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Coming Events

October 4-6, 2010

Fall State Board Meeting
Burr Oak State Park

October 29, 2010 - 10 am

OAGC Foundation meeting
Vandalia Comm. Center

December 15, 2010

OAGC contest deadline

March 15, 2011

OAGC Foundation Scholarship application deadline

April 4-6, 2011

Spring State Board Meeting
Shawnee State Park

May 14, 2011

Hike for Health - Wahkeena

May 30-June 4, 2011

Nature Study Retreat
4-H Camp Palmer
Fayette, OH

June 14-18, 2011

World Flower Show Trip
Boston, MA

June 27 & 28, 2011

Exhibitors' & Judges' School #3
Deer Creek State Park

July 18-20, 2011

OAGC Convention
"Island Paradise"
Shawnee State Park

The new *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* is now available

The newly revised *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* is hot off the press and will be available at the regional meetings. The new size format (8.5"x11") allows for easier copying of scorecard/entry forms. Each club should own a copy. Highlights: **Streamlined Organization Structure - (previously had 12 departments)**

- **NEW!** Club Contests Department: oversees and promotes Garden Therapy, Program Book and Publicity Book contests
- Design Study Department: oversees and promotes Design Study workshops and the Faye Collins Designer of the Year contest
- Exhibitors' & Judges' School Department: oversees and coordinates all facets of Exhibitors' and Judges' School and accreditation of OAGC flower show judges
- Flower Shows Department: oversees and promotes Flower Show contest and plans convention artistic flower show
- Horticulture Department: oversees and coordinates the Gardening for Excellence seed exchange program, plant sale promotion and plans convention horticulture flower show
- Junior Gardener Department: oversees and promotes organization of Junior Garden Clubs, junior contests (Community Jr. Beautification, Outstanding Jr. Gardener, Outstanding Jr. Garden Club contests, Reed and Shedenhelm Awards)
- Membership Department: maintains the OAGC membership records, recommends Membership Incentive Award nomination
- Nature & Conservation Department: oversees and promotes Beautification contests; Nature Study Retreat reports to this department

New Liaisons

- Editor of *The Garden Path*: now a liaison appointment
- Archival Manager: coordinates preservation and storage of OAGC historical documents

Other Notable Changes

- OAGC Sales Secretary now manages OAGC Media Library and program rentals
- Includes information on how to become a flower show judge
- Club publicity submissions now are submitted directly to *The Garden Path* editor
- **ALL contest scorecards updated & streamlined ALL CONTESTS WILL BE SCORED USING THE NEW SCORECARDS BEGINNING WITH 2011.**
Note: Flexibility in scoring will be extended to contest entries this first year.

(OOPS! Handbook correction already! Holmes County is in Region 14, not Region 8.)

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

Words from the President:

Dear gardening friends,

Writing does not come easy for me. I stew and stew over what to say. I would much rather dig in the dirt or plan an event than write a speech. Six years ago it was hard to envision the year 2010. How do you even pronounce it? Do you say two thousand ten or twenty ten? Even the media doesn't seem to have a particular style as to which is proper. I say it both ways but I do say twenty eleven for next year.

One thing we do agree with is October is autumn, which is the crowning glory of the garden year with all its magnificent colors. During the 1980's when seasonal color analysis was introduced to determine what colors were best for us to wear, I learned I was 'autumn'. That was a no-brainer for me. I was born in October, had red hair and freckles, and whenever I wore browns, greens, rust or gold people always complimented me and said those colors looked good on me.

Autumn marks the transition from summer to winter. "It is the season for enjoying the fullness of life, partaking of the harvest, sharing the harvest with others and reinvesting and saving portions of the harvest for yet another season of growth." – quote by Denis Waitley

And so, autumn for The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, this year sees the transition from the 1998 edition to the 2010 edition of the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*. The handbook revision committee worked hard the past several years updating, streamlining, consolidating and downsizing to bring this edition to fruition. This book contains a wealth of information about our organization and should answer just about every question. However, if it doesn't Vicki has already begun a file for revisions for the next edition. The new contest scorecards will all take effect October 1st but this transition year will allow for flexibility in scoring contests from the old format to the new.

Many changes are incorporated into this new handbook and it is impossible to list them all. During the past year several changes have been mentioned at various meetings or here in *The Garden Path* and now you have the written source to use as a reference. I encourage not only clubs but individuals to own a copy of this handbook. The cost is \$8.00 and can be purchased from the sales secretary or at your regional meeting.

Change is inevitable. That is what we hear every day. The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs is changing as well. We are enjoying a unique relationship with our state parks and all the wonder they hold. Our meetings during



2010-2012 Executive Officers

(L-R front row): 1st VP Mary Lee Minor, President Sharon Ware, 2nd VP Peggy Case, 3rd VP Geri Rea. (L-R back row): Secretary Marlene Purdy, Sales Secretary Stephanie Patrick and Treasurer Sue Hamlet

the next two years will be held at state park lodges throughout Ohio. As is often the case, the trips may be longer for some and shorter for others. As each lodge is somewhat different there may be some slight variations to our events, they may not be as they "always have been" in the past.

My theme for these next two years will be 'Creatively Exploring the Nature of Change' and even though I love flamingos I can't impose my lovely birds on each of you. Any embellishments will likely just have the standard OAGC logo. I encourage you to shop the vendor tables at our functions and the gift shops at the state park lodges. The items on our sales table are meant to be an added value to our membership, not a source of fundraising.

I would like to leave you with this creative hint: *Aspidistra* foliage can be manipulated in several ways to add a new dimension to your artistic floral creation. Try rolling the ends and stapling it to keep in place, or add a taped wire to the back side and then shape the leaf in a wave, or even more dramatic, separate the veins by gently tearing them, but don't tear all the way to the end, just leave it to 'fan' out. Remember to try something new and just have fun with your creative designs.

Creatively yours,

Sharon Ware, President

The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Convention

Wild and Beautiful - OAGC 2010 Convention

Peggy Case, Convention Writer



A surprised Naomi Ormes,
Judge of the Year

A great Ohio Association of Garden Clubs' 80th Convention was held July 12-14. It was hot but exciting. There were lots of old friends bringing in lots of flowers, supplies, clothes and STUFF. But not enough STUFF that members couldn't drop it all and hug friends they only see a few times a year. There were many new first-time convention attendees this

year and it was even more exciting seeing husbands who came to enjoy golfing, fishing or just relaxing at beautiful Salt Fork State Lodge. This year's convention was a winner in every way, numbers, speakers, food and the lovely surroundings.

Monday afternoon's Convention College included "Landscaping with Native Plants" by Dr. Frank Porter and "Wild Wonders" by naturalist Cindy Bradshaw, and drew lots of listeners. During these programs, horticulture and artistic shows were being judged.

