**Coming Events**

**May 15, 2017**
9:30 am, Planting Day at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ Natural Resource Park, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus, OH

**May 22-23, 2017**
Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School #1, Deer Creek State Park Lodge, Mt. Sterling, OH

**May 28-June 2, 2017**
Nature Study Retreat, Camp Koinonia, Geneva, OH

**June 8-17, 2017**
OAGC Trip to Ireland SOLD OUT

**July 15, 2017**
Deadline for submissions to the Jul-Aug-Sep issue of *The Garden Path*

**July 13-15, 2017**
OAGC Convention, Marriott Northwest, Dublin, OH

**July 26-August 6, 2017**
Ohio State Fair, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus, OH

**August 26, 2017**
Gardeners’ Day Out “The Welsh Hills of Licking County”

**September 18-19, 2017**
Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School #2, Deer Creek State Park Lodge, Mt. Sterling, OH

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**OAGC 87th Convention – July 13-15, 2017**

“*Keep America Beautiful – Start With Your Home*”

OAGC offers an interesting group of speakers for your enjoyment starting Thursday evening with **Designing Fun with the Crazy Ladies**: Barb Deetz, Sue Hamlet, Carol Lemle and Marlene Purdy. They will design “off the grid” and teach us some tricks as well. Some of these artists’ designs have been featured in the National Garden Clubs’ *Vision of Beauty* calendars! They all hail from Region 1 and enjoy gardening, designing and good competition so plan to be inspired!

Pam Bennett, State Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator, is from Springfield, Ohio and is an Associate Professor at the OSU Extension in Clark County. Her program on Friday afternoon will be on **The Value of Plants**. We all know that plants are important in many ways and they help to Keep America Beautiful! Reach out to your Master Gardener friends who may also want to join us to hear Pam speak (registration is required.)

Last year we were **Tickled** by our own Marian and Steve Moeckel, however this year, on Friday evening, we will concentrate on the Owl with Manon VanSchoyck (Mrs. Van) with **Birds of Prey**. Mrs Van is the Founder and Executive Director of Ohio Nature Education (ONE). ONE is a nonprofit organization which provides a home for 60 permanently injured wild animals which are incorporated into environmental education programs. Her program includes a live owl or two, group participation and lots of fun. *(Continued on page 14)*
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A note from our president:

Dear Garden Friends,

During Pat Wells’ installation of the OAGC officers last July, the President was said to be represented by “The Great Horned Owl.” Here is his call: ‘typical territorial hooting, Whooo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo with the first three hoots somewhat more emphatic than the last.’ (As quoted from the ODNR’s Division of Wildlife “Owls of Ohio” Field Guide.)

So here I am to Whooo again to you, this time about our 2017 Convention being held at the Columbus Marriott Northwest hotel in Dublin, Ohio July 13-15. SAVE THESE DATES and attend the Convention.

As you enter the lobby the morning of July 13, you will see a lot of very busy people running here and there who are entering the Horticulture Flower Show. You should bring an entry or two. Also bring a friend or two. Further down the hall will be another bustling room set up for the Artistic Flower Show. July will have lots of flowers in bloom. Results of the 1 pm judging will be announced that evening. Oh, it is so exciting to be at the OAGC Annual Convention!

Mohican School of the Out of Doors has a warm place in my heart because of the wonderful curriculum they offer the students. I’m not a teacher, but I believe that the joys of being outdoors must be stressed to our young people. To support Mohican, raffle tickets will be available at Regional meetings this spring and at the Convention for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. The state officers will bring the raffle tickets to the regional meetings and they will be available at convention until the drawing for the three prizes.

Another way we can all enjoy the outdoors is to attend our OAGC Nature Study Retreat (NSR). The Winter issue of The Garden Path (page 4) had a wonderful article about the benefits of NSR. A lot more information is on the website such as “what to bring” and the registration form can be found on page 15 of the Winter issue of The Garden Path. Join the group at Koinonia Camp and Conference Center, Geneva, Ohio May 28-June 2 or just a few days if you cannot make it there the whole time. We’ll look for you!

Thank you to all those who contribute to OAGC in so many ways. Here is a poem I found in the spring 1999 issue of The Garden Path.

Aging and Recycling by Kathleen Crilly

Spring is here and so am I
But at my age I wonder why?
If nature can be born anew
why can’t I be recycled too?
Be recycled, what you say?
Turn this used thing away into pay?
The glass they take they grind and crush
the paper’s boiled in acid mush
aluminum is torn and shredded
I don’t wish that’s where I’m headed!
I’ll just grow old and try with grace
to leave but beauty in my place.

Looking for:

“The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs GARDEN RECORD” compiled by Mrs. Frank E. Garry with drawings by Mrs. Leon T. Weathersbee. Printed in 1948.

Please contact Vicki Ferguson at vferguson@oagc.org or 937-885-6163 to donate.

Thank you to Barb Sheets who donated her mother’s copy of “The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs GARDENING MANUAL.” It will be added to the OAGC Archives at the Ohio History Connection in Columbus.

The Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden in Bexley is now seeking volunteers for 2017. Available opportunities include docents for the historic 1920s residence as well as guides and gardeners for the home’s unique and educational gardens. For more information about becoming a governor’s gardener, email mrlewis7664@sbcglobal.net.
2017 Convention Artistic Flower Show Schedule

“America the Beautiful!”

SECTION I: ADULT ARTISTIC DESIGNS
1. **O Beautiful America** - an Interpretive design (explain on a 3x5 card)
2. **For Spacious Skies** - a Spatial Thrust design
3. **For Amber Waves Of Grain/s** - a design featuring grain/s
4. **For Purple Mountain Majesty** - a Creative Vertical design
5. **Above the Fruited Plain** - a design incorporating fruits and/or vegetables
6. **God Shed His Grace On Thee** - an Exhibition Table setting, Type 2 (refer to the handbook) provide own table
7. **Undimmed by Human Tears** - a Miniature design, not to exceed 5" in any directions
8. **Who More Than Self Their Country Loved** - a Small design, to be more than 5" but less than 12" in any direction
9. **A Thoroughfare for Freedom Beat** - a Vibratile design
10. **Across the Wilderness** - a Creative Stretch design
11. **For Pilgrim Feet** - a Traditional design using two containers
12. **From Sea to Shining Sea** - a design showing water
13. **CHALLENGE CLASS** - materials and container supplied. See Rule 13 for details.

