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"WILD and BEAUTIFUL" – OAGC's 80th ANNUAL CONVENTION July 12-14, 2010 Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center – Cambridge, Ohio

Mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend the 80th annual OAGC convention Monday-Wednesday, July 12-14, 2010. Regions 12 and 14 warmly invite you to a fun-filled 3 days tucked away in the rolling hills of eastern Ohio, in Ohio's largest state park. Conveniently located near I-70/I-77, the lodge boasts 148 guestrooms, indoor/outdoor pools, fitness center, an 18-hole championship golf course and breathtaking views of Salt Fork Lake. Other attractions at Salt Fork include two marinas, a nature center, the historic Kennedy Stone House, fishing opportunities, geocaching, an activity center with hourly scheduled staffed family and children's activities and so much more. Be sure to bring the whole family. But wait – there's more.



SALT FORK LODGE

We'll get the ball rolling early Monday morning when talented OAGC floral designers and green thumb growers are invited to compete in both of the Convention's Flower Shows: Artistic and Horticulture sections. Check out the Horticulture schedule/rules in the winter issue of *The Garden Path*. The Artistic show schedule can be found in this issue on page 4. Entries are accepted up to 1 PM. Don't forget to bring your entries. The flower shows will be the attraction and an educational experience as they will cover most of the upper level of the lodge. It is our time to shine and spread the word of our great organization now celebrating its 80th year.

Convention College will start at 1 PM and several exciting and must-see educational courses are scheduled. In addition, some of the speakers will offer items for sale – a real bonus for attendees. This year, Convention College feature programs include:

Dr. Frank Porter, owner, Porterbrook Native Plants – "Landscaping with Native Plants". Dr. Porter will have native plants for purchase.

Heather Ness, owner of AH-HA Butterfly Ranch and founder of West Virginia's Monarch Butterfly Festival, "Butterflies do WHAT?" – Heather will have a live butterfly display and butterfly related items for sale.

Cindy Bradford, Salt Fork Lodge's Naturalist,
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DATES TO REMEMBER

E & J School #1 April 12 & 13, 2010
Nature Study Retreat June 6-11, 2010
Gardeners' Day Out June 15, 2010
OAGC Convention July 12-14, 2010
E & J School #2 August 9 & 10, 2010
OAGC Trip September 13-16, 2010

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Dear gardening friends,

I love springtime. I can't help it. After the cold and dark of winter (at least it feels that way some days in Ohio), the earth seems to burst forth with new life. The sky is bluer, the grass is greener, the lifeless trees don their new apparel and the wildlife begins to raise new families. This is a joyous time of renewal. This year, I believe, will also be a time of renewal for The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc.

OAGC is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. That means for 80 years, there has been an organization of dedicated individuals, clubs and regions who actively promote gardening, conservation and floral arts in their communities. 80 years! With numbers like that the word 'legacy' comes to my mind. Are we the same organization that was created in 1930? Perhaps not in our outward appearances for I haven't seen too many hats and gloves at our meetings, but in our hearts, I do believe so.

The early OAGC leaders could never have imagined the creation of cell phones, computers and the internet and yet these are vital forms of communication in today's world. In order to maintain OAGC's legacy, a Handbook Revision Committee was created and given the task of revising the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*. It became the committee's focus and commitment to update, streamline and revitalize our organization through the revision process. Think of it this way: the Handbook revision is an opportunity of re-VISIONING for OAGC and a time of renewal.

Highlights of the revision will be included in the next issue of *The Garden Path* and expanded upon at convention. Some of the noted changes are the condensing of state departments and their responsibilities and the simplification of contest entry forms and scorecards. If your club has entered any OAGC contest in the past, it would be extremely beneficial to purchase a new Handbook with the revised contest information and scorecards.

At a minimum, each club in the state should own a copy of the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*. The newly revised Handbook will be available for purchase beginning at this summer's annual convention and will take effect October 1, 2010. (Oooooohh, another reason to attend convention!) After that time it will also be available at OAGC sales tables at Exhibitors' & Judges' Schools, regional meetings or from any state officer.

The current OAGC leadership, like those who stood in our place before us, is passionately committed to the realization of a bright and exciting future for OAGC. Spread the word in your community about our wonderful organization and invite them to come GROW with us!

