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We have a lot of activities to do this spring and summer. Thank you everyone involved in the spring meeting at Mansfield. A special thank you to the Davies for the refreshments. Maybe for the fall meeting we could have omelets and waffles, or not.

I really enjoyed John Martin's presentation on gourds. Some of you that played in his orchestra at the end of his presentation may need a little more practice before you take it on the road.

You will remember that we agreed to pay Longwood \$40 for use of the Gatehouse. In the past we have met there without charge because we were associated with the Mansfield Garden Club. At least that is my understanding. The Mansfield Club no longer meets there. In any case I had a chat with John Makley at Kingwood. They can use all the financial support they can get. I think we should just pay them \$50 for the use of their facilities each meeting. It is a great place to meet. We are all familiar with them and the CGLR can afford it. We can decide this summer.

Speaking of which, Leroy has an article and registration form in this issue of JAB. You can also find the registration form on the region's website. Look for it and ***please get your registration in early***. I know from last year that most put it off until the last minute, that makes it a guessing game for the organizers making final arrangements for a bus, number of rooms, and other items. Some folks paid more for their room last year than was necessary.

I told Leroy that I did not believe that 50 would sign up for the conference; if we go over 50 for the bus we will just have to take a car or two.

CGLR elections will be held this summer. This election includes alternate directors to the National.

Also this summer, don't forget the National Conference in Overland Park, Kansas, June 16 – 18, 2011. This is a great time to make new friends and renew old friendships.

One of the discussions we had at our April Meeting concerned communication. You all know that Frank Mitch has put in considerable hours developing web pages for National, CGLR as well as our Akron Clubs.

Last year the Akron Club had a discussion regarding our web page. Someone asked how many times each of us had been to the site. I think I said once, I am an active member of the club, Why do I need to go to our web page for what I already know.

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What you do for others can live forever!

Now Read These!



REGIONAL CLUB NEWS

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA CLUB

The Fort Wayne Club invites members of other clubs to help fill this bus on September 17, 2011. We will visit Michigan State University and our



good friend, Dr. Norm Lownds; he was a presenter at the 2010 National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is agreed to personally give us a tour of the gardens. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed his presentation at the convention.

This trip will give us an opportunity to visit the Annual Trial Garden, the Rose Garden, the Perennial Display Garden, The 4H Children's Garden and the Landscape Arboretum led by Dr. Lownds.

Next stop we'll bring our appetites along to the Win Schuler's Restaurant in Marshall, Michigan for Dinner.

The cost of the bus, lunch and dinner are all included in the \$75.00 per person fee.

We will have a great day of enrichment and delicious food with great gardening companions; it will be a fun filled day!

Contact John Kessen for additional information and a registration form today.

260-854-2988 or lakelover60@yahoo.com.

NOTICES

UPCOMING REGIONAL 2011 EVENTS

Youngstown Club

August 3 – The MGCY Annual Steak Fry – Boardman, Ohio Park - Speaker, Rodney Toth – “How to Display at Horticulture Shows” – Member's Guest only, call a member for an invitation -Registration - John Kolar 330-545-2266

August 20, 21 – The MGCY 46th Horticulture Show – Fellows Riverside Gardens – Everyone Welcome to Place Entries – Rodney Toth – 330-759-1993

Bluffton/Pandora Club

June 24,25 - 50th Horticultural Show being held in conjunction with the Bluffton Sesquicentennial. Patrick T. Flinn – 419-358-6766

Photo of a few of the 144 attendees at the Youngstown, Ohio Club's Annual Winter Seminar; presented Saturday, February 12, 2011.



“I know” is the very thing that keeps us from learning what we should know.



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THE C.G.L.R HAS A CLIQUE!

The word is that a clique runs the CGLR. We have found this to be true, and it is obvious who these members are. If you are one of these individuals, there may be no need for you to read more.

