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PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE-

Greetings to all.

The dog days of summer are definitely here! Even though the warm, sunny days are welcome, we could use some soaking showers to help with the watering of our plants. Talking to some of the board members of the Akron club; they remarked that they were not having a very good year with their gardens. I was surprised because our plants and flowers are doing very well both at our home and our business. We have to be careful because the heat can get to them if we neglect them for long! We can hardly wait for the horticulture shows in our region to see the plethora of beautiful flora grown in this area.

I was thrilled with the National Convention held at the Cleveland Airport Marriott a couple of weeks ago. The primary organizers, Bob Bell of Akron, Tom Davis of Cleveland and John Schinker of Youngstown did a masterful job of bringing all aspects of this convention together. They had a lot of help from members of our region! The tours and the talks were top notch but the interaction with people from this area as well as nationally was worth the price of admission and was the highlight of the convention for Cheryl and I. This was our first Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America national conference and it was a pleasure to attend. We are looking forward to next year's convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana in late June. The hosts for this convention are Cheri and John Kesson. John is the chairman of the national convention committee and I can hardly wait to see what he has in store for us.

Our regional summer conference was held in conjunction with the national convention this year. We had a spirited meeting on Friday in which

several topics were discussed. At the top of the list were prior approval for expenditures, meals at our regional meetings and the lack of a second vice president candidate. We decided that expenditures must be approved before the money is spent. This is not always easy but we need to try to make this happen. For our next meeting in October, we are going to have subs, chips, a salad and drinks. This worked very well for our Thursday tour during the national convention. Another idea was for a pot luck lunch. I personally think that this is a great idea since everyone brings their specialty and we do not have to worry about cost. Les Knight as the regional president from last year was tasked to find a second vice president candidate. Please help him out! Rodney Toth presented several of our members with awards. In addition, our region was presented with several national awards at the region, club and individual level. Congratulations to all of our award winners. Larry Kell, our first vice president, arranged for a tour of the Great Lakes Brewery and the urban farm *Continued p. 4*



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2017 National Convention Report



CLUB NEWS

The revised TGOA/MGCA Scholarship Manual was approved at the Board meeting at the National Convention last month in Cleveland. Revisions and updates include:

- Essay and Autobiography name changed to Personal Essay
- Student's Personal Essay limit shown as 250 - 500 words
- Judges values added for 4 categories
- Accomplishments in student affairs and societies added to Personal Essay on Application for Scholarship and Club Information Sheet.

This manual is available on the Red Book page in Members Only on our website.

Shortcut to Members Only: <http://tgoa-mgca.org/Members/login.htm> Frank M.



St. Marys Garden Club gives an update of what has been going on this summer.

Deb McDermitt, St. Mary's Club

We have been very busy promoting new members and trying to involve youth. St. Marys gardeners help establish a new flower bed in our city park by trimming the shrubs and planting geraniums in a city park flower bed.

We also planted at state park tourist building and another flower bed at the entrance to the city. The Auglaize county fair was from July 31 to August 5 and we entered a booth and it was titled 'All About Youth'. Kids Day was on Tuesday and the Gardeners of America Iron On's that kids could color we purchased and also purchased T shirts. Within 1 hour we went thru 100 shirts that kids colored and we ironed on. See photos



St. Mary's club planting this summer



St. Mary's Youth Day wearing Club Iron-On's

Van Wert Club Donation

The Van Wert Garden Club tried to donate \$200 to TGOA/MGOA to support the 2017 National Convention. I told Marcia Davis, at the Convention, that we would use it as a loan to be repaid from Convention proceeds. The Van Wert Club then decided to contribute the money to the CGLR. The money was used to support the Saturday CGLG Tour. The Region thanks the Van Wert people for their support. Bob Bell

The Cleveland and Youngstown Clubs have not yet paid their annual dues as of August 8. Please forward your payments. Bob Bell - Treasurer CGLR



TGOA /MGCA 2017 National Convention Photo

Tom Davis 'Best in Show' at 2017 National Convention Horticulture Show

Johnny Appleseed Broadcaster

KATHYS KIBITZIN' for JAB

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We have finally started to notice that there is real curative value in local herbs and remedies. In fact, we are also becoming aware that there are little or no side effects to most natural remedies, and that they are often more effective than Western medicine.” ~Anne Wilson Schaefer



Autumn is a great time to make herbal vinegars. While preparing the herbs for winter, it is good practice to give the perennials one final trim at the end of August or first of September....right about now. And of course you want to make the most of the annuals before they are hit with frost. Yes I said it. Frost. Before you know it, we'll see the first of them.



