84th Annual OAGC Convention - August 18-20, 2014
Mohican State Park Lodge and Conference Center
“Gathering the Treasures of 12 Moons”

The plans for our annual OAGC Convention are well underway. Please set aside August 18-20, 2014, to travel to Mohican State Park and Conference Center. Regions 8 and 9 are excited, hoping that moments of celebration will blend with first-hand experiences to offer new knowledge about native Americans, and Ohio’s native animals and plants.

Plan to come early for the many tribal sessions (workshops) scheduled for Monday afternoon. You may end up creating a dream catcher, or listening to a storyteller with native ancestry, while seated in a tipi. Technology is coming with sessions about Facebook and Pinterest. These are to start at 1:45 and continue until 5:30 pm.

Our opening night speaker is Chuck Jakubchak, a retired manager of General Electric, who has plunged into studies related to nature with enthusiasm. He is coming with his wife Jeanne; both are photographers. His theme setting program “Seasonal Full Moons” will initiate a deeper understanding of the native American’s respect for this phenomenon. Expect earnest enthusiasm. Chuck shares with regions and many Ohio-based nature-related events including the Ohio Bluebird Society and the Wildlife Diversity Conferences. As a complement to the moons, four selected designers will provide an interpretation of each one to close the program.

As guests and members move to the sales area, and flower show, a Swap Session will get underway in the lobby on the second floor across from the main desk. See more details about the adventure in this issue of The Garden Path. It encourages hand-crafters, collectors and growers to share without any money changing hands.

As a much simpler table setting contest, 16 clubs will have a chance to select a “moon” and then set a card table for two using the moon as a theme. OAGC Judges Emeriti will be scoring entries.

Tuesday, as you come to the business session, you may wear a piece of clothing which suggests native American, or style your hair with natural objects, or merely accessorize. Be comfortable in jeans, tennis shoes or hiking boots. (Continued on page 4)
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A note from our president:

Sacred to the Navajos, bluebirds were cherished for the bright blue color, a sign of renewal; their presence is a spring symbol around the world.

Although we stand on the threshold of spring with sunshine and smiles warming us, the windmills of my mind continue shaking off shivers from the long stretches of snow and bitter cold of winter. Frigid memories intensify my gratitude for the warm breezes, birds, bees and sprouting plants that flower us into a technicolor world. The series of spring regionals promises renewed contacts with friends. I speak for other officers when I say “we appreciate each welcome extended to us.” You are much like a flock of fluffy pleasant bluebirds. As OAGC blossoms, plant sales are held, flower shows happen within the regionals, and hard work resumes as personal and community projects start up. One meaning of green is ‘new.’ As the world returns to green we feel new.

The springtime newness unfolds progress in the editing of a new manual for exhibitors and judges. Bold strategic planning goals are coming through to you at spring meetings, as a labor of love from officers and former presidents who hope for a rebirth of our focus and outreach.

Speaking of green, one fortunate person will soon learn that they have won a trip to Ireland. Some of us will spend a calm week at Nature Study Retreat as the outdoors reveals nature’s secrets.

Laboring since last fall, host regions 8 and 9 plan to bring understandings of natives: man, creatures and plants. Mohican Resort Lodge will serve as home base. Read about details in this issue and the unusual visit to Mohican Outdoor School for an afternoon of special living history experiences, each designed to bring small earth treasures.

In the enthusiasm to attract membership, regional directors have been asked to provide leads through a contact person. Watch for lots of activity this spring and early summer as we hustle to build new garden clubs, complete a handbook and start on some adventures with refreshing trails. Remain bright and positive.

Over a dozen of you have told me of bluebird sightings as early as January and February. As harbingers of spring, eastern bluebirds bring happiness. They foretell happy conditions in one’s life, promising spiritual joy and contentedness.

Still passionately blue for you, Mary Lee Minor

Ooops!
Please note the following omissions and corrections from the last issue

OAGC Judge Jan Seabold’s correct email is: seabolddjsea@gmail.com

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Executive Board Officers for 2012-2014

The OAGC executive board officers are together eight times in a two-year term. During this session a break captured the team looking over their agenda progress.
The luncheon speaker is Lisa Rainsong, who brings a refreshing approach with “From Woodlands to Meadows: the Songs of Earth’s First Musicians.” She is a professor at the Cleveland Institute of Music, has a registered backyard habitat where she listens to birds, uses notes to develop musical scores and then performs. She plans to close with “Robin’s Return,” a selection she composed for flute and a soprano voice. It is based upon an Iroquois legend.

After lunch, with listening and looking on our minds, we will carpool about 12 miles to Mohican Outdoor School for “Not the Last of the Mohicans” where the afternoon will offer informal movement and interaction with individuals of various native skills – some of native ancestry. Hikes back to the 88-foot Hemlock Falls through glacial rock formations will depart from the Field trip Center. Flute carver Randy Bryhn, who was mentored by a Blackfoot Indian, will play his hand carved flute. Butch Duncan is bringing his atlatl, and in costume will show how to launch arrows to increase distance. Flint knapper Jeremy Snyder will be at work. Fire rings may have munchies. Animal pelts will be shared with tanning information. There are more skilled people to keep you entertained and awed.

Back at Mohican Lodge our after dinner speaker, Alice Hoover portrays “Sacajawea” in a first-person account of how the journey with Lewis and Clark might have been. Alice is an OAGC member with the Coshocton Town and Country Garden Club. This promises to call for special listening. Everyone is invited to the patio area following her program where executives have a surprise – a short drama of their own.