SECTION II: JUNIOR ARTISTIC DESIGNS
14. **Confirm Thy Soul in Self-Control** - a design featuring one bloom
15. **May God Thy Gold Refine** - a design featuring yellow
16. **America** - a design featuring red, white and blue

Artistic Rules
1. Artistic classes are open to members of OAGC who are registered for convention. Only one (1) entry per person until June 1, 2017. Classes will be filled in the order in which reservations are received by registering with Jan Seabold (info on page 2) Flower Show Chair. If classes are not filled by June 1, members may sign up for additional designs. Please see rule #13 for details regarding the Challenge Class.
2. Each adult class is limited to four entries. Junior classes have unlimited entries.
3. Designers registering for a class must fulfill their commitment or provide a substitute and notify the artistic flower show chair of the change.
4. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must be placed by the exhibitor between 9 am and 1 pm, July 13, 2017, at the Marriott Northwest. No entry may be removed until convention is adjourned.
5. Entry tags and 3”x5” cards on which to list all plant materials will be furnished and must be placed with the entry. Juniors must complete their own tags, cards and mark their age on the 3 x 5 card.
6. Designs must include plant material, fresh or dried. No artificial plant material allowed. No cut fruit or vegetables are allowed. Dried/preserved material may be natural color or painted/treated.
7. Plant material on the conservation list may not be used unless grown by the exhibitor and must be stated on a card accompanying the design.
8. Neither the show committee nor OAGC can assume responsibility for loss or damages. All possessions should be marked with the exhibitors’ name and address.
9. Exhibitors may, and are encouraged to, enhance cardboard backgrounds as they choose without damaging the existing background. (Do not pin, staple, paste, tape or paint, etc). Accessories and or/bases, may be used to enhance designs but are not required.
10. Accredited judges of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. will judge the show according to the standard system using the Handbook for Exhibitors and Judges. The decision of the judges is final.
11. Staging notes: Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9,10, 11 and 12, will be displayed in a space 30" wide by 30" deep, with white table coverings and 45" tall white cardboard background. Designer must provide own card table for Class 6. Class 13 will be staged on a free standing pedestal, 36" high with a 24" square top. Class 7 and 8 will be staged on white 6"x6" boxes and table.
12. Ribbon awards of first, second, third and fourth place will be given in all classes. More than one fourth place may be given in the Junior classes. Rosette awards will be given for the adult Best of Show and Judges’ Award of Distinction. A Rosette will be given to the Junior Best of Show.
13. Challenge Class: Designers will be provided with similar containers and plant material by Tom and Myrna Cordray. Designers are to bring their own tools. (see also rule 11) This class will be judged. Designers will be chosen through a lottery method on May 23 by the OAGC executive board at the E and J school. Interested designers should submit their name and phone number to Jan Seabold (info on page 2) by May 22. Lottery winners will be notified by phone after convention registration is confirmed.

**Enjoy the 2017 OAGC Convention Flower Show.**

**Give a “HOOT.”**
Getting a jump-start on the Ohio State Fair

Planting Day set for May 15

OAGC members will again host a Membership Outreach project during the Ohio State Fair, July 26 through August 6, 2017. In preparation for the State Fair and in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, we will use our expertise to plant landscape improvements at the Natural Resources Park at the fairgrounds. Come join our first workday there on May 15 at 9:30 am.

During the fair, OAGC members staff a display outside the old log house and share benefits of gardening and OAGC membership advantages with fairgoers of all ages. Perhaps you have a demonstration to share with visitors such as recycled/repurposed items/uses? We seek volunteers who will donate a few hours time to network with attendees. There may also be a day when OAGC volunteers dress in historical costume to demonstrate life as it was decades earlier at the old log house.

OAGC volunteers receive free fair admission and parking (travel expenses not included). Feel free to enjoy the rest of the fair when not working a volunteer shift for OAGC. OAGC executive officers will have sign-up sheets at our spring Regional Meetings, but you can also email sparker@oagc.org your interest. You are also encouraged to participate in or visit the Ohio State Fair’s Amateur Floral Arts competition in the nearby Nationwide Donahey AG/Hort Building. Visit www.ohiostatefair.com for more fair news.

Say ‘NO’ to volcano mulching!

One of the most reliable signs that spring is officially here is the countless giant piles of mulch delivered and dumped on residential driveways. Every. Single. Year. If you are going to mulch around the trees in your yard, be sure to do it the correct way. There are several things to keep in mind before you start ‘spreading the love.’

It is important that the base of the trunk of the tree is exposed and flares out. This basal root flare is the transition area between the trunk (above ground growing parts of the tree) and the root system (below ground growing areas.) The root flare needs to be exposed and is the common condition for existing trees and thriving mature trees.

Too much mulch around the base of a tree encourages roots to grow there. Those roots can lead to girdling or strangling the trunk. Mulch piled against the tree trunk also traps unnecessary moisture and encourages the growth of disease and decay.

Proper mulching is very beneficial to trees. Spread mulch 2-4 inches deep to the drip line of the tree if possible; do not let the mulch touch the trunk. The mulch should form a flat donut with the trunk in the center. Another guide is the “3x3x3 rule” or 3 inches of mulch, 3 inches from the trunk, in a circle 3 feet wide. Organic mulches (bark mulch, wood chips, leaves, etc) are preferred over stones or other inorganic products. Avoid using dyed mulch. These mulches don’t look natural and leach the dye along with the possible contaminants (chromium, copper, arsenic and others) into the soil harming or even killing beneficial soil bacteria, insects, earthworms and sometimes the plants themselves. Consider using leaf compost instead; it’s the natural way!
“The Welsh Hills of Licking County”
2017 Gardeners’ Day Out
by Jean Jankowski, 2nd Vice President

Saturday, August 25, 2017
With an Optional Special Pre-Evening Experience

Plans for the 2017 OAGC Gardeners’ Day Out are underway! Gardeners’ Day Out events were established to further education, to explore places we probably would never go on our own, and to meet and enjoy the company of fellow OAGC members. Be sure to save the Saturday, August 25 date, though some events of our annual Day Out will begin on Friday. Those who arrive in the area Friday can enjoy the afternoon checking out the beautiful historic downtown Granville (all two blocks of it) until 5 pm when we will gather at the Robbins Hunter Museum.