You are among the faithful members present at meetings, you accept appointments to committees, hold office, give willingly of your time, your energy, effort and you believe that the more you put into an organization, the more you'll get out of its accomplishments. Thank you for all you do for your fellow members!

Also, we discovered that these same people belong to the cliques in their local clubs, without these cliques, The CGLR and many local clubs would cease to exist; robbing many future gardeners the satisfactions we all enjoy today.

Two of the principal reasons that organizations fold up and pass into history are one; they fail to recruit new and younger members to keep the pump primed and moving. The other is when the call for, "All hands on deck" is met with too many hands not heeding the call, causing the ship the flounder and sink.

Step up and help man the rails in your perspective local club and build the membership. Farming is good when the soil is good, so then, like the soil, when the local club is good; they help feed the CGLR & National with the members that become the Clique.

It's the dedicated members that make things happen and fill the rolls of the "CGLR Clique"; they are of inestimable value, like a healthy heart that pumps the lifeblood to a body, the Clique pumps the nourishment required to every organization.

NOTICE! There are positions open in the Clique. It's easy to apply; you can begin by taking a lively

interest in meetings, projects and events. Give helpful, constructive suggestions, and before you know it, you'll be a member of the best Clique around – The Central Great Lakes Region.

Ask how you can join The Clique, or answer the call of your Officers and Committee Chairpersons.

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The cool thing is our site has information that can change. It also has links to both the region and the national sites. Look up names, phone numbers, email addresses, programs, documents describing job responsibilities, award requirements, award winners and on and on, give it a try!

I am taking the opportunity to say a huge thank you to Joe Alessi, Joe has been the editor of the JAB since its reintroduction four years ago, he has done an outstanding job; the newsletter has always looked very professional and interesting to read. I know from my own experience that this has been a lot of work for Joe, is retiring as Editor the end of this year.

Many of your newsletters have articles about what to do in our gardens. You include suggestions about types of plants or caring for plants, when to plant, prune or pick. I know many of you are familiar with the YAHOO group communication forum.

Wouldn't it be worthwhile to post interesting gardening notes for the rest of us regarding what you are doing in your gardens this year? What discoveries you have made, new plants you have found, and secret recipes you have for using the produce you grow. I hope you will share your knowledge with all of us. See you at our summer meeting.

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Is Your Lawn Brown or Dead?

I often overhear people say, "Don't water your lawn, just let it go dormant, as soon as it rains it will be green again." Is that true?

Partially it's true to some extent. In our northern climates we have cool season grasses. Whereas, in the hot southern states they have warm season grasses that can take the heat much better than our northern grasses, now that's easily understood.



It is true that cool season grasses will turn brown and go dormant during periods of extreme heat. But there is a fine line between dormant and dead, you must know where that line is if you want to have a nice lawn come fall.

If you have a lush green lawn that is made up of fine textured rye grasses, fescues and bluegrass you may not have to water during hot dry spells. The cool season grasses in your lawn will go dormant. But even dormant grasses need some water.

You may get by with two, or maybe three weeks of drought that probably would not be that great of a problem. But if your yard is like mine, mostly sandy or gravel-like soil, much longer than that without water there is a good chance that much of your lawn will die out completely, and may never grow back. You know when that has happened when the crabgrass and weeds start growing like crazy.

People who never water their lawns get away with it because the desirable grasses that once made up their lawn died off long ago, and now their lawn is

mostly thick bladed quack grass or some other undesirable species.

So if you have a nice lawn, and if you don't have any rain give it a drink at least once every two weeks, and by no means should you apply any fertilizer when your lawn is under stress from drought.

Make somebody you love happy! Give them a copy of my plant propagation book!

<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=B12Cu&m=1h0RRvTi1.YPGX&b=usB912XVwgfMTC6Mm7dSlw>

Have a great week and stay inspired!

Mike McGroarty Enterprises Inc., PO Box 338,
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MARY'S GOLD

In 1520 when Hernando Cortez conquered ancient Mexico, he found Marigolds growing abundantly. They were so beautiful that they softened Cortez's heart enough to take some of the seeds with him back to Spain for the King's Gardeners.

