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"Backyard Paradise" 2009 Convention Wrap-up

Golda Finch, Convention Writer

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

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

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

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



Mickie Marquis

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

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

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



Mary Lee Minor

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring State Board	March 29-31, 2010
E & J School #1	April 12 & 13, 2010
Nature Study Retreat	June 6 -11, 2010
OAGC Convention	July 12-14, 2010
Gardeners' Day Out	TBD
E & J School #2	August 9 & 10, 2010

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The President's Message

President Vicki Ferguson

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

Perennially Yours,

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

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

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

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

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



Babs Sabick receives the Service Award from President Vicki Ferguson



Jo Ann Graham receives the OAGC

Citation from First Vice President Sharon Ware

Excerpts from The President's Convention Message

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADULT ARTISTIC DESIGNS

1. Beautiful Goldfinch

- 1.a Jean Walton
- 2.a Mary Lee Minor
- 3.a Beverly Norman
- 4.a Roxanne Malone

- 1.b Susy Spence
- 2.b Sue Witwer
- 3.b Lois Kingsley
- 4.b Sherrill Day

2. Meditation Garden

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

3. Through the Garden Gate

- 1. Marlene Purdy
- 2. Joni Duncan
- 3. Rose Marie Cowdry
- 4. Debbie Molisse

4. Welcome to My Paradise

- 1. Dale Rodgers
- 2. Vicky Puster
- 3. Mary Everling
- 4. Judith Pepple

5. Dining on the Deck

- 1. Diane Reese
- 2. Beverly Norman
- 3. Marlene Purdy
- 4. Barbara Lennon

6. Along the Garden Path

- 1. Juanita Wilkins
- 2. Georgia Johnson
- 3. Eleanor Long
- 4. Virginia Sharp

7. Backyard Addition

- 1. Virginia Sharp
- 2. Irma Heiser

- 3. Brenda Covert
- 4. Sue Witwer

8. Birds In Flight

- 1. Joni Duncan
- 2. Rosa Wollenhaupt
- 3. Brenda Covert
- 4. Eleanor Long

9. Sitting Around the Pit Fire

- 1. Babs Sabick
- 2. Joni Duncan
- 3. Sue Witwer
- 4. Judith Pepple

10. High In My Tree House

- 1. Joni Duncan
- 2. Rose Marie Cowdry
- 3. Aury Holt
- 4. Edna Neal

JUNIOR ARTISTIC DESIGNS



11. Busy As A Bee

- 1a. Maggie Heiser
- 2a. Michelle Keck
- 1b. Stephanie Cech
- 2b. Karlee Lennon

12. A Garden is for All

- 1a. Maggie Heiser
- 2a. Olivia Wysong
- 3a. Olivia Herron
- 4a. Michelle Keck

- 1b. Stephanie Cech
- 2b. Jonelle Ange
- 3b. Kersten Keller
- 4b. Karlee Lennon

	<p>ADULT BEST OF SHOW JONI DUNCAN - CLASS 10</p> <p>JUNIOR BEST OF SHOW STEPHANIE CECH – CLASS 11 B</p> <p>JUDGE'S AWARD OF DISTINCTION JUANITA WILKINS – CLASS 6</p>	
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<p align="center">2009 CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS</p> <p>Gladys Thomas Judge of the Year – Pat Tyson, Region 1`</p> <p>OAGC Service Award – Babs Sabick, Region 16</p> <p>OAGC Citation – Jo Ann Graham, Region 7</p> <p>Membership Incentive Award – Butterflies Junior GC Region 3</p> <p>Faye Collins Designer of the Year – Joni Duncan, Region 16</p> <p>Daisy Sticksel Conservation Award – Marvin Duren, Marvin's Organic Gardens</p> <p align="center">CONGRATULATIONS!</p>



Marilyn Fies, Artistic Flower Show Chair with Joni Duncan, Artistic Flower Show Best of Show winner

2009 NATURE and BEAUTIFICATION WINNERS

Kathy Martino, Nature and Beautification Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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



Newark Garden Club members receiving the Nature and Beautification award from Kathy Martino (4th from left).