There will be a guided tour of the Jill Griesse Historic Garden, led by its designer, Laura L.S. Burchfield. Laura co-authored a book with Denise Wiles Adams entitled *American Home Landscapes*. Autographed copies of the book will be available. Her goal was to develop a landscape design that reflects different time periods in American landscape history, as well as to include elements required for a sanctioned American Daffodil Society (ADS) display garden in honor of Jill. We’ll then enjoy a picnic on the lawn, following by dessert in the museum with the option of going on a guided tour.

Our Saturday will begin at 9 am at the National Heisey Glass Museum, where a continental breakfast will be served. The Director, Jack Burris, will be on hand to give us a brief history and tour of the museum.

The second stop will be the Newark Earthworks, which is really located in Heath. You will learn the significance of the largest set of geometric enclosures in the world and why some consider it the “Eighth Wonder of the World,” worthy of becoming an International Historic Site. Indeed, it is on the threshold of receiving this honor.

Lunch will be at the Moundbuilders Country Club. Following lunch, we’ll end the day at the Licking County Master Gardeners Display and Experimental Garden. Master Gardeners Volunteers, some of them members of the Newark Garden Club, will show off their amazing garden. Watch for complete details and the registration form in the next issue of *The Garden Path*.

Do you see a weed? Or a beautiful flower?

*Taraxacum officinale*, or the common dandelion, is often one of the first flowers non-gardeners notice in the spring. The name dandelion comes from the French *dent-de-lion* or ‘lion’s tooth.’ If you think they are unsightly and have no value, you would be wrong. They are often the first food for the bees in the spring and have many uses. The plants are a source of rubber. The roots make a decent coffee substitute. The leaves are high in vitamin A, C and iron and, in fact, the leaves contain more iron and calcium than spinach. The petals can be made into wine.
Department News

Design Study Department  
Sue Hamlet, Chair

The next Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School is May 22 and 23. This year we will add a twist to the Design Study evening program. At the spring school, Marlene Purdy and I will be doing horizontal designs and showing the difference between traditional and creative designs. Anyone who wishes to come for the free evening program is welcome. You may bring your own containers and materials to make your own design (either traditional or creative) or just come and learn. Hope to see you there for some education and fun!

Our wonderful convention is just around the corner. The Faye Collins Designer of the Year Award will be presented at this time. The four winners in each division will receive a certificate. The first place winner in each division is eligible to win the prestigious award. I want to thank everyone who entered.

Also at convention, the odd numbered regions will be providing the Design Educational Displays. Pedestal tables will be provided for these displays (36” tall with a 24” square top). Backgrounds and/or cover cloth are used at the designers’ discretion. This is a great opportunity to see specific design styles up close.

If your club or region wishes to hold a Design Study program and needs some help please contact me (info page 2). I will try to get someone for your group or do it myself if the location is not too far. PS: The best laugh is the one that makes you feel like you just did 100 sit-ups.

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School Department  
Naomi Ormes, Chair

The Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools are for everyone! All are encouraged to attend this comprehensive program which includes material on both horticulture and artistic design. This series of six schools is filled with horticulture information, design instructions, judging techniques, and many, many helpful hints to increase your knowledge of gardening and floral design. School #1 will be May 22-23, 2017 at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

School #1 starts studying floral designs with Period Designs. Myrna Cordray, Juanita Wilkins, Mary Lee Minor and Naomi Ormes will never be able to replace Dr. Gary Anderson, but hopefully it will be interesting and fun. Other subjects include Growing, Showing and Judging Iris with Anita Roller; Growing, Showing and Judging Peonies; Planning and Staging Flower Shows with Michele Bishop; Schedule Writing with JoAnn Graham; and Educational Exhibits. Whether you want to learn to become an accredited judge, be a better judge, be a better exhibitor or how to present an effective flower show, School #1 is the place to be.

School #1 is a good place to start if interested in becoming a judge. Here is a short version of requirements for applicants:
1. Must hold a membership in an OAGC club.
2. Should be an experienced exhibitor and be familiar with flower show procedures.
3. Must have exhibited in 3 shows that were judged by an OAGC Accredited Judge and earned at least five(5) ribbons in horticulture and five(5) ribbons in artistic.
4. Must have served on at least three different flower show committees of shows that were judged by an OAGC judge.
5. The application must be submitted to Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Chair with proof of required information and qualifications. When all requirements are met, application will then be sent to the Executive Board for approval. Contact normes@oagc.org or your Regional Director or judges in your area for information on flower shows so that you might be able to fulfill some of the requirements in the time frame prior to School #1.

Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling is centrally located and offers the best room rates even considering there is a small increase in the room rate for 2017.

Since this is the beginning of the series, the accredited judges need to remember that the updated OAGC Handbook for Exhibitors and Judges includes a major change to the attendance requirement for judges. To preserve a judge’s accreditation and stay up-to-date on new designs and current judging issues, at least two of the required 6 days required attendance will need to be at School #4, #5 or #6. The Creative, Abstract and Line Design classes have been restructured, so this will give you more opportunity to fulfill that required attendance. The new Handbook for Exhibitors and Judges is available at Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools and Convention.

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School # 2 is September 18-19, 2017. The subjects to be covered include Oriental Designs; Color Theory; Growing, Showing and Judging Roses; Growing, Showing and Judging Dahlias; African Violets and Gesneriads; and Small Gardens.

