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President's Message - October

The time has come to starting thinking about storing our garden tools, after tilling our gardens before the winter freeze. We can plant our bulbs of tulips, daffodils, and other spring flowers so that they are the first buds of spring. You can also plant your garlic. Otherwise, the remnants of most gardens have lost their luster at this point of the season. However, it is always nice to see the beautiful fall colors in the mums and pumpkins that are present in so many yards.

I would like to thank everyone who was able to help at the Canfield Fair. I know some of you were out there quite a bit and it was nice to hear stories of those that stopped by or enjoyed seeing our presence. The weather was dicey at the start but ended on a high note.

We are going to have a fall breakfast. The date has not been set yet, but we will post it on the website. Also, we have been invited to Larry Duck's house to watch a football game on a Saturday in the near future. We will let you know the details when the date is set for that as well.

There is going to be a class on judging flowers. If you are interested, please contact Rodney Toth. Also, don't forget to give some thought about running for office. We will need a president, elections officer and a photographer. We have been without an election officer and a photographer for over a year. Hope to see you all at the next meeting! There will be donuts!!!

Thanks,
Dennis

A couple goes to an art gallery. They find a painting of a naked woman with only her privates covered with leaves. The wife doesn't like it and moves on but the husband keeps looking. The wife asks, "What are you waiting for?" The husband replies, "Autumn".



Dr. Joseph S. Gregori
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Rest In Peace, Dear Brother

Membership Meeting

7:00pm, Wednesday, Oct. 4
Speaker: Lynn Zocolo
Subject: 'A Gift of a Garden'
Elizabeth Fellow's Dream
Fellows Riverside Gardens
- Guests Welcome -

Board Meeting

6:30pm, Wednesday, Oct. 11
Austintown Public Library
South Raccoon Rd.
- All Members Welcome -

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Club News

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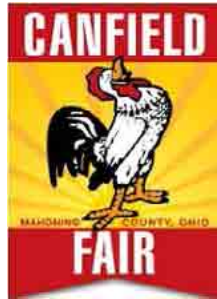
82 Members • 2 Associates

Canfield Fair Info Booth

We can again thank Bruce Brungard for organizing member participation, acquiring educational displays, and the setup and take down of our information booth. All the scheduled slots were fully manned over the five day event with several members doing multiple shifts.

In addition to promoting our club to the general public, we also try to sign up new members. Paul Shanabarger said that he handed out a half dozen membership applications himself. We hope that several come to fruition.

Hugh Earnhart made a very good showing during the



flower judging. His 'Rabbit's Foot Fern' was a Hanging Basket best in section. He also scored blue ribbons with his 'Show & Tell' and 'Jackie Evangewe' dahlias and 'Lime' zinnia.

Regional Judging Course Offered

Anyone participating in or merely attending our club's Horticulture Show has to hold the judges, who often travel significant distances, in esteem. Now is your chance to join this dedicated and knowable group by taking part in the Central Great Lakes Region judging classes. There will be a total of four classes the first being on Sept. 30 at Jim Bell's home, 48 Flowerdale Dr.,

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Akron. The remaining classes will be held sometime in March thru May. If you are interested, contact Jim at 330-644-6867 or at bell8676@aol.com. You can also contact Rodney Toth at 330-759-1993 or at rkdahalias@aol.com.

The Central Great Lakes Region has the most clubs, members and is the most active of The Gardeners Of America/Mens Garden Clubs Of America regions. It is no secret that, in recent years, the Akron and Cleveland clubs have been taking the lead in many areas including procuring new flower show judges as well as in leadership roles. Our members should follow the lead of John Schinker, Rodney and Hugh Earnhart and think seriously about becoming judges and in the open regional 2nd vice president office. They have been there and done that.

More On TGOA/MGCA 2017 Conference

As with any organization, the election of officers is an important event because it not only signals historic principles will be maintained, but that members respect the need for continued leadership. Here are our national's 2018 officers. *Congratulations and Thank You.*



l-r: Miles Dick, Treasurer; Carl Christainson, 1st V.P.; Lee Olson, 2nd V.P.; Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, 3rd V.P.; John Schinker, Past President; Frank Mitch, President.

In the *Germinator's* September issue, we neglected to mention several people who made significant contributions to the conference. John Schinker, Jr., took charge of the very important audio-visual functions throughout the event, and Ray Kuharich, an executive with the Giant Eagle grocery chain, was responsible for the donation of luncheon food and drink during the day of bus tours. Also, we wish to thank Carlo Rubino for the beautiful painting he donated to the door prize pool.

Plant Sale Door Prize Alive and Well

This is a pic of one of the sale's door prizes won by Debbie Gonda and cared for by her mother, Dee Polder. It's always nice when sale plants go to good homes.