Monday evening, Nina Cleaver of Region 12 and Anita Roller of Region 14, convention co-chairs, welcomed everyone to a jam-packed banquet room. Second vice president Mary Lee Minor gave a humorous but reverent invocation adding to the fun. Sue Hess was the early registration winner; winning back her registration fee. The tables were graced with clever



Artistic Best of Show,
Barbara Sheets

centerpieces of slate, peacock feathers and flowers.

President Vicki Ferguson opened the convention with comments about how great the location was and happy that so many members attended. The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs' state officers were introduced with comments about how hard they worked to prepare the new handbook. OAGC Counselors were recognized as were eleven past presidents. OAGC Treasurer Sue Hamlet presented new Life Member cards to Kathleen Bennett, Marian Curmode, Helen Horst and Joyce Williams. Nancy Denlinger was surprised to be presented with a Life Membership - a gift from her daughter, Vicki Ferguson.

Past president and current Exhibitors' and Judges' chair Jo Ann Graham recognized the OAGC judges and judges emeriti. The Master Design Judges were recognized by Design Study chair Juanita Wilkins. Marlene Purdy presented Naomi Ormes with the Gladys Thomas Judge of the Year Award and Juanita Wilkins presented the Faye Collins Designer of the Year award to Rose Marie Cowdrey. Mary Lee Minor presented Master Gardener awards to Myrna and Tom Cordray and Lina Robinson.

Artistic Flower Show chair Eleanor Long awarded the Artistic Best of Show to Barbara Sheets, the Judges' Award of Distinction to Babs Sabick and the Junior Artistic award to Karlee Lennen.

Past President Charlene Thornhill, chair of the Horticulture Flower Show, awarded merit ribbons to winners in each section with Michael Hoepf winning many



Rose Marie Cowdrey,
Faye Collins Designer of
the Year Award



Judges' Award of
Distinction, Babs Sabick

Wrap Up

of the awards including the Mary Alice Earnhart Memorial (Horticulture Best of Show) Award and the Green Thumb Award. Maureen Aukerman won a merit ribbon and Outdoor Grower's Award for her hosta 'Striptease' and Jane Atkins won a merit ribbon for an herb entry. Joy Collier won a merit ribbon for her Crown of Thorns entry. The collection class was won by Marlene Purdy with a collection of hostas.

Lynn Fronk, Garden Club of Ohio (GCO) member, and Member-at-Large of OAGC, presented her design program, "Wild and Wonderful". She wasn't wild but she was wonderful, making ten designs, mostly creative and finishing with a lovely design of lilies and lights. She is also a Master Judge and Flower Show Instructor for GCO.



For those adventuresome ones, Tuesday morning began with a Bird Hike at 6:30 am, led by Steve and Marian Moeckel. The convention business meeting started with reports from the OAGC treasurer, secretary and president. President Vicki Ferguson presented the new *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* and explained the changes and how things were streamlined and combined to cut costs and make contest entries easier. She sees a day in the future when the handbook might be offered online, helping members keep track of how to become a judge, how to apply for awards, regional maps and other information. She received a standing ovation, recognized as our great leader and slave driver.

Kim Cromwell, Junior Garden Club Chair, presented the Outstanding Junior Garden Club Award to Nuts About Nature Junior Garden Club. Third vice president Peggy Case encouraged clubs to find junior



Horticulture Award of Merit (sections 4-5) Stargazer Lily & Best of Show, 'Grand Prix' glad, Michael Hoepf

applicants for the Junior Reed and Shedenhelm awards.

Charlene Thornhill presented the horticulture flower show Sweepstakes Award (most points accrued) to Michael Hoepf; the runner-up Sweepstakes Award to Kim Cromwell and the Junior Sweepstakes Award to Karlee Lennen.

The Service Award was given to first vice president Sharon Ware for her dedicated work with the OAGC Foundation. Business concluded with photo contest winners presented by Media Chair Susy Spence. The winning photos were presented for viewing on three large screens across the room. The overall top winner of the contest was Marian Moeckel.

The noon luncheon buffet was followed by several awards. Stephanie Patrick announced that the Daisy Sticksel Conservation Award was presented to the Grange Insurance Audubon Center in Columbus earlier in June during the OAGC Gardeners' Day Out event. At that time, a surprised Jeff Redfield, the center's Development Director, received the award on behalf of the new park and LEED certified teaching facility.

After the OAGC Foundation report, first vice president and OAGC Foundation treasurer Sharon Ware presented the new Life Patrons: Joy Baumgard, Barbara Warner and Maureen Wootton. The OAGC Foundation secretary Janet Evans presented the 2010 OAGC Foundation scholarships to the recipients present: Jerry Chidsey and Alexandra Shaffner.



Top Photo Contest Winner, Marian Moeckel



The afternoon was free to hike, visit the historic Kennedy Stone House, golf, ride the waves in the pontoon boat or just rest. Many took a trip down to the cabins to see the results of the May Cabin Beautification Project.

Convention continued...



Officers Marlene Purdy and Peggy Case Welcome Attendees

At 5:30 pm, the state officers donned feather boas and received many hugs and giggles as they greeted OAGC members. Marilou Rupert gave the invocation, recalling times when each person honored was

given a piece of free verse based on advice from plants and animals. After the banquet, 2008-2010 state department chairs and 2009-2011 regional directors were recognized.

First vice president Sharon Ware presented the Town & Country Garden Club, Reg. 8, with the Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club Award.



Sharon Ware Presents Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club Award to Town & Country Garden Club, Region 8

Tom Shisler, manager of Wahkeena Nature Preserve, a preserve with many ties to OAGC, shared a presentation on the changes and improvements at Wahkeena that were made possible by OAGC.



Tom Shisler, Wahkeena Site Manager

President Ferguson presented Tom with a \$6000 check from the OAGC Foundation for use at Wahkeena. As if that shock wasn't enough, she then surprised Tom even more by presenting him the OAGC Citation Award, recognizing him for his 30 years of devotion and hard work at our beloved Wahkeena Nature Preserve.

The evening was concluded with a wonderful, sensitive program by Julie Zickefoose, author and naturalist. She used scenes from her book, *Letters From Eden*, anecdotes and free verse to honor all things family and all things nature. Her presentation of photos and illustrations of her personal paradise were over-scripted with poetry and stories. After the program, a long line waited to purchase her book and obtain an autograph.

Convention plans had originally included an evening bonfire but Mother Nature doused that thought with some much needed rain.

Bird watching was again on tap for 6:30 am Wednesday morning. During morning business, Kathy Martino, Nature and Beautification chair presented the Beautification Awards to first place



Redbud Garden Club, Beautification Contest Winners with Kathy Martino

Redbud GC, second place Earth, Wind and Flowers GC and a third to Open Gate GC. Eleanor Long, Flower Show chair, presented many superiors to the top flower shows. First vice president Sharon Ware presented the Program and Therapy Awards in the absence of department chair Martha Singleman who was ill. Publicity chair Margie Graft presented the top awards for the Publicity Contest. Second vice president Mary Lee Minor presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mary Gamstetter for her faithful work in publicizing all things OAGC in Region 4. Third vice president Peggy Case presented the Membership Incentive Award to Donna Foss, Membership Chair, for her efficient recordkeeping of the OAGC membership database.