OAGC’s vision to be the premier organization for horticulture and floral arts is only enhanced and propagated by your participation in Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools. Mark your calendars and come join us for lots of information, good shopping and a chance to grow!
Flower Shows Department  
*Jan Seabold, Chair*

Flowers brighten up your life and arranging them is relaxing and enjoyable. Anyone can design with flowers. When you cut flowers do it early morning or late evening when they are at their freshest. Don’t cut flowers using garden clippers or scissors as they can pinch the stem ends. Pinched stems won’t allow the flower to drink water as well and the blossom may die much more quickly. Cut stems diagonally with a sharp stainless steel knife used for designers and insert them in water right away. Stems can start closing up within 30 seconds.

Bring a pail of warm water with you when you cut and put them into the water until you arrange them later. Recut the stems under warm water before placing them into your oasis or vase. Make sure to recut an inch and a half more of the stem and cut diagonally. This will enable flowers to drink plenty of water.

Take off excess foliage if needed, as they use the water instead of going to the flower. Also add a preservative to the flower water, it will prolong life for up to a week. It also cleans the stem and provides nutrients as well as keeping bacteria down. Any greenery below water will spoil and cause flower to die more quickly. Happy arranging.

Horticulture Department  
*Deborah Graham, Chair*

Spring is here and we are all geared up to start planting in our gardens. Why not, from the convenience of your computer, shop for bulbs for your flower gardens? Better yet, from the bulb purchases you make, a portion of the sales is given to our organization. What a good deal!

OAGC is registered with Brent and Becky’s Bulbs under their nonprofit organization’s “Bloomin’ Bucks” fundraising program. When anyone orders from Brent and Becky’s Bulbs through their fundraising program, 25% of the order comes back to OAGC. What a wonderful way to get some new and different bulbs and at the same time make some money for our organization.

Another perk that Brent and Becky’s Bulbs is offering to registered nonprofit organizations who buy bulbs from them a chance to win a free presentation from owner Brent Heath. The nonprofit organizations with the most participants in combination with top dollar sales may be eligible for Brent to speak to their organization. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to have Brent speak at our 2018 OAGC State Convention?

Brent and Becky’s Bulbs is a family-owned business that has been growing bulbs since 1900 and is located on a 28 acre farm and gardens in Gloucester, Virginia. They have both spring and fall planted bulbs that can be shipped to you at the appropriate time of year.

If you would like to see what Brent and Becky’s Bulbs has to offer go to www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com (or directly to the fundraising portal of www.bloominbucks.com). There you can view what bulbs they have or request a catalog. If you have made a wish list then go to www.bloominbucks.com. Follow the directions on the fundraising portal page and be sure to select ‘Ohio Association of Garden Clubs’ where it says “Select the organization here” box. Then hit “Go” and start filling your shopping cart.

So be sure to check out Brent and Becky’s Bulbs website. Some of my favorites that they offer are: ‘Starburst’ Caladium, ‘Cleopatra’ Foxtail Lily and ‘Sunny Morning’ Lilium. I am sure that you will find a favorite that you will want to add to your garden and remember that you will be earning “Bloomin’ Bucks” for OAGC and is a chance for Brent to speak at our next year’s convention.

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**Support OAGC when you shop on-line for your bulb needs at Brent and Becky’s Bulbs. Go to**

www.bloominbucks.com

Select ‘Ohio Association of Garden Clubs’ from the pull-down menu. A portion of each non-sale dollar you spend will be given to OAGC.

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**Junior Gardeners Department**  
*Wilma Beerman, Chair*

Through the efforts and hard work of dedicated adult leaders, some kids (ages 6-18yrs.) are involved in Junior Garden Clubs but how about all the other kids; how can we get them involved in this thing called gardening? Adult Garden Clubs who are not ready to take on a Junior Club can partner with a school, library story hour, Sunday school class, or an after school program. It can be a one-time encounter; arranging flowers to take to a nursing home, planting a Mother’s Day gift, or you can present a program on identifying and tasting fresh produce, (have you ever gone through the checkout at the grocery and the clerk can’t identify the vegetables). If you have a community beautification project planned, invite a group of children to...
join you. You will appreciate the extra help and the young people will get a positive dose of community spirit and pride.

All gardeners can make a difference by inviting a child into the garden. Share your knowledge of nature, your passion for growing and arranging flowers or raising vegetables. A child introduced to the wonders of nature will welcome long walks in the woods and become more interested in protecting our environment. A child who is involved in raising vegetables is more likely to add them to their diet resulting in a healthier lifestyle. A child who grows flowers will take time to enjoy the beauty and realize the joy of sharing bouquets with others.

Here is a simple activity you might enjoy doing with a child or a group of children to share the wonder of germination and the “birth” of a baby plant.

**Beanie Baby (Growing a bean in a plastic bag)**

**Materials:** Jewelry-size resealable bag (found in craft stores, 2”x3” is a good size, wet paper towel or cotton ball, hole punch, water, bean seed and yarn.

**Instructions:** Punch a hole in the top of bag. Make cotton ball moist (not drippy wet). Place it in plastic bag. Place the bean on/in the cotton ball. Seal the bag firmly. Insert the yarn through the hole to make a necklace. Wear your Beanie Baby around your neck and under your shirt to keep it in a warm, dark place. Check your Beanie Baby several times a day for germination and record the growth.

Assemble individual kits, including printed instructions, in the jewelry size resealable bag for easy distribution. Additional information on this project can be found at www.ksagclassroom.org under teacher lesson plans...soybeans.

If you are interested in receiving the Junior Gardeners Newsletter (which includes other ideas of activities for children), starting a Junior Garden Club or know of a child that would like to become part of OAGC as a MAL (Member at Large) please contact me at wbseerman@oagc.org or 614-565-5698.

**Membership Department**

**Diane Daniels, Chair**

Now that spring has arrived we’re excited not only about planning and planting but also about discussing our love of gardening with others. Think about sharing or trading plants with your neighbors and inviting them to one of your meetings or an OAGC event. Take membership information to plant sales, flower shows, garden walks, etc. Include some of your copies of the Garden Path or your club program book, and bookmarks with your contact information. Place customized bookmarks at your local library with the club calendar and contact, or ask to display a flyer with information on one of your special events.

