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Coming Events

January 15, 2014

Deadline for submissions to the
Apr-May-Jun issue of
The Garden Path

March 17-19, 2014

State Board Meeting
Mohican State Park Lodge,
Perrysville, OH

April 15, 2014

Deadline for submissions to the
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The Garden Path

May 19-20, 2014

Exhibitors' and Judges' School
#1, Deer Creek State Park,
Mt. Sterling, OH

May 31, 2014

Hike for Health, Black Swamp
Bird Observatory

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Nature Study Retreat, Camp
Butler, Peninsula, OH

June 11-20, 2014

OAGC Trip to the World
Flower Show in Dublin, Ireland

July 15, 2014

Deadline for submissions to the
Oct-Nov-Dec issue of
The Garden Path

August 18-20, 2014

Annual Convention,
Mohican State Park Lodge

September 15-16, 2014

Exhibitors' and Judges' School

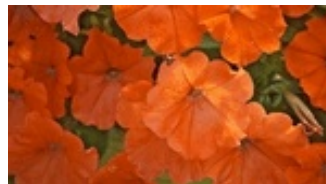
2014 All-America Selections



Sunflower 'Suntastic' F1



Bean 'Mascotte'



Petunia 'African Sunset' F1



Tomato 'Chef's Choice
Orange' F1



Tomato 'Fantastico' F1

All-America Selections (AAS) judges have finished a rigorous year of trialing and recently announced the newest AAS Winners.

All winners were trialed next to similar varieties currently on the market. The AAS Judges do a side-by-side analysis of growth habit, disease resistance and more to determine if these entries were truly better than those already available to home gardeners. Only those flower entries with superior garden performance or the vegetables with superior taste and garden performance are given the AAS stamp of approval.

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Read more about the traits of these exciting new introductions at the All-America Selection website, www.all-americanselections.org.



Pumpkin 'Cinderella's
Carriage' F1



Cucumber 'Pick a Bushel'
F1



Gaura 'Sparkle White'



Pepper 'Mama Mia Giallo'
F1

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WHERE TO SEND IT: Membership changes and dues: Membership Chair; Donations to the OAGC Foundation: OAGC Foundation Treasurer; submissions for *In Memoriam*, *Via the Grapevine* and *Stepping Stones*: The Garden Path editor.

A note from our president:



Grab the first bunch of tulips,
and arrange

Happy new 'Blue' year. 2014 was initiated with a host of positive events. Regions closed last year with many special moments filled with ideas that go beyond regular programs. There were gals with denim purses, a member filled her green and white OAGC anniversary mug with the morning coffee, and one region even used its silent auction profits to fatten the Mohican raffle. A region reported that it actually pays for one person to attend Exhibitors' and Judges' School. In region 4, we sang together songs that celebrate our human bond with Mother Earth. Region 5 took time to share the ambition of a club's charter member, a 99-year old. There were junior bird houses and floral designs at several regionals. The response to the trip to Ireland was extremely positive.

Membership Goal 2013-2014

OAGC continues to grow as clubs add new members. The presidential goal this program year is to register 24 new garden clubs - an attainable goal with the help of each region. To have a new garden club emerge from a region would take each member listening to contacts in everyday life.

Take action. Suggest a meeting place, a date and time. Even if only three people come to share into discussion, be sure to show up and exhibit spirit. The energy in creating a club can be shared with the junior gardeners, too. Be an OAGC ambassador. Launch a new club and receive a box of goodies from the president wrapped up in a big, blue bow.

When we achieve the goal, those who have helped will be honored at the 2014 Convention.

Searching for Victor H. Ries Boxwoods

The OAGC Executive Board is looking for members who years ago purchased boxwood shrub starts that were cuttings from an original plant of Victor H. Ries, our founder.

As the search started, it was discovered that some members have moved the boxwood to a new site, while others have moved and left it behind.

If you are uncertain about your boxwood, it is suggested that you take a cutting and bring it to the 2014 convention. You may send it with your name attached. We hope to ascertain whether it is really a Ries boxwood, then create starts for the 2015 convention, when OAGC will celebrate its 85th anniversary.

Now is the time to dig deep. Do not hibernate. Do not let up. There is potential for new clubs to form; these people await your energy. An invitation to hike with Nature Study Retreaters is before you as a learning adventure. One such hike added a new treasure for me last year. It was a violet, a yellow one, called Halberd-leaved violet with a slightly serrated, oblong leaf.

Plan to attend a spring regional meeting and offer help. Take a simple project to a group which may be cut off from nature and call it therapy for yourself. Look over the convention flower show's horticulture schedule and grow plants to exhibit at convention. Perhaps this is a year when you might attend some or all of our summer celebration as we plan to "Gather the Treasures of the 12 Moons." Fortify your life and learning with 'knowing, growing, showing and sharing.'" Remaining passionately blue, for you,

Mary Lee Minor, OAGC president

Members of the Findlay Garden Club of

Reg. 2 made
their annual
trip in late



July to view Wanda Smith's Night Blooming Cereus. Neighbors, relatives and garden club members (some in pajamas and coats!) enjoyed the blooms and heady fragrance of a record seventeen blooms. According to legend, each bloom resembles a cradle, star and the twelve apostles.