Perennially yours,

Vicki

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2010 CONVENTION ARTISTIC FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE "WILD AND BEAUTIFUL"

ADULT ARTISTIC DESIGNS

1. Wildlife Baby – a miniature design not to exceed 5" in any one direction, staged in a white niche 6"x6"x6"
2. Nature's Beauty – a small design more than 5" but less than 12" in any one direction, staged in a white niche 13"x13"x13"
3. Hiking Trails – a design using wood
4. America the Beautiful – a traditional design
5. Whispering Winds – a design showing motion
6. Glistening Water – a design showing water
7. Wild Thing – an abstract design
8. Beautiful Ohio – a creative mass design
- 9a. The Wilds – a duo design – designer's choice, staged on a pedestal, 36" tall and 36" wide
Duo design done by the same designer (two complete designs in one container)
- 9b. Salt Fork Serenity – a duo design – designer's choice, staged on a pedestal. 36" tall and 36" wide
Duo design done by the same designer (two complete designs in one container)
10. Call of the Wild – designer's choice

JUNIOR ARTISTIC DESIGNS

11. Wet & Wild – designer's choice
Ages 6-11
Ages 12-18
12. Bold & Beautiful – designer's choice
Ages 6-11
Ages 12-18

2010 CONVENTION ARTISTIC FLOWER SHOW RULES

1. Artistic classes are open to members of OAGC who are registered for convention.
2. Each adult class is limited to four (4) entries. Junior classes are unlimited in the number of entries.
3. Persons registering for a class must fulfill their

- commitment or provide a substitute and notify the artistic flower show chair of the change.
4. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must be placed by the exhibitor between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, July 12, 2010 at Salt Fork Resort and Conference Center in Cambridge, Ohio.
5. Entry tags and 3"x 5" cards on which to list all plant materials will be furnished and must be placed with the entry. Juniors must show age on entry card and complete their own cards.
6. Designs must include plant material; fresh or dried. No artificial plant materials or artificially colored fresh plant materials are allowed.
7. Dried/preserved plant material may be natural color or painted/treated. Plant material on the conservation list may not be used unless grown by the exhibitor. This fact must be stated on a card accompanying the design.
8. Accessories and/or bases may be used to enhance designs but are not required.
9. The flower show committee or OAGC cannot assume responsibility for loss or damages. All possessions should be marked with exhibitor's name and address.
10. Unless otherwise noted, designs will be displayed in a space 30" wide by 28" deep. A 45" tall white cardboard background will be furnished. Exhibitors may enhance the background as they choose without damaging the existing background. (Do not pin, staple, paste, tape, paint, etc.)
11. Accredited judges of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc., will judge the show according to the standard system. The decision of these judges will be final.
12. No one except authorized personnel will be permitted on the flower show floor during judging.
13. Ribbon awards of a first, second, third and honorable mention may be given in all classes. More than one honorable mention may be given to worthy entries in the junior classes. Rosette awards will be given for the adult Best of Show, adult Judges' Award of Distinction and to the junior Best of Show.
14. Reservations must be made no later than June 21, 2010. Classes will be filled in the order in which the reservations are received. Adult and Junior artistic classes must be pre-registered by contacting the convention artistic flower show chair Eleanor Long, 3644 Co Rd 15, Ada, OH 45810. Phone: 419-634-1260 or email elong@oagc.org. Please put "OAGC designs" in the subject of the email.

How SWEET It Is!

Charlene Thornhill, Horticulture Chair

Stevia rebaudiana, the Sweet Leaf, is the world's only all natural sweetener with zero calories, zero carbohydrates and a zero glycemic index. As a member of the daisy family, this herb is considered a tender perennial that grows to a height of 24" to 36".

Native to the mountains of Paraguay and Brazil, stevia is the natural, healthy alternative to cane sugar and artificial sweeteners. The sweet magic is in the 1" to 3" narrow, notched leaves. These luscious glycoside-packed leaves may be plucked at any time, but they are best harvested when the plant is in full bloom with a dainty white flower.