Although we have lost some clubs this year we have gained four new clubs! At this point, there are a total of 3,148 members. Our organization offers so much and new members might only attend with encouragement. Please invite them to attend regional meetings or events such as Gardeners’ Day Out with you. Make a point to try something new this spring. Attend Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School and invite a friend to join you, enter your regional flower show, or register for convention. You won’t regret it.

**Nature and Conservation Department**

**Mary Martin, Chair**

It is again time to begin, or continue, your plans for a project to enter the OAGC Beautification Contest. You may enter either the Permanent Planting or the Temporary/Seasonal Contest. You may have a project the club started a year, or a few years, ago. You may have an idea for a project in your community. This is the time to discuss it at your club meeting, form a small group to explore the idea and bring back a plan to the club. Then begin the contest planning.

The **OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs** includes all you need to enter the Beautification Contest. Pages 77-80 will give you the information you want, the forms you need and information about having your project judged. You will read about the judging process and how the scorecard is submitted. You will know what a complete application package includes as well as the contest deadline. You are well on your way.

Be creative. It would be nice to see a project that spans multiple events/occasions. Maybe a flower garden of red, white and blue blossoms/plantings that could be colorful all summer and into the fall would be possible. It could be a focus for Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Veteran’s Day and Armed Forces Day. Wow! Talk about multi-tasking!

In the past, I have mentioned several projects that would explore both nature and conservation. I am still hoping that someone will create a beautiful rain garden for a project. Or a grove of native trees to beautify a community area would be a nice project. Of course every community needs an area of wild flowers and native plants. There are so many options.

The plan doesn’t need to be very complex. Just follow the guidelines and document your project. The purpose is to create a project that adds beauty through gardening. Many of the past projects have added gardens to the areas around the signs for their community. Some projects have added plantings to areas at local buildings or schools. Temporary projects add seasonal touches for a holiday or event. You may already be doing one of these projects; document it and follow the application process. You may be one of next years’ OAGC Beautification Contest winners.

Let me know how your garden plans are going. Send me a few questions, a picture or your plan. It would be great to share our nature, beautification and conservation efforts. Need information about the OAGC Beautification Contest process? Send me an email at mmartin@oagc.org.
Via the Grapevine

(Please send submissions directly to the editor of The Garden Path. Info on page 2 or on the OAGC website: www.oagc.org)

Region 1

Fostoria GC: Apr. 12, “Succulents” by Bill Lanning; May 10, Guest Night, “African Safari: Fauna and Flora” by Kevin Cramer; Jun. 14, Rose Breakfast at Fostoria Woman’s Club. May 6, May 20 and Jun. 17 the club will be at Fostoria Farmers Market; Jul. 9, Fostoria Garden Tour and Flower Show. Contact Carol Kinn at b.kinn@sbcglobal.net.

Friendly Town and Country GC: Apr. 11, “New Plants, New Flower Pots” at Wolf’s Blooms and Berries in Bowling Green; May 9, planing community planter in Haskins; May 2, Regional meeting in Liberty Center; May 10, Fostoria Guest night; Jun. 13, floral design workshop. Contact Carole Rives at 419-669-4057.

Region 2

Jun. 3-4, 56th Annual Jubilee Flower Show, Wassenberg Art Center in Van Wert in conjunction with the Peony Festival. Show is sponsored by Evergreen GC, Gardener’s of America and Wren GC. Contact kdevogel@aol.com, 419-771-0123 or Linda Hoffman at lindahof@msn.com or 419-238-2744.

Evergreen GC: Jun. 20, bus trip to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens in Akron. Cost is $69 per person and includes transportation from Van Wert, admission and a box lunch. Contact Linda Stanley at 419-238-4827 or mikelinda@twc.com

Happy Hours GC: Apr. 6, “Straw Bale Gardening” by Deb Doepker; May 4, “Container Gardening” by Janice Schneider, Dwain Klink and Jackie Loecher; Jun. 1, “Aquaponics.” Contact Alice M. Winter at sabrinam_45801@yahoo.com

Men’s and Women’s GC of Findlay: May 12-13, Plant Sale Fundraiser at Brickner’s Perennials Plant Peddler in Findlay; Jun. 3, planting of the Triangle and Crystal gardens in Findlay. Contact Marilynn Beltz at mbeltz@woh.rr.com.

Muchinnipi Gardeners GC: Apr. 19, visit the floral center at Apollo Career Center in Lima; May 6, plant sale at White Memorial in Waynesfield; Jun. 21, “Natural Fertilizers” by Jeff Stachler. Contact Pam Kannon at 937-935-1545.

Roots and Shoots GC: Apr. 11, “Fairy Gardens by Marilyn Shaw and Edee Marshall, “Mini Gardens” by Lou Ann Egbert and Michele Bishop; May 6, plant sale at Veterans Park in Wapakoneta; May 9, “All About Wine” by Russ Stewart; May 21, Wapakoneta garden tour; Jun. 13, visit Johnny Appleseed Park in Lima hosted by Phil Valentine. Contact Phil Valentine at 419-738-2654.

Region 3

Here and There GC: Open Meeting, “Rain Forest to Andes” by Tom Hissong; May 2, “Bonsai Ficus Forest” demonstration by Marian Kettering; Jun. 6, “Planting Succulents in Crazy Containers” workshop by Nancy Denlinger. Contact Babs Sabick at bsabick@oagc.org.

Leaf and Blossom GC: Apr. 4, “Hummingbirds”, May 6, breakfast meeting and garden tours; Jun. 6, “Flower Arranging.” Contact Kathy Brandt at kabrn00@yahoo.com.


Our Homes GC: Apr. 11, clean up Vandalia Historical Society garden; May 9, visit to The Secret Garden and Grandmas Garden Center; Jun. 13, tour the Stubbs Truck Farm in Germantown. Contact Sandy Stefanko at sandystefanko@gmail.com.

Saville Hilltoppers GC: Apr. 4, “Low Maintenance Landscape” and visit Gray’s daffodil gardens in Oakwood; May 2, “All About Hydrangeas” by Cleve White; May 20, plant sale (839 Silverleaf Dr., Riverside); Jun. 6, “Seed Lending” by Karen Findlay. Contact Carol Evers at ercmevers@aol.com.

