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Dear Members,

Monday February 1, 2010

I hope everybody survived the last month, traveling from trade show to trade show.

This was the first year NGLCO had a booth at the Baltimore Show, MANTS. 'Thanks to Tim Brotzman, Carla Lee, Vic Swanson and James Beardslee for manning the booth and handling transportation. James commented, 'It was well-attended. Our booth had many visitors and we handed out a lot of maps. It was a great opportunity to get our name out.' Let's make sure we run with the good results and participate in MANTS in the future.

Despite some problems at registration which led to a slow start, the CENTS show in Columbus, Ohio, ended up with good traffic. All in all, the mood seemed very positive for the coming year. Thanks to all our members who kept the NGLCO booth stocked with catalogs. Remember the catalog rack will remain on display throughout the year at ACME MacKenzies. Under new ownership, MacKenzies remains a strong supporter of NGLCO and the local nursery industry.

At the annual ONLA lunch during CENTS, Lisa Ungers and Mark Gilson were voted onto the board of directors, along with current directors from Lake County: Jay Daley (President elect), Andy Harding and Dave Richards. Now we have our own Lake County 'mafia' on the ONLA board. Congratulations!

February Dinner Meeting: How to Handle Nursery Labor Inspections

Don't miss this important meeting that will address DOL inspections in the coming year. Linda Silikosky, local immigration attorney, Mike Davis, Davis Tree and Nursery, and Pablo Nunez, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services will discuss a variety of matters and field questions on hardball issues.

Tuesday February 9, 2010

Rider's 1812 inn

792 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, Ohio 44077

5 PM Social Hour

6 PM Dinner

7 PM Meeting

7:30 PM Program

Price: \$35

Selections: Apple/almond Chicken, Orange roughy, steak

RSVP to Annette with your dinner choice! Annette@gilsongardens.biz

Some of our local members met with Ohio legislators in Columbus, including State Senator Grendell (Lake & Geauga counties), State Representatives Mark Schneider (eastern Lake County), Lorraine Fendi (western Lake County) and Deborah Newcomb (Ashtabula County). ODA Section manager Dan Kenny talked with a number of members on the CENTS show floor. Dan is in charge of nursery inspectors and quarantine areas throughout Ohio.

Welcome to our new members:

Florikan SPN

Jim Kruger (517) 719-0323

Evergreen Nursery, Rootstown, Ohio

Robert Kline (330) 325-8634

Penske Truck Leasing, Oakwood, Ohio

Joe McKenzie (440)-32-5811

Dino's Catering and Restaurant; Rt 306 & I-90

Mark Tibaldi (440)269-8000)

Plus we have a number of new *prospects* from recent trade shows!

We have two members in boots now and they're not snow boots. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Gene Secor and Dave Kappele who are both nursing broken feet and disregarding doctor's orders as all nursery people do.

That's all for now!

Sincerely,

Chuck Von Hof, *Ridge Manor Nursery*
NGLCO President