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2014 Nature Study Retreat

Geri and Bill Rea, Program Coordinators

This year's Nature Study Retreat will be held June 1-6, 2014 at Camp Butler (800 W. Streetsboro Rd, Peninsula, OH 44264.) Camp Butler is a Boy Scout camp nestled in the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park. This location gives us a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy our nation's newest national park.

Though a short distance from the urban areas of Cleveland and Akron, Cuyahoga Valley National Park seems worlds away. The park is a refuge for native plants and wildlife, and provides routes of discovery for visitors. The winding Cuyahoga River gives way to deep forests, rolling hills and open farmlands. Walk or ride the Towpath Trail to follow the historic route of the Ohio and Erie Canal.

Planned activities include, morning bird walks, exploring the trails that abound in the area, visits to historical sites in and near the park and biking or hiking trails in the extensive scout camp or park sites. If you bring a bike the Tow Path Trail is fantastic with level terrain of hard packed limestone making it easy to follow. One of the highlights is the fantastic plant sale where everyone brings plants to bid on. Last year there were 11 first-time campers who enjoyed the week. Will you be a first-timer this year?

We'll plan a visit to Hale Farm and Village and learn of Jonathan Hale's move to this area from



Connecticut. We will also tour a working farm where they are using old time farming methods and a nearby garden center, Suncrest Gardens.

Consider bringing along a grandchild or other youngster. They will thoroughly enjoy the experience.

We have "camperships" available to first time juniors. Half the Junior fee will be awarded to a qualified child. To apply, the junior should write a letter telling why they would like to attend. Send the letter to Jan Harmon (405 Craggy Creek Dr., Chippewa Lake, 44215) or email jharmon@oagc.org. We would

like to award the funds that have been allocated for this purpose.

I ask you: where can you go for 5 days of pure joy, special programs, learning and exploring nature with a certified naturalist, visiting historical sites, enjoying fellowship, 3 meals a day and lodging for less than \$200 a week? There is no better deal. A registration form can be found on page 15. Watch the Nature Study web page at

<http://www.oagc.org/naturestudy.htm> for the most current information, event schedule and registration form. To learn about the camp (including directions) go to: <http://www.gtcbasa.org/manatoc/directions.html> and click on Camp Butler. To learn more about the Cuyahoga Valley National Park: <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/historyculture/places.htm>

OAGC and the Ohio Historical Society Collaborate

The Ohio Historical Society has asked OAGC to help upgrade/renovate their bird sanctuary garden. Mary Lee Minor, OAGC president; David Dyer, Curator of Natural History at OHS and Marian Moeckel, OAGC Nature and Conservation Chair, met at the Ohio Historical Society's Museum in Columbus. After a garden tour and some discussion, it was decided OAGC would help revamp this bird viewing area with native plants.

As gardeners we know that sharing our plants is second nature. The fall landscape was noted and photographed and a list of the plants and a layout drawing of the area was supplied by Mr. Dyer. As we analyze the area and the plants that are there, we will make recommendations for planting in the spring and summer. It is important to provide food and cover year round for their local wildlife. In the spring we will send out a request for divisions of your native plants to include at this site, which includes trees, shrubs and a water feature with running water, bird feeders and an open area.

If you have not been to the Ohio Historical Museum recently (1982 Velma Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211), it is worth a visit. There are always new displays along with the wonderful permanent exhibits. The gift shop is great and parking is easy. The bird sanctuary provides a nice live active spot as you tour the museum. Stay tuned.