Second vice president, Mary Lee Minor initiated a 'Roundup' last year when she encouraged regional directors to locate their outstanding gardeners, club members, clubs and junior gardeners. Using an empty rope, Mary Lee challenged every region, hoping for



'Roundin' up the Regional Winners

each of the 14 regions to find four special candidates. She hoped for 56 knots. In the end 42 regional outstanding individuals and clubs were honored.

The Wednesday program was presented by author, former OSU Professor and founder of the Perennial Plant Association, Dr. Stephen Still. His "New and Underused Perennials" PowerPoint program spanned the three screens in the ballroom.

Ray Coleman, Director of Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors, gave a brief update on the school. OAGC has been a staunch supporter of this outdoor education center for many years. President Ferguson presented Mr. Coleman with a \$4000 check from the OAGC Foundation to further the causes at Mohican School.



Ray Coleman accepts check for Mohican School from the OAGC Foundation

OAGC counselor Dr. Gary Anderson shared many kind words and encouragement to the group and was looking forward to the coming two years under president-elect Sharon Ware. President Ferguson noted it didn't seem like 36 years had passed since he was her professor at OSU/ATI. Past president Babs Sabick was pleased to unveil and present the Challenge Quilt and a wall hanging. She personally hand-quilted each quilt which was a project during her 2006-2008 presidency. Both quilts will be raffled to raise funds for the OAGC Foundation.



State Officers' Installation

After the election results were announced Mary Gamstetter and the Four Seasons Garden Club conducted the installation service. Each

new board member was likened to the different gauges of wire used in arranging. As each was presented with a storage pouch with different gauges of wire, the importance of the office was illustrated. Ware continued with installing the rest of the state board.

President-elect Sharon Ware outlined plans for her presidency: continue learning about the OAGC Foundation, research genealogy of Carmen Hambleton Warner, continue using the state parks for meeting/convention venues, a trip to the World Flower Show in Boston, Hikes for Health, fiscal responsibility, scholarships for kids. In other words, Ware plans to "Creatively Explore the Nature of Change." She said, "OAGC is my passion in life; the OAGC Foundation is my obsession."

Finally, 2011 Convention Chair Candy Virgin extended a welcome to Shawnee State Park (outside Portsmouth) on July 18-20 for an "Island Paradise".

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Thank you for your support!

Looking back....

From the first issue of *The Garden Path* (VOL. 1, No. 1, Fall 1930)

"The editors are looking forward to a real pleasure in conducting the many thousands of members of The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs along the garden path – leading them first to a fountain of knowledge, its waters flowing into the stream of friendship, which permeates and makes fertile this place of lovely flowers. There is a gate somewhere in the garden – the gate of opportunity and it opens to the attainment of many ambitious plans. Perhaps the by-path will lead to better understanding of plant needs, and the value of color and form."

There were 67 clubs at the time this inaugural publication was printed 80 years ago.

OAGC's first mission statement was, "The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs - An organization of men and women brought into relation of mutual helpfulness by a state-wide association of garden clubs, for promoting interest in home gardening; for encouraging civic and state beautification; for providing individual benefits through an extensive educational program; and lastly, for making possible combined efforts in projects that are state-wide or national in their scope."

And the winners are.....

Congratulations to all the winners who received awards at Convention!

OAGC Awards

Citation Award
Tom Shisler

**Daisy Sticksel
Conservation Award**
Grange Insurance
Audubon Center,
Columbus

**Faye Collins Designer of
the Year Award**
Rose Marie Cowdrey

**Gladys Thomas Judge
of the Year Award**
Naomi Ormes

**Master Gardener
Awards**
Myrna & Tom Cordray
Lina Robinson

**Membership Incentive
Award**
Donna Foss

Service Award
Sharon Ware

**Victor H. Ries
Outstanding Garden
Club Award**
Town & Country
Garden Club, Region 8

**Certificate of
Appreciation**
Mary Gamstetter

Department Contest Awards

Beautification Contest

1st: Redbud GC, Reg. 16
2nd: Earth, Wind & Flowers
3rd: Open Gate GC

Garden Therapy Book Contest - Superiors

Earth, Wind & Flowers GC,
Reg. 7
Huron GC, Reg. 6
Moreland GC, Reg. 14

Flower Shows Contest

Class A - Superiors
Lima GC, Reg. 2
Huron GC, Reg. 6
Earth, Wind & Flowers/Peas
in a Pod Jrs., Reg. 7
Newark GC, Reg. 8
Darby Valley GC, Reg. 9
Groveport GC, Reg. 9
Four Seasons GC, Reg. 12

Class B - Superiors
Fairfield County Spring
Flower Show: (Basil, Carroll
Community, Faithful
Gardeners, Lithopolis
Garden Clubs), Reg. 9

Class C - Superior
Apple Valley GC Show:
(Fredericktown, Nature
Lovers, New Shoots, North
Liberty, Rake & Hoe, Seed
Sowers, Tan and Toil, Town
& Country, Apple Seeds Jrs.
& Knox Co. Career Center
Jrs. Garden Clubs), Reg. 7

Class C - Excellent
Fairfield Community Arts
Center Show: (Des Fleurs,

Floras Amo, Four Seasons,
Georgetown, Goshen,
Judges' Guild, Monroe, Mt.
Carmel, Mt. Orab, Shovel &
Hoe, Springdale and
Williamsburg Garden
Clubs), Reg. 4

Class C - Good
Region 10 Regional Meeting
Show: (Double Delight,
Green Triangle, Ironton,
Lucasville, Minford,
Peebles, Portsmouth, Prime
Thyme, Rock Hill, Slocum,
Waverly, Wheelersburg,
Willow and Lean, Mean
Planting Machine Jrs.
Garden Clubs), Reg. 10

Class E - Superiors
Christmas Joys Show:
(Minford, Slocum & Willow
Garden Clubs), Reg. 10
Meigs Co. Annual Christmas
Club Show (Rutland
Friendly, Shade Valley
Council, Wildwood and
Winding Trail Garden
Clubs), Reg. 11

Class G - Superior
Fulton Co. Fair Flower
Show: (Delta Community,
Fulton Co. and Swanton
Garden Clubs), Region 1
Wood Co. Fair: (Bowling
Green Woman's Club
Garden Group, Fostoria
Ladies', Friendly Town &
Country, and Trowel &
Tractor Garden Clubs),
Region 1
Darke Co. Fair: (Garden
Girls, Ladybug, Sun & Fun,

