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President's Message...John Kessen



We have had a busy and rewarding Spring and Summer this year. I indicate busy because we hosted the TGOA/MGCA National Convention in Grand Rapids on June 10 – 12 in addition to our normal activities and events for this time of the year. The convention was very successful. We had 103 attendees. Our staffing from the CGLR Volunteer base was 25 volunteers from seven clubs in the region. Ten clubs responded to our request for door prizes. We appreciate the help and teamwork by our CGLR family. As a result of this important volunteer activity, our region has grown closer together. Because of our working together for a common goal, we have gotten to really know the members of our participating clubs and have formed many new friendships. I believe it has been a tremendous benefit to our region. We are the largest and the most connected region in the TGOA/MGCA.



I want to thank all of you for your prayers and concerns for my personal health. I had surgery in Fort Wayne on Thursday, June 24 for cancer. There was a tumor on my kidney. The surgery went very well and I was able to return home on Sunday, June 27. All of those prayers sure helped make my recovery proceed very well.

It is important to let you know that several of our new regional Committee Chairmen are doing an outstanding job. Jim Bell has done a really good job of working with our judging program. He has some new thoughts and ideas and is doing a good job of carrying them forward. One of the new things is the Special Horticultural Show at the CGLR Summer Conference.

Cheri Kessen has been plugging away at obtaining information on existing children's programs, children's gardens, etc. She is starting to build up a resource to be utilized by all. It is very important that we all remember the future of all of our clubs will rest in the gardeners of the future. We really need to encourage the young people to become involved in gardening. We have started working with our three year old granddaughter. She is really enjoying the gardening experience.

You all know that the success of our region and each of our clubs rests with each of you. We should not think of ourselves as individuals, but as a member of a team that works together to support our activities and programs. Thank you for all of the team support you have shown during my year as president.

Now it is time remind you that the Fall meeting of the CGLR will be at Kingwood Center in Mansfield, Ohio on October 2, 2010 at 10:00 am. I look forward to visiting with you and hearing your ideas. Yours in gardening, **John**

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Now Read These!



REGIONAL CLUB NEWS



In his message, John Kessen, CGLR President lauded the closeness that welded the membership as a result of the teams of volunteers, and clubs joining hands while preparing for the successful 2010 National Convention held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. However, we need to know your events.

Editors will have to provide us the necessary information in keeping with their club scheduling and publication dates of The JAB newsletter.

Members interested in attending the activity of another club should make contact as indicated in the announcements.

➔ **The 2010 Annual Bus Trip sponsored by the Gardeners of America – Fort Wayne** will travel **Saturday, September 18**. It is open to anyone that would like to join us. We will be going to Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve in Niles, Michigan, for a special guided tour. Fernwood has the following gardens: Bauer Terrace with perennials; South Vista Gardens with annuals, water garden, pond, and ornamental grasses; Discovery Garden with hands-on; Japanese Garden; Ravine sunken garden; Boxwood Garden with ground cover; North Vista Gardens with shade plantings; Herb/Sensory Garden; Home Fern Garden; and the new Railroad Garden.

We'll eat box lunches on the bus to our next stop in Paw Paw, Michigan to visit the St. Julian Winery. We will enjoy their tour and sample either their wines or sparkling juices. We will then proceed to Krider Park in Middlebury, Indiana. Krider Nurseries constructed and exhibited Krider's Diversified Garden at Century of Progress

International Exposition in Chicago 1933-34. The garden was reconstructed here in 1935 and restored by the community in 1995. It, also, has one of the quilt gardens. Our next stop will be the Essenhouse in Middlebury, Indiana. It has one of the quilt gardens and some interesting shops. We will have an Amish family style dinner before we head back home.

The cost is \$70 per person including two meals.

SCHEDULE

7:30 AM Pick up in Fort Wayne
8:15 AM Pick up in Kendallville
10:00 AM Arrive Fernwood
12:15 PM Leave Fernwood – Box lunch provided on the bus.
1:30 PM Arrive St. Julian Winery
2:30 PM Leave St. Julian Winery
3:30 PM Arrive Krider Gardens
4:15 PM Arrive Essenhaus
5:30 PM Have Family Style Amish Dinner
6:30 PM Leave Essenhaus
7:30 PM Arrive Kendallville
8:30 PM Arrive Fort Wayne

Register as soon as possible. After your reservation is received you will receive a confirmation and instructions on where to park your car for the trip, etc. We will provide juices, water, rolls and snacks on the bus in the morning. There are no refunds after your reservation is confirmed.