Region 4

Four Seasons GC: Apr. 11, Spring Luncheon/Fundraiser at the Fairfield Community Arts Center, in Fairfield, Program: “WOW - Great Curb Appeal” by Bret Schneider, owner of WOW Windowboxes, $25/person; May 13, Plant Sale, Village Green Amphitheater in Fairfield. Contact Mary Gamstetter at 513-892-6806 or gams@isoc.net. www.fourseasonsgardenclub-fairfield.org.

Williamsburg GC: Jul. 8, Garden Tour (Danny Day’s garden is one of the stops.) $10. Contact Sherri Kissinger at sherriou99@fuse.net or 513-724-3680.

Region 5

Alpha GC: Apr. 11, garden tour by Anita Brown; May 9, Civic Beautification Project; Jun. 13, tour of the Lange Estate with Bob Iannes, Horticulturist and Groundskeeper in West Milton. Contact Ruth Bowell at rbowell@twc.com.

BloomIng Betsys GC: Apr. 13, “Tea Cup With Succulents” by Cathy Blankenship; May 11, Silent Plant Auction; Jun. 8, Tour Aullwood Gardens. Contact Anita Brown at garrybrown3@aol.com or 937-339-0926.


Four Seasons GC: Apr. 5 and 13, spring clean up at Veteran’s Memorial Way and Ann Mira Das Parks in Piqua; May 12-13, Mother’s Day flower sale at Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua;
Jun. 15, Transfiguration Center of Renewal Rose Garden tour in Ludlow Falls. Contact Joyce Ashton at 937-778-8325.

Region 6

Firelands GC: Apr. 29, tour Westshore Orchid Show in Strongsville; May 15, annual Plant Sale and Auction; Jun. 12, “Bee Gardening, Pollinator and Plants” by Fran Blank. Contact Mary McConnell at fmconnell@zoominternet.net.


Crawford County Garden Clubs: Jul. 16, flower show, “Tales From the Sea” and Jul. 19, flower show, “Bounty From the Sea”. Contact June Gebhardt at 419-569-7177.

Earth, Wind and Flowers GC: Apr. 3, Open Meeting with Jeff Wilkinson “The Mushroom Man” at Lowe-Volk Park Nature Center in Crestline; May 1, “Xeriscaping”; Jun. 5, “Back to the Beginning” basic design workshop by Mary Lee Minor the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Contact Mary Lee Minor at chickadee@columbus.rr.com.


Region 7


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Region 8

Granville GC: Apr. 22-23, 12-6 pm, “A Country Fair” Daffodil Show and Bulb Sale, enjoy music, creative activities, educational displays and more (contact show coordinator Rose Wingert at 740-522-6914), at the Bryn Du Mansion in Granville; May 18, brainstorming activities for next year; May 20, Garden Tour of Ariel Foundation Park in Mt. Vernon. Contact Carol McGirr at 614-746-5423.


Malcontha GC: Apr. 12, “The Art of Pruning” by Quincy Robe; May 10, Tour of Greenhouses; Jun. 14, program by Myrna Jones. Contact Midge Huffman at 740-559-2366.


Town and Country GC: Apr. 13, “Using Annuals in Creative Ways” by Debbie Gaumer of Garden Patch; May 11, Plant Auction; Jun. 8, Garden Tour (Phyllis/Lee Debnar’s home) and club picnic. Contact Karen Andrews at 740-545-7521 or kl.berman@yahoo.com.


Check out The Garden Path online at www.oagc.org. It is in COLOR!
Wildflower Walk and presentation “Spring Blooming Shrubs”, potluck planter, garden therapy workshop, shopping at Daniel’s Greenhouse in McDermott; Jun. 22, progressive lunch and garden tours of members’ homes, “Water Wise Plants to Use in your Gardens” by Rebecca Holt, judging of small designs by OAGC Judge Emeritus, Brooks Sexton; Gardener’s Days Out: May 4, Amish 4-Mile Greenhouse, Jackson; Jun. 1-2, overnight tour of Columbus area to tour gardens at Gantz Farm, The Topiary Park, Inniswood Metro Gardens and Groovy Plants Ranch; Jun. 8, Annual Plant Sale at Wheelersburg Flea Market. Contact Diane Reese at 740-259-4432 or dianereese3@yahoo.com.

**Waverly GC:** May 20, annual Plant, Art, Gardening and Bake Sale, Canal Park Shelter House Park in Waverly; Jun. 8, annual garden tour and luncheon. Contact Kathy Duffy at 740-708-0761 or rkduffy52@gmail.com.

**Region 12**

**Dillonvale Rosebud GC:** Apr. 26, trip to Mt. Eaton Greenhouse; May 2, club hosting regional meeting; May 17, “Fertilize the Garden and Plants”; Jun. 21, “Companion Plants and Beneficials” by Erika Lyon. Contact Lori Abraham at gukawoakus@gmail.com.

**Flushing GC:** Apr. 17, Open Meeting and Auction, “Hummingbirds and Wildlife Habitat” by Master Gardeners of Belmont County; May 15, “Burst of Spring-Propagation” by Karen Britt; Jun. 19, “Flower Pot Pyramid” by Nancy Mayo. Contact Barbara Cencula at barbarajcencula@frontier.com.

**Mt. Pleasant GC:** Feb. 6, “Garden Video”; Mar. 6, “Preparing for Spring.” Contact Jane Elliott at 740-769-2994.

**Woodland GC:** Apr. 6, “Ivy and Flower Basket” by Clare Vosteen; May 4, “Exquisite Creations” by Joel Johns; Jun. 1, Picnic at the Drazich Barn. Contact Elaine Wukelic at elainew72@comcast.net.