Wednesday is not exactly a downhill ride. Our pre-luncheon speaker Cheryl Harner is a gardener who brings “Native Plants Support Native Wildlife.” OAGC Foundation scholars are guests. OAGC will also present the Strategic Implementation Team, just before the installation of our 2014-2016 executive officers and board appointees.

**Convention Swap Session**

Native Americans routinely traded, swapped, and bartered for commodities. In that spirit, the 2014 convention brings a chance to share your excess in bulbs, seeds or plants. If you create simple jewelry, or knitted, stitched or crocheted items this could become fun and a way to gather a new gift. Paintings, drawings, photography which may have become a card, or hand made cards could be swapped for another's skillful unit. Shells, stones, badges, pins, sachets, contrived flowers, even books could find their way to this gathering. No need to count, just trade until your goods are depleted. No money is to be exchanged; this is for pure enjoyment.

If you can carry it, then it can be exchanged, or swapped. Your participation is encouraged. This should be a fine way to take home many interesting new treasures. It could also bring a deeper appreciation for the skills of OAGC members.

**Challenge class returns to flower show**

OAGC announce the third Challenge Class to the convention’s artistic flower show schedule. The class is limited to four designers. Interested designers must contact State Flower Show chair Beverly Norman (contact info on page 2.) Names will be chosen in a lottery drawing, June 27, notified by June 30, and must confirm by July 5.

Tom and Myrna Cordray will again provide containers and floral material to be used in the designs. Every piece of the plant material must be used in this design. Points will be deducted for each piece not used. Each designer must bring their own tools for designing. The time frame for creating the design is the same as the rest of the artistic schedule.

Please note, beginning this year, Challenge Class entrants must wait 3 years to reenter the drawing. For example, anyone who was selected in the first two years is ineligible for 2014. 2012 entrants can submit their name in 2015; 2013 entrants can submit their name in 2016.
Artistic Flower Show Rules

1. Artistic classes are open to members of OAGC who are registered for convention.
2. Each adult class is limited to four entries. Junior classes have unlimited entries.
3. Persons registering for a class must fulfill the commitment or provide a substitute. They must notify the artistic flower show chair of this change.
4. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must be placed by the exhibitor between 9 am and 1 pm, August 18, at Mohican State Park Lodge. No entry may be removed until convention is adjourned.
5. Entry tags and 3" x 5" cards on which to list all plant materials will be furnished and must be placed with the entry. Juniors need to complete their own tags, cards and mark their age.
6. Designs must include plant material, fresh or dried. No artificial plant materials or artificially colored fresh materials are allowed. Dried/preserved material may be natural in color or painted/treated.
7. Plant material on the conservation list may not be used unless grown by the exhibitor. This fact must be stated on a card accompanying the design.
8. Neither the flower show chair, nor OAGC can assume responsibility for loss or damages. All possessions should be marked with exhibitor’s name and address.
9. Staging descriptions: Class 1 and 2 will be staged on a medium brown shelf with a medium brown background. Class 3 will be staged on a 30" wide 30" deep 45" tall green background provided by OAGC. Color swatch will be sent to designers. Class 4 will be staged on an easel, designers can use a 16" wire frame. Finished wreath should be no larger than 24" across. Designers may cover easel with cloth if desired. Classes 5, 7, 9 and 10 will be staged on a 30" wide 30" deep 45" tall background. Designers may cover this background if desired. Class 6 will be staged on a 30" wide by 24" deep end table. Class 8 will be staged with a tanned deer hide background. Class 11 will be staged on a pedestal 36" high by 24" square top. Class 12 will be staged on floor to the right and left of the gift shop in the Upper Lobby. Class 13 is a creative design and will be staged on a pedestal 36" high with a 24" square top. Classes 14-17 will be staged on a 30" wide by 30" deep and 45" tall white background. Rules are subject to change, designers will be notified in advance.
10. Exhibitors may and are encouraged to enhance the cardboard backgrounds as they choose, without damaging the existing background. (Do not pin, staple, paste, tape, or paint.) Accessories and/or bases may be used to enhance designs, but are not required. Remember, the size of a background selected needs to fit within the allotted space.
11. Accredited judges of The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. will judge the show according to the standard system. The decision of the judges will be final.
12. Ribbon awards of a first, second, third and honorable mention may be given in all classes. In juniors, more than one honorable mention may be given to worthy entries. Rosette awards will be given for the adult and junior Best of Show and Judges’ Award of Distinction.
13. No one except authorized personnel will be permitted on the flower show floor during judging.
14. Challenge Class: Designers will be chosen through a lottery method on June 27. Interested designers should submit their name and phone number to Beverly Norman via mail, email, or phone. Lottery winners will be notified by June 30 and have until July 5 to confirm registration. Please note, beginning this year, Challenge Class entrants must wait 3 years to enter the lottery. For example, anyone who was selected in the first two years is ineligible for 2014. 2012 entrants can submit their name in 2015; 2013 entrants can submit their name in 2016. Plant material and containers will be supplied. Designers will use every piece of material given to them; points will be deducted for each piece not used. Designers are to bring their own tools. The time allotted to create the design will be the same as everyone entering the show. This class will be judged.
15. Adult and Junior classes must be pre-registered by contacting artistic flower show chair, Beverly Norman, 2010 Henley Deemer Road, McDermott, OH 45652; phone: 740-372-5039 or 740-464-3453 or at bnorman@oagc.org. With the exception of class 13, all reservations must be made no later than August 1. Classes will be filled in the order in which reservations are received.
Table Setting Contest

Clubs are invited to sign up for the Table Setting contest at this summer’s convention in August. The theme is “Gathering the Treasures of 12 Moons.”