Preserving your herbs by infusing them in vinegar is an easy end of summer task. Gather the herbs in large enough quantity that you can pack into a jar and cover with your vinegar of choice. It is common to use too few herbs. First wash the herbs to remove any soil that may have splashed up on them. Remove any yellowing or old leaves. If the herbs have been grown organically, washing them in just water will do the trick.

Use one cup of pressed herbs per 2 cups of vinegar. You can use a single herb or a blend of herbs. Even garlic, if you like it. Press the herbs in the base of the jar to release the oils. Fill the jar with the vinegar, cap with a non-metal lid or cover the lid with plastic wrap; otherwise the vinegar will corrode the metal and affect the taste of the vinegar. Give the jar a good shake and place in a cool, dark spot. Maybe a cupboard. Or cover with a heavy towel. Be patient now. Infusion of the herb into the vinegar takes time. Usually one to 3 weeks. You can taste as the weeks go by to see if it is yet to your liking, or just wait for the 3 weeks to pass. After the time has passed, pour the vinegar through a strainer, rebottle and cap the vinegar. And of course label

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each jar with the herb or herbs used and the type of vinegar. It will keep indefinitely in your pantry until you are ready to use it in marinades, dressings, drizzled over roasted vegetables, or fish, or use in stir fry.

Different vinegars might be more suitable than another for different herbs. Try these.

White wine vinegar

White wine vinegar goes well with many herbs and is perfect for herbs or flower petals that produce color. Dill, basil, tarragon, chervil, and lemon balm are well-suited to white wine vinegar.

Red wine vinegar. Red wine vinegar adds a rich flavor and pairs well with sage, thyme, parsley and bay leaves.

Apple cider vinegar. Apple cider vinegar pairs well with many herbs and makes an aesthetically pleasing vinegar.

Champagne vinegar. If you want to be fancy, champagne vinegar will produce a beautifully delicate herbal vinegar.

Mix and match your herb choices with your vinegar choices. Your herb selection available is the only limit!

Kathy Lee, igarden2@aol.com

The Gardeners of America - Fort Wayne

Thank you all with TGOA for recognizing JAB at the national Convention. I appreciate the clubs that contribute articles, events and stories to CGLG JAB Three times each year. There would be no JAB without all of you.
Maggie, JAB Editor



GoGC club celebrated 85 years at a Gala celebration on August 21. Please congratulate the Cleveland Club on this Anniversary



2017 GoGC Horticulture Show
September 11, 2017

In 2012 we started having a small horticultural show for our September meeting. The first year we had only a few entries, but every year since then the show has grown in size and quality. This year we hope that even more members will enter plants, fruits and vegetables. We have added some sections to allow for a larger variety of entries. This announcement is early to let you start planning your entries.

- You can make up to five entries per person.
- Ribbons will be awarded. There will be “Best in Show” and “Peoples’ Choice” (popular vote by all present) awards made again this year.
- **We will also award ribbons this year to the entry in the most unusual or whimsical container.**
- The plant show is an educational opportunity for our members. The national judging manual stresses that all club members are expected to enter the show if they are able.
- There will be a short talk connected to the show by Mark Occhionero to help carry out the theme of Gardening Education.



Committee reserves the right to modify schedule <http://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org>.



Horticulture Show Judges at 2017 Convention

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sponsored on Saturday. To me, the highlight of this tour was the urban farm which is called the Ohio City Farm. It is six acres of gardens that supplies many of the restaurants and breweries in the area with fresh produce. This farm is about 1 mile from Cleveland City Center! Our day concluded with a delicious lunch at Market Gardens and time to explore Ohio City. What an enjoyable time.

Our next regional meeting will be October 21st at Kingwood Garden. Our speaker will be Joe Cochran who is the head curator at Secrest Arboretum. I hope to see a big crowd for this meeting. With best regards, Clark

2017 Convention Horticulture Show

At the 2017 convention we held the first Horticultural Show at a National Convention. As show chairman I am pleased to say that it was a big success.



We had about 70 entries from as far away as Mississippi. I want to thank all of those that brought their specimens, and to Mark and Julie for helping to set up and helped with registration and to all those that judged and clerk for the show. Congratulations to Dan Logan who won the plant from furthest away (he brought 5 entries from Mississippi including some of the biggest onions I've have ever seen), to Rodney Toth who won the people's choice award with his Purple Hyssop, and to Tom Davis who won the Best of Show with his miniature Hosta.

Next year John Kesson has informed me that he wants me to chair a show in Fort Wayne, Indiana. So for those that are planning to attend next year's Convention be thinking about entries.