OSAGE-ORANGE

Charlene Thornhill, Horticulture Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AND THE WINNER IS

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



President Vicki Ferguson and Garden Room Ensemble winner Jo Ann Naeser.

2008 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ADULT CLASSES

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| <p>1. Crocus
 1. Duane Hurlbert
 2. Debbie Hurlbert
 3. Ann Grayzar
 HM Duane Hurlbert
 HM Cynthia Hilton
 HM Chris Davis
 HM Naomi Ormes
 HM Jean Smith</p> <p>2. Daffodil
 1. Jodi Russell
 2. Debbie Hurlbert
 3. Duane Hurlbert
 HM Debbie Hurlbert
 HM Naomi Ormes
 HM Judy Stopkotte</p> <p>3. Iris
 1. Duane Hurlbert
 2. Luba Kendall
 3. Luba Kendall</p> | <p>HM Duane Hurlbert
 HM Mary Lee Minor
 HM Lynne Russell</p> <p>4. Daylily
 1. Marian Moeckel
 2. Vivian Baumgard
 3. Lynne Russell
 HM Luba Kendall
 HM Jodi Russell
 HM Luba Kendall</p> <p>5. Sunflower
 1. Berniece McPherson
 2. Jodi Russell
 3. Barbara Lloyd
 HM Debbie Hurlbert
 HM Ann Grayzar
 HM Berniece McPherson
 HM Alice Miglets
 HM Alice Miglets</p> | <p>6. Dahlia
 1. Luba Kendall
 2. Sue Witwer
 3. Debbie Hurlbert
 HM Chris Davis
 HM Billie Bower
 HM Alice Miglets
 HM Vivian Baumgard</p> <p>7. Corn
 1. Naomi Ormes
 2. Marian Moeckel
 3. Judy Stopkotte
 HM Pat Drummond
 HM Ann Grayzar
 HM Naomi Ormes
 HM Ann Grayzar</p> <p>8. Squash
 1. Jodi Russell
 2. Lois Kingsley
 3. Barbara Lloyd</p> | <p>HM Debbie Hurlbert
 HM Barbara Lloyd</p> <p>9. Gourds
 1. Naomi Ormes
 2. Naomi Ormes
 3. Billie Bower
 HM Duane Hurlbert
 HM Jodi Russell</p> <p>10. Kale
 1. Naomi Ormes
 2. Jodi Russell
 3. Naomi Ormes
 HM Billie Bower
 HM Jodi Russell</p> <p>There were no Junior entries this year.</p> |
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2008 PHOTO CONTEST GRAND PRIZE WINNERS		
First Place	\$25.00	Luba Kendall
Second Place	\$20.00	Naomi Ormes
Third Place	\$15.00	Jodi Russell
Honorable Mention	\$10.00	Berniece McPherson

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



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



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

2009 OAGC JUNIOR CONTEST WINNERS	
TYPICAL JUNIOR GARDENER	– ADILA ESAAK, BUTTERFLIES JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB, REGION 3
REED MEMORIAL AWARD	– CODY KENT, ROYAL DANDELIONS JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB, REGION 7
SHEDENHELM AWARD	– STEPHANIE CECH, BUTTERFLIES JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB, REGION 3
JUNIOR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION AWARD	LITTLE HOCKING JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB, REGION 11

2007-2008 PUBLICITY BOOK CONTEST

SUPERIOR

Region 3

Ladybug Garden Club

Region 7

Earth, Wind and Flowers
Garden Club

Region 8

Newark Garden Club

Region 12

Four Seasons Garden Club
Mt. Pleasant Garden Club

Region 14

Moreland Garden Club

Region 16

Hillsboro Garden Club

EXCELLENT

Region 1

Delta Garden Club
Pulaski Garden Club

Region 7

Nature Lovers Garden Club

Region 10

Portsmouth Garden Club
Rock Hill Garden Club

Region 11

Open Gate Garden Club

Region 16

Waynesville Garden Club

PRESIDENT'S CONVENTION MESSAGE EXCERPTS

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Four departments will be discontinued, they are:

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

PLANT PROMOTION, Plant sales will be managed by the Horticulture department

PROGRAM & THERAPY, contest books will be handled by the new Club Contest department