Clubs are to provide a card table, round or square, and set a functional table for two people. Do not bring chairs. Table components can include a decorative unit (floral design), china, glassware, linens such as a table covering, napkins and place mats. The goal is to interpret a “moon” selected by the club and submitted to the contest chair.

Clubs can send representatives to complete the entry though they must be registered for convention. Set up time is from 11 am to 2 pm on Monday, August 18. Judging will be by OAGC Judge Emeriti using information found on pages 394-398 (scorecard on page 386) of the OAGC Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Handbook. These will be judged from a seated position.

Fold a 5” x 7” card in half, write clearly the moon title, but do not record the club’s name. Name cards will be placed after the judging. First place: $40; second place: $35; third place: $30; 2 honorable mentions: $25. Each club will receive a certificate. Contact Barbara Sheets at rbsheets68@columbus.rr.com or 614-738-6267 after May 1 to enter your club.

Ireland Trip Update

The April 30, 2014 deadline to draw a winner from the sold raffle tickets is close at hand. Some lucky soul will make the rest of us “green” with envy as they are chosen to make the trip to the World Association of Flower Arrangers World Flower Show in Dublin, Ireland. Each garden club was mailed tickets last fall. Tickets and payment must be returned to the raffle chair Barbara Sheets.

To sweeten the pot of gold, President Minor has sent prizes to the 8 regions that meet before April 30. Raffle tickets purchased the day of the regional meeting are eligible to win a gift from Ireland (our president bought them on her earlier trip) or gifts related to St. Patrick’s Day.

Take a chance on this tempting trip at the end of the rainbow by contacting Barbara Sheets at P.O. Box 2, Harrisburg, OH 43126 or 614-877-4746.

Regional Mohican raffles were successful

Marian Moceckel
Nature and Conservation, Chair

Many thanks to everyone who participated last fall in the Nature and Conservation Raffles that raised money for Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors. The list of wonderful donated items was really terrific. There were many fun gardening and birding items and much more. Thanks to all whether you donated an item, bought a ticket or ten, sold tickets, set up the displays and/or won a prize. Several regions donated extra funds to supplement the raffle collection. Thank you! Over $1650 was raised for the school.

Many thanks to OAGC President Mary Lee Minor for her support of the idea, all of the regional directors who collected the raffle items, the regional treasurers, Sue Hamlet and Sharon Ware who handled the raffle monies.

Derby Junior Garden Club members win big at the 2013 Region 9 fall meeting in the junior “Birdhouses and Birdfeeders” contest.

Winners were: Birdhouse: 1st - Reese Moehl; 2nd (tie) - Mia Danforth and Miranda Danforth. Bird Feeder: 1st (tie) - Maria Flowers and Lidia Flowers. Peoples’ Choice winners were: 1st - Miranda Danforth; 2nd - Mia Danforth; 3rd - Reese Moehl. Congratulations!
Department News

Club Contests Department
Margie Graft, Chair

Kudos to all of the clubs that sent in their program, publicity and therapy books this year! They are outstanding.

The programs offered were varied and demonstrated a real effort to meet the needs and interests of the membership. The programs ranged from a talk on coyotes to a demonstration on horizontal gardening. Many clubs had at least one field trip and some clubs managed trips in addition to regular meetings. One club had an overnight trip to Columbus for a tour of German Village gardens and a day of shopping. It sounds like fun. Dawes Arboretum seemed to be a destination for many clubs to enjoy wagon rides and talks by the naturalists.

There was one less publicity book this year. It is harder and harder to have articles published as local newspapers close down. However, many clubs found ways to publicize their activities. Several clubs advertised their meetings in church bulletins or notices posted in churches and libraries. Some clubs made book marks listing all of their meetings and contact information. These were placed in libraries, doctor offices, etc. The same was done with a club brochure. Hats off to the new ideas to get the word out about OAGC.

The therapy books are wonderful. The pictures show such pleasure on the faces of the participants as well as the club members and children who help at each session. The projects were well suited to the abilities of the participants.

It takes time and effort to create the various contest books. To see the interest of other clubs when they look over the books at convention makes the effort all worthwhile.

Design Study Department
Naomi Ormes, Chair

This can create a quandary. When a designer wants to use an unusual component, how does one manage to be creative in the design and still follow the rules? How can judges have a unified concept as to the use of accessories to be able to be consistent as they judge flower shows across the state? Perhaps a designer would like to use a component, but it is not allowed because it is artificial. Would that be called an accessory?

A look back at the definition of an accessory as applied to design notes: the accessory “should be part of the overall design and should not dominate.” If a designer made a beautiful design using some of the oasis wire formed into a flower shape, would this be considered an accessory or would it “dominate” and be disqualified?

Would the design above be disqualified because the accessories (Christmas boxes) dominate or are out of scale? Does the artificial material (fountain effect) in the design on the right dominate? What do you think?

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools Department
Jan Stein, Chair

School #1 will be May 19-20, 2014, at Deer Creek State Park. This school will include Period Designs by Marlene Purdy, Iris by Anita Roller, Plant Identification by Charlene Margetiak, Educational Exhibits by Peggy Case, Peonies by Mike Miller, Writing Flower Show Schedules by Bev Norman and Planning & Staging Flower Shows.