Remember one of the mission's of TGOA/MGOA is to educate and what better way is there than with a Horticultural Show. This is where people can see the plant up close and have a better idea of what to grow.

James Bell Gardeners of Greater Akron

Johnny Appleseed Broadcaster

The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Complete Their Latest Service Project: Malachi House Plantings

The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland was founded in 1932. This is our 85th year as an active club and our 83rd year of membership in The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America. The club's first service project was to encourage planting of trees in the tree lawn along Euclid Avenue, Cleveland's main street. This commitment to serve the community has been a staple of the Club's existence. Projects have ranged from developing gardens at the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Blossom Music Center (summer home of the Cleveland Orchestra) in earlier years to its 2007-2008 Tranquility Garden at the Women's Transitional Housing facility and a similar garden at Joseph's Home for disadvantaged men in 2008-2009. Since then the club has completed an annual project for a facility in Cleveland that serves the needs of people in need. This year the club planted a curb-side garden for Malachi House on Cleveland's near west side. Malachi House was founded in 1988 through a pioneering effort to preserve human dignity for terminally ill individuals.

Malachi House serves the terminally ill who lack funds and/or an available caregiver at the end of their life. Since their founding in 1988 they have increased their capacity from 10 to 15 beds. Malachi house also has a full-service kitchen, family dining room, living room, chapel, and atrium. Malachi House has served more than 2,000 residents since it opened.

The project started with extensive pruning of the trees to let in some light. Here, we enjoyed guidance from Fred Robinson, professional arborist and 50-year member of the club. The soil was amended, plants chosen, a bench and bird bath installed, and finally the planting went ahead. Our project manager was Bob Rensel, club member.

The finished result has delighted the patients, staff, visitors and neighborhood residents. On the



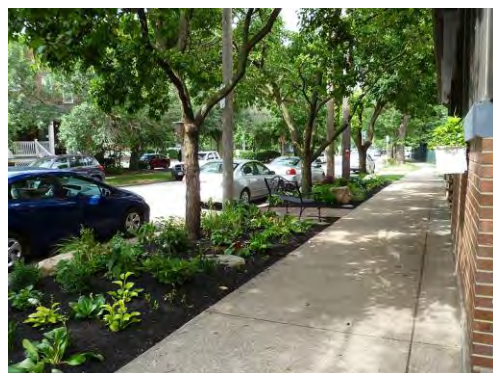
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last day of planting the crew was interrupted constantly to hear the positive reactions and answer questions. One resident hadn't been outside in six months. Since the garden went in, he has been outside in his wheelchair almost daily. The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland would like to acknowledge the receipt of a grant from the "Gardening from the Heart" fund of the Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Club of America. At the 2017 National Convention held in Cleveland July 2017, the club was awarded the "Gardening from the Heart" award for their four-year commitment to plantings at the Louis Stokes Veteran's Administration Hospital. We appreciate the grant and the plaque, but the real reward comes when the residents at our project locations express their joy and gratitude for the gardens we install.

Visit www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org for more on the club and the projects.

Tom Davis, National Director
The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland





Plants that repel mosquitoes-Some plants-

- **Lemon grass** is used to make **citronella oil**, which has proven mosquito repelling abilities. Since it is hardy only in tropical zones, plant yours in a pot and bring it inside when the temperatures drop if you intend to keep it over the winter.
- While we are on the topic of lemon, any plant with a strong, citrus fragrance will keep bugs at bay. Try **lemon-scented geraniums, lemon thyme, or lemon balm**. Lemon balm is in the mint family, so confine it to a pot to keep it from spreading crazily.
- **Lavender** repels moths, flies, fleas, and mosquitoes. Use it fresh or dry some of the flowers to hang around the house or put in with your clothing to keep bugs out.
- **Rosemary** may prevent flies and mosquitoes from ruining a cookout. If the bugs are really bad, like around dusk, throw a few sprigs of rosemary on the grill and the aromatic smoke will help drive the mosquitoes away.
- **Basil** is another culinary herb that does double duty by repelling flies and mosquitoes too. The pungent smell the basil leaves give off are what keep pests at bay.
- **Peppermint** exudes a strong fragrance that ants, mosquitoes, and even [mice](#) don't like. Grow it in a pot to contain its rampant growth.
- **Pennyroyal** is a groundcover that repels mosquitoes, gnats, [ticks](#), and flies. The trick is to crush it to release its fragrance.
- **Catmints** including catnip have been found to be even more effective than DEET in repelling mosquitoes and ants. Just be sure to locate catnip away from plants that can't take being rolled on by all the cats in the neighborhood.