Dry tied bunches of whole stems in bundles out of direct sunlight in an area with good air circulation. Once dried, the leaves should be stripped from their stems and whole or ground into powder; store in an airtight container. With stevia being so much sweeter than sugar, use it sparingly until you are familiar with it.

The general conversion rule is to use three to four teaspoons of green stevia powder made from finely ground, dried leaves in place of a whole cup of cane sugar.

Harvested from a plant, stevia provides a truly delicious and healthy alternative to sugar or chemical sweeteners.

Just because you might live within the confines of an apartment or condo doesn't mean you can't enjoy the benefits of stevia farming. This versatile plant can be grown either in pots on your balcony or any sunny spot. Stevia plants also do quite well in container gardens. See, there's no reason not to grow this nature's sweet herb!

Double Duty Poinsettias

In late spring, cut back the stems of your poinsettia to 6 inches and sink the plant, pot and all, into a sunny garden bed outdoors. During the summer, water as needed and trim to maintain an attractive plant shape.

When fall arrives, but before frost, lift the pot and bring the poinsettia indoors. Set it in a bright window, either in a room where the lights are never on after dark or where you will remember to cover the plant every night. (Poinsettias won't bloom unless they have a sufficiently long daily period of darkness.) Next December, watch it bloom!

2010 Perennial Plant of the Year

Jo Ann Graham

The Perennial Plant Association has announced the 2010 Perennial Plant of the Year, *Baptisia australis*, Blue False Indigo. This showy, native species has been popular with gardeners for many years.

Baptisia australis or Blue False Indigo is a native species of North America commonly found in prairies, meadows, stream banks and open woods. Early Native Americans used this plant to make a blue dye as a substitute for the true indigo from the West Indies and was the first agricultural crop ever to be subsidized in America. Some sources state that this is the best native prairie plant ever!

The plant is easy to grow and offers four seasons of interest in the garden. In mid to late spring foot long spikes of intense blue flowers rise above bushy mounds of soft blue-green foliage.

After the flowers have faded the foliage is the attraction in the garden. It forms a sturdy, upright, shrub-like clump of three to five feet tall and six feet wide at maturity making a great backdrop for other perennials and groundcovers.

After the flowers have bloomed there are two to three inch long, puffy seed pods. The pods emerge green and then turn charcoal black as they ripen in late summer or early fall. In winter they provide interest in the garden. The spikes of pods can be dried for use in flower designs.

The best things about Blue False Indigo are that deer do not usually bother it and it attracts butterflies. Easy to grow and requiring little maintenance, indigo grows best in full sun but will tolerate light shade. Too much shade may cause no flowers or weak spikes. Average to poor soil is suitable, as long as the soil is well drained. Once Blue False Indigo is established it is drought tolerant due to its tough, deep tap root. No serious pests or diseases are known to affect this long lived perennial.

The disadvantage of this large plant with a deep, extensive root system is that it causes it to be hard to transplant. It is best left undisturbed. So the gardener needs to plan carefully the placement of this perennial.

Look for *Baptisia australis* at your garden center and in plant catalogs this spring. It should be readily available.

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"Wild Wonders". Cindy will help us explore the natural world of Salt Fork.

After our evening banquet meal we will recognize our past state presidents, flower show judges and life members. Awards will be presented. For our keynote design program, we are extremely delighted to present the talented **Lynn Fronk** and her design program "Wild and Wonderful Designs – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". Lynn is a member of Garden Clubs of Ohio, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. She is a NGC Master Judge and Flower Show School Design Instructor. She has presented design programs and taught in 33 states and quite a few foreign countries.



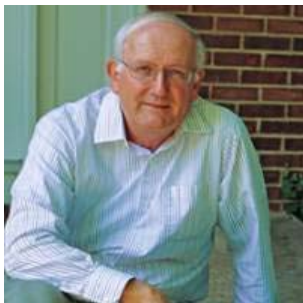
Lynn Fronk

The early bird may catch the worm, but it is the early birder who sees some great birds! It's a Rise and Shine Morning for those who want to go on an early morning bird hike Tuesday morning with the Naturalist Cindy. Tuesday will feature awards, recognitions, reports and some business including the OAGC Foundation Scholarship presentations. There will still be free time to take in the wonderful resort with hikes or visits to the historic Kennedy Stone House.