There are three optional and free evening sessions on the first day open to school attendees. On Monday, May 19, the first session will be for student judges covering Period Designs and Iris.
The second session will be an artistic design workshop under the leadership of Naomi Ormes, Design Study Chair, on Armature Designs, (limited to the first twenty registered). The third session will be on Bonsai (limited to the first thirty registered).

Registration will begin at 8 am each morning with classes beginning at 9 am. After a break for lunch, the first day session will end at 4 pm, with the second day session ending at 2:30 pm and testing to begin at 3 pm for student judges.

Look for some great items to buy from our vendors such as containers, plants, note cards, treasured wood, dried plant material, books and many design and horticulture materials.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a Period Design for discussion or Iris or Peony specimens to this school, properly labeled in a clear container, to be used in the plant horticulture sessions. There will be a drawing for a FREE one day registration for those bringing in cultivars at each school.

The deadline to register is April 19, 2014. A registration form can be found on page 14 of this issue. Remember there is a late fee if you register after April 19, 2014. There are no refunds after April 19.

Deer Creek State Park will charge non-OAGC discounted room rates for reservations made after April 19, 2014. Phone number for the hotel is on the registration form on page 14.

Flower Shows Department
Beverly Norman, Chair

Thanks to all the clubs who submitted Flower Show Contest Books. It was a pleasure reviewing and scoring the 14 contest books. OAGC has some creative garden club members and the books are reflecting that thanks to new technologies.

Be sure to take the time to glean the contest books for ideas for flower shows, designs and contest books when attending convention in August.

When submitting a flower show for the state contest, follow the Flower Show Contest Book and Flower Show Contest scorecards (which can be found in the OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs) and the show will be a success.

The Artistic Schedule for the Convention flower show is on page 5 of this issue of The Garden Path. Be sure to choose a design and sign up to enter by contacting me right away. This should be a great show.

Junior Gardeners Department
Deborah Graham, Chair

The junior gardener membership is growing and ever changing. An important element to our junior garden club is an enthusiastic, positive advisor. A conscientious advisor should provide our junior gardeners with fun, educational and rewarding activities that concentrate on the joy of gardening, awareness of our environment and the practice of conservation. Our young gardeners are the future of our organization and the world around us.

The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs has five state contests that honor our junior gardeners. A good advisor can be instrumental in encouraging their junior gardeners to enter these contests. Below is a brief description of these contests.

The Junior Community Beautification Contest goes to a junior garden club. The purpose of this contest is to inspire youth to participate in the beautification of their community.

The Outstanding Junior Gardener Award is given to a junior who has done outstanding work in gardening projects over a two year period.
The **Outstanding Junior Garden Club Award** is given to a junior club that has been active in gardening activities and civic projects.

The **Reed Award** is presented to a junior gardener for outstanding contribution and interest in nature, wildlife and the preservation of birds.

Lastly, the **Shedenhelm Award** goes to a junior gardener who has an interest in nature and conservation and has given demonstrations and prepared exhibits on subjects in nature.

All junior gardener contests have monetary awards. The contest entries should be mailed to the state Junior Gardener chair with a deadline each year of December 15. More detailed information on these contests can be found in the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*, the *OAGC Junior Gardener Advisor’s Handbook* and at the OAGC website (www.oagc.org) under the Junior Gardeners tab. Let’s honor our junior gardeners. Encourage your junior gardener to enter one of our contests today.

**Membership Department**  
*Kim Cromwell, Chair*

As we get ready for the start of spring, be on the lookout for those potential new members. They just might be lurking around the corner or coming out from under their rock! When you do find them, take them under your wing, invite them to a meeting, and if she or he is interested, ask them to join in the fun of gardening. This is how our membership grows: by Knowing, Growing, Showing and Sharing. Someone once took you under their wing at one time.

As our organization looked for ways to help cut costs, it has been decided that OAGC will no longer continue with the membership cards. With that decision, when the new registration mailings go out in August, the request will still be listed on the form. However, the existing inventory of cards will be depleted based on a first come, first serve basis. Only those clubs who request the cards and the quantity can be filled completely will receive them. Also, membership cards will no longer be issued to the Member-at-Large. Life Members and Life Patrons will still be issued a permanent card by the OAGC state treasurer as a show of appreciation. Any questions or concerns can be directed to me.

**Nature and Conservation Department**  
*Marian Moeckel, Chair*

It is time to start putting your beautification projects in place. If you do not have a plan yet, it is time to put your committee to work and get your plants ordered or marked for replanting. Look at the requirements in your *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* or on-line so you have everything you need to do and meet the deadlines. You must have your beautification project judged and you want to get that on the schedule early.

This is also a good time to plan a compost area in your yard or get a bin from your local soil and water conservation office or garden store. Composting is a great way to recycle yard and home vegetable waste. If you have a septic system, your kitchen waste is better on a compost pile than down the garbage disposer. Do not put animal waste on your compost pile as it will draw pests and can have a bad odor.

Another great addition to your garden is some kind of open water for the birds and bees. It does not have to be expensive or sophisticated. A plant saucer on the ground works well. If you have a bird bath keep it clean and filled. The birds will repay you with hours of enjoyment. One way to keep the water clean is to add a couple of sprigs of lavender to a CLEAN bird bath. The lavender will prevent algae. If your bath is deep, add a flat rock to make it easier for the birds to get a drink or bathe.

When planning your garden this spring consider flowers that will encourage hummingbirds, butterflies and bees. Native plants are always a better choice because they are more likely to survive and the birds and butterflies will use them. Nonnative plants are often very beautiful but are also often ignored by our local fauna.