2014 OAGC Convention Flower Show, August 18-20, 2014 Horticulture Rules and Schedule

1. Entries will be accepted from 9 am to 1 pm, Monday, August 18, 2014. Judging begins at 1:30 pm.
 2. Adult exhibitors MUST BE REGISTERED for convention in order to be eligible to enter.
 3. Horticulture entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Container grown plants should have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months.
 4. Exhibitor MUST furnish own clear glass containers, size suitable for the exhibit. Water picks will be furnished for miniature roses. Packaging peanuts will be available for use as wedging for heavy cultivars.
 5. Each horticulture entry tag should have the exhibitor number provided by the horticulture chair.
 6. Only correctly named horticulture exhibits, with variety name written on the entry tag, will be eligible for awards
 7. Junior entry tags must be completely filled out by junior exhibitor before entering the show.
 8. An exhibitor may make as many entries as desired in any class, providing each is a different named variety.
 9. An exhibitor may not enter a cultivar in an 'any other' class if there is another class for it or they have already entered that cultivar in a previous class.
 10. Classes may be withdrawn, combined, divided or sub-divided, if the number of entries warrant.
 - 11 Horticulture classes will be judged according to the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs Inc. rules by the standard system of judging - one first, one second, one third. More than one honorable mention may be given for worthy entries. Judges' decisions are final.
 - 12 Adult Awards will be: Awards of Merit: best entry in roses, Section 1; best cut flower exhibit, Sections 2 and 3; best cultivar exhibit, Section 4 and 5; best horticulture entry, Section 10; Green Thumb Award for horticulture excellence in a cut flower exhibit, best entry, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; Outdoor Growers Award for cultural perfection, best entry, Section 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; Container Growers Award for cultural perfection, best entry, Section 11; Best of Show, Mary Alice Earhart Memorial Award, best overall horticulture exhibit in show; Executive Trophy (Sweepstakes), exhibitor totaling most points. Points totaled are: 1st: 5; 2nd: 3; 3rd: 2. In case of a tie, Honorable Mentions will be counted as 1 each; Runner-up Sweepstakes Rosette.
 13. Junior Awards will be: Awards of Merit, best cut annual, biennial or perennial flower exhibit in Section 14; best caladium in Section 15; best entry of grasses in Section 16. Junior Best of Show will be awarded for best overall junior horticulture exhibit in all junior classes; Junior Sweepstakes will be awarded to the junior exhibitor totaling most points. Points totaled are: 1st: 5; 2nd: 3; 3rd: 2. In case of a tie, Honorable Mentions will be counted as 1 each.
 14. Convention horticulture exhibit entry tags will be available at the entry table. The small entry tags should be used for the miniature rose exhibits. Entry tags are available from the State Horticulture Chair, Jane Adkins, 4426 Clark Place, Grove City, OH 43123-3538. Phone 614-875-5059, or email jadkins@oagc.org
- ADULT DIVISION**
- Section 1 - Roses, Named, any variety**
1. Hybrid Tea, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached
 - a. White or near white
 - b. Yellow, yellow blend
 - c. Pink, pink blend
 - d. Red, red blend
 - e. Orange, orange blend, orange-red, orange-pink
 - f. Any other color not listed above
 - g. Any new variety for 2014
 2. Hybrid Tea, full blown, any color, any variety, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached
 3. Floribunda or Polyantha, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached
 4. Grandiflora, named, any variety, one spray or one disbudded bloom, with foliage attached
 5. Shrub, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached
 6. Miniature, named, any variety, one bloom, disbudded, with foliage attached
 - a. White or near white
 - b. Yellow, yellow blend
 - c. Pink, pink blend
 - d. Red, red blend
 - e. Orange, orange blend, orange-red, orange pink
 - f. Mauve, mauve blend
 - g. Any other color not listed above
 - h. Any new variety for 2014
 7. Miniature, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached
- Section 2 - Annuals**
8. Coleus, named, any variety, one stem
 9. Fresh cut everlasting, named, one bloom, one spray or one spike, any variety, foliage attached
 10. Any round form annual, named, one bloom, disbudded, foliage attached
 11. Any spike form annual, named, any variety, one spike, foliage attached
 12. Any spray form annual, named, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached
 13. Any new variety for 2014
- Section 3 - Biennials or Perennials**
14. Rudbeckia, named, any variety, disbudded with foliage attached
 15. Echinacea, named, any variety, disbudded, keeping foliage attached when available
 16. Any round form perennial or biennial, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached
 17. Any spray form perennial or biennial, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached
 18. Any spike form perennial or biennial, named, any variety, one spike, foliage attached
 19. Any flower grown from a bulb, corm, tuber, or rhizome not listed elsewhere in the schedule
 20. Any new variety for 2014

Section 4 - Dahlias

23. Dahlia, one bloom under 4", disbudded, foliage attached
24. Dahlia, one bloom 4 - 6", disbudded, foliage attached
25. Dahlia, one bloom 6" and over, disbudded, foliage attached

Sections 5 - Gladiolus - Named, one spike, any variety or color

26. Any size - state size

Section 6 - Caladiums

27. One leaf, named, any variety

Section 7 - Colocasia/Alocasia (Elephant Ears)

28. One leaf, named, any variety

Section 8 - Ornamental Grasses**No exhibit over 36" tall, foliage only or grasses with inflorescence (plumes, flower heads).**

29. Small grasses, named, three stems of same variety in one container (Carex, Helictotrichon, Imperata, etc.)
30. Medium grasses, named, three stems of same variety in one container (Chasmanthium, Elymus, Panicum, etc.)
31. Large grasses, named, one stem in one container (Arundo, Erianthus, Miscanthus, Ornamental Corn, etc.)
32. Non-traditional grass, named, one stem in one container (Papyrus, etc)

Section 9 - Shrubs**Named, any variety, one stem, no exhibit to exceed 24" in length**

33. Blooming/Berried

Section 10 - Herbs - Named any variety, one stem

34. Fresh cut perennial herb
35. Fresh cut annual herb

**Section 11 - Container Grown Plants
Pot not to exceed 12" in diameter and must sit flat on the table. One plant per pot (may be multiple stemmed)**

36. Flowering plant, named, any variety
37. Foliage plant, named, any variety
38. Cactus, named, any variety
39. Succulent, named, any variety

JUNIOR DIVISION**Section 14 - Juniors - Annuals, Biennials, Perennials**

42. Coleus, named, one stem
43. Any round form annual, biennial or perennial, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached. (Examples: Zinnia, Marigold, Aster, Shasta Daisy, Gloriosa Daisy, etc.)
44. Any spike form annual, biennial, perennial, named, one spike, foliage attached. (Examples: Salvia, Larkspur, Delphinium, Hollyhock, Bells of Ireland, Liatrus, Gladiolus, Snapdragon, etc.)
45. Any spray form annual, biennial, perennial, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached. (Examples: Chrysanthemums, Phlox, Petunias, Lisianthus, Statice, Yarrow etc.)
46. Any new variety for 2014