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

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

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

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

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

Contest Score cards will be more user friendly

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

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

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

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



Olivia Herron receives an Award of Merit for her entry in Class A1C, Botanical Plate from Juniors Chair, Kim Cromwell

HORTICULTURE WINNERS AT CONVENTION FLOWER SHOW

Award of Merit for Best Entry in Roses – 'Ballerina' Rose, John Adams, Region 3

Award of Merit for Best Cut Flower Exhibit (Sect. 2 & 3) Annuals/Biennials/Perennials – 'Ruskin Gypsy' Dahlia - Barb Ross, Region 10

Award of Merit for Best Cultivar Exhibit (Section 4) Hemerocallis – 'Big Kiss' - Jane Adkins, Region 9

Award of Merit for Best Cultivar Exhibit (Section 5) Lilies – 'Caravan Oriental' - John Adams

Award of Merit for Best Horticulture Entry (Section 6 & 6) Hostas/Caladiums – 'Flavocireinalis' Hosta -Faye Collins-McGinnis, Region 10

Award of Merit for Best Cultivar Exhibit (Section 8 & 9) Ornamental Grasses/Shrubs –'Northern Sea Oats' - John Adams,

Award of Merit for Best Cultivar Exhibit (Section 10) Gladiolus – 'Fine Wine' - **Michael Hoepf**, Region 7

Award of Merit for Best Horticulture Entry (Section 11) Herbs and Vegetables - Stevia Herb - Jean Walton, Region 8

Green Thumb Award for horticulture excellence in a cut flower (Sect. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10) - Gladiolus 'Fine Wine' - Michael Hoepf

Outdoor Grower Award for cultural perfection - best entry (Sect. 6, 7, 8, 9, 11) - Hosta 'Flavocireinalis' - Faye Collins-McGinnis

Container Growers Award for cultural perfection best entry in Sec. 12 Container grown plants – 'Eyelash' Begonia - John Adams
Collectors Showcase Award for Best Collection of 5 in Section 13 – Coleus: 'Texas Parking Lot,' 'Twist & Twirl,' 'Green Earring,' 'Imperial,' 'Swallowtail' - Donn Thornhill, Region 3

Best of Show - Mary Alice Earhart Memorial Award - best overall horticulture exhibit in the show – 'Eyelash' Begonia - John Adams

Sweepstakes, exhibitor totaling most points - **John Adams** with 46 winning entries for 116 points
Sweepstakes Runner Up was **Sue Witwer**, Region 16, with 43 winning entries for 111 points

JUNIORS:
Award of Merit: Best Cut annuals, biennials, perennial flower exhibit 'Wizard Rose' Coleus - Stephanie Cech, Region 3

Award of Merit for Best Container Garden - Karlee Lennen, Region 3
Award of Merit for Best Hosta – 'Big Daddy' - Karlee Lennen
Award of Merit for Best Entry in Grasses – 'Overdam Reed' - Karlee Lennen

Junior Best of Show – 'Wizard Rose' Coleus - **Stephanie Cech**
Junior Sweepstakes with 57 winning entries totaling 149 points - **Karlee Lennen**

Junior Sweepstakes Runner Up with 22 winning entries totaling 48 points - **Stephanie Cech**



John Adams Adult Horticulture Sweepstakes Winner with Horticulture Chair, Charlene Thornhill



Karlee Lennen, Junior Horticulture Runner Up with Charlene Thornhill



Sue Witwer receives the Adult Horticulture Sweepstakes Runner Up Award from Charlene Thornhill



Charlene Thornhill presents Donn Thornhill with the Horticulture Collector's Showcase Award - the best collection of five specimens

2009 FOUNDATION DONATIONS LIST

Thank you for your continued support of these active OAGC Foundation projects.

Donations are to be sent to the OAGC Foundation Treasurer, Jean Walton, address on page 3. Your donations may be combined on **ONE** check payable to: **OAGC FOUNDATION, INC., for all the listed funds: OAGC Foundation General Fund; OAGC Foundation Scholarship; Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors; Wahkeena Funds, and the Nature & Conservation Fund and currently the following Temporarily Restricted Funds - The Mohican School Pond Fund and Nature Study Retreat Junior Camper Fund.**

* Please enclose a note with your check stating how you wish the monies distributed, and how much is for each designated fund. You will receive an acknowledgement of your donation, and if yours is a memorial gift, please provide the name and contact information for the next of kin (if known) so we may send them an acknowledgement of your gift. The OAGC Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)3 public charity. Your gift is IRS tax deductible.