Ordering seeds, plants, bulbs, shrubs, and other garden supplies together from some of the catalogs will often allow for lower prices and it is fun to discuss your garden plans with club members or family.

I also want to put in a plug for brush piles. If you have the room, a pile of twigs is a wonderful place for ground feeding birds like juncos, wrens, some sparrows, etc. to hide out over night or when danger threatens. Even some small mammals will use these dens of twigs for protection. They eventually decay and need to be replenished. That is never a problem in our yard. If you do not like the piles year-round, try one during the late fall and winter months. Your wildlife will thank you.

We will be adding native plants to the bird watching area of the Ohio Historical Society building in Columbus this spring. If you have perennial natives to share please let me know. We will try to coordinate through our regional meetings this spring.
Via the Grapevine
(Please send all submissions directly to the editor of The Garden Path)

Region 1
Region 1: May 22, Design Study Workshop with Osa Louys- Green in Grand Rapids. Contact Barb Deetz at bdeetz@oagc.org.

Friendly Town and Country
GC: Apr. 10, tour at Wolf’s Blooms and Berries in Bowling Green; Apr. 22, spring county meeting; May 1, regional meeting in Bowling Green; May 8, Biggest Week for American Birding at Black Swamp Bird Observatory in Oak Harbor; May 15, community service filling Main Street planters; Jun. 12, “Cultivating Herbs” by Rosie Villarreal. Contact Carole Rives at 419-669-4057.

Region 2


Lima GC: Apr. 8, spring Guest Luncheon at Hard Rock Café, Community UM Church in Shawnee, RSVP to 419-647-4026; May 13, “Dividing and Transplanting Perennials” by Juanita Wilkins; Jun. 24, club trip to Ft. Wayne, IN. Contact Marilyn Shaw at 419-568-5420.


Region 3


Saville Hilltoppers GC: Apr.1, “Art in the Garden,” trip to Secret Garden in Waynesville; May 6, plant sale planning meeting; May 17, plant sale in Riverside; Jun. 3, “Roses - Varieties and Care” by Robert Frick; June, plant flowers at Shellabarger and Cardinal Hill Parks; tour of Richmond Rose Park in Indiana and lunch at Richmond Inn TBD. Contact Carol Evers at ercmevers@aol.com.

Region 4

Flores Amos GC: Apr. 21, garden decoration workshop; May 19, tour Miami University’s greenhouse in Oxford; TBA: planting flowers at the Millville Cemetery, Bunker Hill Cemetery and the McGonigle Methodist Church; Jun. 16, tour historic Hartman Rock Garden in Springfield; Jun. 6-7, annual plant sale in Darrrton. Visitors welcome. Contact Midge King at 513-738-3353.

Four Seasons GC: Apr. 8, spring luncheon/fundraiser at the Fairfield Community Arts Center in Fairfield, “Floral Design - Garden to Table” by Vickie Wenstrup of Amelia Florist, $20 per person. For reservations contact Mary Gamstetter at 513-892-6806 or gams@isoc.net. May 17, Plant Sale at Village Green Amphitheatre in Fairfield. Visit the club website at www.fourseasons gardenclub-fairfield.org.

Liberty GC: Apr. 8, attending Four Seasons spring luncheon; May 3, club plant sale, 9 am – 2 pm, Old Hughes School in Liberty Twp.; May 14, tour Cincinnati State Tech College Horticulture Dept. and gardens; Jun. 11, tour Jaybird Lavender Farm in Mt. Orab. Contact Joyce Sullivan at jsullivan@oagc.org.

Waldon Ponds GC: Apr. 7, Tulip Tour at Cincinnati Zoo; May 5, “Perennials” by Alice Eby; Jun. 2, Installation of Officers/pot luck dinner. Contact Margo Leeker at wpgcpublicity@gmail.com.


Region 5

Four Seasons GC: Mar. 20, “Spring Flower Arranging” by Andy’s Garden Center; Apr. 17, Veterans Memorial and Ann Mira Das park clean up; May 9-10, Mother’s Day Plant Sale at Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua featuring hanging baskets and member-made gardenscapes; May 15, garden tour; Jun. 19, Miami Nursery Tour in New Carlisle. Contact Sandy Wolf at 937-773-4749.


Region 6

Whispering Meadows GC: Apr. 10, Open Meeting, “McBride Arboretum” by Charlene Margetiak; May 8, spring luncheon and member garden tour; Jun. 12, “Day Trippin’” to gardens and nature preserves in Region 6. Contact contact Donna Foss at defoss@roadrunner.com.

Region 7

Apple Valley GC: Apr. 16, trip to Country Colors; May 15, plant planters and teach about gardening with “Journey Kids” preschool west of Apple Valley; Jun. 18, “Ask the Experts” panel discussion of members’ gardening questions. Contact Barbara Bentz at 740-397-1602 or Pbentz@embarqmail.com.

Harlem Twp. GC: Apr. 15, “Floral Design and Critiquing Arrangements” by Diana Daily; May 20, tour Bonnie Clary’s iris gardens near Croton and “Growing Iris” by Eloise Collier; Jun. 17, “Garden Whimsies/Art from Glass and/or Ceramics” by Nancy Singer. Contact Nancy Singer at 740 965-6374 or rasnvs@embarqmail.com.

Region 8


Region 9

Four Seasons GC: May 3, 8 am to 1pm, Annual Plant Sale at the historic Livingston House in Reynoldsburg. Contact Julie Greer at 614-475-4045 or jmgreer19@gmail.com.

