right here at home, in the human gut.”

Michael Pollen (1955 -)

That is a lot to think about in our busy lives, as we go about the daily activities of feeding our own bodies and the soil in which we garden. It gives one pause for thought.

I had set aside a couple of articles as possible springboards for this quarter's newsletter. The first article is by Leah Zerbe in Organic Life April 2015. She is putting forward the thinking of Doug Tallamy, Phd who has written a couple of books, the most widely read perhaps being, “Last Child in the Woods.” Her assertion is that we should never....that is NEVER..plant Butterfly Bush (*Buddleja davidii*) ever again. The plant has life history traits that make it invasive in every environment.

You might say, “It stays put in my yard.” That however doesn't preclude the fact the plant will spread to untended natural habitats and crowd out native species that serve as host plant and food for native insects and animals. Here is a link so you can read the whole article:

<http://www.rodalorganiclife.com/garden/3-reasons-never-plant-butterfly-bush-again>.

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quote from Michael Pollen (one of my favorite authors) you might ask? In Mr. Pollen article in the New York Times:

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/19/magazine/say-hello-to-the-100-trillion-bacteria-that-make-up-your-microbiome.html?_r=1 Mr. Pollen discusses the research being done in several areas of the country which reveals the illnesses and physical complaints of western civilization as being the result of eating almost entirely processed foods.

These foods have all of the microbes processed out of them and are replaced with chemical compounds developed to “taste like” the real food. In addition to that problem, the over use of hormones and antibiotics in the animals we eat, the cleaning products we use, and the demand we place on our health care providers to give us an antibiotic for whatever ails us.

Yes, yes! I know. Cooking your own food takes more time and maybe more experience than we might have. However, I challenge you to do your body and your health a one week trial on real food, eating just the things, YOU put into each dish. It will take some planning and maybe some persuading for your family, but in the long run, it will be a good thing.

You see, the thing is; Diversity is needed in our external environment and our internal environment for us to BE in our world in a sustainable way. If we really want to leave an inheritance for the future generations, then let us begin with contributing to our own bodily health and the health of the world we will leave behind. And so it goes.....

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The Gardeners of America - Fort Wayne



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Whatz Up in Fort Wayne!

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It all began last Spring with a call out for interested participants for the Fort Wayne Earth Day Celebration. The Fort Wayne club responded by hosting a table at the festivities at Eagle Marsh. The idea was that we would provide a native plant seedling for kids to pot up into an easily decompostable pot. (Is that a word?) With just 6½ weeks to get the project in order, we had to hustle: seeds to order and get germinated. Grow them out to a size kids could handle, posters to make, seeds to package up with club and plant information, and get some people signed up to cover hosting the table. Several in the club collected toilet paper tubes and made nifty little pots for planting the seedlings. The plant that met the call was the purple cone flower. About 160 kids planted a



cone flower.

Following that Kay Musgrave rounded up a couple days with camp kids; one at her church and one at Metea County Park. Kay provided common milkweed seed at both and I brought the plants, soil and toilet paper tube pots. We also had seeds of the cone flowers for the kids.



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Now along comes another invitation. Monarch Watch at Little River Wetlands. This time I ordered Marsh milkweed (*asclepias incarnata*). I've planted about 275 seeds. Now we'll see if they sprout and get big enough to handle. If not, we'll have plenty of packages of seeds with instructions on how to do fall or winter sowing.



Gardeners of America

Fort Wayne

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Elect Your Club National Director for 2016

Now that the TGOA/MGCA bylaws were changed by members vote this year, it is time for the clubs' nominating committees to choose a member as the clubs' National Director for 2016, for a 2 year term. This is optional but this Director will provide direct and improved communications with our National office and officers. This Director should be good with communications, willing and able to attend and participate in National Board meetings and Conventions.

It is expected a new Club National Directors directory will be issued early in 2016 to replace the current Directors directory. Be sure to nominate and elect your new club officer for 2016, the club's National Director. Then your club will be listed in this new directory.

Frank Mitch, TGOA/MGCA

2nd Vice President elect.

Currently a National Director



How to spot an Unhealthy Tree

http://www.treeinspection.com/spot_a_dangerous_tree.html

Perhaps because they can live for so many years, trees have a way of falling down homeowners' landscaping priority lists. Trees also tend to be big and strong, so it's no surprise that they often are overlooked in favor of other areas of a lawn and garden that don't seem so strong in the face of Mother Nature.

But trees are susceptible to damage and disease, and homeowners who learn to recognize symptoms of such problems can prevent them from escalating and reduce the risk that the trees will cause damage to their properties. The following are just some of the ways homeowners can determine if their trees are unhealthy. Homeowners who suspect they have a trees that poses a safety risk should contact a professional trees service for an immediate inspection and steer clear of the tree until an inspection has been performed.

Check around the base of the tree.

The base of a tree may offer some telltale signs that the tree is unhealthy. Soil that is cracked or raised at the base of the tree may be indicative of a tree that has started to uproot. If you recognize any cracking or if the soil is raised, look at the tree to see if it is leaning. If the soil is cracked or raised because it is uprooting, then the tree might have already started to lean in the opposite direction of the cracking or raised soil.