Wildflower and Butterflies
Jrs. Garden Clubs) Reg. 3
Montgomery Co. Fair:
(College Hill, Delphinium,
Grow & Show, Here &
There, Leaf & Blossom,
Morning Glory, New
Neighbors, Our Homes and
Saville Hilltoppers Garden
Clubs), Region 3
Logan Co. Fair: (DeGraff &
Fleurette Garden Clubs),
Region 5
Champaign Co. Fair: (Four
Seasons, Goshen and Valley
Garden Clubs), Reg. 5
Crawford Co. Fair: (Earth,
Wind & Flowers, North end
of Galion, Petal Pushers,
Nuts About Nature Jrs.,
Peas-in-a-Pod Jrs., and
Royal Dandy Lions Jrs.
Garden Clubs), Reg. 7
Meigs Co. Garden Fair:
(Chester, Rutland Friendly,
Shade Valley Council of
Floral Art, Wildwood, and
Winding Trail Garden
Clubs), Region 11
Washington Co. Fair:
(Barlow Bluebells, Belpre,
Little Hocking, Muskingum
and Little Hocking Jrs.
Garden Clubs), Reg. 11

Class G - Excellents
Fairfield Co. Fair: (Basil,
Carroll Community, Faithful
Gardeners and Lithopolis
Garden Clubs), Reg. 9
Scioto Co. Fair, Region 10
Madison Co. Fair: (Budding
Bloomers, London, Open
Gate & Open Path Garden
Clubs), Reg. 16

Department Contest Awards - Continued

Program Book Contest

Region 1 - Superiors

- La Fleur De Terre GC,
- Bowling Green GC
- Fostoria Ladies GC
- Liberty GC
- Harrison GC
- Swanton GC

Region 2 - Superiors

- Evergreen GC
- Wren GC
- Roots & Shoots GC
- Cloverdale GC
- Happy Hours GC
- Lima GC
- Findlay GC

Region 2 - Excellent

- Columbus Grove GC

Region 3 - Superiors

- College Hill GC
- Here & There GC
- Ladybug GC
- Morning Glory GC
- Our Homes GC
- Wildflower GC

Region 3 - Excellent

- Saville Hilltoppers GC

Region 4 - Superiors

- Felicity GC
- Four Seasons GC
- Georgetown GC
- Hamersville GC
- Shovel & Hoe GC
- Williamsburg GC

Region 4 - Excellent

- Des Fleurs GC

Region 5 - Superiors

- Alpha GC
- Fleurette GC
- Four Seasons GC
- Goshen GC
- Rainbow Gardeners

Region 6 - Superiors

- Firelands GC
- Huron GC
- R.F.D. GC

Whispering Meadows

Region 6 - Excellents

- Attica GC
- Happy Hobby GC
- Town & Country GC

Region 7 - Superiors

- Apple Valley GC
- Earth Wind & Flowers
- Fredericktown GC

- Ganges GC
- Harlem GC
- Mohican Community
- Nature Lovers GC
- Presidential Gardeners
- Wayside GC
- Weeds Beware GC

Region 8 - Superiors

- Newark GC
- Roseville GC
- Rosewood GC
- Town & Country GC

Region 9 - Superiors

- Basil GC
- Darby Valley GC
- Lithopolis GC
- Marabar Heights GC
- Story Place GC

Region 10 - Superiors

- Double Delight GC
- Green Triangle GC
- Ironton GC
- Portsmouth GC
- Willow GC

Region 10 - Excellents

- Minford GC
- Rock Hill GC

Region 11- Superiors

- Barlow Bluebells GC
- Gallipolis GC
- Open Gate GC

Region 11 - Excellent

- Little Hocking GC

Region 12 - Superiors

- Flushing GC
- Four Seasons GC
- Rivers Edge GC
- Woodland GC

Region 14 - Superiors

- Briarwood Beach GC
- Creston GC
- Moreland GC
- Tuslaw GC

Weed-A-Way GC

Region 14 - Good

- Wide View GC

Region 16 - Superiors

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

Photograph Contest Winners (Overall Winners in bold)

Class 1. Deciduous Trees, Zoom In

- 1st Marian Moeckel Reg. 5**
- 2nd Billie Bower Reg. 7
- 3rd Jodi Russell Reg. 12
- HM Debbie Hurlbert Reg. 7
- HM Debbie Hurlbert
- HM Luba Kendall Reg. 14
- HM Mary Beaumont Reg. 10

1st

HM Jane Kline Reg. 16

- HM Debbie Hurlbert
- HM Duane Hurlbert Reg. 7

Class 4. Evergreen Trees, Zoom Out

- 1st Jane Kline
- 2nd Donna Dittmar Reg. 14
- 3rd Luba Kendall

3rd Jodi Russell

Class 7. Evergreen Shrubs, Zoom In

- 1st Margie Graft Reg. 8 HM**
- 2nd Duane Hurlbert
- 3rd Beverly Sipe
- HM Mary Beaumont Reg. 10
- HM Mary Strayer

Class 2. Deciduous Trees, Zoom Out:

- 1st Jodi Russell**
- 2nd Ann Grayzar Reg. 12
- 3rd Vivian Baumgard Reg. 11
- HM Ann Grayzar

2nd

Class 5. Deciduous Shrubs, Zoom In

- 1st Luba Kendall HM**
- 2nd Jane Kline
- 3rd Marian Moeckel
- HM Marian Moeckel
- HM Donna Dittmar

Class 8. Evergreen Shrubs, Zoom Out

- 1st Jodi Russell
- 2nd Naomi Ormes Reg. 4
- 3rd Beverly Sipe
- HM Duane Hurlbert

Class 3. Evergreen Trees, Zoom In:

- 1st Debbie Hurlbert**
- 2nd Vivian Baumgard
- 3rd Marian Moeckel

3rd

Class 6. Deciduous Shrubs, Zoom Out

- 1st Beverly Sipe Reg. 7
- 2nd Luba Kendall

Class 9. Zoom In/Out: Back & White

- 1st Debbie Hurlbert
- 2nd Debbie Hurlbert
- 3rd Naomi Ormes

Convention Flower Show Results

Adult Horticulture Section

- Award of Merit, section 1 (roses):**
‘Red Knockout’, Marilou Rupert, Reg. 12
- Award of Merit, sections 2-3 (annuals, biennials or perennials):**
Rudbeckia, Michael Hoepf, Reg. 7
- Award of Merit, sections 4-5 (hemerocallis or lilies):**
‘Stargazer’ lily, Michael Hoepf
- Award of Merit, sections 6-7 (hostas or caladiums):**
‘Striptease’ hosta, Maureen Aukerman, Reg. 3
- Award of Merit, sections 8-10 (ornamental grasses, shrubs or gladiolus):**
‘Grand Prix’ gladiolus, Michael Hoepf
- Award of Merit, section 11 (herbs):**
‘Dittany of Crete’ oregano, Jane Adkins, Reg. 9
- Green Thumb Award (sections 1-5 & 10):**
‘Grand Prix’ gladiolus, Michael Hoepf
- Outdoor Grower’s Award, (sections 6-9 & 11):**
‘Striptease’ hosta, Maureen Aukerman
- Container Grower’s Award, (section 12):**
Crown of Thorns, Joy Culler, Reg. 16
- Collector’s Showcase Award, (section 13):**
hosta collection, Marlene Purdy, Reg. 1
- Mary Alice Earhart Memorial Award (Horticulture Best of Show):**
Michael Hoepf
- Sweepstakes Winner:**
Michael Hoepf
- Sweepstakes Runner-Up:**
Kim Cromwell