Lithopolis Community GC: Apr. 1, Visitor’s Night combined with Groveport GC, guest speaker, Jim McCormac, at Zion Lutheran Church on Groveport Pike across from Kroger; May 26, Memorial Day Flower Show (from 12-4) and perennial plant sale (from 10-2) at Wagnalls Memorial Library in Lithopolis. Contact Nadine Umstead at 614-833-1946.

Marabar Heights GC: Apr. 10, Bird Nest/Make a Nesting Ball Workshop led by Linda Johnson; May 16-17, Flower Show, Plant and Bake Sale at Messiah Lutheran Church in Reynoldsburg, open to the public, artistic design and horticulture classes; Jun. 10, Gardeners’ Day Out to visit the Governors Residence and Heritage Garden and eat at Park of Roses. Contact Stella Gibb at 614-866-4800.


Rambling Designers GC: Apr. 1, succulent creation projects led by a representative from Lancaster Greenhouse; May 14, annual plant sale; Jun. 3, covered dish and plant exchange. Guests are always welcome. Contact Phyllis Chambers at 740-687-5930 or Ann Huston at 740-654-4739.

Region 10

Slocum GC: Apr. 24, wildflower walk and floral fashion show with Grace Bates speaking on the production, care and handling of floral products and Dave Riepenhoff showing wildflower photos; April 22, Earth Day tree planting at Kid’s World Day Care Center; May 1, May basket delivery to shut-ins; May 2, trip to Amish 4-Mile Greenhouse in Jackson; May 8, “Birds and Bees” by Jenny Richards and picnic at Lake Roosevelt, trip to Daniel’s Greenhouse for “Dishes to Daisies: Making Garden Art”; May 6, trip to Great Blue Heron Rookery and Eagles Nest, Hocking River and Lake Logan; May 16-17, German Village Yard Sale and local greenhouses; May 22, Corey’s Wildflower Farm in


**Region 12**

**Dillonvale Rosebud GC:** Apr. 19, “Floral Workshop” with Nina Cleaver; May 7, Open Meeting, “Plant Propagation” by Master Gardener Dawna Kale; Jun. 18, “Dehydrating Herbs, Veggies and More” by Marjorie Bensie. Contact Caroline Williams at 740-859-4362 or tcwilliams67@comcast.net.

**Flushing GC:** Apr. 21, “Growing and Photographing Your Butterfly Garden” by Nature Nomad, LLC Daniel Caron, Open Meeting at Flushing Methodist Church; May 19, book review on “The Gardeners’ Bed book” by Richard Wright, reviewed by Kathy Gibeaut; May 10, flower show; Jun. 16, “For the Birds” by Nancy Mayo. Contact Barb Cencula at barbara@cencula@frontier.com.

**Mt. Pleasant GC:** Apr. 7, “Care and Grooming of Roses” by Belmont County Master Gardener; Apr. 19, spring regional meeting; May 5, auction by Nina Sutherland; Jun. 9, Master Gardener plant swap at St. Clairsville Memorial Park. Contact Ruth Lewis at wrplewis@comcast.net.

**Region 14**

**Dalton GC:** Apr. 8, “Cooking with Herbs” and choosing an herb to grow and use in a dish for our summer picnic; May 12, planting pots of flowers for gravesites of deceased club members; Jun. 10, tour Rita Hullet’s hosta garden Beach City. Contact Camille Olsen at cmL604@zoominternet.net.

**Moreland GC:** Apr. 8, tour Wooster Community Hospital GreenPoint Garden; May 20, plant flowers at the Moreland Square and Franklin Elementary School; Jun. 10, tour three local gardens. Contact Jean Durkalski at 330-698-1477.

**Valley City GC:** Apr. 17, “Magnolias 101” by Don Krock; May 17, annual plant sale at the Valley City Depot; Jun. 19, President’s Tea at Town Hall. Contact Pat Dohoda at 330-483-4449.

**Wide View GC:** Apr. 15, tour Mohican Gardens in Loudonville, program: “Care of Water Gardens.” Contact Melva Rohr at 330-231-5414.

**Region 16**

**Clearcreek Gardeners GC:** Apr. 15, bracelet workshop at Wombat Art Works in Waynesville; May 20, members share a flower; Jun. 17, tour garden of Joyce Thomas. Contact Pat Stidham at 937-885-5155 or pstidham2@woh.rr.com.

**Fayette GC:** Apr.11, flower bed clean up at the Judy Chapel, Washington Cemetery; May 9, 92nd Anniversary Celebration; Jun. 13, “Floral Designing” by Terry Baldin, Kroger designer. Contact Susie Meriweather at 740-505-1100.

**Hillsboro GC:** Mar. 25, Glass Flower Workshop; Apr. 22, spring Plant Sale and Earth Day program; May 27, “Different and Unusual Native Plants” by the Secret Garden Greenhouse; in honor of the club’s 85th “birthday,” the group will present floral arrangements of carnations to the new mothers; Jun. 24, field trip to McMurry’s Hostas and Daylilies in Bainbridge. Contact Pat Lawrence at 937-840-9222 or patlawrence@charter.net.


**Wilmington GC:** Apr. 14, “Hummingbirds and Their Habits” by Beth Mitchell; May 3, club’s $2.00 plant sale at the Historical Society Carriage House in Wilmington; May 8, hosting Region 16 spring meeting; May 12, “Control of Bugs in the Garden;” Jun. 9, “Turning Junk Into Garden Treasures” by Diane Christen, carry-in lunch. Contact Pat Gilbert at arvense@juno.com or 937-383-2322.