Our Tuesday evening banquet will include time for awards and recognitions. Our keynote speaker is the widely published and nationally recognized natural history writer and artist, **Julie Zickafoose** and her program "Letters from Eden". Julie began her career as a field biologist for The Nature Conservancy before turning to a freelance art career. Her observations on the natural history and

behavior of birds stem from more than three decades of experience in the field. Her monthly commentaries are featured on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*. She will have books available for purchase and signing. Following the evening program, there will be a campfire and who knows, scary stories?

On Wednesday morning, it's another great day for an early morning bird hike! Our business session will include reports and awards. Following the luncheon meal, the afternoon keynote speaker is Dr. Steven Still, Founder and Executive Director of the Perennial Plant Association and emeritus OSU professor of landscape horticulture. He authored the widely used *Manual of Herbaceous Ornamental Plants*. His program is titled "New and Underused Perennials". There's nothing like hearing it from the best speakers and the annual OAGC convention brings them right to you.

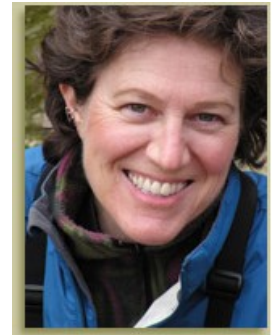


Dr. Steven Still

Business at hand will include highlighting the changes taking place October 1 with the revised *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*, which will be available at the OAGC sales table. Additionally, club delegates will be voting on the slate of officers for the 2010-2012 term. (Club delegates will be validated on site.) Before the close of our annual meeting, we'll recognize outgoing state officers, install the new 2010-2012 state officers and department chairs and hear what great things are planned for OAGC's future.

But wait! There's still more. There will be many garden related items offered from the various vendors. The OAGC sales table will carry a full line of great items as well. There will be educational horticulture displays from each region. There will be design study displays from each region. There will be junior convention contests. And the list goes on and on.

Each sleeping room at the lodge has a balcony or patio. Amenities include a refrigerator, coffee maker and cable TV. Room styles are either Double (2 double beds) or Bunk (2 double beds and 1 built-in bunk bed and our reduced room rates are \$96 based on double occupancy, \$12 per extra adult (children under 17 are free). For room reservations, call 800-282-7275. For tee time reservations, call 740-432-7185. The rooms blocked for OAGC will be released after June 11 so don't wait. Do you hear the call of the wild?



Julie Zickafoose

Exhibitors' and Judges' School #2

Jo Ann Graham, Exhibitors' and Judges' Chair

When you read this article, Exhibitors' and Judges' School #1 of the new two year, four session schools should be starting or be completed. New, exciting changes are being implemented to Exhibitors' and Judges' Schools as the new series begin. There are now four schools in each series instead of six schools. Each school is two days.

Registration begins at 8:00 AM each morning, classes begin at 9:00 AM and a break for lunch at noon. The first day session ends at 4:00 PM with the second day session ending at 2:30 PM. Testing for student judges begins at 3:00 PM on the second day.

Each day of the schools includes a design class. Horticulture will now be taught as round, spray and spike forms. Specific plant horticulture rotates as to the season of the year.

A new addition is the offering of three optional evening sessions of the first day to school attendees at no charge. The first session is for student judges covering judging of designs and plant horticulture. The second session is an artistic design workshop under the leadership of Juanita Wilkins, Design Study Chair. The third session is a specific plant horticulture topic.

School #2 will be August 9 and 10, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North Hotel. This school will include *Basic Traditional Design* including mechanics, floor design and miniatures, by Jan Harmon, *Glads* by Vicky Puster, *Plant Identification* by Charlene Margetiak, *Cut Cultivars* (round, spray, and spike forms) by Juanita Wilkins, *Color* for both traditional and creative designs by Mary Lee Minor and *Container Grown Plants* by Babs Sabick.

The three optional evening sessions on Monday, August 9, 2010 will be: a required session for student judges on *Basic Traditional Designs* by Jan Harmon and *Glads* by Vicky Puster; a horticulture session on *Ferns* by Charlene Thornhill (limited to the first thirty registered); and a design study session on *Mono-Botanic Designs* by Juanita Wilkins (limited to the first fifteen registered). See the Design Study article on page 8 for a list of materials needed for the Mono-Botanic Design class.