**Region 14**

**Tuslaw GC:** Apr. 20, “Orchids” by Akron Orchid Society; May 11-13, annual plant and garden item sale in Navarre; May 18, “Container, Planters and Baskets” by Sharon Rohrig of Moyer’s Nursery in Massillon; May 29, riding on 3rd annual float in the North Lawrence Memorial Day Parade; TBD trip to Wade & Gatton and Possum Run Greenhouse. The club is raffling a hand-made patchwork quilt (queen-size). Tickets at the regional meeting or contact Kathy Mohler at 330-833-8939 or Marilyn Wilkinson at 330-809-0589.

**Region 16**

**Fayette GC:** Apr. 14, “Trees”; May 12, 95th Anniversary Celebration; Jun. 9, Progressive Luncheon/Garden Tour; TBA, trip to Oneandering’s Lavender Farm in Clarksville. Contact Pam Rhoades at pamrroheads@att.net.

**Open Gate GC:** Apr. 5, “Tulips” by Harriet Dana; May 3, “Common Pests and Disease” by Mary Griffith; Jun. 7, “Three Members’ Garden Tour” (Barbara Myers, Lexie Burfield and Harriet Dana). Contact Judy Wessel at 317-414-6888 or wessel.3@osu.edu.

**STEPPING STONES**

The Flushing GC, Reg. 12, will celebrate their 85th anniversary this year. The club was organized in 1932 and joined OAGC in 1944. It currently has 18 active members and 3 associate members. The anniversary will be marked by sharing a display of memorabilia with guests from other Region 12 clubs and the invited public at the April 17 Open Meeting that will be held at the Methodist Church in Flushing.

**Mt. Pleasant GC,** Reg. 12, is sharing programs with an elementary school garden club: the West Elementary Garden Club. The December program was on Pine Trees and they made swags with pine clippings. In the spring, the club will plant and grow various vegetables with the children.

**Welcome Men’s and Women’s Garden Club of Findlay!**

The club was organized in 1954 as the Men’s Garden Club of Findlay with 18 people attending. The name was changed in 2001 to reflect the inclusion of women members. The club currently has 31 members. The club maintains two gardens in Findlay and sponsors youth projects at the Hancock Co. Fair.

**In Memoriam**

**Region 1**

Bonnie Eddy, 81, 12/21/2016, Harrison Garden Club

**Region 2**

Pat Tyson, 84, 10/30/2016, Wayne Garden Club

**Region 3**

Rita Orre, 79, 11/21/2016, Morning Glory Garden Club

**Region 5**

Jeanen Jackson, 1/19/2017; Toni Caruso, 2/18/2017; LaQuita Roach, 2/22/2017, members of DeGraff Garden Club

**Region 9**

Mary L. Downhour, 71, 1/1/2017, president of Carroll Community Garden Club

**Region 10**

Virginia Dixon, 12/14/2016, Waverly Garden Club

Vera Elizabeth (Libby) Wood, 92, 1/3/2017, past president, Slocum Garden Club

**Region 16**

Patricia “Patty” Augustine, 80, 12/30/2016, Open Gate Garden Club

Christina Boylan, 1/11/2017, Fayette Garden Club
OAGC Foundation Notes
Babs Sabick, OAGC Foundation Development Director

foundation: [foun-dey-shuhn]
1. a base on which some structure rests
2. the act of founding
3. a facial cosmetic as undercoating for other makeup
4. an undergarment worn to shape the torso
5. an institution financed by donation or legacy as to aid research, education or the arts

Of course, the fifth dictionary definition of the word foundation is the one that best applies to The OAGC Foundation. Financed through donations, some of which are bequests, the OAGC Foundation is mandated to distribute funding when needed by means of Temporary Restricted Funds. Previous articles have described the funds which the OAGC Foundation supports. They are: the Mohican Outdoor School Fund, the Scholarship Fund, the Wahkeena Nature Preserve Fund, the Sarah Budnick Transportation Fund, the Nature and Conservation Fund and the General Fund.

At this time, the fund in most need of support from our members is the Nature and Conservation Fund. OAGC clubs, as well as non-club entities, request money to improve or replace public landscaping, thus beautifying their communities. Funds to develop community vegetable gardens provide healthy food for those in need. Preservation of natural areas is vital to maintaining a healthy environment in our state. Due to looming government cuts, support of this Fund could become even more important.

The mission of the OAGC Foundation, Inc. is to promote the appreciation of nature and the environment in the State of Ohio by providing scholarships to horticulture students and grants supporting nature education, conservation and beautification.

The ideals of Conservation and Beautification are emphatically stated in the Foundation Mission Statement. Please consider adding your financial support to this worthwhile fund.

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Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School #6
Registration Form

Monday and Tuesday, May 22-23, 2017
Deer Creek State Park Lodge and Conference Center
22300 State Park Rd. #20, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143
740-869-2020

Registration Deadline: April 21, 2017

I wish to register for two days @ $80 _______
I wish to register for one day @ $40
_____Mon. ____Tues.

Optional Monday Evening Choices (no fee):
_____ Student Judge Session (required for students)
_____ Design Study (Horizontal Design) - space limited to first 20 registered

Check One: _____ Exhibitor ______ Judge
______ Student Taking Test ______ Judge Emeritus

Make checks payable to OAGC. Do not send cash.
Mail by April 21, 2017. $5.00 late fee if postmarked after April 21. No refunds after April 21.

Mail to: Naomi Ormes, E and J Chair
5064 Princeton Rd., Hamilton, OH 45011
Phone: 513-863-4620   Email: normes@oagc.org

Name: _________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
City: ___________________________   Zip:__________
Club Code: ______________ Region: ______________
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Special Needs: __________________________________

PLEASE make hotel reservations directly with Deer Creek State Park by calling 800-282-7275. Mention ‘The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs.’ The rate of $82/night (single or double occupancy) is guaranteed until April 21.

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Saturday our lunch program is Do You Know Your Wild Legacy – Our Relationship With Native Wildflowers presented by Jim Osborn, a born naturalist who recently retired from ODNR. Jim loves to talk about life in the hills of Kentucky, family, hunting and fishing. But mostly his passion is saving the living plants that grow wild in our woods. Come on a journey to learn the unique history and habits of some of our native wildflowers, how they impact our lives and what we can do to continue our native legacy.