Soon they became the favorite flower of the devout placing them at the feet of the Virgin Mary. Calling them Mary's Gold,



soon they became known as Marigolds. So next time you plant Mary's Gold, think of this history.

A man should never plant a garden larger than his wife can take of. – T.H. Everett



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Central Great Lakes Region Summer Conference - July 29- 30, 2011

We will meet at the Berlin Hotel and Suites, one-mile West of Berlin in Holmes County, just off of State Route 39. We have reserved a block of 20 rooms at a reduced rate for Friday July 29. Rooms will also be available on the 28th and the 30th at the same rate. This rate will be held until July 15, after which, if available, rooms are at the regular rate.

The registration fee included two dinners, the bus tour and speakers. The two lunches will be choosing from the menu and on your own. There will be a special registration fee for Saturday only and another for the tour and dinner on Saturday at Werther's Museum.

Registration will be at 11 AM Friday in the conference room of the hotel. Lunch will be at noon in the hotel's restaurant nearby. The bus for our tour will arrive at 12:45 PM and leave at 1 PM. The tour will be a narrated drive through Amish country with commentary about the Amish way of life.

It includes stops at OARDC (Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center) in Wooster, the Secrest Arboretum, and Lehman's Hardware in Kidron, Ohio. This hardware consists of three pre-Civil War buildings and unusual merchandise. Our tour concludes for a traditional in home Amish meal.

The lady of the house is an avid gardener and uses her garden produce and flowers in her cooking recipes. The family sometimes entertains with a song after dinner. Another after dinner feature will be a neighbor who will tell about her flower arranging business.

Following dinner there will be a short business meeting back at the hotel in the conference room. Also there will be a time for fellowship.

On Saturday we will have a continental breakfast together in the conference room at 7:00 to 8:30 AM.

Our first speaker is Denise Ellsworth, Educational Director for Summit County Extension; she will speak on pest control in the garden. Our other speaker will be from OARDC. Checkout at the hotel is at 11:00 AM, but its not ended yet!

We will meet at Keim's Lumber in Charm at noon for lunch and shopping. At 2:00 PM we are to meet at Heini's Cheese for a guided tour, cheese tasting and shopping. At 3:30 PM will meet at Breitenbach Winery for a tour, wine tasting and shopping.

Saturday's agenda concludes with a private tour and dinner at Werther Carvings and Gardens in Dover, Ohio; tour at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM.

Following dinner will be the traditional awards ceremony by Rodney Toth. If you own any knives from Werther's bring them along to be sharpened for free.

There will be no horticultural show at this conference. This was voted on at the regional meeting in April.

A note you drinkers in the group, Holmes County is dry, also no alcohol is permitted at the Amish dinner. Therefore, if you wish to have a drink at the time of fellowship on Friday evening and at dinner at Werther's bring your own.

For those who may not want to follow the suggested agenda there will be provided a list of other attractions in the area. Since there is some driving involved on Saturday maps will be provided for drivers.

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*Wrinkles – something other people have,
Gardeners have character lines!*



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If you need a roommate we will try to match you up. Room rates are for a double. There is a lower rate for three in a room and even lower for four.

This area in Holmes and surrounding counties is said to be the largest Amish settlement in the country. Most attendees at the April regional meeting indicated they had been to Amish country but we hope that at this conference they will experience something different.

For information contact CGLR First Vice President, Leroy Hart, by phone at 330-836-1407 or E-Mail to gardengabber@neo.rr.com

For more Conference details, and a Registration Form visit the Regional web site: www.cglr.org

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

One form for each person.

\$100.00 Registration fee for each.

Registration for Saturday only \$50.00

Fee for Saturday tour and dinner only

\$35.00

Make checks payable to Gardeners of Greater Akron.