Junior Horticulture Section

- Award of Merit, sections 15 (annuals, biennials, perennials):**
‘Maya’ rudbeckia, Karlee Lennen, Reg. 3
- Award of Merit, section 16 (hostas):**
‘Orange Marmalade’, Karlee Lennen
- Award of Merit, section 17 (grasses):**
‘Silver Septre’, Karlee Lennen
- Junior Best of Show:**
‘Orange Marmalade’ hosta, Karlee Lennen
- Junior Sweepstakes:**
Karlee Lennen

Adult Artistic Section

- Class 1: “Wildlife Baby”**
1st Marilou Rupert, Reg. 12
2nd Anna Cardenas, Reg. 10
3rd Beryl Gruelle, Reg. 10
4th Sherrill Day
- Class 2: “Nature’s Beauty”**
1st Jean Walton, Reg. 8
2nd Judie Pepple, Reg. 2
3rd Donna Turley, Reg. 12
4th Sherrill Day
- Class 3: “Hiking Trails”**
1st Barb Sheets, Reg. 9
2nd Marlene Purdy, Reg. 1
3rd Juanita Wilkins, Reg. 2
4th Rose Marie Cowdrey, Reg. 10
- Class 4: “America the Beautiful”**
1st Mary Lee Minor, Reg. 7
2nd Beryl Gruelle
3rd Diane Reese, Reg. 10
4th Georgia Johnson, Reg. 16
- Class 5: “Whispering Wind”**
1st Jackie Martz
2nd Joni Duncan, Reg. 16
3rd Naomi Ormes, Reg. 4
4th Georgia Johnson
- Class 6: “Glistening Water”**
1st Marilou Rupert
2nd Beryl Gruelle
3rd Beverly Norman
4th Rosa Wollenhaupt, Reg. 2
- Class 7: “Wild Thing”**
1st Jackie Martz
2nd Joni Duncan
3rd Juanita Wilkins
4th Rose Marie Cowdrey
- Class 8: “Beautiful Ohio”**
1st Juanita Wilkins
2nd Judie Pepple
3rd Doris Hager, Reg. 5
4th Rose Marie Cowdrey
- Class 9a: “The Wilds”**
1st Mary Everling, Reg. 16
2nd Virginia Sharp, Reg. 7
3rd Marilou Rupert
4th Marlene Purdy
- Class 9b: “Salt Fork Serenity”**
1st Mary Everling
2nd Marlene Purdy
3rd Marilou Rupert
4th Virginia Sharp
- Class 10 “Call of the Wild”**
1st Babs Sabick, Reg. 16
2nd Joni Duncan
3rd Virginia Sharp
4th Judy Pepple
- Adult Best of Show:**
Barb Sheets - Class 3
- Judges’ Award of Distinction:**
Babs Sabick - Class 10
- Junior Artistic Section**
- Class 11. “Wet & Wild”**
1st Karlee Lennen, Reg. 3
- Class 12. “Bold & Beautiful”**
1st Karlee Lennen
- Junior Best of Show:**
Karlee Lennen



Convention Artistic Flower Show

2010 Junior Convention Contests Winners

(Bold denotes Award of Merit)

CLASS A: PRESSED FLOWER FAIRIES

Class A1: (ages 6-11)
 Gavin Brown, Nature's Jr., Reg. 1
 Bailey Cline, Nature's Jr.
 Zachary Van Curen, Nature's Jr.
 Class A1-a:
 Riley Figgins, Nature's Jr.
 Alex Prescott, Nature's Jr.
 Austin Henderson, Nature's Jr.
 Class A1-b:
 Laney Balsler, Nature's Jr.
 Shannon O'Malley, Apple Seeds, Reg. 7
 Mary Miller, Nature's Jr.
 Class A1-c:
 Riley Balsler, Nature's Jr.
 Mijana Mazur, Nature's Jr.
 Kyle Gibson, Nature's Jr.
 Class A1-d:
 Anjali Kamaleson, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Claire Komarek, Lil Sprouts Jr., Reg. 2
 Morgan Bland, Nature's Jr.
 Class A1-e:
 Audrey Heiser, Butterflies Jr., Reg. 3
 Aiden Parsons, Nature's Jr.
 Ciara Duddy, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Class A1-f:
Kayla Washington, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Carrie Tate, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Conner Miller, Nature's Jr.
 Class A1-g:
 Dana Metz, Nature's Jr.
 Krysta Davidson, Tuslaw Jr., Reg. 14
 Danae Jenkins, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Class A1-h:
 Bethany McClain, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Caitlin Gordon, Nature's Jr.
 Mattie Mae Butler, MAL, Reg. 7
 Class A1-i:
 Jaclyn Dietz, Nature's Jr.
 Rachael Bowman, MAL, Reg. 14
 Meg Rehmert, Butterflies Jr.
 Class A1-j:
 Kami Bassett, Nature's Jr.
 Brendan Kambrick, Tuslaw Jr., Reg. 14
 Chloe Eberhard, Butterflies Jr.
 Class A1-k:
 Luke McClain, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Leah Gatsios, Tuslaw Jr.
 Arika Pollack, Nature's Jr.
 Class A1-l:
 Mackenzie Slade, Butterflies Jr.
 Andrew Kellman, Tuslaw Jr.
 Dezira Bish, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Class A1-m:
 Maggie Marshall, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Deborah Jenkins, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Emily Sanders, Nature's Jr.

Class A1-n:
 Kate Rehmert, Butterflies Jr.
 Mackenzie Condrack, Apple Seeds
 Ashlyn Metz, Nature's Jr.
 Class A1-o:
 Jenah Shelt, Tuslaw Jr.
 Ian Durre, Nature's Jr.
 Nicole Shell, Butterflies Jr.
 Class A2: (ages 12-18)
 Stephanie Cech, Butterflies Jr.
 Karlee Lennen, Butterflies Jr.
 Rebecca Speakman, Nature's Jr.
 Class A2-a:
 Adila Esaak, Butterflies Jr.
 Olivia Herron, Butterflies Jr.
 Maci Smith, Nature's Jr.
 Class A2-b:
 Jenelle Agne, Butterflies Jr.
 Miller Condrack, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Paige Keller, Butterflies Jr.

