"Backyard Paradise" 2009 Convention Wrap-up
Golda Finch, Convention Writer

If you have never attended The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs' annual convention, you are missing out on a lot! This year's convention was one not to be missed. Over 220 people attended some part of the three day event held July 13-15 at the Holiday Inn Fairborn near Dayton, Ohio. Thanks to the leadership of convention chair Kim Cromwell and her able committees, Region 3 provided a great experience for all attendees. Many quality vendors were available for shoppers and educational exhibits lined many of the hotel hallways enlightening convention goers and hotel guests alike. New this year was a table top display unit that will travel to all OAGC events educating the public of OAGC programs and activities.

Learning opportunities abounded from the start of the very first day. Exhibitors from all over the state showed off their entries in the convention's artistic and horticulture flower shows. The juniors astounded all with their beautiful entries in the junior convention contests, prompting many adults to wonder "How do they do that?"

Once flower show entries were placed, attendees were able to attend Convention College in the hotel amphitheater, hearing professionals speak on such topics as invasive plants, native trees and shrubs and the ins and outs of daylily culture and hybridization. There was also a hearty group who got down and dirty at the hypertufa (faux stone planters) workshop.

It's no secret that convention is a great venue for exceptional keynote speakers and designers. Monday night's designer, Garden Club of Ohio's Second Vice President Mickie Marquis showed her creativity with her many artistic designs. She noted that our two garden club organizations' goals have a lot in common and that we can also learn much from each other.

Tuesday morning, those who rose early to board the bus were, after a short ride to north Dayton, delivered to paradise! Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark showed off its best with guided tours through the formal gardens, a boardwalk through the woodland and the nationally recognized Children's Discovery Garden.

Once back at the hotel, OAGC's Second Vice President Mary Lee Minor created floral designs influenced by life stories and memories a la Dayton’s own Erma Bombeck-style. Mary Lee is such a bundle of talented energy!

The other "big gun" convention speakers were Jim McCormac of ODNR/Ohio Ornithological Society and Marvin Duren of Marvin’s Organic Gardens. Each thoroughly engaged everyone with their programs. Jim's newly published book *Wild Ohio* was for sale at a book signing session along with his *Birds of Ohio* book. Marvin

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Dear Friends,

My love for nature and the great outdoors started at a very early age. My summers were usually spent in the woods, attending church camp in Adams County, Girl Scout Camp in Warren County or working the family garden. Having grandparents who built a cottage on Kiser Lake in Champaign County led to a love of fishing and playing with worms. (So THAT’S where my interest in vermiculture/composting with worms came from!) Recently, while I was fishing at my cousin’s farm pond, my mind went wandering….as it is prone to do these days. I was pondering on the time in the future when I might be able to take my yet-unborn grandchild fishing and teach him/her the wonders of the outdoors.

For children these days, knowing nature is a pretty rare thing. In my childhood, I watched shooting stars, discovered chiggers, captured spring peepers and crawdads and picked wild asparagus and blackberries. To be honest, I probably didn’t have many other options to keep myself occupied! But today’s baby boomer generation may very well be the last generation of Americans that shares a connection with the land.

Only 2% of American households now live on farms, compared to 40% in 1900. In Richard Louv’s book *Last Child in the Woods*, he quotes a fourth grader from San Diego who said, "I like to play indoors better, 'cause that's where all the electrical outlets are." This is a prime example of what Louv calls "Nature Deficit Disorder."

One of the solutions for this malady is environmental education. Environmental education develops awareness, increases knowledge, builds skills, and creates the capacity for stewardship. Where to begin? Well, let's start with ourselves. We need to get out and get face-to-face with nature. Luckily this is as close as our own backyards. Who do we educate? We can start with our family, our friends and even our club members. This groundswell, pardon the pun, will only benefit everyone and certainly our communities.

The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs offers many, many opportunities for learning more of the world around us. Why not make the effort to attend at least one of our wonderful educational events? My hope is that all of you will plant seeds of change in your communities – passing along the knowledge you’ve learned along life's journey and making a difference! OAGC – Come grow with us!

Perennially Yours,

Vicki Ferguson,
President
The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs
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came bearing gifts and enabled about 40 people in attendance to go home with a new plant through a drawing of the name tags.

Throughout convention numerous awards and citations were presented and many clubs and club members were recognized through the many club contests. All winners are listed in this issue of The Garden Path.

The main business item at task was the approval of the revised OAGC bylaws which passed with well over the 2/3 majority vote required. OAGC President Vicki Ferguson addressed the group with the president’s report (which can be read in its entirety online at www.oagc.org) noting highlights for the past year and announcing the highlights of the upcoming OAGC year. Additionally, outgoing Regional Directors were recognized and the incoming Regional Directors were installed.

