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## Monday, March 19

Make plans to attend each monthly meeting. It's a great opportunity to socialize, enjoy good food, and to learn more about gardening and our environment.

**When:** Monday, March 19, 2007

5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

**Where:** Vino La Bella  
440 Grant Street  
Akron, Ohio 44311

**Program From Tom Dayton**

Our speaker at the March meeting will be Tom Dayton, the owner of the Dayton Nurseries located on Cleveland Massillon Road in Norton.

Tom and his father Del started Dayton Nurseries in 1973. In 1970 Tom moved to his present location in Norton.

Tom graduated in 1976 from Ohio State Agricultural Institute with a degree in Nursery Management. His studies also included greenhouse management and landscaping

Much of the material that is sold in this nursery is grown at the site. The nursery is also active in landscape design and landscaping.

All club members are invited to attend the board meeting on March 26 at 7:00 PM at the Garden Forum building, corner of West Market Street and White Pond Drive.

**Club web site:** <http://www.acorn.net/mgcakron>

## **A Message from the President by Bob Bell**

March is here. In like a lion out like a lamb or the other way around. What do you think, was it a lion or a lamb? It got warmer for a day or so but it rained in some places, a lot. What will the weather be like at the end of this month? I just hope the snow melts soon so we can get outside and start getting our gardens cleaned up. It isn't the cleaning up so much as it is just getting outside.

I know that I have some apple trees to prune that should have been done earlier. My neighbor has six trees that he can't care for so he lets me pick all the apples. All we have to do is make him some apple sauce – Emily does that with a little help from me. Even though I sprayed them last year I either didn't do it properly or at the right time or the rain washed the spray off. In any case the fruit was scabby and misshapen. I think I have a lot to learn about caring for apple trees.

We had a good turnout for the February dinner. I expect to see more of you this month now that the weather is better. Even though our speaker was not able to be with us, he told us that he will be available at another date. We had a good time and a great chance to talk about some of the work we are doing. We are an awesome organization. Thanks largely to Andy, who had the idea for the seed exchange and brought a huge amount of seeds, the seed exchange went very well for our first time. Thank you to all who brought seeds. Next year I will do better.

The response to participate on one or more of our committees was good (not yet great). For those that didn't have an opportunity to sign up, I have included a sign up sheet. Don't be shy, we need everyone to be involved. The next page is a list of our committees including chair with phone number.

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### **From the Board Meeting**

Some important business was conducted at the February board meeting. Frank Mitch presented his summary of last year's expenses and a proposed budget for 2007. According to Frank's estimates the club will be about \$2000.00 short of meeting the proposed budget if the club receives the amount of income that is projected. How to meet this projected shortfall was discussed. We need to bring in more new members for one thing. We need to have a better return from the May plant sale than we had last year. After much discussion the budget was accepted.

One item of business affects all of the members. The cost of the dinners was reduced to \$12.00. The reason for this is rather complicated. Most of you did not know that we are charged \$50.00 for the use of the bar at meetings. This does not go to the caterer but to the owner of the building. Peg's Catering used to cover this charge and the present caterer did also last year. But this year he wants us to meet this expense. After much debate it was decided that this charge should not be a part of the cost of dinner. Instead this cost would come out of the club treasury.

The cost of the bar is a rather touchy subject and we have debated this at board meetings in the past. As is the club's policy any member can attend the board meetings and express an opinion. Also all members of the board are open to hearing your opinions on any of the club's business.

Submitted by Leroy Hart, Editor and Treasurer



## Gardening Program at the Library

The Akron Summit County Public Library is holding a one day program on gardening. A copy of the brochure describing this program is given below. Note that the program and parking are free. The library has been a good friend to our club providing us with a fine location for our horticultural show so we should support the library any way we can.

Akron-Summit County Public Library presents



# A Garden Affair:

## FUN FOR ALL!

**Saturday, April 7, 2007**  
**9 am - 5 pm**  
**Main Library**  
 60 S. High Street, Akron, OH

**A new and exciting daylong gardening event!**

Learn from local experts on topics such as organic vegetable gardening, landscape design, native perennials and more!

**FEATURING:**

- 7 different gardening lectures
- Author signings
- Children and Teen activities
- Exhibit tables to browse
- "Ask the expert" opportunities

*(See reverse side for full schedule of events)*

\*This event is **free of charge** and open to the public. Parking is free on Saturdays in the High/Market Street deck.

For map and directions, log on to [www.akronlibrary.org/map\\_main.pdf](http://www.akronlibrary.org/map_main.pdf).