GENERAL FUND

Storey Place GC
Harlem Twp. GC
Newark GC...in honor of out-going club President, Carol Svatora

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Harlem Twp. GC
New Neighbors GC
Greene County Gardeners ... in memory of Ethel Myer

MOHICAN SCHOOL IN THE OUT-OF-DOORS

New Neighbors GC

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Region 8 Garden Clubs
Marc & Sharon Ware
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Storey Place GC
Harlem Twp. GC
Monrovia GC
New Neighbors GC
Region 11 Garden Clubs
Newark GC ... in honor of out-going club President, Carol Svatora

NATURE & CONSERVATION FUND

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New Neighbors GC

NATURE STUDY RETREAT JUNIOR CAMPER FUND

Nature Study Retreat

Check out *The Garden Path* on www.oagc.org. All the pictures are in color.

FAYE COLLINS DESIGNER OF THE YEAR CONTEST**PERIOD DESIGN**

First Betty Johnson

TRADITIONAL DESIGN

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

IKEBANA DESIGN

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

CREATIVE DESIGN

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

SPECIAL OCCASION/HOLIDAY DESIGN

First Barbara Sheets
Second Berniece McPherson
Third Sue Witwer
Fourth Joni Duncan

**Faye Collins Designer of the Year:
Joni Duncan**

OSU SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

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

**PROGRAM BOOK
CONTEST WINNERS**

Compiled by Martha Singleman

Region 1: Superior

Delta Community GC
Harrison GC
La Fleur de Terre GC
Liberty GC
Bowling Green Women's
Garden Group

Region 2: Superior

Findlay GC
Green Thumb GC
Happy Hours GC
Lima GC
Roots and Shoots GC
Evergreen GC
Wren GC
Cloverdale GC

Excellent:

Columbus Grove GC

Region 3: Superior

Our Homes GC
Morning Glory GC
Ladybug GC
New Neighbors GC
Wildflower GC
Here and There GC
College Hills GC

Region 4: Superior

Hamersville GC
Shovel and Hoe GC
Flores Amo GC
Mt. Carmel GC
Georgetown GC
Des Fleurs GC
Williamsburg GC

Region 5: Superior

The Four Seasons GC
Rainbow Gardeners GC
Four Seasons GC

Excellent:

Goshen GC

Region 6: Superior

Whispering Meadows GC
Blossoms 'N' Butterflies GC
We'd Wacker GC
R.F.D. GC

Firelands GC

Excellent:

Happy Hobby GC
Town and Country GC
Huron GC

Region 7: Superior

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

Region 8: Superior

Town & Country GC
Newark GC
Rosewood GC
Roseville GC

Region 9: Superior

Darby Valley GC
Basil GC
Story Place GC
Marabar Heights GC

Excellent:

Faithful Gardeners GC

Region 10: Superior

Slocum GC
Green Triangle GC
Lucasville GC
Willow GC
Minford GC
Double Delight GC
Waverly GC
Portsmouth GC

Excellent:

Rock Hill Gardeners GC

Region 11: Superior

Open Gate GC
Floral Friends GC
Chester GC
Barlow Bluebells GC
Gallipolis GC

Excellent:

Little Hocking GC

Region 12: Superior

Four Seasons GC
Flushing GC
Dillonvale Rosebud GC
Mt. Pleasant GC
Rivers Edge GC
Beaver Hills GC
Woodland GC

Excellent:

Victorian GC

Region 14: Superior

Moreland GC
Tuslaw GC
Weed-A-Way GC
Briarwood Beach GC
Creston GC

Region 16: Superior

Waynesville GC
Blanchester GC
Open Path GC
Hillsboro GC
Clearcreek Gardeners GC
Maineville GC

Excellent:

Valley View GC
Wilmington GC

**GARDEN THERAPY
CONTEST WINNERS**

Region 7: Superior

Earth, Wind & Flowers GC

Region 14 : Superior

Moreland GC



Stephanie Patrick presents the OAGC Daisy Sticksel Conservation Award to Marvin Duren, Marvin's Organic Gardens.