Section 15 - Juniors - Caladiums

47. One leaf, named, any variety

Section 16- Juniors - Grasses**No exhibit over 36" tall, foliage only or grasses with inflorescence (plumes, flower heads)**

48. Small grasses, named, three stems of same variety in one container. (Carex, Helictotrichon, Imperata, etc.)
49. Medium grasses, named, three stems of same variety in 1 container. (Chasmanthium, Elymus, Panicum, etc.)
50. Large grasses, named, one stem, any variety. (Arundo, Erianthus, Miscanthus, Ornamental Corn, etc.)
51. Non-traditional grass, named, one stem, any variety (Papyrus, etc.)

Do you have the luck o' the Irish?

The response to the June 2014 trip to Ireland and the World Association of Flower Arrangers International Flower Show was huge. In fact, the trip is sold out. The two departures will come together on the east coast for a departure to Shannon, Ireland where the trip begins.



One special seat on the trip is marked as "TBA" for a winner whose name will be drawn on April 30, 2014 from all raffle tickets sold. The winner must provide a passport number when notified. The recipient will receive the double occupancy rate covering the flight, hotels and meals on the trip.

If you plan on entering the raffle, be sure to get your passport now. Forms can be processed at the local post office or county clerk of courts office for a fee of \$25 and require a birth certificate, driver's license and a prepared passport photo. The cost of the application, new or renewal, is \$110.

Raffle chair Barbara Sheets is sending out small number of raffle tickets to all clubs. Without pressure, the raffle hopes for your support. Checks, sold and unsold tickets must be returned BEFORE April 30. If the raffle winner is already a traveler on the trip, their payment will be refunded.



Wine, Wit and Wisdom bus tour participants shopping at Bluestone Perennials

Department News

Club Contests Department

Margie Graft, Chair

Belated Congratulations to both the Four Seasons Garden Club of Champaign County (Reg. 5) and the Four Seasons Garden Club of Miami County (Reg. 5) for their superior program books.

What makes the “perfect” program book? Many will say that a score of 100 and a superior award is the answer. However, there are several factors that go into creating the perfect book.

Start with the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* program book scorecard. If every item on the score card is followed exactly, then a score of 100 would be awarded. This may or may not mean the book is as well done as another program book. Under the General Make-Up section after durability and neatness is creativity. This would include the over-all appearance of the book. One book may have a plain purple cover with all of the information in black print. Another book may have a picture of an Eastern Bluebird or a beautiful floral painting and still include all of the needed information. First impressions do count so make an effort to show some creativity when designing the book.

The next two sections of the scorecard concern the quality of the meetings each club has during the year. Following a theme throughout the year is often the easiest. The program, the roll call, the therapy project could all follow the same theme such as highlighting a bird, a tree or a native plant each month. It is not necessary to have professors or other “experts” to provide these programs. Given enough time, club members can research and present programs.

When writing up the events for each month, clarity is absolutely necessary. Just writing that the program will be “plant sale” may be understood by club members but not by someone scoring the book. Programs become more garden related by including a brief note that the plants are grown by members and that each plant will be identified with botanical name (when possible) and growing instructions. The annual Christmas Party could be more garden-related if a program was given about a holiday greenery or flower. Having a non-club member proof-read the book for clarity often helps.

Almost all clubs make an effort to be special. The extra things that members are involved in are important. Supporting OAGC projects, helping with local gardens, having a garden therapy group, or running a local “outstanding garden” contest are all easy and special efforts. These need to be listed near the front of the program book not on a separate sheet of paper.

Remember that special efforts do count. From the cover design to the step by step following all of the sections of the score sheet to the extra illustrations, it takes all of this to create the perfect program book.

Design Study Department

Naomi Ormes, Chair

A new design style I’ve discovered is “armature.” It is not even noted in the current *OAGC Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Handbook*, however it will be included in the new handbook that is currently under construction.

An Armature design is a three-dimensional creative design, featuring a skeleton network of horizontal and/or vertical parallel lines, bars, etc, to form a grid. So, the armature is the grid on which your design is created. The grid may be composed of one type of man-made or plant material, e.g. bamboo canes, chicken wire, framework of flower stems, twigs, etc. The skeleton framework (armature) is used as a foundation and must remain dominant after other components are added. The armature can be self-supporting or put into a container.

The Armature design will be studied at the next Design Study Session at the May 19, 2014 Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School #1 held at Deer Creek State Park Lodge in Mt. Sterling. Watch for the registration form in the next issue of *The Garden Path*.

I have searched the internet and found pictures to demonstrate the Armature Design. Please contact me at normes@oagc.org if you plan on registering for the class and I will e-mail pictures to you.

If you would like to learn more about Creative Designs, be sure to attend your regional Design Study workshops and the Design Study workshop held on Monday nights at the Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools. If you desire help setting up design workshops in your area, please contact me (address on page 2.)

Exhibitors' and Judges' School Department

Jan Stein, Chair

We would like to recognize both Barbara Lennen and Sharon Ware who have turned judge emeritus this year. A big thank you to Sharon and Barbara for their many years as judges and service to OAGC.