CLASS B: GARDEN ART

Class B1: (ages 6-11)
 Ben Hefner, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Kelsey Fannin, Mean Green Planting Machine, Reg. 10
 Matthew Dietz, Nature's Jr.
 Class B1-a:
 Rachael Bowman, MAL
 Mattie Mae Butler, MAL, Reg. 7
 Jaclyn Dietz, Nature's Jr., Reg. 1
 Class B1-b:
 Chloe Eberhard, Butterflies Jr.
 Renee Pienkos, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Dominic Lawrence, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Class B1-c:
 Eliza Wyson, Butterflies Jr.
 Mary Miller, Nature's Jr.
 Caden Kohli, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Class B1-d:
 Kate Rehmert, Butterflies Jr.
 Deborah Jenkins, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Kiara Lucas, Mean Green Planting Machine
 Class B1-e:
 Sawyer Holbrook, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Riley Figgins, Nature's Jr.
 Anjali Kamaleson, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Class B1-f:
 Mackenzie Slade, Butterflies Jr.
 Kayla Washington, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Ashley Metz, Nature's Jr.
 Class B1-g:
 Carrie Tate, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Sarah Phipps, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Danae Jenkins, Apple Seeds Jr.

Class B1-h:
 Julia Herron, Butterflies Jr.
 Keegan Vorhees, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Alex Prescott, Nature's Jr.
 Class B1-i:
 Logan Vorhees, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Keegan Schabbing, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Nicole Shell, Butterflies Jr.
 Class B1-j:
 Mijana Mazur, Nature's Jr.
 Dana Metz, Nature's Jr.
 Meg Rehmert, Butterflies Jr.
 Class B1-k:
 Bethany McClain, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Morgan Bland, Nature's Jr.
 Austin Henderson, Nature's Jr.
 Class B1-l:
 Maggie Marshall, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Mackenzie Condrack, Apple Seeds Jr.
 Zachary Van Curen, Nature's Jr.
 Class B2: (ages 12-18)
 Cody Kent, Royal Dandy Lions Jr.
 Maggie Heiser, Butterflies Jr.
 Allison Hedcock, Royal Dandy Lions
 Class B2-a:
 Stephanie Cech, Butterflies Jr.
 Olivia Herron, Butterflies Jr.
 Molly Bollinger, Lil Sprouts Jr.
 Class B2-b:
Jenelle Agne, Butterflies Jr.
 Paige Keller, Butterflies Jr.
 Olivia Wyson, Butterflies Jr.
 Class B2-c:
 Adila Esaak, Butterflies Jr.
 Karlee Lennen, Butterflies Jr.
 Emily Dotson, Royal Dandy Lions Jr.

Redbud Garden Club wins Beautification Award

Redbud Garden Club, Region 16, received 1st place in the Beautification Contest. The club has maintained a beautification project at the Beavercreek Library, restoring and maintaining a large parking lot island with seasonal color and appealing design. This community beautification project is enjoyed by patrons young and old on a daily basis.

2010 Regional Awards

Outstanding Regional Amateur Gardeners

(each received a cookbook and gloves)

- Delphia Elder, Reg. 1
- Dorothy Edwards, Reg. 2
- Carol Baughman, Reg. 3
- Maxine Carroll, Reg. 4
- Dixie Finley, Reg. 5
- Relda Niederhofer, Reg. 6
- Joy Lauthers, Reg. 7
- Gale Ann Kelly, Reg. 8
- Elaine Ruhlen, Reg. 9
- Irmalee Gampp, Reg. 10
- Elisabeth Barsted, Reg. 11
- Helen Buck, Reg. 14

Outstanding Regional Garden Clubs

(each received a cookbook and floral artistry book)

- Delta Community GC, Reg. 1
- Happy Hours GC, Reg. 2
- Sun and Fun GC, Reg. 3
- Four Seasons of Champaign County GC, Reg. 5
- Blossoms and Butterflies GC, Reg. 6
- Harlem Township GC, Reg. 7
- Pickerington GC, Reg. 9
- Willow GC, Reg. 10
- Open Gate GC, Reg. 11
- Dillonvale Rosebuds GC, Reg. 12
- Valley City GC, Reg. 14
- Hillsboro GC, Reg. 16

Outstanding Garden Club Members

(each received a pin and a cookbook)

- Roselyn G. Carroll, Reg. 1
- Becky Dawson, Reg. 2
- Maureen Aukerman, Reg. 3
- Deborah Graham, Reg. 5
- Ginny Martin, Reg. 6
- Nancy Singer, Reg. 7
- Carol Svatora, Reg. 8
- Diane Gantz, Reg. 9
- Janet Evans, Reg. 10
- Clara Day, Reg. 11
- Gloria Bartzel, Reg. 12
- Neva Rutt, Reg. 14
- Rose Marie Cowdrey, Reg. 16

Outstanding Junior Gardeners

(each received a personalized sprinkling can, seeds & neckerchief)

- Ben Phipps, Reg. 2
- Adila Esaak, Reg. 3
- Sierra Poland, Reg. 5
- Bryce Bailey, Reg. 6
- Logan Sand, Reg. 7
- Sara Janitski, Reg. 9

A picture can be worth 1000 words!

The Faye Collins Designer of the Year contest recognizes designers based on submitted photographs of floral arrangements. There are five design categories in the contest: Period, Traditional, Ikebana, Creative and Holiday/Special Occasion designs. Entries are limited to one entry per class though one person may enter all five classes. 4"x6" photographs should be sent to the current Design Study Chair, Naomi Ormes (page 2) by December 15.

Photo tips: remove entry tags or ribbons before photographing; backgrounds should match the underlay and both should be a color that compliments the design; and the design should fill about 60-70% of the background.

The actual photograph counts for 20% of the score and points may be deducted for photos that cut off the design at the top, sides, and/or bottom. The other 80 points are determined by the quality of the design relative to the elements and principles of design. The entry form & scorecard can be found on page 57 of the new *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*.

Faye Collins Designer of the Year Contest Winners 2008-2009 (presented at the 2010 convention)

Period Design

- 1st Debbie Hurlbert, Reg. 7

Traditional Design

- 1st Sara Marley, Reg. 10
- 2nd Debbie Hurlbert
- 3rd Linda Warfield, Reg. 10

Creative Design

- 1st Rose Marie Cowdrey, Reg. 16
- 2nd Sue Witwer
- 3rd Barbara Rhoades
- 4th Judie Pepple, Reg. 2

Ikebana Design

- 1st Barbara Rhodes, Reg. 3
- 2nd Sue Witwer, Reg. 3
- 3rd Debbie Hurlbert
- 4th Duane Hurlbert, Reg. 7

Holiday and/or Special Occasion Design

- 1st Rose Marie Cowdrey
- 2nd Sue Witwer
- 3rd Nancy Morgan, Reg. 5
- 4th Debbie Hurlbert

Faye Collins Designer of the Year Rose Marie Cowdrey

From the mailbox....

“Our family rented 8 cabins at Salt Fork State Park last week. I wanted to thank all the garden clubs that participated in the Cabin Beautification Project. It was our 25th year there. The outside area in front of the cabins looked the best they have ever looked. Thanks so much for all your time and effort. It was much appreciated by our group. We were in cabins 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35 and 37.”

– Jackie Small
DuBois, Pennsylvania

Hard working club recognized for its efforts

A few of the objectives of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs are: to “promote interest in and knowledge of horticulture, gardening and garden therapy; to encourage home, community and state beautification; to promote appreciation and conservation of wildflowers, wildlife, forests, wilderness areas and other natural resources; and to make combined action of its members possible for the accomplishment of all these objectives.”

The Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club award yearly honors a club which best exemplifies these objectives and awards them an engraved silver tray and \$100. Clubs wishing to compete for this award must record its activities over a two-year period. They submit an Intent to Enter form at the beginning of the two year project period and then submit a project book documenting their activities at the conclusion of the two years. Pages 97-99 in the new *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* provide more details and the scorecard to use as a guideline. Applications are submitted to the state 1st Vice President.

This year’s winner of the Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club Award is the Town and Country Garden Club of Coshocton, Region 8. Town and Country GC was organized in 1947 and joined OAGC that same year. They had 26 members at the start of the contest and 25 members at the conclusion. The average attendance at a meeting is 20. They are active with the Coschocton County Fair, sponsored two community beautification projects (the Pomerene Fine Arts Center and the fairgrounds) provided garden tours of members’ gardens as well as other gardens in the state. They perform garden therapy work at a local nursing home and throughout the years have participated in many of the OAGC contests.

Congratulations to Town and Country Garden Club of Region 8 - proud recipient of the 2010 Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club Award.

Don’t lose your status...

Do you want to brush up on your knowledge of exempt organization compliance requirements and ensure that your club maintains its tax-exempt status? The IRS provides on-line training for tax exempt organizations at:

www.stayexempt.irs.gov

The site includes a virtual workshop of the popular Exempt Organization workshops and a number of mini-courses on topics of interest to tax-exempt organizations.

Things to do NOW

by Charlene Thornhill

Horticulture Chair

Putting the garden to bed each fall is important for a number of reasons. Besides the obvious cleaning and tidying up for aesthetic appeal, it’s important for reasons that are not so obvious as well. A great spring garden next season begins with steps you should take now.

1 Clean up: Cut back perennials. These plants will come back next year because the roots survive, even though the growth above ground dies. Cutting off the dead and spent foliage a few inches above the ground in the fall will not harm the plant.

Your annuals won’t be coming back so there is no reason to leave them in the ground. Pull them up, roots and all, and add them to your compost pile. Garden debris is a common place for diseases and pests to over winter. The less hospitable you can make it for winter hardy pests, the fewer problems you’ll have come spring. Do not add pest laden or diseased plants to your compost pile as pathogens and insect pests can winter-over in a compost pile that doesn’t get hot enough.

2 Document: As the garden winds down for the season, there is still time to document what was growing there. This is especially helpful for perennials you will be cutting back for the season. As you add more plants, having a record of what was planted will allow you to avoid injuring dormant perennials.

Notes are also a great way to document what worked and what didn’t. While it is fresh in your mind, attach the notes to your spring gardening calendar.

3 Protect pots: Not all plants or containers are able to withstand the winter outdoors. Containers can freeze and crack and non-hardy plants quickly die when roots are not underground. Either bring them indoors or at least to an area protected from winds and extreme temperatures. A garage or basement works well in many cases. For added protection, you might want to wrap the container in blankets or plastic wrap, several layers thick. Don’t fertilize and keep water to a minimum. You don’t want to encourage new growth at this time.

Via the Grapevine

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

Region 3

Our Homes GC: Theme for the coming year is "Herbs are Forever"; Oct. 12, Open Meeting at the Sugar Grove Church near Tipp City; Nov. 9, making Lavender Bath Salts.; Dec. 14, annual Christmas exchange and carry-in dinner @ home of Sandy Stefanko. Contact Janet Deller at 937 335-4530.

Region 4

Goshen GC: Will have a series of meetings/workshops on Creating Fairy Gardens during 2010/2011. The completed Fairy Gardens will be on display at the Goshen Public Library in May, 2011.; Oct 12, members create hypertufa troughs for the fairy gardens; Nov. 9, "Preserving Our Heritage" devoted to organizing and cataloging the club's minutes, photos and records. Project will continue throughout the winter months; Dec. 14, annual Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner. Contact Pat Palmer at 513-625-0915 or PLPPalmer@aol.com

Monroe GC: Is celebrating their 50th Anniversary and 50 years in OAGC. Oct. 19, flower show at the Monroe Historical Society, 10 East Elm Street at 7:30 pm; theme: floral arrangements interpreting historical quilts; Nov., the new officers start new program year; Dec., the club will continue their annual Christmas Lighting Contest for homes and business. Contact Judy Shillinglaw JShillinglaw@cinci.rr.com

Region 4: Oct. 22, host a standard flower show at its fall meeting at Receptions in Loveland, OH, Theme: "It's Almost Time For..." and it is open to the public at 1:00 pm. Contact Kim Long 513-877-2386 or Carol Estep 937-444-3407.

Region 5

Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby County: Oct. 12, Mr. Benson, Master Gardener, who will give a history of the Master Gardener Volunteer program; Nov. 9, workshop on making traditional designs given by Marisa Moechel; Dec. 14, members hold a flower show at the Dorothy Love Retirement Center. Contact Marie Theil at 937-492-0340.

Four Seasons Garden Club: Oct. 21, make Corn Husk Wreaths and/or dolls; Nov. 11, decorate gourds for the Christmas tree; Dec. 9, annual Christmas Party. Contact Sandy Wolf, sandywolf@woh.rr.com for information or call 937-773-4749.

Region 8

Newark GC: Oct. 8, "The Past Year in Review" by Gale Ann Kelly at Dawes Arboretum; Nov. 12, Flower Show, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at Licking County Public Library, Newark, OH; Dec. 10, program, "Decorating for the Holidays at Home" at First Baptist Church of Heath, OH. Contact Gale Ann Kelly 740-366-7160 or galeannkelly@windstream.net

Roseville GC: Oct. 14, Installation of Officers & program, "What's New in OAGC"; Nov. 11, program, "Making a Cornucopia Arrangement"; Dec. 9, program, "Care of Poinsettias". Contact Dru Tolliver at 740-697-7972.

Region 9

REGION 9

Basil GC: Oct. 18, garden tour and program "Planting Spring Blooming Bulbs" by Mary Edwards; "Forcing Spring Blooming Bulbs" by Ruth Coleman; Bulb, Plant/Seed Exchange; Nov. 15, "Planting a Perennial Garden" by Kelley Scott; Dec. 20, Christmas Dinner Party. Contact Louise Smith, louisessmith200@hotmail.com 740-862-6018

Pickerington GC: Oct. 20, "Planting Bulbs" by Donna Dietsch at the Pickerington Library; Nov. 17, field trip to Fisher Gardens with members making Ivy Topiaries; Dec. 15, annual Christmas Party, dinner and gift exchange. Contact Barbara Kochick 614-837-3951 or Libby Stearns 614-837-4455.

Region 10

Willow, Minford and Slocum Garden Clubs: Dec. 2, Christmas flower show, "Christmas Delights" at the Glendale Senior Community Center, Open House held from 1-3 pm. Call Pamela Scarfpin at 740-820-8409 for information.