We will also have a wonderful room of vendors, a mini program or two, a corsage Make or Take opportunity and/or you can decorate a hat that you brought. Plan to dress up for the Friday evening dinner with the corsage and hat! The Cleveland Plant and Flower Wholesale folks have offered to assist us with the workshops. (Please sign up for the workshops on the convention registration form.)

As always, OAGC will present many awards to deserving members for all the volunteer hours they give, the great club members they are, or the great gardening they do at home and with community projects. Be there and be ready to “HOOT!”

Head to Nature Study Retreat!
Nature Study Retreat (NSR) is a great experience. OAGC encourages Junior Garden Club Leaders to bring a child for this adventure. An adult is expected to be responsible for each child attending. Children 9 and up are very welcome. If they need financial help, an application letter should sent to NSR leader: Jan Harmon, 405 Craggy Creek Dr., Chippewa Lake, OH  44215.

We are planning a lot of activities, but you are not required to attend everything. Every day begins with a 6:30 am Bird Walk. Most of the week we will be joined by Steve McKee a retired naturalist who was with the Gorman Nature Center in Mansfield for many years. Steve will also present a few programs in the evenings.

Highlights include visits to: covered bridges, nature preserves, a winery and trails on the camp property. Sharon Treaster is actively planning a great week. She is the daughter of Barb Treaster, an OAGC member from Reg. 6. Dave and Barb have been attending camp for many years! Please join us this year. The registration form can be found on page 15 of the winter issue of The Garden Path.
87th OAGC Convention Registration Form
July 13-15, 2017
Columbus Marriott Northwest
5605 Blazer Pkwy., Dublin, Ohio 43017
888-801-7133 (for reservations), 614-791-1000
Registration Deadline: June 5, 2017

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
Name: _______________________________ Address: _______________________________
City/Zip: _______________________________ Phone: ( ) Region: ______
Email: _______________________________

STATUS: (circle what applies)
OAGC Past President Counselor OAGC Liaison
OAGC Active Judge OAGC State Exec
OAGC State Chair Regional Director

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:
Junior, 18 and under are FREE but must register
Adult, full convention $50 _______
Junior, full convention FREE _______
Adult, one day $35 per/day _______
Junior, one day FREE _______
Make & Take Workshop $5 _______
(Make corsage/decorate hat, bring your hat)
Circle the days you are attending: Thur. Fri. Sat.

MEAL SELECTIONS:
(Note: Walk-ins are not seated for meals)
Thursday, July 13, evening Banquet $29 _______
Friday, July 14, noon Luncheon $18 _______
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Saturday, July 15, noon Luncheon $18 _______

Please include list of dietary needs and ambulatory concerns:

Circle meals needed for Juniors (11 y/o and under):
Thursday Banquet Friday Lunch
Friday Banquet Saturday Lunch
Total meal cost for Junior ___ meals @$12 _______

Total enclosed for registration and meals: _______

NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 5, 2017
Make checks payable to: OAGC. Mail this form to:
Connie Putnam, Convention Registrar
208 E. 7th St., Waverly, OH 45690-1645
Phone: 740-708-6208
Email: cjputnam47@gmail.com

2017 Convention Mini-Schedule
(Please note, schedule is subject to change)

Thursday, July 13, 2017
8:30a-5p Registration
8:30a-12:45p Flower show entries accepted; Regional and Educational exhibits set up
11a-11p Vendors open
1-4p Flower show closed for judging
1:30p-4:15p Repeated Sessions on ‘Nature Did it First’ by Tom Shisler; ‘Bokashi Composting Benefits’ by Jim Couts; ‘Educate With a Display’ by Peggy Case
6p Banquet, Introductions: Convention Co-chairs, Executive Board, Counselors, Past Presidents, Judges; Awards: Convention Flower Show, Faye Collins Designer of the Year, Gladys Thomas Judge of the Year. Door Prizes
8p ‘Designing Fun With the Crazy Ladies’ by Barb Deetz, Sue Hamlet, Carol Lemele and Marlene Purdy
9-11p Vendors, flower shows, exhibits open

Friday, July 14, 2017
8:30a-5p Registration
9a Business meeting; Reports: Department Chairs, Regional Directors; Awards: Juniors, Nature and Conservation Contests, Flower Show Contest; flower shows, exhibits open
11a-11p Vendors open
12p Luncheon; Business; Reports: Liaisons, Strategic Planning, Website
1p ‘The Value of Plants’ by Pam Bennett, State Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator
1:45p First session: ‘Corsage Making’ by Helena Briscoe, Cleveland Plant and Floral, Columbus. Must be preregistered. Bring a hat to decorate and wear at the banquet
3:15p Second session - Repeat of 1:45p Session
5p Officers Reception
6p Dress-up Dinner. Wear your corsage and/or hat if you wish. Awards: Citation, Service, Daisy Sticksel Conservation, OAGC Gardener of the Year
8p ‘Birds of Prey’ by Mrs. Manon VanSchoyck, Ohio Nature Education (ONE)
9-11p Visit the vendors, flower shows and exhibits

Saturday, July 15, 2017
8:30a-12p Registration
9a same Business meeting; Awards: Outstanding Regional Contests. Visit vendors, flower shows and exhibits
12p Luncheon. Life Patrons, OAGC Foundation: Scholarship Presentation; Installation of 2017-2019 Regional Directors
1:30p ‘Wild Legacy/Native Wildflowers’ by Jim Osborn, retired Naturalist with ODNR
Invitation to 2018 Convention; Adjourn
## 2017 SPRING REGIONAL MEETINGS

Consider visiting a neighboring regional meeting. Just contact the appropriate Regional Director. Contact info on Page 2.

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<td>AM: “Art in the Garden” by Diane Daily. PM: Flower Show</td>
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<td>AM “Together, We Grow - Community Gardens” by Pam Roberts. PM: “A Romp Through Ohio’s Flora and Fauna” by Jim McCormac</td>
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<td>AM: “Native Plants” by Barbara Velez Barbosa. PM: “Walking Through the Flowers” designs by Myrna Cordray</td>
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