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➔ Potluck Dinner and Plant Auction. Thursday, 6:00 PM, October 14 –Also by the Ft. Wayne Club.

If you have any questions about either of these events, please E-mail John Kessen at lakelover60@yahoo.com or phone (260) 854-2988.


(Continue to Pages 4 & 7 more Frog event information)



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ORCHID FOLKLORE

Source: Smithsonian Horticulture Division
Smithsonian Institution

hrouded in mystery and of endless variety of exquisite form and color the flowers of the “Orchid Family” have captured the imagination and stimulated the intellect off the “Family of Man” for millennia.

Inspired by the Orchid’s loveliness and our own species’ natural desire to understand our environment, humans have concocted many charming [and sometimes disturbing] tales to explain the Orchid’s myriad complex structures and hues. It is testament to our enduring fascination with these spectacular plants that these “tales” span from antiquity to current-day novels and occur on all continents and cultures where human curiosity and Orchid habitats have crossed.

Modern discoveries through scientific endeavor have provided us with more plausible biological explanations or Orchid anomalies. Still, the Orchid Tales reveal an inherent fondness and respect for the beauty of nature as a well as insight into the character of humanity that we all share.

One of the earliest legends recorded about orchids relates the story of Venus and Adonis hunting in the forest when a sudden thunderstorm occurred. Taking shelter together in the intimate quarters of a cave, it was inevitable that these two most beautiful of beings would engage in lovemaking. Somewhere along the way Venus lost her gilded shoe. Upon being discovered by a mortal, the shoe magically turned into a *Cypripedium* flower.

Folklore form Indonesia tells us of a fantastically beautiful goddess clad in luminous silk, who visited a primitive tribe in Java with the benign intent of inspiring them to higher ideals and an appreciation of finer things.

Fearful, and unable to recognize the gift they had been offered, the people attacked her and ran her off. Heartbroken and bereft from the unfortunate encounter, she laid her glistening scarf upon the rocks and turned to the people who then, too late, recognized her divinity. As she pulled her scarf from the sharp rocks to return to heaven, the garment shredded and stuck in the crevices, and was transformed into the lovely terrestrial Jewel Orchids widely cultivated in Java and around the world.



Paphiopedilum Procrustes

The orchid above is a hybrid of Paphiopedilum Gowerianum and Paphiopedilum Maudiae is one of the many large flowered complex-type Slipper Orchids and are among the best orchids for windowsill culture.

Concon Bell



‘Ruth Gee’



Magic Lantern



Showy Lady’s Slipper



Colorkulii



Dom’s Trix

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BIG PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF

The World Wide Great Pumpkin weigh-off event will take place at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, October 2, 2010 at Tim Parks Garden Center, 9010 Youngstown-Salem Road, Canfield, Ohio. (330-533-3236). Other weigh-offs will include the largest tomato, gourds, watermelon, squash, Jack-O-Lantern et cetera.

Generous prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 are waiting for the top three pumpkin weights.



A standing Great Pumpkin International Commonwealth bonus prize of \$10,000 is waiting for the first pumpkin weighing 2,000 pounds. You may have or get to witness a World Champion. Plan to attend! Tim is a garden club member.

LADIES BUG THE HOUSE



As winter approaches, this is the time of year when ladybugs look for a warm, cozy place to spend the winter. You may be seeing ladybugs in your house, clustered on windowsills, crawling along the walls, flying from room to room probably making nuisances of themselves.

Most gardeners are aware that ladybugs are useful insects in the garden; they can eat a variety of insect pests that would otherwise feed off your plants before you can. But they have no business taking up residents in your house.

Native ladybugs usually live the winter nestled in groups amongst leaf litter or they'll even find a cave for their winter home. It is the non-native Asian lady beetles that make such great efforts to spend their winters inside with us.

Some of these Asian lady beetles will expire over winter leaving their carcass stains and foul odor behind. They can make quite a mess and get themselves into all sorts of places they shouldn't be, like your computer keyboard. If enough of them mass together, they can even clog pipes and vents.

The best way to get Asian lady beetles out of the house is to prevent them from entering in the first place. They can crawl in through the smallest cracks, to prevent them from entry points, seal windows with caulk, add weather stripping around doors and place fine screens over any openings into the attic and soffits.



As you bring your gardening tools and ornaments inside for the winter, check them to make sure there are no ladybugs coming inside along with them.

If ladybugs do manage to get inside the house, they can be vacuumed up. If you are vacuuming up ladybugs, either remove the dust bag immediately and deposit it in an outdoor trash can, or you can wrap a plastic bag over the end of the vacuum hose so the ladybugs don't crawl right back out; they are tricky little fellows.