For more information, contact Science & Technology 330.643.9075.

### Schedule of Events



8 - 10 am High Street Atrium	<b>1590 WAKR Remote Broadcast of "Ready, Set, Grow"</b> with Tom Dayton from Dayton Nurseries
10 - 11 am Auditorium	<b>The Gardens of Stan Hywet</b> Christy Keeey, Education Coordinator
10 - 11 am Meeting Room 1	<b>Successfully Growing Organic Vegetables at Home</b> Beth Knott, Organic Vegetable Farmer
11 am - 12 pm Children's Library	<b>Saturday Story Time Sampler</b> Enjoy story time with a gardening theme!
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Meeting Room 2	<b>Letters from Eden</b> Jillie Eidenboen, natural honey artist & writer
1 - 2 pm Auditorium	<b>Matching House and Garden</b> Sabrena Schweser, APLD Certified Landscape Designer & Horticulturist
2 - 3:30 pm Children's Library	<b>How Does Your Garden Grow</b> Hands on activities for the whole family
2 - 3:30 pm Teen Area	<b>Funky Container Terrariums</b> Create your very own Terrarium to take home!
2:30 - 3:30 pm Meeting Room 1	<b>How to Create a Rain Garden</b> Summit Soil Water Conservation District
2:30 - 3:30 pm Meeting Room 2	<b>Fresh Ideas: Cooking with Herbs</b> Chef Bev Shaffer, Cooking School Director at Mustard Seed Market
4 - 5 pm Auditorium	<b>Native Perennials, Old Favorites &amp; New Stars</b> Denise Ellsworth, OSU Horticulture Educator
All Day 9 am - 5 pm High Street Level	<b>Browse exhibit tables and see what local resources are available right here in Summit County "Ask an Expert"</b> Volunteers from OSU Master Gardeners of Summit County and Stan Hywet will be on hand to answer your questions!




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## Member News

Some time ago it was reported that Elmer Hoffman had entered a nursing home. We have received word that Elmer has passed away. We extend our condolences to the members of his family.

There has been a change in the person who handles this reporting for the club. After many years in this capacity Frank Mitch has turned this job over to Margaret Gentile. So please contact her at 330-384-8875 about illnesses or deaths of club member and their families. Margaret cannot attend club meetings because of her employment in the evenings but she wants to stay in contact with the club. In the past Margaret had been working with Frank; she would send cards when they were needed. Now she is taking on the whole job; thanks Margaret.

## Geranium Sale

It's time to start thinking about the geranium sale. The plants have been ordered. We ordered fewer than last year in the hope that there would not be as many left over as there were last year. Last year all of them were eventually sold but not before having them in Leroy Hart's, Bill Moorehouse's, and John Martindale's yards and having them at the May plant sale. The mix of colors will be different this year also.

We will be cooperating with the ladies of the Garden Forum again this year. We use their location without charge. The Garden Forum has selected the weekend of May 11 and 12 for the sale. Mother's Day is Sunday May 13. So mark your calendars for Friday May 11, early in the morning to help unload the trucks and get the sale off to a good start. This is the club's biggest fund raiser. Chet Lowry has again volunteered to be the chairman of the geranium sale. He will have tickets available at a meeting soon.

## Welcome New Member

**Eugene M. Chlosta**, 445 Inverness Road, Akron, OH 44313, phone 330-864-0850  
e mail gc44313@aol.com

Eugene is married to Carol Chlosta. He is a physician employed by Radiology and Imaging Services at 2603 West Market Street.

He listed his gardening interests as annuals, birds and butterflies, flowers, perennials, and shrubs and trees. He was recommended by Dick Cotton.

## Silent Auction

We are trying to put more life into the silent auctions held at the club meetings. Grace Cochran has volunteered to be in charge of overseeing the silent auctions. She requests that you bring in items for the auction this month.

## Beautification Awards

Jim Bell, our second vice president, is in charge of the beautification awards this year. He already has several members who have volunteered to help him but he could use more. See Jim if you are interested in doing this. Jim asks, "Have you or your neighbors had a beautiful garden? Usually those that had one last year will have the same again. If you know of one, let me know. Call Jim Bell at 330-644-6867 so I can start looking at the gardens."

## Upcoming Meetings

There are several regional and national meetings coming up. The first is the regional meeting on April 14 at the gate house of Kingwood Gardens in Mansfield. The meeting starts at 10 AM.

The regional summer conference will be Saturday June 2 in Youngstown.

The national convention will be July 12 through 14 at Rockford, Illinois.

More about these last two in later editions.