OAGC Foundation, Inc.

The OAGC Foundation, Inc. is a 501(3)c public charity formed in 1984 to help execute the educational and charitable activities of The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. The OAGC Foundation annually awards scholarships to select horticulture and/or floriculture students attending an Ohio college, university or technical school.

It also provides funding through grants for OAGC Inc. publications and special projects endorsed by OAGC Inc. Monetary donations are raised by affiliated clubs, members and non-members, deferred gifts, memorial gifts, incremental gifts, special gifts, becoming an OAGC Life Patron (through a contribution of $500) and by fundraisers.

The OAGC Foundation currently accepts contributions to five restricted funds: General Fund, Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors Fund, Nature and Conservation Fund, Scholarship Fund and Wahkeena Nature Preserve Fund. Additionally, the OAGC Foundation accepts donations to temporarily restricted funds as needs arise.

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Knowing, Growing, Showing and Sharing Since 1930

What is OAGC?

The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. was formed in March of 1930 by Professor Victor H. Ries of The Ohio State University. It was incorporated in 1959.

Our Mission is: ***To promote innovation and excellence in horticulture and floral arts through programs that foster creativity and personal growth.***

Our Vision is: ***To be the premier organization for horticulture and floral arts.***

We promote interest and knowledge in horticulture, gardening, garden therapy and encourage home, community and state-wide beautification work.

Currently, there are nearly 200 clubs and over 3500 OAGC affiliated members throughout the state.

The business of The Association is conducted by seven state officers, fourteen regional directors, seven department chairs, two counselors and six liaisons. The regional directors coordinate local activities with bi-annual meetings and also help plan tours and workshops.

Educational Opportunities

The Association conducts **Exhibitors' and Judges' Schools** twice a year educating flower show judges and exhibitors alike. Prospective judges must complete a series of six schools, pass exams and undergo a period of student judging before becoming an accredited OAGC Flower Show Judge.

Educational clinics and design workshops held at the state, county and regional levels share knowledge in horticulture, floral design, and nature and conservation.

Many county fair **flowers shows** are supported by individual members and member clubs. The Ohio State Fair's three flower shows are OAGC supported.

Regional meetings and state conventions provide a venue for informative programs and clinics that focus on horticulture, nature and creative floral arranging as well as awards and vendors.

Gardeners' Day Out is an annual trip event to points of interest around the state. Garden Centers, public and private gardens offer exposure to horticulture and aesthetic practices.

Nature Study Retreat, held each June, allows for five days of enrichment and adventures in nature and conservation at various outdoor education locations.

Publications

The Garden Path is the organization's quarterly publication which is distributed to each member. It announces sponsored events, updates reports of department work, lists award winners, shares club highlights and recognizes donations to The OAGC Foundation.

The Association's ***OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*** is a guide for all phases of Association activities for members clubs.

The ***OAGC Exhibitors' and Judges' Handbook*** is the textbook for Exhibitors' and Judges' School. It is a comprehensive reference for everyone seeking horticulture and floral design knowledge.

Membership

OAGC invites your membership at one of the following levels:

*join by becoming a member of an affiliated club @ $7/year

*join as a Member-at-Large @ $10/year

*become a Life Member with a one-time gift of $100 to the OAGC, Inc.

*become a Life Patron with a one-time gift of $500 to the OAGC Foundation, Inc.