Exhibitors' and Judges' School will return to the six-school format in 2014. School #1 will be held May 19-20. School #2 will be held September 15-16. (The September dates are a correction from what was printed in the previous issue of *The Garden Path*. The schools will be held at Deer Creek State Park. Full details are still being worked on, but Period Designs and Oriental Designs will be included in the schools this year. Plant Identification will continue and we will be able to have more specific horticulture classes.

Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a judge. We are always on the lookout for new student judges.

Flower Shows Department

Beverly Norman, Chair

Winter is a good time to practice on designs and getting ready for the year's flower shows. I have already received seven flower show contest books. I look forward to receiving contest books from fall regional flower shows and especially Christmas shows.

I encourage you to set up a workshop and do a design each month. After a design is made, be sure to take photos and submit them to the state Design Study department chair for the Faye Collins Designer of the Year Award. There is much to be learned when a judge is asked to come and critique the designs. That is how you learn and it is fun. Consider including the Armature design in the artistic schedule.

The *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* has all the information you need about entering the flower show contest including the application and scorecards. They can also be found on the OAGC website: www.oagc.org.

Horticulture Department

Jane Adkins, Chair

While your garden is enjoying its winter nap, isn't it great to relax and not feel guilty about neglected tasks? Here are a couple of hints that may make your work easier in the spring. First, start saving used dryer softener sheets – they make great pot liners.

Next, think about those extra tomato cages sitting in the garage. Use the two largest rings (be sure to leave on legs to poke in the ground) of a four ring tomato cage to hold up your peonies. Place them over the peonies as they start to emerge and there'll be no more flowers on the ground after a storm.

The smaller rings make great supports for smaller plants. You can either place them over the plant or cut the ring and put it around the plant. Try using the two largest rings of a three-ring cage, large ring down, in a flower bed that needs some extra color. The round hanging basket size pots will fit into the ring about a foot off the ground and give a color lift exactly where you want it. The wires just disappear into the existing foliage. Tomato cages are made of sturdy wire, so try to have (or borrow) a bolt cutter to do the job.

Despite the cold today, we know spring is on its way. So, please remember to help raise monies for OAGC. When ordering from Bluestone Perennials at www.bluestoneperennials.com use the code **F3OAGC324** up until March 24. When ordering from Brent and Becky's Bulbs at www.bloomingbucks.com, select 'Ohio Association of Garden Clubs' from the pull-down tab. Brent and Becky's Bulbs donates 25% of all non-sale purchases through this fundraising portal! And it works year round!



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Junior Gardeners Department*Deborah Graham, Chair*

“The Life of a Butterfly” is the name of the 2014 Spring Regional OAGC Junior Gardener Contest. This contest is for all age groups, but regions should have



a 6-11 year old class and a 12-18 year old class for this contest. The Spring Regional Junior Contest entries should be taken to the spring regional meetings to be judged and displayed.

For this contest the junior gardener should pick a specific butterfly. An educational exhibit about the butterfly should be done on a 36”H x 48”W - 3 section folding display board. A good educational exhibit should be easy to read, informative and colorful with pictures and drawings.

Some interesting facts the junior gardener could include on their exhibit are where the butterfly lives, its life cycle, its migration patterns, the types of plants that a butterfly needs to survive and pictures or drawings of the chosen butterfly.

Please be sure to have the junior gardeners put their name, age, club and region on the back of the educational exhibit. After judging, a nice tent card with their name, age, club and region may also be placed in front of the junior gardener’s educational exhibit for public recognition.

Remember that your first, second and third place winners of each age group from each region of both the 2013 Fall Regional OAGC Junior Gardener Contest and the 2014 Spring Regional OAGC Junior Gardener Contest may be brought to the 2014 OAGC Convention at Mohican State Park on August 18-20, 2014 for display.

Encourage your junior gardeners to participate and have fun learning about “The Life of a Butterfly.”

Membership Department*Kim Cromwell, Chair*

Thanks for getting your club dues in so promptly after the late mailings went out. Clubs have been receptive to the fact that our organization’s expenses have increased over the years which led to the \$2/club

member dues increase. Unfortunately, we lost a few clubs this year so we need to work on Mary Lee’s goal of obtaining new clubs. Remember to send any club membership changes (new members, address changes, etc.) to me, address on page 2. This will help keep the database current and limit the mailing errors at the post office. Stay warm and enjoy the winter...spring will be right around the corner before you know it!

Nature and Conservation Department*Marian Moeckel, Chair*

What is a Beautification Project? There seems to be some confusion out there. OAGC Beautification Projects involve the planting and landscaping in and around your community. It can be a one-time affair for a certain event or area. It could also be a project that is ongoing for many years.

It is not too soon to be planning your club’s next year’s Beautification Project. You could start a Permanent, 2- year project, this year, for submission in 2015. Or, if you want to do a Seasonal/Temporary Project for next summer to submit in 2014, the time is of the essence. Start scouting your community, asking questions, form a committee and get started. A community project also allows everyone to bring their talents and creativity to the group and ultimately to the community.