2009 JUNIOR CONVENTION WINNERS

Compiled by Kim Cromwell, Juniors Chair

Class A: Botanical Plates (ages 6-11)

Class A1: Mattie Butler, Member at Large, Region 7
 Sam Mendel, Apples Seeds Jr., Region 7
 Daniel Schultz, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1a: Keegan Vorhees, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Nicole Shell, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
 Renee Pike, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1b: Mackenzie Slade, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
 Levi Shenk, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Katie Blackburn, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1c: Olivia Herron, Butterflies Jr., Region 3 **"Award of Merit"**
 Bailey Cline, Nature's Jr., Region 1
 Clara Duddy, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
Class A1d: Meg Rehmert, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
 Luke Bartlam, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
 Hannah Kocher, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Class A1e: Miller Condrack, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
 Maggie Heiser, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
 Chloe Mathers, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1f: Leah Bartlam, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
 Madelyn Coss, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
 Eliza Wysong, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Class A1g: Andrew Miller, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Elliot O'Malley, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
 Alexis McBeth, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1h: Shannon O'Malley, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
 Keegan Schabbing, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Seth Collins, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1i: Seth Duddy, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Mackenzie Condrack, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
 Bryce Pomeroy, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1j: Ben Hefner, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Claire Komarek, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Emily Ritzler, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Class A1k: Shannon Shell, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
 Anjali Kameleson, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
 Carly Kolleth, Tuslaw Jr., Region 14
Class A1l: Logan Vorhees, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Lena Stiles, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
 Kymber Sand, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Class A1m: Jesse Bollinger, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Carrie Tate, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Matthew Dietz, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Class A1n: Anna Blank, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7

Molly Bollinger, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Baili Matheny, Little Hocking Jr., Region 11
Class A1o: Kenzie Kent, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
 Tai Li Matheny, Little Hocking Jr., Region 11
 Aubree Giddings, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Class A1p: Sawyer Holbrook, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Leslie McPherson, Little Hocking Jr., Region 11
 Hannah Crabtree, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
Class A1q: Adrienne Peck, Peas-in-a-Pod, Region 7
 Austin Miller, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Caitlin Gordon, Nature's Jr., Region 1
Class A2: (ages 12-18) Lydia Shenk, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Olivia Wysong, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
 Kirstin Keller, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Class A2a: Gregg Mendel, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
 Adila Esaak, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
 Stephanie Cech, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Class A2b: Andrew O'Malley, Apple Seeds Jr., Region 7
 Karlee Lennen, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
 Tiffany Whitmore, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
Class A2c: Brittany Bowers, Butterflies Jr., Region 3 **"Award of Merit"**
 Elizabeth Hankins, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
 Jenelle Agne, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
Class A2d: Haley Kocher, Nuts About Nature Jr., Region 7
 Lauren Vogt, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
 Loni Beikirch, Little Hocking Jr., Region 11
Class A2e: Paige Keller, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
 Christa Levings, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
 Carly Matheny, Little Hocking Jr., Region 7
Class A2f: Kayla Roush, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
 Gabrielle Friend, Nature's Jr., Region 1
 Tarran Geiger, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7
Class A2g: Krissy Melling, Butterflies Jr., Region 3
 Mackenzie Miller, Lil Sprouts Jr., Region 2
 Shanna Treon, Knox County Career Ctr., Region 7

Class B: Backyard Feeder (ages 6-11)
Class B1: Carrie Tate, Logan Vorhees
 Olivia Herron

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



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

IN MEMORIAM

Region 2

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

Region 7

Ann Shaffer	5/2009	Loudonville Gardeners Guild Charter Member
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Region 9

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

Region 12

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

Estelle McClintick	2/11/2009	Doylestown Garden Club
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OAGC'S newest Life Patrons - Rosa Wollenhaupt, Region 2 and Charlene Thornhill, Region 3 with Jean Walton, presenter.