Region 11

Meigs County Garden Clubs: Nov. 20-21, annual Christmas flower show "A Christmas Carol" at the Carleton School in Syracuse; judging is on Nov. 20 at 1 pm. Contact Shelia Curtis at 740-378-6551 or at juniper45743@yahoo.com

Region 12

Flushing Garden Club: Oct. 19,

"Basic Design Arrangement" by Donna Turley; Nov. 15, Fall Design program by Lila Murphy; Nov. 29, Community Beautification Swag Workshop at the community building; Dec. 13, "Joyce's Tips on Decorating the Tree" by Joyce Butts; Dec. 7, tour the Cambridge Christmas Decorations. Contact Barb at bjoyce@eohio.net for more information.

IN MEMORIAM

Region 1 - Eleanor Chamerlain, 92, 10/28/2009 and Evelyn Hoffman, 87, 12/26/2009, Pulaski Garden Club
Region 2 - Mary K. Miller, 90, 4/4/10, Cloverdale Garden Club
Region 7 - M. Josephine Gerhardt, 94, 1/22/10, charter member of Green Pairs Garden Club
Region 16 - Donna Parker, 8/2010, Redbud Garden Club; Helen Richardson, Wilmington Garden Club

Beautification is not forgotten

Deborah Graham
 Nature & Conservation Chair

OAGC is undergoing some exciting changes and one of those is the consolidation of our state departments. Example: The Nature and Beautification department has been renamed Nature and Conservation. This doesn't mean that we are dropping our beautification focus, but rather that nature and conservation should be a big part in our beautification projects.

Here are a few tips for starting a beautification project: Select a project and then get proper permission to begin. Pick a committee to make plans for the project. Know how you are going to fund your beautification. Nurseries may give discounts for a community project. Draw a sketch of your project. Know your soil, light and watering considerations. Try to include native plants. Native plants typically need less care and water and should thrive in your location. Add rocks, trellises, or fountains for focal points. Plan for four seasons of beauty. Consider how much maintenance will be needed. Keep a record of all expenses incurred during the project and take pictures before, during and after the completion of the project. Yes, good planning is a must when starting a beautification project. Get your club involved in a beautification project in your community.

Look for the new scorecards **and the new seasonal/temporary contest** in the revised *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* or on the OAGC website: www.oagc.org



The OAGC Foundation continues to use your donations to make dreams come true

These funds are helping to educate young people, one of the main goals of the Foundation. To that end at the OAGC annual convention, three excited college students received scholarships of \$1000 each. But that's not all! A surprised Tom Shisler was presented a check for \$6000 to fund Wahkeena interns, and an equally surprised Ray Coleman was presented a check for \$4000 toward the construction of the pond at Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors.

What OAGC Foundation activities are coming? You are invited to attend the OAGC Foundation meeting, 10 am, October 29, at the Vandalia Community Center 245 James E. Bohanan Memorial Dr., Vandalia OH 45377.

Mark May 14, 2011, on your calendar for the first ever Hike for Health. Participants will collect pledges from their club or from their friends and family, and complete a planned hike/walking route at Wahkeena Nature Preserve, south of Lancaster. Several levels of difficulty will accommodate our intrepid hikers. Those not able to travel to Wahkeena are encouraged to complete similar hikes in their local parks. The whole idea is to get our members hiking and to provide donations to the

OAGC Foundation.

Also, watch for the start of the Challenge Quilt Raffle. Yes, the quilt has been completed! On the last day of convention, Past President Babs Sabick presented the main quilt and an additional wall panel to the OAGC Foundation after a dramatic unveiling. The raffle proceeds will go to further the OAGC Foundation's projects. Hand-quilted by Sabick, the quilts are created from blocks made by quilters from all 14 regions — truly a statewide effort!

Finally, the Foundation will start the search for the 2011 scholarship recipients. Please encourage any person, young or 'old', needing funds for an education in floriculture or horticulture, to apply for one of the scholarships. The application form is available on the OAGC website: www.oagc.org. The submission deadline is March 15, 2011.

Mail your tax deductible donations to the OAGC Foundation Treasurer, Sharon Ware. Her address can be found on page 2. Please remember that the OAGC Foundation needs your support in order to continue to make dreams come true.



Queen Sized Challenge Quilt



Challenge Quilt Wall Hanging

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2010 FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS

Reg. 1	Nov. 4	Holgate	St. John's Untd. Ch. Christ	AM PM	"Neree's Roses & Greenhouse" by Neree Emmons "Floral Designs" by club members
Reg. 2	Oct. 26	Columbus Grove	American Legion Hall	AM PM	Cathy Ellison - Professional Nature Photographer "Herbal Healing Creams and Salves" by Deb Croy "Bringing Out The Child In You" by Kathy Stenson,
Reg. 3	Oct. 25	Dayton	Wegerzyn Garden Center	AM PM	"What's New?" by Chris Jensen "Floral Designs" by Mark Brueninghaus
Reg. 4	Oct. 22	Loveland	Receptions Conf. Ctr.	AM PM	"It's Almost Time for ..." Region 4 Flower Show Holiday Arrangements by Tom Bowling
Reg. 5	Oct. 28	Rushsylvania	Rushsylvania Ch.of Christ	AM PM	"From Vine to Design" by Jim Story, master gourd grower "Wonders of Gourds" with gardener and artist, Katie Marsh
Reg. 6	Nov. 6	Norwalk	Calvary Baptist Church	AM PM	"Veggie Growing & More" Aine Olsen, Little Red Truck Farm "Designing With Veggies" by Mary Lee Minor
Reg. 7	Oct. 27	Howard	Apple Valley Comm. Ctr.	AM PM	Ted Schnormeier of Schnormeier Gardens "Ikebana Floral Arranging" by Myrna Cordray
Reg. 8	Oct. 8	Nashport	Longaberger Golf Club	AM PM	"Cooking with Herbs for the Holidays" by Camilla Potter "Decorating With Natural Materials" by Deanna Rosang
Reg. 9	Nov. 3	Ashville	Village Chapel UM Church	AM PM	Brickman Group, Easton Towne Center Groundskeepers "Ikebana for Everyone" by Myrna Cordray
Reg. 10	Oct. 21	Waverly	Grace U. Meth. Church	AM PM	"Topiary Designs" by Pam Ballard Debbie Cook from Springbrook Lavender Farm
Reg. 11	Oct. 23	Belpre	Rockland UM Church	AM PM	"Using Native Trees in the Landscape" by Ann Bonner Flower Show in memory of Betty Dean
Reg. 12	Oct. 16	Hopedale	Hopedale Social Hall	AM PM	TBA TBA
Reg. 14	Nov. 10	Marshallville	St. Michael Church	AM PM	Business & awards Ohio Governor's Residence & Heritage Garden, Becky Lewis
Reg. 16	Oct. 14	Waynesville	Der Dutchman	AM PM	"Propagating and Seed Collecting" by a Master Gardener "Trash to Treasure" by Diane Christen