If an outdoor planting project is not an option this year think of another way to work together within your club. Whenever our garden club does an activity all-together, we have fun and are very productive, whether it is a therapy activity for a senior center, making holiday designs or painting flower pots. Our collective energies seem to compound and ends with uplifted spirits and really great products - floral designs, seasonal gifts, or hypertufas or leaf bowls for the garden.

In new clubs or clubs with new members, it is a great way to get to know each other in a relaxed informal activity.

So, step up, suggest a project and help your club blossom and be creative. Details for the projects and the deadlines for submission are on pages 77-80 in the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* and online under contest forms at the OAGC website, www.oagc.org. If you have questions please contact Marian Moeckel at mmoeckel@oagc.org before you even start.

Via the Grapevine

(Please send all submissions directly to the editor of *The Garden Path*)

Region 2

Auglaize Roots and Shoots GC:

Feb. 11, "Learn About Heritage Trails Park District" by Allison Brady; Mar. 11, "Learn About the Master Gardener Program" by Shelby County Master Gardener. Contact Juanita Wilkins at 567-356-9721.

Lima GC: Jan. 14, Winter Guest Tea, garden gift exchange; Feb. 11, "Scenic Garden Spots of NW Ohio" by Kathleen Phipps of WBGU-TV; Mar. 11, "Invasive Plants" by Diana Reese and "Calla Lilies" by Judie Pepple. Contact Juanita Wilkins at 567-356-9721.

Vanue GC: Jan. 28, "Favorite Flower" by Ilene Hoy; Feb. 25, program by owner of Sugarhouse Greenhouse; Mar. 25, "All About Perennials" by Cathy Lauck. Contact Ruth Sherman at 419-387-7156.

Region 3

Here and There GC: Jan. 7, "Zentangle Project" by Deb Chase, Zentangle workshop to make either garden art or note card; Feb. 4, "Amazing Hummingbirds" DVD; Mar. 4, Tokadama (Japanese String Garden) workshop. Contact Joyce Thomas at wwt222@cinci.rr.com.

New Neighbors GC: Jan. 21, "Cooking With Herbs" by Candace Rinke; Feb. 18, "String Gardening" by Babs Sabick; Mar. 16, "High Performance, Low Maintenance Annuals" by Pam Bennett. Contact Donita Owen at owendoni@gmail.com.

Our Homes GC: Jan. 14, "What's New for 2014" by Maureen Aukerman; Feb. 11, tour of the Dayton Art Institute; Mar. 11, "Companion Planting." Plant exchanges are held at each meeting.

Contact Lynne Lopez at 937-698-3091.

Region 4

Walden Ponds GC: Mar. 3 "Spring Wildflowers" by Chris McCullough, Butler County State Extension Office. Contact: Donna Hughes at jhughes4@fuse.net.

Region 5

Alpha GC: Jan. 14, "Stump the Arborist" by Wendi Van Buren, ODNR Urban Forester; Feb. 11, "Welcoming Wings to Your World - How to Entice and Enjoy Birds" by Steve Moeckel; Mar. 11, "March Maple Madness" by Braden Fisher. Contact Karen Cron at kcron16@yahoo.com.

Blooming Betsys GC: Jan. 9, craft day; Feb. 13, Valentine Project; Mar. 13, Garden Friends. Contact Anita Brown at 937-339-0926 or garrybrown3@aol.com.

Region 6

Whispering Meadows GC: Feb. 13, "Hardy Perennial Orchids" by Donna Foss; Mar. 13, "English Garden Plants" by Helen Duquette; Apr. 10, Open Meeting, "McBride Arboretum" by Charlene Margetiak. Contact Donna Foss at defoss@roadrunner.com.

Region 7

Earth, Wind and Flowers GC: Jan. 6, "Color It Naturally" with Susan Monroe; Feb. 3, "Medicinal Herbs" by Anne Minor Geiger; Mar. 3, "Urban Gardening with Josh." Contact Susan Maynard at 419-562-1004.

Town and Country GC: Feb. 7, "Bees - A Honey of an Insect" by Lou Petros; Mar. 7, "Thrillers, Fillers and Spillers - Container Gardening" by Rosamary Amilt and Linda Scheetz. Guests are always welcome. Contact Carole Waugh at 740-397-3950.

Region 8

Grow and Show GC: Jan. 22,

"Tool Time" with Schroeder Dodd; Feb. 26, "Making Glass Garden Ornaments" instructional night with Paula Shockley (workshop will be Apr. 23); Mar. 26, "Grow and Show Herb Tasting" at Mr. Lees, light dinner featuring popular herbs. Contact Joan Picklesimer at 740-432-5764.

Newark GC: Feb. 14, "How to Kill a Tree" by Schroeder Dodds; Mar. 14, Patio Tabletop Water Feature Workshop. For information contact Jean Jankowski at 740-587-4116 or jankowski@alink.com.

Malconta GC: Jan. 8, "Greenhouse with Peggy Martin," garden therapy; Feb. 12, "Women's Health Tips," traditional Valentine/dish towel exchange; Mar. 12, "Phenology" with Ed Fughkaua. Contact Midge Huffman 740-559-2366.