Mail check and this form to Leroy Hart, 633 Schocalog Rd., Akron, OH 44320-1033

Check for vegetarian diet -----
Need a roommate: yes no (circle one)

When making reservations mention the Summer Conference of CGLR

Registration Deadline is July 15, 2011

**CGLR
2011 Summer Conference**

We will stay overnight Friday, July 29th at Berlin Hotel & Suites. Cost is \$90.00 per night plus tax, \$11.25, two to a room. This cost is not in the registration fee. The phone number for room reservation is 1-800-935-5218.

Make your reservations by July 15, 2011. The hotel will attempt to accommodate late registration at the regular cost.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Berlin Hotel & Suite, corner of State Route 39 and County Route 201, 5330 County Route 201, Millersburg, Ohio 44651

FROM THE WEST

Take U. S. Route 30 to State Route 83, go right (south). This is just outside of Wooster. Turn left (east) on State Route 39 in Millersburg, turn left (north), on County Route 201. Turn right into the hotel.

FROM THE NORTH

Take U. S. Route 77 to Dover, exit the freeway, go west on State Route 39, continue on 39 through Berlin, the motel is one mile west of Berlin, turn right (north) on CR 201.

FROM THE EAST

Take U. S. 76 west to U. S. 77 in Akron and follow the directions from the North.

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Schedule of Events

Friday, July 29

11:00 AM Registration in the conference room at Berlin Hotel & Suites

Noon Lunch in the adjacent restaurant.

1:00 PM Bus leaves for tour of OARDC, Secrest Arboretum, Amish Country, Lehman Hardware

6:00 PM Dinner at an Amish home

Back at the hotel, business meeting and fellowship in the conference room

Saturday July 30

7:00 AM Continental Breakfast in the conference room

8:30 AM Speakers: Denise Ellsworth and from OARDC. in the conference room.

11AM Check out of the hotel

Noon Lunch at Keim Lumber, Charm

2:00 P M Tour of Heini's Cheese, Sugarcreek

3:30 PM Tour of Breitenbach Winery, Sugarcreek

5:00 Tour of Werther's Carvings and Gardens, Dover

6:00 PM Dinner and Awards Ceremony at Werthers

End of Registration Form

Slower, Older and Smarter

A C-130 aircraft was lumbering along when a cocky F-16 jet flashed by. The jet jockey decided to show off. The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot, "watch this" and promptly went into a barrel roll followed by a steep climb. He finished with a sonic boom as he broke the sound barrier. "What do think of that?" he asked the C-130 pilot.

"That was impressive, he answered but watch this". The C-130 droned on for about 5 minutes but nothing changed. Puzzled the F-16 pilot asked,

"What did you do"? The C-130 pilot chuckled. "I stood up, stretched my legs, walked to the back, and went to the bathroom, got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll".

When you are young and foolish, speed and flash may seem a good thing. When you get older and smarter, comfort and dull is not such a bad thing. Us older folks understand this.

From The Cleveland Garden Club "**THE SPADE**"

A veteran - whether active duty, retired, or national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his/her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including my life."

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The CGLR Fall meeting is October 8, 2011, starting at 10 AM at the Gatehouse. Assuming we agree to pay the \$50 this summer, enter from Trimble Road and drive up to the Gatehouse as we did in April. Lunch is at the Golden Corral. Our speaker is Tom Dayton. Tom is the owner of Dayton Nursery and Garden Center in Norton, OH. He also has an 8 AM Saturday radio program on WAKR in Akron. It is possible that you may ask him a gardening question that he won't know the answer to, but I doubt it. Among other things I like about Tom, he likes my elderberry wine. Bob



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Annual Regional Conference – July 29-30, 2011 – Holmes County, Berlin, Ohio - Leroy Hart – 330-836-1407
Regional Meeting – October 8, 2011 – 10:00 AM – Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio – Bob Bell – 330-673-3553
Regional Meeting – April 14, 2012– 10:00 AM – Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio – Leroy Hart – 330-836-1407

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