**Stepping Stones**

Findlay GC of Region 2 donated entries from the Region 2 fall gourd show called “Minions Down on the Farm” to the Findlay Hancock County Library for a children’s program based the movie “Despicable Me.”

**Entries in the Region 2 Fall Gourd Show “Minions Down on the Farm”**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Region 3**

Marjorie Aldridge, 91, 9/28/2013, 25 year member of College Hill Garden Club

**Region 14**

Beverly Ann Deviney, 76, 1/24/2014, Vice President of Wide View Garden Club
OAGC Foundation Notes

Saturday, May 31 is the date for the Fourth Annual OAGC Foundation Hike for Health. This year participants are visiting the Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) in Oak Harbor, Ohio. Located on a major bird migration route along the shores of Lake Erie, BSBO and the surrounding area are a Mecca for bird enthusiasts from all over the world. Following a presentation and brief walk, those interested can continue their hike with a guided tour of the boardwalk at Magee Marsh. Hikers are asked to find donation sponsors, with all proceeds going to BSBO through the Foundation. As in the past, if participants are unable to hike at the Black Swamp Bird Observatory they are encouraged to hike in a local park to collect donations. Additional information will be available at the spring regional meetings and on line at oagc.org.

The OAGC Foundation is grateful for the following donations from November 1 to January 31:

We would like to give a special recognition to Moreland Garden Club for their donation of $500.00 to honor Paula Huffman with a Life Patron membership.

Scholarship Fund
Darby Valley GC, Leaf & Blossom GC, Moreland GC
New Neighbors GC, Judy Stopkotte (in memory of Bill Jenne), Tan and Toil GC

Wahkeena Nature Preserve Fund
Carl Budnick (Sarah’s Transportation Fund in memory of Hugh May), Darby Valley GC, Four Seasons GC (Reg. 12), Groveport GC (bird food in honor of Mary Stevenson’s 100th birthday), Hillsboro GC (memory of Rosemarie Cowdry’s son, Kevin), Georgia Johnson (in memory of Betty Weaver), Ladybug GC (bird food), Leaf and Blossom GC, Moreland GC, New Neighbors GC, Rambling Designers GC (Sarah’s Transportation Fund)

Mohican Outdoor School Fund
Anonymous (from regional meetings, Butterfly kisses), Darby Valley GC, Charles Jakubchak (Butterfly kisses), Jean Jankowski (regional raffle), Judges Guild Regions 6, 7 and 14 (in honor OAGC Presidents – Past, Present and Future), Leaf and Blossom GC, Moreland GC, Nature Lover’s GC, New Neighbors GC, Regional Raffles, Tan and Toil GC

Nature and Conservation Fund
Darby Valley GC, Moreland GC, New Neighbors GC

General Fund
Carroll Community GC, Darby Valley GC, Moreland GC

2014 Convention Lodging Information
A block of rooms has been reserved for The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs at Mohican Lodge and Conference Center. Call 800-282-7275 and identify with OAGC’s block to secure a room for up to 4 people. A first night deposit is required to guarantee the room which is $98/+taxes. Reserve before July 17 when the block will be released. There are 2-bedroom, family cottages 10 miles from the lodge at $110 a night. To make a cabin reservation, call 866-644-6727 or reserve on line at www.ohiostateparks.org. Cabins and campsites are also available.

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Nature Study Retreat Registration Form
June 1-6, 2014
Cuyahoga Valley National Park - Camp Butler
880 W. Streetsboro Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264

Name: ______________________________ Region: ____________
Address: ______________________________________________
City: _______________________________ Zip: ______________
Phone: ( ) ________________________________
Email: _______________________________________________

Full-Time Retreat Rates: (If paid in full before May 1)
Full-time Adult (18 or older): _____________ $195 (after May 1: $200)
Full-time Junior (17 or under): _____________ $180 (after May 1: $185)
Part-time Adult: $50 per day/night (inc. 1 night, 3 meals)
   x ______ days = _______________
Part-Time Junior: $45 per day/night (inc. 1 night, 3 meals)
   x ______ days = _______________

Daily Retreat Rate:
$ 27 (includes 1 full day, evening program, 2 meals)
   x ______ days = _______________

Junior Information:
   Fill in the following for juniors. All juniors must be accompanied by
   an adult. Juniors must provide an NSR Emergency Medical Form. Find
   online at: www.oagc.org. **NOTE: For first-time retreaters, a partial
   payment Junior Scholarship is available to children through age 17.**
   Call Jan Harmon, NSR Coordinator at 330-769-2210 for details.
   Name of accompanying adult: _____________________
   Relationship to junior: ___________________________

Attendance Summary:
Attending how many days? __________
Arrival date/time: _______ Departure date/time: _______
   To insure your place, a deposit of $25 is required and can be sent
   by April 15, 2014. (Balance should arrive on or before May 1, 2014.
   Later registrations are subject to a $5 late fee.) You must be
   PREREGISTERED or PREPAID to participate in retreat functions.
   First-time attendees to Nature Study Retreat 2014, who register by
   March 15, 2014 will be eligible for a drawing for a $100
   reimbursement. For all first-time registrants who register by March 15,
   three names will be drawn at the retreat to each receive a $100
   reimbursement.
   Make checks payable to: OAGC and designated for “Nature Study
   Retreat.” Mail check and all registration forms to:
   Marie Marquart, OAGC NSR Registrar
   19391 Co. Rd. 12, Bluffton, OH 45817
   Phone: 419-326-5212

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School #1
Registration Form
Monday and Tuesday, May 19-20, 2014
Deer Creek State Park
22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling, OH
43143 (Exit 84 off I-71)
Phone: (740) 869-2020

I wish to register for two days @ $80 _____
I wish to register for one day @ $40 _____ Mon. ____Tues.