Town and Country GC: Jan. 8, gardening movie with snacks; Feb. 13, "From Garden to Table" by Dr. Chad Guest; Mar. 13, "Propagating Tender Plants" by Steve Troendly. Contact Judy Boyd at 740-826-0013.

Region 9

Basil GC: Jan. 20, "Compost Tea" by Linda Landis; Feb. 17, "Basic Flower Design" by Trudy Keck, Ruth Coleman and Jackie Cooperrider; Mar. 17, "Deadheading, Debudding and Cutting Back" by Louise Smith. Contact Jackie Cooperrider at 740-862-4432.

Darby Valley GC: Jan. 23, "Feeding the Birds During the Winter Months" by Debbie Parzych, workshop: "Making a Garden Journal" by Sandi Adams; Feb. 27, "You Can Have Flowers in Your Garden" by Lori Fry from Folsom and Pine Farms, workshop: "Making Creative Flower Show Ribbons" by Charlene Hayes; Mar. 27, "Shrubs: The New Perennial" by Barb Bennett, horticulturalist and owner of "The Plant People." Contact Ruth Osborne at ruthieg37@yahoo.com.

Pickerington GC: Jan. 15, "Stay Tuned"; Feb. 19, "What Plants Talk About"; Mar. 19, "Growing a Salsa Garden." Contact Barbara Kochick at 614-837-3951 or Libby Stearns at 614-837-4455 for information.

Rambling Designers GC: Jan. 7, "Plant Propagation" by Tim Dolder of Dolder's Nursery; Feb. 4, Valentine's Day Lunch; Mar. 4, speaker: Jason England of Nightcrawler Gardens. Guests are always welcome at the meetings. Contact Phyllis Chambers at 740-687-5930 or Ann Huston at 740-654-4739.

Region 10

Green Triangle GC: Jan. 6, remove decorations at Shawnee State Park Lodge; Feb. 6, "Valentine's Underwater" by Sherrill Day; Mar. 6, "Creative Mass" by Beverly Norman. Contact Karen Sue Evans 740-858-5315.

Region 11

Slocum GC: Feb. 13, members will plant an African violet start, Diane Reese, OAGC Judge, will demonstrate underwater designs; Mar. 13, "Fairy Gardens and Fairy Rings" by Mary Lou Beaumont, members bring creative design from Scioto County Fair schedule for judging by OAGC

judge. Garden Therapy sessions at Adult Daily Living at Best Care Rehabilitation and Nursing, Wheelersburg Jan. 23, Feb. 21 and March 21. Contact Teresa Book at 740-776-3267.

Waverly GC (and Bristol Village Retirement Community in Waverly): Apr. 3, 7:30 pm, "The Bluebird Effect: Uncommon Bonds with Common Birds" by writer, naturalist, watercolor painter, gardener and National Public Radio commentator Julie Zickefoose. Contact Ellie Commings at 630-306-0810.

Region 12

Flushing GC: Mar. 7, "Conditioning Flowers" by Donna Hirauk. Contact Barb Cencula at barbarajcencula@frontier.com.

Four Seasons GC: Feb. 26, "Beneficial Plants for Organic Gardening" by Darlene Horstman; Mar. 26, "It's a Tropical Paradise - All About Orchids" by Elaine Wukelic. Contact Sharon Gump at sharonlgump@yahoo.com.

Woodland GC: Feb. 6, "Flower Stationary" by Carole Patton; Mar. 6, "Ireland Flowers" by Verna Smolinsky. Contact Susan Tatar at 740-282-7117.

Region 14

Valley City GC: Jan. 16, "Beyond Pesticides" by Barry Zucker; Feb. 20, "Growing Spring Bulbs in Containers" by J and J Greenhouse; Mar. 20, "Growing Native Plants in Your Landscaping" by Annie Cooper. Guests are always welcome. Contact Pat Dohoda at 330-483-4449.

Region 16

Clearcreek Gardeners GC: Jan. 21, salad luncheon; Feb. 18, "Tea and Tea Presentation" by Lois Phillips; Mar. 18, luncheon and history of club by members. Contact Pat Stidham at 937-885-5155.

Fayette GC: Feb. 7, planning session with Washington GC; Mar. 14, "Growing Micro Greens" by Dona Straley. Contact Susie Meriweather at 740-505-1100.

Wilmington GC: Jan. 13, "Pruning Your Shrubbery" by Sherry Kile of Kile Landscape; Feb. 10, "Organic Gardening" by Robert Henson of Henson Family Farm; Mar. 10, "Identifying Weeds" by Tom Stillwell, Associate Professor of Agriculture Wilmington College. Hold the date: May 8, Wilmington GC hosts Region 16's spring meeting. Contact Pat Gilbert at arvense@juno.com or 937-383-2322.

OAGC Archives Update

Janet Evans, Archives Liaison

"Archive" is a word that means, "respect for history." In 2010, the OAGC executive board moved to preserve the OAGC documents of yesteryear. Guidelines for archiving OAGC materials can be found in the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*.

Several years ago, I completed the editing and sorting of the OAGC papers for the period 1931 to 1999, and with Board approval, committed all the material to the Ohio Historical Society (OHS).