2010 convention chairs Nina Cleaver (Reg. 12) and Anita Roller (Reg. 14) cleverly encouraged all to Save The Date for the 2010 OAGC convention by passing out a refrigerator magnet in the form of a fork with a pack of salt taped to it. So mark July 12-14, 2010 on your calendars now and be prepared to head to Salt Fork Resort & Conference Center near Cambridge. Next year's location will be very family-friendly with activities for children (through the park’s activity center) and has a golf course on site for the hubbies. So bring the spouse and children/grandchildren with you next year when we celebrate "Wild and Wonderful."

OAGC’s annual convention offers fantastic programming, a top-notch flower show, workshops, educational opportunities, recognitions, awards, fun, fellowship and so, so much more. You won't want to miss out on one moment!

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Excerpts from The President's Convention Message

OAGC events of this past year - regretfully, we accepted the resignations of both Regional Directors for the fledgling Region 15 in northeast Ohio. We’ve not given up on Region 15, just put it on the backburner until an increase in interest is noted.

Last year's trip to Colorado had to be cancelled but we are looking forward to our Grand Tour of Pennsylvania in September.

OAGC continues to educate our clubs as to the changes in the Internal Revenue Service requirements for non-profit organizations such as OAGC. After some aggravation, some out there may call the IRS the Infernal Revenue Service.

Recognizing the importance of preserving our history, a liaison position of Archival Manager was created with past OAGC Secretary and current OAGC Foundation Secretary Janet Evans serving as our preliminary liaison.

We are now using Ohio State Park Resorts for some of OAGC's meeting venues. Be watching for more exciting news relating to the state parks!

Another successful Nature Study Camp (now renamed Nature Study Retreat starting 2010) was held at the Friendly Hills Grange Camp in Zanesville and will be held there again in 2010.

Much effort has been expended by the executive officers towards the streamlining of the organization. Many of these changes will allow OAGC to continue its mission without raising dues. While the work on the revision of the OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs is still ongoing, here are some highlights expected to take place beginning October 1, 2010: The creation of a new department - Club Contests. All club contests (except for Flower Shows) will be submitted to the Club Contest department, thereby eliminating confusion as to where to send contest entries.

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### 2009 CONVENTION FLOWER SHOW ARTISTIC SCHEDULE
Compiled by Marilyn Fies, 2009 Convention Artistic Flower Show Chair

#### ADULT ARTISTIC DESIGNS

1. **Beautiful Goldfinch**
   - 1.a Jean Walton
   - 2.a Mary Lee Minor
   - 3.a Beverly Norman
   - 4.a Roxanne Malone
   - 1.b Susy Spence
   - 2.b Sue Witwer
   - 3.b Lois Kingsley
   - 4.b Sherrill Day

2. **Meditation Garden**
   - 1. Susy Spence
   - 2. Louise Bennett
   - 3. Sue Witwer
   - 4. Martha Singleman

3. **Through the Garden Gate**
   - 1. Marlene Purdy
   - 2. Joni Duncan
   - 3. Rose Marie Cowdry
   - 4. Debbie Molisse

4. **Welcome to My Paradise**
   - 1. Dale Rodgers
   - 2. Vicky Puster
   - 3. Mary Everling
   - 4. Judith Pepple

5. **Dining on the Deck**
   - 1. Diane Reese
   - 2. Beverly Norman
   - 3. Marlene Purdy
   - 4. Barbara Lennon

6. **Along the Garden Path**
   - 1. Juanita Wilkins
   - 2. Georgia Johnson
   - 3. Eleanor Long
   - 4. Virginia Sharp

7. **Backyard Addition**
   - 1. Virginia Sharp
   - 2. Irma Heiser

8. **Birds In Flight**
   - 1. Joni Duncan
   - 2. Rosa Wollenhaupt
   - 3. Brenda Covert
   - 4. Eleanor Long

9. **Sitting Around the Pit Fire**
   - 1. Babs Sabick
   - 2. Joni Duncan
   - 3. Sue Witwer
   - 4. Judith Pepple

10. **High In My Tree House**
    - 1. Joni Duncan
    - 2. Rose Marie Cowdry
    - 3. Aury Holt
    - 4. Edna Neal

11. **Busy As A Bee**
    - 1a. Maggie Heiser
    - 2a. Michelle Keck
    - 1b. Stephanie Cech
    - 2b. Karlee Lennon

12. **A Garden is for All**
    - 1a. Maggie Heiser
    - 2a. Olivia Wysong
    - 3a. Olivia Herron
    - 4a. Michelle Keck
    - 1b. Stephanie Cech
    - 2b. Jonelle Ange
    - 3b. Kersten Keller
    - 4b. Karlee Lennon

#### JUNIOR ARTISTIC DESIGNS

- 1. Brenda Covert
- 2. Sue Witwer

- **ADULT BEST OF SHOW**  **JONI DUNCAN - CLASS 10**
- **JUNIOR BEST OF SHOW**  **STEPHANIE CECH – CLASS 11 B**
- **JUDGE’S AWARD OF DISTINCTION**  **JUANITA WILKINS – CLASS 6**

### 2009 CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS

- Gladys Thomas Judge of the Year – Pat Tyson, Region 1
- OAGC Service Award – Babs Sabick, Region 16
- OAGC Citation – Jo Ann Graham, Region 7
- Membership Incentive Award – Butterflies Junior GC, Region 3
- Faye Collins Designer of the Year – Joni Duncan, Region 16
- Daisy Sticksel Conservation Award – Marvin Duren, Marvin's Organic Gardens

CONGRATULATIONS!
2009 NATURE and BEAUTIFICATION WINNERS
Kathy Martino, Nature and Beautification Chair

The Nature and Beautification contest is one that promotes improvement and enhancement of a community project. The project is a minimum 2-year commitment whose progress is tracked with pictures of before, during and after being judged by your regional director and her committee, and followed up with a project book submitted by December 15. As you start your new garden club year, plan your contest entries for 2010.