Attendees are encouraged to bring cultivars to each school, properly labeled in a clear container. There will be a drawing for a FREE (one day) registration for those bringing in cultivars at each school. For School # 2 you might bring summer blooming annuals and perennials, or any container grown plant. These will be used in the plant horticulture sessions.

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There are many vendors at the schools. Schools are a great place to purchase plants, containers, note cards, treasured wood, dried plant material, books and many design and horticulture materials.

Plan now to attend the second school in the new series. The **deadline for registering is July 11, 2010**. A registration form can be found on page 14 of this *Garden Path*. Remember there is a late fee if you register after July 11, 2010. **There will be no refunds after the July 11 deadline.**

The Crowne Plaza Hotel Columbus North will charge regular room rates **not the OAGC rate of \$95.00 for School # 2 if you make reservations after July 11, 2010**. The phone number for the hotel is on the registration form on page 14.

PROGRAM and THERAPY

Martha Singleman, Chair

90 Program Books and 3 Therapy Books were received for the 2008-2009 contest year. Congratulations to those clubs who entered the 2008-2009 contest. Clubs submitting program books and/or therapy books should have received their scorecards by the end of March.

Take the time to look over your scorecard to see what you can change to get a higher score.

Maybe you can add: a Fast Talk (a talk that lasts 10-15 minutes on a subject related to the program for that month –such as a flower for the month); a garden or nature related roll call; labeled collections; arrangements of the month, etc. One is required each month but having two each month would produce a higher score. This will add more points under section C. Educational, Exhibits.

For your programs, have an outside speaker for a few meetings. How about visiting a nursery or have a garden tour of member's gardens.

Look in the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* for ideas. Check out the Program Books at the Convention for other suggestions. Plan now for next year's Program Book and Garden Therapy Book.

You and your members are rewarded for the events you schedule for the nursing home residents. They look forward to the garden therapy visits. Is your club involved with garden therapy work? If not, think about trying it.

Enter your 2009-2010 books after October 1, 2010 through December 15, 2010. Look for the new Score Card at Convention or online in July.

Gardeners' Day Out

Join OAGC for the 2010 Gardeners' Day Out, Tuesday, June 15, 2010. Registration begins at 8:30 AM at Schiller Park. Highlights include a visit to the Governors' Residence and Gardens and a walking tour of selected German Village Gartens in Columbus, OH.

Join us the night before on Monday evening, June 14, 2010, 6:30 PM, at the Grange Audubon Park, 505 W. Whittier St. Columbus OH 43215, where we'll enjoy a tour of the Grange Audubon Park followed by Ohio State Fair Flower Show Liaison, Jim Chakeres, who will speak on "Container Gardening". Dessert will be sponsored by the Ohio Poultry Association.

The cost for the June 15 event, including the walking tours, bus trip to the Governors' Residence and a box lunch in German Village's Schiller Park is \$40. The June 14 evening tour and program at Grange Audubon Park is \$15. If attending both evening program and tours, total registration is \$55. **Due to security and visitor restrictions at the Governor's Residence, attendance on June 15 is limited to 100 people.**

We will be using the Comfort Inn and Suites (650 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215, phone: 614-228-6511 for anyone wishing to come the day before and stay overnight. Price for Double/Double Queen room is \$84.99 plus tax until May 24. When making your hotel reservation, please mention that you are in the block of rooms for The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs. If you plan to come early on Monday to tour and shop in the German Village or Columbus area, contact Gardeners' Day Out Chair, Peggy Case for a list of suggested local attractions to visit.

A registration form can be found on page 14. If attending with a group, include a list of everyone who is coming. The reservation deadline is June 1, 2010. The day will commence, rain or shine, so come prepared for weather changes and walking. For more information contact Gardeners' Day Out Chair/OAGC 3rd Vice President, Peggy Case at 419-929-6117 or pcase@oagc.org.