The Ohio Historical Society has received, checked and accepted our OAGC material for permanent storage. This means that our leather-bound minute books for the last 73 years will be safely stored and available for anyone wishing to refer to them in the future. So, understand that a lot of you have your names and titles mentioned in the material, available to your grandchildren. Also stored at OHS are all the issues of *The Garden Path* and the OAGC Foundation minutes.

If you wish access to the OAGC Archives, you must first contact OHS (614-297-2510) for an appointment and request Collection # MSS 1512 (Minute books) or Collection #635.905 G 168 (*The Garden Paths*.)

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 Nancy Boomhower, 10/29/2013, and
 Sherry Ostrowski of
 Briarwood Beach Garden Club

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OAGC Foundation Notes

Wahkeena Nature Preserve update

Wahkeena's Nature Center is going "green" with the upcoming installation of a new geothermal heating and cooling system. The new system will replace the Nature Center's aged and cantankerous fuel oil furnace with an environmentally friendly, geothermal approach which uses existing natural conditions to provide consistent temperature and humidity. This will greatly benefit the collections housed in the Nature Center. Garden clubs wanting to visit Wahkeena should call Tom Shisler or Robyn Wright-Straus at 800-297-1883.



Life Patrons

A Life Patron is one who makes a one-time donation of \$500.00 or more to the OAGC Foundation. The donor may direct the donation to any of the five funds established: General Fund, Scholarship Fund, Mohican Outdoor School Fund, Wahkeena Nature Preserve Fund or the Nature and Conservation Fund.

A few regions have honored their outgoing Regional Director with a Life Patron donation. Life Patrons automatically become Life Members of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. and are recognized at the annual convention. Alice Dallas was the first Life Patron and to date there have been 59 persons who have become Life Patrons. Contact Foundation treasurer Sharon Ware (address on page 2) for more information on supporting the OAGC Foundation through a Life Patron donation.

The OAGC Foundation is grateful for the following donations from August 1 to October 31:

Scholarship Fund

Des Fleurs GC; Katherine Feick; Jo Ann Graham (*in memory of Helen Koontz*); Marabar Heights GC; OAGC Region 11 (*Region 11 Scholarship*); Barb Sheets (*in memory of Bill Jenne*); Tan and Toil GC (*in memory Helen Koontz*); Waverly GC (*Life Patron-Susan Thomas*)

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June 1-6, 2014

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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 thru 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/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 to receive a \$100 reimbursement, each. The drawing will be held during Nature Study Retreat 2014

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

Ooops!



L-R: OAGC 1st Vice President Peggy Case with members of the Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club: Hillsboro Garden Club of Reg. 16

Our apologies to the Hillsboro Garden Club of Region 16. The name of the Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club was missing from the last issue on convention coverage.

Hillsboro Garden Club, the 2012 Victor H. Ries Award winner honored at convention in 2013, is an outstanding club. Members take part in planning and entering the local fair, preparing instructional displays for public viewing, hosting trips to visit open gardens and sponsoring a float for the annual Holiday Parade.

This club also honors community gardens, both business landscaping and residential landscaping, with special meetings, news coverage and citations. By being an active club that involves the community, Hillsboro Garden Club keeps the public aware of Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Correction: The Regional Outstanding Garden Club of Region 14 should have been noted as Briarwood Beach Garden Club.

Check out *The Garden Path* online at www.oagc.org
The photos are in color!

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Keeping you informed

The following is a summary of items the Board of Directors affirmed at the 2013 fall state board meeting. Of general interest to the membership:

- To accept the slate of Janet Evans, Naomi Ormes, Kathy Schmitt, Marlene Purdy and Margie Graft to serve as the nominating committee and Stephanie Patrick as alternate.
- To pay board expenses in the amount of \$4710.23
- To increase the start-up money to the regions for convention to \$1000
- To approve Nature Study Retreat at Camp Butler, June 1-6, 2014
- To donate \$50 to the OAGC Foundation in memory of Past President Bill Jenne
- To accept Muchinnippi Gardeners into The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- To purchase two raffle tickets for the Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors fundraiser at \$50 each (total of \$100)
- To accept the 2013-2014 budget (of \$73,965) as presented by treasurer Hamlet
- To pay mileage expenses of the four Ad Hoc committee members (Allan, Patrick, Thornhill and Wilkins) in the amount of \$379.40

2013 Ohio State Fair summary

OAGC continues to be a supportive force in the artistic and horticulture divisions of the Ohio State Fair flower shows. Eleven of our members shared over three days of designing and the horticulture show.

Jim Chakeres, shows much support as an exhibitor in addition to coordinating the work. The list of designers included Jane Adkins, Dottie Bates, Michele Bishop, Vicki Ferguson, Karen Middleton, Mary Lee Minor, Abbie Riley, Babs Sabick, Barbara Sheets, Sharon Ware and Juanita Wilkins.

Designers also exhibited in the niche classes and Jane Adkins and Karen Middleton provided multiple horticulture entries. Mary Lee was the Master Designer for points earned over the three flower shows.

Jim asked for our help for his "Fair Within a Fair" as organizations came to host a table and share their work. OAGC had three members who stepped up and spent four hours handing out OAGC membership information and talking to people. We thank Jean Jankowski of Region 8, Malvin Long of Region 9 and Jan Seabold of Region 7, for their outreach efforts.