The winners for 2009 each had a unique project that has made their community proud to have an OAGC club in their town. I would like to commend both winners for their hard efforts in beautifying their communities.

First place award was given to Newark Garden Club, Region 8. A shared history of the Sherwood Davidson Museum and Newark Garden club goes all the way back to 1948 with the initial funding for the garden. Over the years the membership has been actively involved in updating and maintaining this garden. In 2002 the museum had fallen into disrepair and a new foundation was needed. As a result the old garden was completely destroyed. 2007 found the club membership redesigning and replanting the garden from shade to sun due to a loss of a giant maple tree. This beautiful seasonal garden and piece of history is greatly enjoyed by the Newark community.

Second place award was given to Four Seasons Garden Club, Region 5. The Veterans Memorial Way garden in Piqua town center has also been an ongoing project. Many hours had been spent planting seasonal bulbs, weeding, deadheading, hauling hoses to water and picking up trash on a weekly basis. In 2006 Four Seasons Garden Club joined in a downtown improvement plan. Their quest was for an in ground irrigation system. These 12 fearless ladies held annual Mother’s Day plant sales at the Miami Valley Mall, raising the $4000.00 for an irrigation system. Hats off to this club for never losing sight of their goal! Piqua, Ohio is proud to have Four Seasons Garden Club as part of their community. Congratulations to both clubs!!

Don’t forget to send your household/garden recycling tips to kmartino@oagc.org. This issue's tips are from Region 9: Recycle your worn-out barbecue into a first class potting bench. Remove the lid, burner and gas lines and make the iron grate into a work surface. The side wings hold small tools by adding hooks. Bags of potting mix and extra pots store easily on the lower shelf where the gas tank once sat. And the whole thing is on wheels, making it easy to move round.

Make gardening a little bit more comfortable by using your old mouse pads to cushion the handles of your wheelbarrow. Start wrapping duct tape on the handle, then start spiraling the tape up around the foam mouse pad to hold in place. Good duct tape is the key to making this project work because the cheap tape tends to fray and get sticky. Happy recycling!
OSAGE-ORANGE
Charlene Thornhill, Horticulture Chair

Driving around in the countryside at this time of year, you might see some trees that look as if they have yellow-green grapefruit-sized fruit on them. This deciduous tree would be the Osage-orange (*Maclura pomifera*) or also known as Hedge Apples. The trees are easily recognized by their glossy leaves and their short, stout thorns. The small green flowers appear in May or June and the fruit ripens in September or October, then fall to the ground. It is the fruit of the Osage-orange that most individuals find intriguing; to look at the fruit, it may have a 'brain' pattern look on the outside.

Not all of the trees will have fruit because Osage-orange are either male or female, and only the females will bear fruit. It commonly grows 30 to 40 feet tall, occasionally as tall as 50 to 60 feet, and has a short trunk and a round or irregular crown.

The fruit of the Osage-orange - the so-called 'hedge apple' - stands out vividly in an autumn tree line. In good years, the branches will bend low with the combined weight of these heavy fruit. They have a sticky, white juice within them and are inedible for humans. In the hands of a child, the fruit can become dangerous weapons as the milky juice in the stems and fruit may cause irritation to the skin.

The Osage-orange is native to a small area in eastern Texas, southeastern Oklahoma, and southwestern Arkansas where the region was also the home of the Osage Indians.

During the mid-nineteenth century, it was widely planted by Midwest farmers as a living fence. When pruned into a hedge, it provides a barrier to livestock. The widespread planting of the Osage-orange stopped with the introduction of barbed wire. Many of the original hedges have since been destroyed or died. However, some of the original trees can still be found in fence rows.

While the Osage-orange is hardy in southern Iowa, it is not a suitable tree for the home landscape because of its large fruit and sharp thorns. The 'hedge apples' are not an important source of food for wildlife as most birds and animals find the fruit unagreeable to the taste. Chop one in half and you will see a pithy core surrounded by up to 200 small seeds (smaller than sunflower seeds) that are much sought after by the squirrels.

Many people believe that the fruit of the Osage-orange will keep insects out of the house. They will gather and place them around basement windows, secluded corners and other likely locations to discourage entry by crickets, spiders, and other insects. Other people say this only works as long as the fruit is green. (Of course, by the time the fruit is dried up, there will no longer be any bugs trying to get inside!)