DESIGN STUDY WORKSHOP

AUGUST 9, 2010

6:30 PM

Juanita Wilkins, Design Study Chair

LET'S TRY SOMETHING NEW! The Mono-Botanic Design defined and illustrated in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. new book, *Designing by Types*, on pages 80-84, has been selected for our August Design Study Workshop at School #2. This design is related to the Botanical design described in our *Exhibitors' and Judges' Handbook*, but with a more creative flair. A creative container is useful in constructing one of these designs.

A Mono-Botanic design is defined as: "A Creative Design using multiple parts of a plant or plants of one family or genus. Parts may be stems, blooms, foliage, roots, fruit, etc." This design is a challenge as it requires familiarity with botanic nomenclature and often some research to determine which plant materials can be used together in a design. The schedule can determine whether the choice of materials is restricted to just a genus or species or as extensive as a botanical family. Including roots and fruits in a design can contribute to the distinction of the design, but are not required. A comment card should be used that lists the plant materials and the family, genus, or species included in the design.

Examples to use in a Mono-Botanic Design:

Asteraceae Family: Chrysanthemums, *Liatris spicata*

Agavaceae Family: Ti leaves, lucky bamboo, various dracaena foliage

Rosaceae Family: Rose, rose foliage, crab apples, apple branches, cotoneaster

Pine Tree: bark, cone, branch (Design components from just one genus but of the Pinaceae Family)

Araceae Family: Calla Lily, anthuriums, calla leaves, philodendron leaf

Be daring! Use your computer. Research plant materials and find relationships and try a different combination. Bring to class your container, tools, plant materials and your comment card identifying your family or genus and plant materials used. Sign up for this class when registering for E & J School #2.

It's Not Too Late To Enter

Kathy Martino, Nature and Beautification Chair

The Salt Fork Cabin Beautification contest has become the talk of the state as excitement escalates!! Did your region/club secure a cabin for the May 21 & 22 weekend at beautiful Salt Fork Resort in Cambridge, Ohio? Salt Fork is providing OAGC garden club members a special rate for a fully furnished cabin that sleeps 4-6 people for \$99.00 a night. Just bring your food and have fun designing your cabin frontage. Plant material, soil and rocks are provided by Salt Fork. It may not be too late to make your reservation. Check with the state Nature and Beautification chair. Entry deadline is April 20th.

As warmer days arrive, don't forget about your own community beautification projects. Take the time to plan how your club can add beauty to your community. Is there a library, senior citizen building, church, park, or entrance to a non-profit organization that could use a touch of beautification? Many clubs have ongoing projects but have never entered in the OAGC Beautification Contest. OAGC had four entries for the 2009 state competition. Don't let your club miss this opportunity to be a winner in 2010. Eligible beautification projects can be a new garden maintained for two years, or additional areas in an established garden. Plan to have your garden project judged this summer.

Here are some tips for a successful beautification project:

- 1) Draw a sketch so everyone knows the plan.
- 2) Consider the sun, wet and dry areas, and soil type when selecting a planting site.
- 3) Always strive for year round appeal.
- 4) Add rocks, rail fences or other attractive features.
- 5) Keep a record of all costs, labor, plants, mulch, fertilizer, etc.
- 6) Keep a record of all donations and free labor.
- 7) Photograph the project before, during and upon completion. Show different stages of your accomplishments. Seasonal pictures show year-around appeal.
- 8) Make sure to include as much publicity as possible. Complete contest details are located in the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* on pages 88-92. All of the application forms are in the handbook or can be downloaded from the OAGC website.

2010 Grand Tour of Niagara Falls

September 13-16, 2010

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Niagara Falls Tour and Maid of the Mist ride
 The Niagara Parks Greenhouse
 Butterfly Conservatory and School of Horticulture
 Royal Botanical Gardens
 Welland Shipping Canal
 Ice Wine tasting seminar
 "Oh, Canada Eh?" Dinner Theater
 And much, much more!

Please see the Jan-Feb-Mar issue of *The Garden Path* for more details and the registration form.

Don't miss out on this great trip!

NATURE STUDY RETREAT

June 6-11, 2010

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Fantastic Plant Sale/Auction
 Tour of Blue Rock State Park Trails
 Tours to nature preserves, gardens and area attractions
 Night hikes and early morning bird walks
 A full week, fellowship, unique learning opportunities
 All meals for 5 day "mini vacation" (gourmet style)
 \$5.00 discount if registered before May 1
 Fun, crafts, campfire program and much more

More information can be found in the Winter issue of *The Garden Path*, page 10 or on the OAGC website.

