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Timely News from The Akron Garden Club

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Upcoming Dates at a Glance

*MON. 12/2: **Monthly Mtg**, "iPhone Photography Mini Workshop" with Ryn Clarke, Stan Hywet Carriage House, 9:00 a.m.*

*MON. 12/2: **Glow Affiliate Thank You Day**, Cleveland Botanical Garden, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

*MON. 12/9: **Garden History & Design Committee Meeting**, Hale Farm and Village, 10:00 a.m.*

*MON. 12/16: **Floral Design Committee Holiday Workshop**, Stan Hywet*

Carriage House, 10:00 a.m.

*TH. 12/26: January **The Buzz deadline***

Tomorrow's Meeting Will Help You Nail Those Holiday Photos!



You will not want to miss tomorrow's meeting! Not only will it provide a wonderful opportunity to mingle with your fellow AGC members before the holidays, but it will also teach you how to take the best photos ever on your smart phone thanks to professional photographer and fellow GCA member Ryn Clarke. Here are some things to do **TODAY**, before tomorrow's meeting, so that you can take full advantage of Ryn's presentation:

- Make sure your cell phone is fully charged before the meeting!
- Download your phone's latest updates (Apple iPhone's most recent update is iOS 13.2). Go to Settings, then General, then Software Updates to find the latest version.
- Take 2 or 3 simple photos at home before the meeting, such as flowers in a vase against a neutral background or houseplants, fruit, etc. No need to print ... just have them on your phone.
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SNAPSEED APP ON YOUR PHONE BEFORE THE MEETING.** You can find this app at the iPhone or Android app store by searching "Snapseed".

Please also note that we will be having a photo show during tomorrow's meeting, the theme of which is "Cell Phone Photos". To participate, please bring a mounted photo (approximately 8" x 10" in size) featuring any of your favorite photos taken on your cell phone (gardens, grandchildren, travel - we want to see it all!). Please plan to arrive early so that we can get the photo show set-up before the meeting starts. If you have any questions before tomorrow, please email Jane Rogers as soon as possible at jrogersgarden@yahoo.com.

The meeting will be held at Stan Hywet Carriage House. We will have social time at 9:00 a.m. with our business meeting starting promptly at 9:30 a.m. Can't wait to see everyone there!

Let's Celebrate Glow at Cleveland Botanical Garden



The Akron Garden Club is sponsoring and decorating a tree for Glow, the annual

holiday festival at Cleveland Botanical Garden. The festival theme this year is "Tiny Treasures", and our amazingly talented club members have prepared beautiful botanical arts decorations for our tree consisting of birds, nests and eggs. A very special thank you goes out to Candy Grisi and her gifted team for creating such beautiful artwork.

We're excited to announce that Cleveland Botanical Garden has invited all AGC members to attend a special Glow Affiliate Thank You Day **TOMORROW**, December 2, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. The invitation to this special event may be found by clicking on the button below. If you are unable to attend, don't despair: Glow will run through Saturday, January 4. For more information regarding ticket pricing and hours, please go to <http://cbgarden.org/event/glow/>

CBG Invite

Attention Readers: AGC Book Groups

Coming This Winter



As the days become shorter and colder, now is the perfect time to think about participating in one or both of the AGC book study groups to be held this winter. The Conservation Committee will be reading *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan, a *New York Times* bestseller and winner of the *Los Angeles*

Times book prize. Amazon describes the book as follows:

"The Great Lakes—Erie, Huron, Michigan, Ontario, and Superior—hold 20 percent of the world's supply of surface fresh water and provide sustenance, work, and recreation for tens of millions of Americans. But they are under threat as never before, and their problems are spreading across the continent. *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* is prize-winning reporter Dan Egan's compulsively readable portrait of an ecological catastrophe happening right before our eyes, blending the epic story of the lakes with an examination of the perils they face and the ways we can restore and preserve them for generations to come."

The Horticulture Committee has selected *American Eden* by Victoria Johnson for its group study. A finalist for the 2018 National Book Award for Nonfiction, it relates the untold story of David Hosack, personal physician and friend to both Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, whose tireless efforts led to the creation of the first botanical garden in the United States.

Both committees will be holding meetings sometime this winter to discuss their chosen books. All Akron Garden Club members are welcome and encouraged to read these books and attend the meetings. Both of these book selections are available in hardcover, paperback and Kindle format from Amazon, as well as other sources.

Membership Committee Reminder

As you connect with family, friends and neighbors during the upcoming holiday season, it's not too early to think about who among your acquaintances may make a great AGC member! Keep an eye out for reliable individuals who have a genuine interest in conservation, horticulture, photography, gardening or flower arranging. Information about our Applications for Membership may be found on page 49 of the AGC Yearbook. Answers to common questions concerning how to propose a new member and the application process may be found in the Members Area of the AGC website under the Member Documents tab. The absolute latest date that applications may be turned in to Membership Chair Elise Bennett is **March 15, 2020**, but please remember that you do not need to wait until then as applications will be accepted at any time.

Please also note that pursuant to our club By-Laws, any requests for a change in membership status must be submitted in writing to President Teresa Good by no later than February 1, 2020.

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The Buzz is a monthly publication of timely news and notes for members of The Akron Garden Club. Please direct items for publication to Cathy Erisey, cerisey5@gmail.com.

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