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AND THE WINNER IS . . . . . . .

Gardeners from around the state had crossed their fingers and hoped that their name would be drawn for the Garden Room Ensemble on the last day of convention. Tickets sold at convention as well as those sold during the past ten months were thoroughly mixed in a large compost tumbler and the Grand Prize winner’s ticket was drawn. Congratulations to the winner of the Garden Room ensemble, Jo Ann Naeser of the Muskingum Garden Club in Region 11! Jo Ann was thrilled when the ensemble was personally delivered by President Vicki Ferguson and past President Babs Sabick. She noted that plans were in store for parts of the ensemble to be utilized in a garden entry in the Washington County Fair Flower Show. Many thanks to President Ferguson's club, the Here & There Garden Club in Region 3, for their thoughtful gift of the garden room. The very unusual items made the raffle a great success!
2008 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ADULT CLASSES

1. **Crocus**
   1. Duane Hurlbert
   2. Debbie Hurlbert
   3. Ann Grayzar
   HM Duane Hurlbert
   HM Debbie Hurlbert

2. **Daffodil**
   1. Jodi Russell
   2. Debbie Hurlbert
   3. Duane Hurlbert
   HM Debbie Hurlbert
   HM Naomi Ormes
   HM Judy Stopkotte

3. **Iris**
   1. Duane Hurlbert
   2. Luba Kendall
   3. Luba Kendall
   HM Luba Kendall
   HM Luba Kendall

4. **Daylily**
   1. Marian Moeckel
   2. Vivian Baumgard
   3. Lynne Russell
   HM Luba Kendall
   HM Judy Stopkotte

5. **Sunflower**
   1. Berniece McPherson
   2. Jodi Russell
   3. Barbara Lloyd
   HM Ann Grayzar
   HM Berniece McPherson

6. **Dahlia**
   1. Luba Kendall
   2. Sue Witwer
   3. Debbie Hurlbert
   HM Chris Davis
   HM Billie Bower

7. **Corn**
   1. Naomi Ormes
   2. Marian Moeckel
   3. Judy Stopkotte
   HM Pat Drummond
   HM Naomi Ormes
   HM Naom Ormes

8. **Squash**
   1. Jodi Russell
   2. Lois Kingsley
   3. Barbara Lloyd
   HM Naomi Ormes
   HM Jodi Russell

9. **Gourds**
   1. Naomi Ormes
   2. Jodi Russell
   3. Naomi Ormes
   HM Billie Bower
   HM Jodi Russell

10. **Kale**
    There were no Junior entries this year.

2008 PHOTO CONTEST GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

- **First Place** $25.00 Luba Kendall
- **Second Place** $20.00 Naomi Ormes
- **Third Place** $15.00 Jodi Russell
- **Honorable Mention** $10.00 Berniece McPherson

Did you miss the OAGC convention this summer? Would you like to see photos of the flower show winners, award presentations and more? A compact disk (CD) filled with over 215 shots of convention is available for $8 shipped from the convention photographer Danielle Sickmiller. Contact Danielle at PO Box 254, Silverton CO, 81433 or via email at daniellesickmiller@gmail.com to place your order.

Butterflies Junior Garden Club, Region 3, received the OAGC Membership Incentive Award.

Stephanie Cech (left), Junior Artistic Best of Show winner with Marilyn Fies, Artistic Flower Show Chair.

2009 OAGC JUNIOR CONTEST WINNERS

- **Typical Junior Gardener** – Adila Esaak, Butterflies Junior Garden Club, Region 3
- **Reed Memorial Award** – Cody Kent, Royal Dandelions Junior Garden Club, Region 7
- **Sheedenheim Award** – Stephanie Cech, Butterflies Junior Garden Club, Region 3
- **Junior Community Beautification Award** – Little Hocking Junior Garden Club, Region 11
Four departments will be discontinued, they are:

**MEDIA**
The media library rentals will be managed by the Sales Secretary.

**PLANT PROMOTION**
Plant sales will be managed by the Horticulture department.

**PROGRAM & THERAPY**
Contest books will be handled by the new Club Contest department.

**PUBLICITY**
The Publicity contest books will be handled by the new Club Contest department and the *Via the Grapevine* and *In Memoriam* columns will be compiled by the *Garden Path* editor, thereby eliminating the confusion as to where to send submissions.

The *Garden Path* editor's position will no longer be a department, it will become a liaison position.

The *Junior Garden Club* department will be renamed the *Junior Gardeners* department.

**Nature and Beautification** department will be renamed the *Nature and Conservation* department.

In order to bring *Nature Study Retreat* back under OAGC's umbrella (for liability purposes), NSR will continue working as it has for many years, but be an extension of the Nature and Conservation department.

**Contest Score cards** will be more user friendly.

The format will be 8 ½ x 11” to allow for proper sized copies of scorecards and submission forms.

Following input from the Exhibitors' and Judges' School Revision committee, the declining interest in the Master Design Judge program has resulted in the decision to discontinue the program. Additionally, the Schools will undergo a restructuring from a six school format to a four school format beginning School #1, April 2010.