MGCY 53rd Annual HorTOTHculture Show

If our latest Horticulture Show had been a Little League baseball game, it would have ended early due to the 'mercy rule'. That was how wide the gap existed between Rodney Toth's entries and all other exhibitors. Rodney took Best In Section in nine of the contested fourteen sections; won Best In Show; had the most points by a wide margin in the Sweepstakes competition; and won both the Larry Whetson Memorial Heaviest Tomato and the Boe Korody Memorial Best Zinnia contests. *Congratulations, Rodney.*

Youth Division - Best In Section, Best In Show and the Sweepstakes were all won by the 'candy onions' shown by Mathew Bushlino. The sad fact that Matt was the only exhibitor in that division only slightly detracts from his victory - his onions were beautiful.



Adult Division

Winners

Vegetables Section - In what is becoming a tradition carried over from his Youth Division domination, Robert Voland won with his six mixed



vegetables basket of: 'Aristotle' pepper; 'Serendipity' bi-colored corn; orange 'Habanero' hot pepper; Butternut squash; 'Black Beauty' eggplant; and 'Tomato Berry' tomato.

Ornamentals Section - Honors went to Rodney's 'Indonesian' gourd, probably from his gourd arbor.



Fruits Section - The abundance and pristine condition of the fruit on Bruce Brungard's elderberry branch swayed the judges on his behalf.

Annuals Section - Rodney's celosia 'Red Velvet Cake', a plant available at the Plant Auction and Pot Luck Dinner, took honors. We kind of expected the winner would be a 'State Fair' zinnia which took Best Zinnia to win this section but it didn't turn out that way.



Perennials-Biennials Section - Rodney's *Arundodonax* ornamental grass was tops in this section.

Dahlia Section - Well-known for growing these beautiful flowers, Rodney also took top honors in this section.



Bulbs, Tubers, Corms, Roots, Etc. Section - *Gladiolus*



'American Dream' was the best entry in this section and **Best In Show** for Rodney Toth.

Rose Section - Past Sweepstakes winner Cindy Salerno won with her hybrid tea 'Crimson Bouquet'.

Potted Plants Section - Mark Occhionero's 'Catleya' orchid hybrid.

Succulents Section - An *Echeveria* 'Tippy' was the judge's choice in this section.

Cactus Section -- Mark Occhionero also had a winner with *Rigidissimus* echinocereu.

Woody Plants or Trees Section - Rodney took this

section with his *Brugmansia* 'Pink Delight' (also called 'Angel's Trumpet'). This species was a new item in the Spring Plant Sale



inventory. Members might want to grab one next year before they sell out.

Hanging Container Section - Toth again with a *Coleus* 'Wedding Train' and 'Peridot'.



There were no **Bonsai** entries. This is not surprising because these plants involve years and, sometimes, decades of care. Understandably, owners are reluctant to leave their prized specimens unattended over the weekend.

Larry Whetson Memorial Heaviest Tomato - Larry was a great supporter of our show and a bit of a trickster (we'll save the story for another time). Rodney took this year's contest with a 3.5lb. monster 'Big Zak'.



The entry on the right would have won the *Beauty Consolation Prize* if there was one. It was a 2.1lb 'Polish Giant' - seeds courtesy of guess who.

Boe Korody Memorial Best Zinnia - Boe preferred to hide his candle under a bucket when it came to his prize 'State Fair' zinnias so, on this initial best zinnia contest, it was probably Karma that that variety won and was presented by, who else, Rodney.



Thanks To All Who Made The Show A Success

Our Horticulture Committee did its usual, a great job with all bases well covered. They are Rodney, Don Brown, Hugh Earnhart, John Schinker, Dan Miller, and Bruce Brungard. Dennis Zap, Bob McGowan and all who classified and clerked did their fair share toward maintaining the show's reputation as being one of the best over a wide area. And let's not forget the contestants like our good friend, Ashley Kannal.



But you can't have a contest of any kind without someone impartial to rate the contestants, and flower shows require judges who are dedicated and have a great deal of knowledge. Ours had the best. They were: Mark Occhionero, Julie Henry, Cheryl & Clark Bordner, Les Knight, Dave Rich, Mary Ann Rick, Leroy Hart, and Tom Davis. *Many thanks, guys.*



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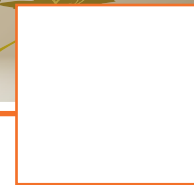
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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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calendar of events



Oct 4.....	General Meeting.....	FRG.....	7:00 pm
Oct 11.....	Board Meeting.....	Austintown Public Library.....	6:30 pm
TBA.....	Fall Breakfast.....	FRG.....	9:00 am
TBA.....	CGLG Meeting.....	Kingwood Gardens, Mansfield, OH...	10:00 am
Nov 1.....	General Meeting.....	FRG.....	7:00 pm
Nov 8.....	Board Meeting.....	Austintown Public Library.....	6:30 pm
Dec 6.....	Board Meeting.....	Austintown Public Library.....	6:30 pm
Dec 13.....	Christmas Dinner.....	A La Cart in Canfield, Ohio.....	6:00 pm

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