Avoid swatting ladybugs, they are likely to stain whatever they were squished against, and their yellow blood can leave an odor like burnt rubber.



You can also try capturing the ladybugs and then releasing them outdoors, but they are likely to make an effort to come back inside.

Be aware if you notice that ladybugs are clustered on the siding of your home, they are searching for the opportunity to enter your home. Knock them down with a strong spray from a garden hose.

Article written by Mike McGroarty: McGroarty Enterprises Inc. P.O. Box 338, Perry, Ohio 44081



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The Power of Leaves



Informed gardeners make the most of what trees discard when carpeting their lawns. Leaves! A real boon, leaves offer your garden a rich fall snack of nutrients and continuous warm winter blanket.

Who among us has not kicked up woodland leaves to discover this stuff called “Black Gold”? It’s the coveted dark nutrient rich compost underfoot that every gardener yearns. This material created by the profusion of fallen leaves over many months or years of decomposition aided by a myriad of living helpers tirelessly working twenty-four-seven.

Once gathered and shredded, put the leaves in the compost pile, bag them, or use as mulch; spread a three or more inch layer over your garden to over-winter. The mulch will amend soil and hold nutrients for next year’s garden.



Compost worked into the soil provides a source of multivitamins that every plant requires to produce the results we all desire. We spend many dollars to purchase chemical products to help fertilize and feed God’s plants in order to achieve a fruitful harvest, or to raise a prized specimen for exhibition.



Why do more of us not reap the plentiful supply of *free* leaves to serve us? If you do, these hints may be helpful.

- Help to quicken the composting process by first shredding and chopping or grinding your material. Smaller is better.
- To progress with breaking down, keep your compost pile damp; add water during dry spells and cover during heavy rainfall.
- Also helpful; add grass clippings and other non-diseased green material to the pile, thus equally mixing the nitrogen with the brown/carbon of the leaves.
- Turn your compost pile every two or three weeks, but refrain from turning during the

cold winter months, you may lose the requirement of heat to compost any seed.

Too often, leaves are scorned, bagged then trashed by too many homeowners, some of whom are known to destroy mature trees to eliminate “those troublesome leaves”.



It is up to you, as knowledgeable gardeners, to spread the word, and help inform those needing to know, how to recognize and conserve the value of leaves. When you explain to them why they should harness this free resource, you will also be teaching them to use their garbage disposals less often...

The economical value of doing what you just read about is seldom mentioned. Did you pick up on the word *free*? It would be interesting to learn the results of an Accountant’s cost analysis of the gardening monies saved by helping to create a yard of compost derived from leaves.



A member walking with the club Treasurer upon seeing a nickel lying on the ground said, “It’s only five cents” and did not bend down to pick it up.

The Treasurer however, did bend down and while picking up the nickel and replied, “Only five cents, huh? Well if you figure that it took me only four seconds to pick it up, that would be the same as my earning seventy-five cents a minute or forty-five dollars an hour.” Every club needs this treasurer.

A gardening friend of ours used the advantage of composting leaves so well, that a garden visitor so much impressed with the condition of his garden soil asked if she could have some of that dark rich looking soil from his garden. Laughing at what he thought was a compliment, the visitor, now deadly serious said, “I would only need a pick-up truck full” Black Gold indeed!

Spectacular accomplishment is never preceded by less than spectacular preparation.



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PASS THE (PIPER NIGRUM)



In some parts of the world, it may be found on nearly every dinner table, often alongside the table salt. But as with many everyday items used, we give little thought as to where it comes from, or the people that have a hand in providing us with its use.

During a study review of the Ohio State Extension Fact Sheet, HYG 1618-92, "Growing Peppers in the Home Garden", one of the Youth Garden Participants asked this question; "If black pepper does not grow like the other peppers that we plant, where does it come from?"

Think about that question for a moment. Can you answer it correctly? If yes, we could have used you to write this article about black peppercorns or its related white, green and pink peppercorns.

Peppercorns, may described simply as pepper, or more precisely as black pepper; it is native to India and extensively cultivated there and elsewhere in some tropical regions.



Piper nigrum (pictured here) is a flowering vine in the family Piperaceae that is grown for its fruit that we call the peppercorn. It is usually dried and ground then used as a spicy seasoning in the preparation for many of our food recipes, however its sometimes used whole. The spiciness of black pepper is due to the chemical piperine. The harvested peppercorn is about the size of a cherry seed and is dark red when fully mature, and, like all drupes contains a single seed.