Though change is sometimes a painful process, the importance of revising and updating our OAGC bylaws, the *Handbook for Garden Clubs* and the restructuring of Exhibitors' and Judges' School, cannot be understated. It is a vital step to maintaining the integrity and preserving the future of OAGC. The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs is an incredible resource for the gardeners of Ohio and I ask for your support and patience as we work our way through the transition.

We have some wonderful activities planned for OAGC this coming year. The Ohio State Parks resorts will once again offer the Weekday Workforce reduced room rates November to April – this is just one more perk for OAGC members! We will be holding convention at Salt Fork State Park Resort in 2010. We're having a Beautification Contest for clubs/regions that beautify Salt Fork cabins with plantings! We are continuing our fund raising efforts with Bluestone Perennials. Gardeners' Day Out plans are still in the works but it is sure to be great. Next year's bus trip will be more affordable and a shorter length trip possibly to the Niagara Falls area. You won't want to miss a minute! And you'll want to invite others to attend. Isn't OAGC great!??

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**Superior**

| Region 3  | Ladybug Garden Club |
| Region 7  | Earth, Wind and Flowers Garden Club |
| Region 8  | Newark Garden Club |
| Region 12 | Four Seasons Garden Club, Mt. Pleasant Garden Club |
| Region 14 | Moreland Garden Club |
| Region 16 | Hillsboro Garden Club |

**Excellent**

| Region 1  | Delta Garden Club, Pulaski Garden Club |
| Region 7  | Nature Lovers Garden Club |
| Region 10 | Portsmouth Garden Club, Rock Hill Garden Club |
| Region 11 | Open Gate Garden Club |
| Region 16 | Waynesville Garden Club |

Olivia Herron receives an Award of Merit for her entry in Class A1C, Botanical Plate from Juniors Chair, Kim Cromwell.
Horticulture Winners at Convention Flower Show

Award of Merit for Best Entry in Roses – 'Ballerina' Rose, John Adams, Region 3
Award of Merit for Best Cut Flower Exhibit (Sect. 2 & 3) Annuals/Biennials/Perennials – 'Ruskin Gypsy' Dahlia - Barb Ross, Region 10
Award of Merit for Best Cultivar Exhibit (Section 4) Hemerocallis – 'Big Kiss' - Jane Adkins, Region 9
Award of Merit for Best Cultivar Exhibit (Section 5) Lilies – 'Caravan Oriental' - John Adams
Award of Merit for Best Horticulture Entry (Section 6 & 6) Hostas/Caladiums – 'Flavocireinalis' Hosta -Faye Collins-McGinnis, Region 10
Award of Merit for Best Cultivar Exhibit (Section 8 & 9) Ornamental Grasses/Shrubs – 'Northern Sea Oats' - John Adams,
Award of Merit for Best Cultivar Exhibit (Section 10) Gladiolus – 'Fine Wine' - Michael Hoepf, Region 7

Award of Merit for Best Horticulture Entry (Section 11) Herbs and Vegetables - Stevia Herb - Jean Walton, Region 8
Green Thumb Award for horticulture excellence in a cut flower (Sect. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10) - Gladiolus ‘Fine Wine’ - Michael Hoepf
Outdoor Grower Award for cultural perfection - best entry (Sect. 6, 7, 8, 9, 11) - Hosta 'Flavocireinalis' - Faye Collins-McGinnis
Container Growers Award for cultural perfection best entry in Sec. 12 Container grown plants – 'Eyelash' Begonia - John Adams
Collectors Showcase Award for Best Collection of 5 in Section 13 – Coleus: 'Texas Parking Lot,' 'Twist & Twirl,' 'Green Earring,' 'Imperial,' 'Swallowtail' - Donn Thornhill, Region 3
Best of Show - Mary Alice Earhart Memorial Award - best overall horticulture exhibit in the show – 'Eyelash' Begonia - John Adams

Sweepstakes, exhibitor totaling most points - John Adams with 46 winning entries for 116 points
Sweepstakes Runner Up was Sue Witwer, Region 16, with 43 winning entries for 111 points
Juniors:
Award of Merit: Best Cut annuals, biennials, perennial flower exhibit 'Wizard Rose' Coleus - Stephanie Cech, Region 3
Award of Merit for Best Container Garden - Karlee Lennen, Region 3
Award of Merit for Best Hosta – 'Big Daddy' - Karlee Lennen
Award of Merit for Best Entry in Grasses – 'Overdam Reed' - Karlee Lennen
Junior Best of Show – 'Wizard Rose' Coleus - Stephanie Cech
Junior Sweepstakes with 57 winning entries totaling 149 points - Karlee Lennen
Junior Sweepstakes Runner Up with 22 winning entries totaling 48 points - Stephanie Cech
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Check out The Garden Path on www.oagc.org. All the pictures are in color.