Optional Evening Choices (no fee):
   ___ Student Judge Session (required/students)
   ___ Bonsai - limited to first 30 registered
   ___ Design Study “Armature design” limited
   to first 20 registered

Check One: ___ Exhibitor ___ Judge
            ___ Student Taking Test

Make checks payable to OAGC. Do not send
   cash. Mail by April 19, 2014, $5.00 late fee if
   postmarked after April 19, 2014.
   No refunds after April 19, 2014.

Mail to:
   Jan Stein, Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Chair
   1983 Haverton Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH  43068
   Phone: 614-864-5109  Email: jstein@oagc.org

Name: ___________________ Region: ____
Address: ______________________________
City/Zip: ______________________________
Garden Club Code: ______________________________
Phone: ______________________________
Email: ______________________________
Special needs: ______________________________

PLEASE make hotel reservations at Deer Creek
   State Park, 22300 State Park Road 20,
   Mt. Sterling, OH 43143. Phone (800) 282-7275
   Rate of $79/night (single or double) guaranteed
   until April 19, 2014.
84th OAGC Convention Registration Form
August 18-20, 2014
Mohican State Park Lodge and Conference Center
1098 Ashland Co. Rd. #3006, Perrysville, OH 44864
419-938-5411
Registration deadline: August 4, 2014

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City/Zip: __________________________________________
Phone: ( ) __________________________ Region: _____
Email: ____________________________________________

STATUS (place a checkmark where applicable)
OAGC Past State President _____ Counselor _______
OAGC Active Judge _____ OAGC Liaison _______
OAGC State Chair______ Regional Director _______

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:
Juniors, 18 and under are FREE but must register
Adult, full convention $40
Junior, full convention FREE
Adult, one day $25/day
Junior, one day FREE
Circle the day/days you are attending: Mon  Tues  Wed

MEAL SELECTIONS:
(NOTE: Walk-ins cannot be seated for meals.)
Monday, August 18, evening banquet $28
Tuesday, August 19, noon luncheon $21
Tuesday, August 19, evening banquet $26
Wednesday, August 20, noon luncheon $19

Junior meals are $10 and the child must be 11 or under.
Circle meals needed for the junior:
Monday Banquet Tuesday Lunch
Tuesday Banquet Wednesday Lunch
Total meal cost for junior @ $10

Please list dietary needs and concerns here: __________________________

Bring down total for registration and meals: _________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _________________

NO REFUNDS GRANTED AFTER AUGUST 4, 2014.
Make checks payable to: OAGC. Mail this form and payment to:
Gale Ann Kelly, Convention registrar
222 Derby Downs Road, Newark, Ohio 43055-3306
Phone: 740-366-7160  galeannkelly@windstream.net

2014 Convention Mini-Schedule
(Please note: schedule is subject to change)
Monday, August 18, 2014
9a-5:30p Registration
9a-1p Flower show entries accepted;
11a-2p Set up table setting contest
11a-5:30p Sales area open
1:45-5:30p Tribal Sessions (1:45-2:30p; 2:45-3:30p;
3:45-4:30p; 4:45-5:30p)
6:30p Banquet; Introduction of Executives, Chairs,
RDs, Guests; Convention Welcome
7:30p Recognize: Counselors, Liaisons, Past
Presidents, Life Members; Awards: Convention
Flower Show Awards
8:15p “Seasonal Full Moons” by Chuck Jakubchak:
unfolds the reverence shown Native
Americans as they observed full moons
9:15p SWAP SESSION for barter or trade
9:15-11p Sales area, flower show, exhibits open

Tuesday, August 19, 2014
On the second day everyone is invited to dress in a native
way with clothing, hair style or adornments.
8a-6p Registration
9a Business session: Reports; Awards: Club
Contests, Flower Shows, Nature and
Conservation
11a-12:15p “From Woodlands to Meadows: the Songs of
Earth’s First Musicians” with Lisa Rainsong
12:30p Luncheon
1:15p Carpool an afternoon at Mohican Outdoor
School “Not the Last of the Mohicans”
1:30-5:30p Visit and interact with the flint knapper, launch
arrows with an atlatl, hike to the 88-foot
Hemlock Falls with a guide, talk with a tanner
and see pelts, taste a fire pit treat, hear the flute
carver play native American music or sit in on
storytelling and other native and wild sessions
5:30p Return to Mohican Lodge
6:30p Banquet (Randy Bryhn, flute player, offers
music as we enter)
7:15p Recognition of Judges, Judge Emeriti, Master
Judges; Awards: Gladys Thomas Judge of the
Year, Faye Collins Designer of the Year
8p “Sacajawea” portrayed by Alice Hoover,
OAGC club member
9p Strategic Planning Committee presentation
9:30-11p Sales area, exhibits, and flower show open

Wednesday, August 20, 2014
8-11a Registration
9a Business session; Awards: Outstanding
Regional, Junior recognitions
10-11a Sales areas open for the last time
11:30a “Native Plants Attract Native Critters” by
Cheryl Harner
12:15p Luncheon; OAGC Foundation scholarships
presented; Introduction of the OAGC Strategic
Implementation team; Election results,
installation of the 2014-2016 State Executives
and Board member appointees
Why not visit a neighboring regional meeting? Just contact the appropriate Regional Director. Contact info on Page 2.

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