

October 20, 2011

Dear Members and Friends,

Perhaps the most famous stories of the Halloween holiday is the Jack-O-Lantern. Various authorities attribute it to either the Scottish or the Irish origin. It seems that it was used as a lantern by people that traveled the road this night, the scary face to frighten away spirits or fairies who might otherwise lead one astray. Set on porches and in windows, they cast a spell of protection over the home.

Bobbing for apples may well represent the remnants of a Pagan "baptism rite" called a seining. According to writers, the water-filled tub is a latter-day cauldron of regeneration in to which the novices head is immersed. The participant in the folk game was usually blindfolded with their hands tied behind their back. This puts to mind a traditional craft initiation ceremony. Where am I going with this you ask? Well....I thought sharing these stories would get you into the Halloween spirit!

So back to business...I would like to thank all of the USDA speakers that presented the program at our September dinner meeting! We had great attendance! There was so much information shared that night I think we're still processing it! If you have any questions regarding what was covered that night, please don't hesitate to give those experts a call!

Our October dinner meeting was also a success! Although not as many of you were able to attend, we had a great speaker and good conversation! Thanks to Larry Lamphier for sharing how to get more done in a day! Maureen Orndorff also shared what is going on with the Arcola Creek Watershed. If you need more information, please contact Maureen directly 440-350-5863

Our November dinner meeting will be WEDNESDAY, November 9th! Our speaker will be Gethsemane Garden Center's own John Eskandari. He will be presenting on green spaces and tell us all about his projects in Chicago for creating gardening areas that attract wildlife. This is a state certified program in Chicago. Come learn all about the elements necessary to create a Certified Wildlife Habitat! The dinner meeting will be located at the Grand River Manor winery on Rt 528 in Madison Ohio. Please RSVP to Annette at your earliest convenience! Remember, this meeting is on a WEDNESDAY!

December 1st. will be our NGLCO Holiday party! We will be celebrating the holiday at BeneVino winery in Perry Ohio! We have our very own Tim Kline (Kline Nursery Sales) with Free Howie providing the entertainment! Wear your dancing shoes and be ready to party! We will have room for the first eighty people! Stay tuned for more information! This is a great event to bring your staff to thank them for all they do for you! It's also a great night out for you and your significant other!

You asked for it...now we've got it! PAYPAL is now available to you to pre-pay for dinner meetings, membership dues, golf outing, sponsorships, field day.....you name it! See our website for more information! Please remember this must be done on line and you will not be able to use it on the day of the events!

I am happy to announce that the NGLCO will have our very own calendar for 2012! Members have sponsored each month and it will have all the members listed inside as well as our own very important dates! What a way to celebrate the NGLCO 75th anniversary!

This October 27th at Cottage Gardens Nursery at 11am. We will have the opportunity to speak with Representative Ron Young. Many of the nurseries are already signed up for this but if you haven't please do so immediately by contacting me. Mr. Young would like to know the nurseries that will be attending so that he can make sure to be prepared. If you have questions or concerns that you would like addressed during this meeting, please share them with me so that he can be ready with some answers or ideas for us.

The 2012 NGLCO Golf Outing will be June 15th. We are considering moving the location. If you have a preference or a suggestion, please let Annette know as we are working on that now.

The first couple of months have been busy but I'm really getting a kick out of the challenge. Thanks so much for everyone that has made the transition in my role easier for me! It's going to be a great year!

Very truly yours,

Dave Kappel

NGLCO President