FAYE COLLINS DESIGNER OF THE YEAR CONTEST

PERIOD DESIGN
First Betty Johnson

TRADITIONAL DESIGN
First Marian Moeckel
Second Berniece McPherson
Third Barbara Sheets
Fourth Joni Duncan

IKEBANA DESIGN
First Barbara Sheets
Second Lois Kingsley
Third Sue Witwer
Fourth Judie Pepple

CREATIVE DESIGN
First Joni Duncan
Second Barbara Sheets
Third Naomi Ormes
Fourth Beverly Norman

SPECIAL OCCASION/HOLIDAY DESIGN
First Barbara Sheets
Second Berniece McPherson
Third Sue Witwer
Fourth Joni Duncan

Faye Collins Designer of the Year: Joni Duncan

OSU SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Thanks to the foresight of our OAGC predecessors a scholarship fund was established at The Ohio State University's Horticulture and Crop Science Department. At the department's May 28 annual awards banquet, the 2009 OAGC Scholarship was presented to Megan Walsh of Columbus, Ohio. A pivotal point in Megan's career was during her work in conjunction with vice president Al Gore on the documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth." This awakened a sense of personal responsibility and devotion to the environment and the earth. She is currently pursuing an education in Landscape Horticulture and sustainable construction to fulfill her wishes to pursue a career in garden roofing, (a.k.a. "green roofs.")
### PROGRAM BOOK CONTEST WINNERS
Compiled by Martha Singleman

#### Region 1: Superior
- Delta Community GC
- Harrison GC
- La Fleur de Terre GC
- Liberty GC
- Bowling Green Women's Garden Group

#### Region 2: Superior
- Findlay GC
- Green Thumb GC
- Happy Hours GC
- Lima GC
- Roots and Shoots GC
- Evergreen GC
- Wren GC
- Cloverdale GC
  **Excellent:** Columbus Grove GC

#### Region 3: Superior
- Our Homes GC
- Morning Glory GC
- Ladybug GC
- New Neighbors GC
- Wildflower GC
- Here and There GC
- College Hills GC

#### Region 4: Superior
- Hamersville GC
- Shovel and Hoe GC
- Flores Amo GC
- Mt. Carmel GC
- Georgetown GC
- Des Fleurs GC
- Williamsburg GC

#### Region 5: Superior
- The Four Seasons GC
- Rainbow Gardeners GC
  **Excellent:** Goshen GC

#### Region 6: Superior
- Whispering Meadows GC
- Blossoms 'N' Butterflies GC
- We'd Wacker GC
- R.F.D. GC
- Firelands GC
  **Excellent:**
  - Happy Hobby GC
  - Town and Country GC
  - Huron GC

#### Region 7: Superior
- Earth, Wind & Flowers GC
- Wayside Mt. Gilead GC
- Apple Valley GC
- Mohican Community GC
- Pavonia GC
- North Liberty GC
- Weeds Beware GC
- Harlem Township GC
- Nature Lovers GC
- North End GC
- Fredericktown GC

#### Region 8: Superior
- Town & Country GC
- Newark GC
- Rosewood GC
- Roseville GC

#### Region 9: Superior
- Darby Valley GC
- Basil GC
- Story Place GC
- Marabar Heights GC
  **Excellent:** Faithful Gardeners GC

#### Region 10: Superior
- Slocum GC
- Green Triangle GC
- Lucasville GC
- Willow GC
- Minford GC
- Double Delight GC
- Waverly GC
- Portsmouth GC
  **Excellent:** Rock Hill Gardeners GC

#### Region 11: Superior
- Open Gate GC
- Floral Friends GC
- Chester GC
- Barlow Bluebells GC
- Gallipolis GC
  **Excellent:** Little Hocking GC

#### Region 12: Superior
- Four Seasons GC
- Flushing GC
- Dillonvale Rosebud GC
- Mt. Pleasant GC
- Rivers Edge GC
- Beaver Hills GC
- Woodland GC
  **Excellent:** Victorian GC

#### Region 14: Superior
- Moreland GC
- Tuslaw GC
- Weed-A-Way GC
- Briarwood Beach GC
- Creston GC

#### Region 16: Superior
- Waynesville GC
- Blanchester GC
- Open Path GC
- Hillsboro GC
- Clearcreek Gardeners GC
- Maineville GC
  **Excellent:** Valley View GC
  **Excellent:** Wilmington GC

### GARDEN THERAPY CONTEST WINNERS

#### Region 7: Superior
- Earth, Wind & Flowers GC

#### Region 14: Superior
- Moreland GC

Stephanie Patrick presents the OAGC Daisy Stickels Conservation Award to Marvin Duren, Marvin's Organic Gardens.
2009 JUNIOR CONVENTION WINNERS
Compiled by Kim Cromwell, Juniors Chair