2008 FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

Superior

Region 1

Delta Community Garden Club
Wood County Fair
Fulton County Fair

Region 3

Montgomery County Fair
Darke County Fair

Region 4

Mt. Carmel and Milford
Garden Clubs Show

Region 7

Peas in a Pod, Nuts About
Nature, and Royal Dandy
Lions Junior Garden Clubs
Show
Reg. 7 Regional Spring
Show
Crawford County Fair
Apple Valley and Apple Seeds
Junior Garden Clubs Show

Region 9

Story Place Garden Club
Four Seasons, Pickerington
and Marabar Heights Garden
Clubs Show
Darby Valley Garden Club
Fairfield County Federation
Garden Clubs Show

Region 10

Double Delight, Slocum
and Willow Garden Clubs
Christmas Show
Scioto County Fair

Region 11

Meigs County Holiday
Meigs County Fair
Washington County
Fair

Region 12

Flushing Garden Club

Region 14

Moreland Garden Club

Excellent:

Region 1 and
Region 1 Regional
Show

Region 9

Groveport Garden Club

Region 16

Highland County Fair

Good:**Region 6**

Firelands Garden Club

VIA THE GRAPEVINE

Compiled by Margie Graft

Region 5

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

Region 8

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

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

Region 12

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

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2009 REGIONAL CONTESTS

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

OUTSTANDING AMATEUR GARDENERS

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

Each winner received a soil knife and a certificate.



Regional Outstanding Amateur Gardeners

OUTSTANDING GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

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

Each winner received a tote bag and a certificate.



Regional Outstanding Garden Club Members

OUTSTANDING GARDEN CLUBS

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

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



Representatives from the Regional Outstanding Garden Clubs

Via the Grapevine (Continued from page 9)

Region 14

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

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FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS 2009

Reg. 1	Nov. 5	Fostoria	AM:	"All About Gourds," Anna Miller
			PM:	"Mum's the Word"
Reg. 2	Oct. 27	Van Wert	AM:	Wayne Becker, Beinings Nursery & Garden Center
			PM:	Four Hands On Workshops
Reg. 3	Oct. 26	Dayton	AM:	"Wergyzn Gardens Update," Carol Self
			PM:	"Flower Arranging," Mark Brueninghaus
Reg. 4	Oct. 23	Loveland	AM:	"Lavender" Vivian Pfankuch
Reg. 5	Oct. 17	Troy	AM:	"Rain Gardens – Pretty with a Purpose," Linda Raterman
			PM:	"Enviroscaping – Environmentally Responsive Garden Design" Andy's Garden Center
Reg. 6	Nov. 7	Attica	AM:	Flower Show & Business Meeting
			PM:	"Healthy Garden, Mind, Body and Soul" Donna Foss
Reg. 7	Oct. 28	Loudonville	AM:	"An African Safari" Jo Ann Graham
			PM:	"Wreaths for All Occasions" Joy Strine-Sprang
Reg. 8	Oct. 21	Nashport	AM:	"Blue Rock, Dillon & Muskingum River State Parks" Alan Ranck
			PM:	"Are You Perennially Challenged?" Grow and Show Garden Club
Reg. 9	Nov. 4	Chillicothe	AM:	"Nature Photography" Barbara Jividen
			PM:	"A Woodland Christmas" Mickie Marquis
Reg. 10	Oct. 15	Wheelersburg	AM:	"Fun With Flowers" Faye McGinnis
			PM:	"A Walk in an Apple Orchard" Fuhrmann Orchards
Reg. 11	Oct. 24	Gallipolis	AM:	"Heritage Gardens" Kathy Partusch
			PM:	"Recycled Garden Sheds" Peggy Case
Reg. 12	Oct. 17	Mt. Pleasant	AM:	"What is Creative Design" PM: "Vermicomposting" Vicki Ferguson
Reg. 14	Nov. 11	Marshallville	AM:	"Fanny Crosby" Marian Starn
			PM:	"Landscaping Choices," Ken Cochran
Reg. 16	Oct. 8	Washington	AM:	"Herbs"
		Court House	PM:	"Arranging with Gathered Dried Materials," Julia Hidy