A drupe is a fruit in which an outer fleshy part, or skin or flesh surrounds a shell. The hardened pit

or stone with the seed enclosed is similar to peaches, cherries, plums, apricots. Other flowering plants that produce drupes are coffee, jujube, date, mango, olive, coconut, oil palms, pistachio, almond and nectarine to name a few.

Other fleshy fruits may have a stony enclosure that comes from the seed coat surrounding the seed, but such fruits are not drupes.

Pink peppercorn may refer to spice made from dried berries of Brazilian or Peruvian *red pepper* (as in bell or chile), and *green pepper* (as in bell or chile) are also used to describe the fruits of other, unrelated plants.

Sichuan peppercorn is another "pepper" that is botanically unrelated to black pepper. Recipes often suggest lightly toasting and then crushing the tiny seedpods before adding them to food. Only the husks are used; the shiny black seeds are discarded or ignored as they have a very sand-like texture.

Green peppercorns are also simply the immature black peppercorns. White pepper consists of the seed of the pepper plant alone, with the darker colored skin of the pepper fruit removed.

Chili peppers have been a part of the human diet in the Americas since at least 7500 BC. There is archaeological evidence at sites located in southwestern Ecuador that chili peppers were domesticated more than 6000 years ago, and is one of the first cultivated crops in the Americas that is self-pollinating.

Christopher Columbus was one of the first Europeans to encounter them (in the Caribbean), and called them "peppers" because of their similarity in taste with the Old World black peppers of the *Piper* genus.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_pepper



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We believe that gardening is good for the soul of the gardener and for all whom benefit from their efforts. In that goal, anyone who teaches someone how to garden is passing on a blessing to those who need to enrich their soul and their life. (Bluffton Pandora Club -Edelweiss News, Editor, Patrick Flinn)

14th ANNUAL OPEN GARDEN



Rodney & Kay Toth invite you to visit their gardens Sunday, September 5, 2010, 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. at 5637 W. Liberty Street, (Rt. 304) Hubbard, Ohio.

There are numerous gardens featuring different and unusual varieties of vegetables, dahlias, forty-foot long gourd arbor, and “The Potpourri Pole” that may be very interesting with Dutchman’s pipe and Passionflower combination.

Singing entertainment by Monica Toth Baker at 2:00 P.M. There is ample parking and it’s FREE! That’s right, no admission fee. “What you do for others can live forever!” Needs repeating.

Contact Rodney of the Youngstown Club or Kay to arrange special tours or questions you may have regarding their specialized gardens and numerous other garden features. 330-759-1993.

CGLR 2010 CONFERENCE REPORT



Some thirty-five gardeners of the GCLR gathered for the annual two-day seminar conference at the Quail Hollow Resort near Cleveland, Ohio. The event was under the management of James Bell, member of the Akron Club.

The meeting began with a flower and vegetable show. By mid-afternoon we had completed a business meeting and the election of officers for the year 2011.

Elected president was Robert Bell, Leroy Hart 1st Vice-President and Cheri Kessen 2^d Vice-President. The secretary for the coming year will be, Marcia Davies and the treasurer William Lanning.

Following the business meeting was a short visit to Holden Arboretum and lecture on new interesting plants. The day ended with a fine dinner, conversation, a baseball game or the summer concert in nearby Chardon, Ohio – then to bed for a big day tomorrow!

Saturday morning came early with a continental breakfast, and return to Holden Arboretum for another lecture and a tour of the grounds and the butterfly garden.

For lunch we visited the Grand River Valley Winery. Fine wine and delicious sandwiches hit the spot on this high humidity day.

Following lunch the entire group acted like “kids in a candy store” while visiting the North Coast Nursery in Madison, Ohio. Here we were treated to the entire nursery stock raised in sixty-four greenhouses. Most of us wished we had brought a pick-up truck with attached trailers to buy and bring home plant life for our gardens.

The Summer Conference ended with the awards dinner on Saturday evening.

(Report by Hugh G. Earnhart, Youngstown Club)

JAB spring 2011 issue deadline for scheduled events or announcements is February 1st. For articles contact editor with subject prior to submission and deadline.

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home. Edith Stillwell





2010 CENTRAL GREAT LAKES REGION MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE DATES

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Regional Meeting - October 2 – 10:00 AM – Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio - John Kessen - 260-854-2988
Regional Meeting – April 2011– 10:00 AM – Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio – Robert Bell – 330-673-3553
Annual Regional Conference – TO BE ANNOUNCED – Leroy Hart – 330-836-1407

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