Class A: Botanical Plates (ages 6-11)
Class A1: Mattie Butler, Member at Large, Region 7
Sam Mendel, Apples Seeds Jr., Region 7
Daniel Schultz, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1a: Keegan Vorhees, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Nicole Shell, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Renee Pike, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1b: Mackenzie Slade, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Levi Shenk, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Katie Blackburn, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1c: Katie Blackburn, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1d: Clara Duddy, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Class A1e: Meg Rehmert, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Luke Bartlam, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
Hannah Kocher, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Class A1f: Miller Condrack, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
Maggie Heiser, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Chloe Mathers, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1g: Leah Bartlam, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
Madelyn Coss, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Eliza Wysong, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Class A1h: Andrew Miller, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Elliot O'Malley, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
Alexis McBeth, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1i: Shannon O'Malley, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
Keegan Schabbing, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Seth Collins, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1j: Seth Duddy, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Mackenzie Condrack, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
Bryce Pomeroy, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1k: Ben Hefner, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Claire Komarek, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Emily Ritzler, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Class A1l: Shannon Shell, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Anjali Kameleson, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
Carly Kolleth, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1m: Logan Vorhees, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Lena Stiles, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Kymber Sand, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Class A1n: Jesse Bollinger, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Carrie Tate, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Matthew Dietz, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Class A1o: Anna Blank, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Molly Bollinger, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Baili Matheny, Little Hocking Jr., Region 11
Class A1p: Kenzie Kent, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Tai Li Matheny, Little Hocking Jr., Region 11
Aubree Giddings, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Class A1q: Sawyer Holbrook, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Leslie McPherson, Little Hocking Jr., Region 11
Hannah Crabtree, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Class A1r: Adrianne Peck, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Austin Miller, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Caitlin Gordon, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Class A1s: (ages 12-18) Lydia Shenk, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Olivia Wysong, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Kirstin Keller, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Class A1t: Gregg Mendel, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
Adila Esaak, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Stephanie Cech, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Class A1u: Andrew O'Malley, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
Karlee Lennen, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Tiffany Whitmore, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
Class A1v: Brittany Bowers, Butterflies Jr., Region 3 "Award of Merit"
Elizabeth Hankins, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
Jenelle Agne, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Class A1w: Haley Kocher, Nuts About Nature Jr., Region 7
Lauren Vogt, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
Lonie Beikirch, Little Hocking Jr., Region 11
Class A1x: Paige Keller, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Christa Levings, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
Carly Matheny, Little Hocking Jr., Region 7
Class A1y: Kayla Roush, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
Gabrielle Friend, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Tarran Geiger, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
Class A1z: Krissy Melling, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Mackenzie Miller, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Shanna Teon, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7

Class B: Backyard Feeder (ages 6-11)
Class B1: Carrie Tate, Logan Vorhees
Class B1a: Keegan Schabbing, Meg Rehmert, Ian Durre, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Class B1b: Levi Shenk, Seth Duddy, Maggie Heiser
Class B1c: Leslie McPherson, "Award of Merit," Jesse Bollinger, Mackenzie Condrack
Class B1d: Elliot O'Malley, Mijana Mazur, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Morgan Bland, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Class B1e: Dana Metz, Nature's Jr., Region 1, Luke Bartlam, Zachary Timbrook, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Class B1f: Claire Komarek, Conner Miller, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Miller Condrack
Class B1g: Mallory Timbrook, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Sam Mendel, Olivia Wysong
Class B1h: Molly Bollinger, Eliza Wysong, Tai Li Matheny
Class B1i: Mattie Butler, Leah Bartlam, Riley Balser, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Class B1j: Baili Matheny, Mackenzie Slade, Victoria Laney, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Class B2: (ages 12-18) Kathy Chavez, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Brook Queener, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
Tiffany Whitmore
Class B2a: Krissy Melling, Carly Matheny, Christa Levings
Class B2b: Lydia Shenk, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2, Tarran Geiger, Kirstin Keller
Class B2c: Kayla Roush, Knox County Career Ctr., "Award of Merit," Brittany Bowers, Stephanie Cech
Class B2d: Lauren Vogt, "Award of Merit," Adila Esaak, Paige Keller
Class B2e: Keegan Vorhees, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2, Jenelle Agne, Shannon Teon

Stephanie Cech received the Shedenhelm Award from Peggy Case, Third Vice President
IN MEMORIAM

Region 2
Tom Bibler 6/2009 Findlay Garden Club
Kate Hatfield 6/26/2009 Findlay Garden Club
Mary Jo Hindeman 7/2009 Findlay Garden Club

Region 7
Ann Shaffer 5/2009 Loudonville Gardeners Guild Charter Member

Region 9
WinaGene G. Ross (90) Logan Elm Garden Club
Normagene Mahoney 5/18/2009 Mt Pleasant Garden Club

Region 12
Dorothy (Dottie) Howell Marshall 5/14/2009 Flushing Garden Club

Region 14

OAGC's newest Life Patrons - Rosa Wollenhaupt, Region 2 and Charlene Thornhill, Region 3 with Jean Walton, presenter.