REMEMBER, REGISTER BEFORE MAY 1 FOR THE DISCOUNT!

OAGC Presents 2010-2012 Slate of Officers

The nominating committee, comprised of Helen Horst chair, Geri Rea, Babs Sabick, Jean Walton and Robin Wuertz, is pleased to present the following slate of officers for the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs', 2010-2012 term.

President: Sharon Ware, Region 4
First Vice President: Mary Lee Minor, Region 7
Second Vice President: Peggy Case, Region 6
Third Vice President: Geri Rea, Region 14
Secretary: Marlene Purdy, Region 1
Sales Secretary: Stephanie Patrick, Region 9
Treasurer: Sue Hamlet, Region 1

In accordance with the OAGC bylaws, additional names of qualified candidates who are willing to serve, if elected, may be sent to Chair Helen Horst (1375 Schrader Rd., North Lawrence OH, 44666) by April 12, 2010, which is 90 days before the annual convention. Include the person's qualifications with your nominations. (Article VII, Section 1)

Following the OAGC bylaws, voting will be done by secret ballot cast by each club's voting delegate(s) at the annual convention. (If someone other than the club president is the delegate, it would be helpful to have a note from the club president designating the delegate.) Each club with 20 or fewer members is entitled to one voting delegate; clubs with 21-40 members are entitled to two voting delegates and clubs with 41 members or more are entitled to three voting delegates. The same election procedure as last year will be followed. Delegate check-in will take place near the registration desk at posted times. Each delegate will be asked to sign in with the delegate registrar, receive his/her ballot and place the marked ballot in the ballot box.

2010 FOUNDATION DONOR LIST

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

Donations are to be sent to the OAGC Foundation Treasurer, Sharon Ware, address on page 2. Your donations may be combined on ONE check payable to: **OAGC FOUNDATION, INC.**

Current Funds are: OAGC Foundation General Fund; OAGC Foundation Scholarship; Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors; Wahkeena Funds and Nature & Conservation Fund and the following Temporarily Restricted Funds:

The Wahkeena Survival Fund, The Mohican School Pond Fund and the Nature Study Retreat Junior Camper Fund.

* Please enclose a note stating how you wish the monies distributed. 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. The OAGC Foundation, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 public charity. Your gift is IRS tax deductible.

GENERAL FUND

Darby Valley Garden Club
 Harlem Township Garden Club ...
 in memory of Carol Courter
 Moreland Garden Club
 The Goshen Garden Club
 Helen Drake

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Darby Valley Garden Club
 Lucasville Garden Club
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 in memory of Carol Courter
 The Goshen Garden Club
 Darby Valley Garden Club ...
 in memory of Mary Giles
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 Rambling Designers Garden Club
 Marlyn McGary Klee in honor of Katherine Krinke's birthday
 Weed-A-Way Garden Club
 Waverly Garden Club
 Anita Roller
 Jean Walton

BEAUTIFICATION & CONSERVATION FUND

Moreland Garden Club
 The Goshen Garden Club
 Harlem Township Garden Club ... in memory of Carol Courter
 Darby Valley Garden Club

Please support the OAGC fundraising efforts by shopping with these plant suppliers!

Thank you for the support you have given OAGC by your purchases from Bluestone Perennials and Brent and Becky's Bulbs. It's not too late to order from either business. Our gardens will be the "winners" this summer.

OAGC earns \$1.00 for each order placed with Bluestone Perennials regardless of the discount offered. Go to www.bluestoneperennials.com and look in the upper right corner for a "Quick Order" box. That is where you place the magic **755** code number that identifies your order as an OAGC order. This code can be used with orders placed either on the web, over the phone or by snail mail.

Brent and Becky's Bulbs fundraising offer is available only online. Go to www.bloominbucks.com. Select the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs from the pull down menu and you'll be taken into Brent and Becky's website. For every order, OAGC receives 25%.

Pass the word on to your family and friends. These fundraisers are not limited to OAGC members and can be used multiple times.