Examine for fungus.

The growth of fungus on the tree trunk or close to it may be a sign that the tree is rotting or decaying. Fungal growth, such as a sudden population of mushrooms, around the base of the tree is another sign of decay.

If the wood behind fungal growth crumbles easily, then homeowners should call a professional tree service, as the fungal problem on the tree has likely already been festering for quite some time.



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Look for cavities on the trunk.

Cracks and cavities on a tree may not be an emergency, but especially deep cracks and cavities may be indicative of a structural problem. Multiple cracks and cavities also serve as red flags.



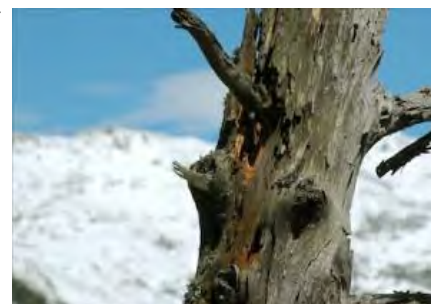
Look for dead wood.

It may sound simple, but dead wood posts a threat to the tree and anyone who spends time in the vicinity. Dead wood snaps easily, and galling dead wood can harm anyone beneath the tree when the dead wood snaps. Dead wood branches won't bend in the wind, and such branches frequently fall off of trees in strong wind. Dead branches either won't have leaves or the leaves will be brown (dead pine branches have brown needles).

Look for weak connections.

Unhealthy trees often have weak connections between their branches and their trunks. If branches don't appear to be strongly connected to the tree bark call a tree service to determine a solution. The tree might not be on its way out but you may have to take steps to strengthen the connection so branches do not fall.

Unhealthy trees can pose a significant safety hazard on t property. Homeowners who learn to recognize the signs of unhealthy trees can do something to prevent dying trees for damaging their home.



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Legends of Sunflowers

Sunflowers originated in North America in 3000 BC. During the 1500s, explorers brought the sunflower to Europe, where it spread along trade routes to Russia, Egypt, and the Far East. There are over 150 species of sunflowers. Some grow as high as 15 feet, while the dwarf plants grow 2-3 feet tall only.

Helianthus comes from the Greek ~Helios~ which means ~sun~ and ~anthos~ which means ~flower.~ These flowers always turn towards the sun. They were grown for their usefulness, not their beauty. In 1532 Francisco Pizarro reported seeing the natives of the Inca Empire in Peru worshipping a giant sunflower. Incan priestesses wore large sunflower disks made of gold on their garments.

According to Greek mythology, there was once a water-nymph, who fell in love with Apollo, the God of the Sun. She was so in love with him that she sat on the ground and stared up at the sun all day long. Apollo never noticed her. The other gods, however, took pity on the young girl and turned her into the sunflower. This is why the sunflower forever follows the path of the sun in the sky. She does not want to lose site of her lover.

Another legend tells that Clytie, a nymph loved Helius the Sun god, but he scorned her in favour of another girl called Leucothoe. In a fit of jealousy Clytie told the affair to Leucothoe's father, King Orchamus of Persia, who then buried his daughter alive as a punishment. Helius hated Clytie even more, and poor Clytie wasted away and became the sunflower, whose head turns to follow the course of the sun across the sky each day.

Sunflowers represented different meanings in many cultures. In China they symbolized longevity. In the Andes Mountains, golden images of sunflowers were found in temples. They were used by Central and North American natives to make oil for food, medicine, and dye. North America Indians in the prairies placed bowls of sunflower seeds on the graves of their dead. It is

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aid that if a girl puts three sunflower seeds down her back, she will marry the first boy she meets. The sunflower's turning as it follows the sun symbolizes deep loyalty and constancy also symbolizes power, warmth, and nourishment (all the attributes of the sun), as well as haughtiness, false appearances and unhappy love. The dwarf sunflower stands for adoration in the language of flowers.

Sunflower is grown for the seeds and oil it produces. Each mature flower yields 40% of its weight as oil. One sunflower head can produce up to 1,000 seeds.

Sunflowers have become the symbol of a world free of nuclear weapons. After Ukraine gave up its last nuclear warhead, the Defense Ministers of the U.S., Russia, and Ukraine met on a former Ukrainian missile base on June 4, 1996. They celebrated by scattering sunflower seeds and planting sunflowers.

1996 was designated the Year of the Sunflower by the National Garden Bureau. The official state flower of Kansas is *Helicanthus annus*, a species of sunflower. Kansas is known as the Sunflower State.

<http://www.angelfire.com/journal2/flowers/s1.htm>





2015 CENTRAL GREAT LAKES GARDENERS MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE DATES
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CGLG Fall Regional Meeting- October 10, 2015 Kingwood Center, Mansfield OH – Sam Morlan
CGLG Spring 2016 Regional Meeting- April 16, 2016 Kingwood Center, Mansfield OH – Les Knight

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