2008 FLOWER SHOW AWARDS
Superior

Region 1
Delta Community Garden Club
Wood County Fair
Fulton County Fair
Region 3
Montgomery County Fair
Darke County Fair
Region 4
Mt. Carmel and Milford Garden Clubs Show
Region 7
Peas in a Pod, Nuts About Nature, and Royal Dandy Lions Junior Garden Clubs Show
Reg. 7 Regional Spring Show
Crawford County Fair
Apple Valley and Apple Seeds Junior Garden Clubs Show
Region 9
Story Place Garden Club
Four Seasons, Pickerington and Marabar Heights Garden Clubs Show
Darby Valley Garden Club
Fairfield County Federation Garden Clubs Show
Region 10
Double Delight, Slocum and Willow Garden Clubs Christmas Show
Scioto County Fair

Region 11
Meigs County Holiday
Meigs County Fair
Washington County Fair
Region 12
Flushing Garden Club
Region 14
Moreland Garden Club

Excellent:
Region 1 and Region 1 Regional Show
Region 9
Groveport Garden Club
Region 16
Highland County Fair

Good:
Region 6
Firelands Garden Club

Region 5
The Fleurette GC program on October 13 is "Plants for Butterflies" by Donna Herford. On November 10, a West Liberty Florist will present "Flower Arranging for the Home" for the Guest Night. On December 8, Janet Bazzle will demonstrate "Decorating a Package" at the Christmas Party/Gift Exchange. Contact FRANKBOZMAN@aol.com

Region 8
Grow and Show GC, on October 28, will be making ginger bread houses; November 24, is a greens workshop; December, decorating library and working on holiday float.

Newark GC, October 9, installation of officers by Regional Director elect, Joyce Morris at The Works; November 13, "The Benefits of Belonging to OAGC" presented by Second Vice President, Mary Lee Minor at The First Baptist Church of Newark; December 11, "A Rose is a Rose" presented by club members at The Buxton Inn, Granville. Contact Margie Graft at mgraft@oagc.org.

Region 12
Flushing GC, on October 19, members will make a "Fall Mailbox Saddle" by Kathy Gibeaut and Barb Cencula will present "Magnolias." The November 16 program will be the making of a "Fresh Fruit and Greenery Centerpiece." November 30 is the all club Christmas Swag making workshop. December 21 will feature a covered dish Christmas party and a program by Karen Stainaker on "Boxwood Tree Centerpieces." Contact Barb Cencula at bjjoyce@ohio.net.

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2009 REGIONAL CONTESTS

This year's search for the outstanding regional representatives used a baseball game theme with five regions - 2, 5, 7, 9 and 10 managing "home runs" by finding all four nomination categories. Any member of any club may submit to the regional director a nominee for these contest categories.

OUTSTANDING AMATEUR GARDENERS

Region 1 - Barbara Bulmahn, Three Rivers
Region 2 - Michele Bishop, Auglaize Roots and Shoots
Region 4 - Barb and Jerry Mueller, Williamsburg
Region 5 - Michelle Yocum, Four Seasons
Region 6 - Bill and Leah Stines, We'd Wacker
Region 7 - Lina Robinson, Harlem Township
Region 8 - Bonnie Perkins, Grow and Show
Region 9 - Jane Friedman, Story Place
Region 10 - Becky Grashel, Wheelersburg
Region 11 - Nancy Skaggs, Open Gate
Region 14 - Marjory Schultz, Tuslaw
Region 16 - Diane Christen, Blanchester

Each winner received a soil knife and a certificate.

OUTSTANDING GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

Region 1 - Barbara Deetz, Pulaski
Region 2 - Dee Jackson, Lima
Region 3 - Marilyn Fies, Leaf and Blossom
Region 4 - Mary Hammons, Four Seasons
Region 5 - Marian Moeckel, Alpha
Region 6 - Donna Foss, Whispering Meadows
Region 7 - Debbie Hurlbert, Apple Valley
Region 9 - Kathy Martino, Darby Valley
Region 10 - Carolyn Wilcox, Willow
Region 11 - Jackie Davis, Open Gate
Region 14 - Helen Horst, Tuslaw
Region 16 - Beryl Gruelle, Hillsboro

Each winner received a tote bag and a certificate.

OUTSTANDING GARDEN CLUBS

Region 2 - Wren Garden Club, Ohio City
Region 5 - Four Seasons Garden Club, North Lewisburg
Region 7 - Earth, Wind and Flowers Garden Club, Bucyrus
Region 9 - Darby Valley Garden Club, Grove City
Region 10 - Lucasville Garden Club, Lucasville
Region 14 - Moreland Garden Club, Wooster
Region 16 - Open Gate Garden Club, Plain City

Each club received the book Wreaths, copies of Ohio Floral Artistry for each member and a certificate.

Representatives from the Regional Outstanding Garden Clubs

Via the Grapevine (Continued from page 9)

Region 14
Moreland GC, October 13 meeting features "Rare and Invasive Plants" by Melanie Moser; the November 10 meeting is a Christmas wreath workshop conducted by Nettie Miller. On December 9, Laurel Leedy presents "Real Garden Therapy for the Gardener." Contact nrutt922@embarqmail.com.
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