<http://www.almanac.com/blog/gardening/garden-journal/plants-repel-mosquitoes-and-insects>



- **Scented Geraniums** seem to be a popular mosquito repelling plant. Recommended by PlantShed, BBG, and NYBG, the favored scent seems to be lemon scented, which is reminiscent of citronella grass. They are beautiful blooms with a strong fragrance that keep several types of pests away. These fast growing plants like warm, sunny, and dry climates, but if you are in a cold climate area, they can be grown in planters with constant pruning.
- **Garlic** From pests to vampires, garlic is known for keeping unwanted prey away. Garlic's ability to deter unwanted insects has been scientifically proven, although the exact component is unknown. This pungent herb may keep more than just the insect away. Remember it krepels mosquitos and cabbage flies.

<http://www.wideopencountry.com/9-plants-turn-porch-mosquito-free-zone/>



Other herbs

- Bay leaves: Repel flies. When you grow this plant, you won't have to rely on the dried leaves from stores to add flavor to roasts and soups. Just pick the leaves as you need them.
- Chives: Repel carrot flies, Japanese beetle and aphids.
- Dill: Repels aphids, squash bugs, spider mites, cabbage loopers and tomato hornworms.
- Fennel: Repels aphids, slugs and snails.
- Lemon balm: Repels mosquitoes.
- Oregano: Repels many pests and will provide ground cover and humidity for peppers.
- Parsley: Repels asparagus beetles.
- Thyme; particularly lemon thyme : Repels whiteflies, cabbage loopers, cabbage maggots, corn earworms, whiteflies, tomato hornworms and small whites

<https://www.mnn.com/your-home/organic-farming-gardening/stories/12-plants-that-repel-unwanted-insects>



Central Great Lakes Gardeners Summer Conference Meeting Minutes

Central Great Lakes Gardeners met on July 21 in Cleveland during the 2017 National Convention. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Clark Bordner, with Pledge, followed by prayer by Rodney. Treasures' report was provided by Bob Bell. Monies received and expenses paid were presented. Suggested letting the C. D. roll over. The membership was reviewed and corrected. Les Knight moved to accept, 2nd by John Kessen, vote approved
Roll call was answered by 25 in attendance. There were no committee reports

OLD BUSINESS

The catered meal in April was discussed as to what members want. Members wished a lunch. A downsized meal would be more appropriate.

NEW BUSINESS

Saturday tour for the conference. Car pool for transport. Discussion of total participants. Larry has a van rented. Cost of the Tours (\$180), Van (300). Each person pay own meal. Motion by Rodney to put \$500 toward cost, 2nd by John. Bob noted he would need to transfer \$1000 from C. D.

ELECTION of OFFICERS

Officer nominations were presented for 2018, to be installed at Oct. 21 meeting. Larry Kell- president, moved by Clark, 2nd by John, nomination approved. 1st Vice President – Steve Mackie, nominated by Les K. 2nd by Bob B. vote approved. No one for 2nd Vice President
Marcia Davies, secretary. Moved by Bob, approved. Bob Bell for Treasurer. Moved by Fred, 2nd by John S. nominated approved. No nominations from the floor.
Discussion regarding Vice President continued. It is necessary Nomination committee must know the duties of that office. At this time there is no nomination committee
Tom Davis noted it would be appropriate for the current Past President, Les Knight, to head a nomination committee, and look for a Vice President. Tom moved a motion 2nd by Fred Robinson, approved.

AWARDS

Rodney presented nine awards
Certificate of Appreciation – Kay Musgrave, her post service on awards committee
Certificate of Honor – Donald & Joseph Handly for 50 years' service to Lima Club.
Horticulture Achievement – Charles White for planting and maintaining 4 Civic Beds, Van Wert Club
Horticulture Journalism – Dave Campanell, continued work on the Youngstown newsletter.
Horticulture Achievement – Jim Bell leading the Judging Team and classes
Horticulture Appreciation – Co-chairs of Cleveland Convention – Tom Davis, Bob Bell & John Schinker.
Green Bronze – Clark Bordner, presiding Regional President, Akron Club

Larry noted the Thursday noon meal for the torus, donated by Giant Eagle, at \$5.00 each. John will send out Thank You note to all who provided donations and helped on the 2017 Convention.

No further business, Jim moved to adjourn, 2nd by Bob. Approved.

Secretary Marcia Davies

Retyped for JAB by Marggie



2017 CENTRAL GREAT LAKES GARDENERS MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE DATES

Gardening in Education and Excellence in Horticulture Since 1932

CGLG Fall Regional Meeting- October 21, 2017 Kingwood Center, Mansfield OH – Les Knight
2018 National TGOA Convention June 26 – 29, 2018 Fort Wayne, IN - John Kessen

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