IN MEMORIAM

Region 4

Jeanne Bondhus 1/01/2010 Des Fleurs Garden Club
Betty Jo Vance 12/19/2009 Four Seasons Garden Club

Region 6

Ruth Ann Thompson 5/3/2009 Attica Community Garden Club

Region 7

Golden M. Kerr 7/24/09 Mohicanville Community Garden Club

Region 8

Henrilou Babbington 1/24/2010 Green Valley Garden Club

Region 9

Denise Ford 11/20/2009 Mt. Pleasant Garden Club
Mary Giles 2009 Darby Valley Garden Club
Betty Wilke 10/2009 Story Place Garden Club
Alice Murphy 1/2010 Story Place Garden Club

Region 11

Betty Dean 11/07/2009 Shade Valley Council of Floral Arts

Region 14

Rose Brittain 12/10/2009 Weed-A-Way Garden Club
Roberta M. Humbel 2/9/2010 Briarwood Beach Garden Club

SPRING CLEANING 'GREEN' RECIPES

All-Purpose Cleaner

1/2 tsp. washing soda OR 2 1/2 tsp of borax (found in the laundry aisle)
 dab of liquid soap
 2 cups hot tap water
 Combine the ingredients in a spray bottle and shake until washing soda is dissolved. Apply and wipe off with a sponge or rag.

Window Cleaner

1/4 to 1/2 tsp liquid detergent
 3 Tbsp. vinegar
 2 cups water
 Combine the ingredients in a spray bottle, shake to blend. Apply and wipe with a clean rag.

The Sibley Guide to Trees

David Allen Sibley

Knopf Publishing Group. 2009.

464 pages. Publisher's price, flexcover \$39.95.
 ISBN 978-0-375-41519-7

Have you been looking for a guidebook on North American trees? One that can double as a resource guide and a field guide? Look no further. David Allen Sibley, the famous bird-guide author and illustrator has produced a beautiful, information-packed book that is presented in an easy to use format. There are over 4100 meticulously detailed illustrations and 500 maps found between the covers. By focusing on the fundamental characteristics of over 600 tree species, trees are arranged taxonomically with all similar species grouped together. This is one fabulous guide to trees. Note: Discounted pricing (\$22 and up) may be found at various websites.

THE **SIBLEY**
 GUIDE TO TREES



WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY
 DAVID ALLEN SIBLEY

Furniture Polish

1/2 tsp oil, such as olive
 1/4 cup vinegar or fresh lemon juice.
 Mix the ingredients in a glass jar. Dab a soft rag into the solution and wipe onto wood surfaces. Cover the glass jar; stores indefinitely.

VIA THE GRAPEVINE

Compiled by Margie Graft, Publicity Chair

REGION 2:

Happy Hours GC: April 8, Guest Night program "Flowering Trees" by DeHaven Garden Center; May 6, mini-talk on "Magnolia Trees" by Leare Wheeler, program "Mulching Throughout the Growing Season" by Patty Iszory; June 3, mini-talk on "Japanese Maple Trees" by Alice Winter; program "Creating a Natural Garden" by Donna Franks; Contact Alice Winter
sabinam_45801@yahoo.com

REGION 3:

College Hill GC: April 15 tour of 72,000 flowering spring bulbs at the home of John and MJ Gray in Oakwood; May 6, 60th Anniversary Celebration at the home of Linda Thompson, a tea party for current members; June 3, Charlotte Dean's garden, Xenia; July 10, will be our Annual Day Trip. Contact Lynne Hamilton 937-274-6675

Morning Glory GC: April 19, "Water Features" by Larry Smith; May 17, planting flowers in Phillipsburg and viewing Meadowview Gardens; June 15, touring Betty Peachey's Garden. Contact Jolene Bridenbaugh 937-884-5985

New Neighbors GC: April 20, Q & A Member Roundtable; Last Posy Power delivery is April 17; May 18, Grandma's Gardens for "New Introductions & Mixing Varieties"; Garden Tour of Judy Brandenburg's garden, Cincinnati; June 15, plant exchange. Contact Jan Crosby
jlcrosby@woh.rr.com

REGION 4:

Des Fleurs GC, April 2, "Propagation" with Jay Logan; April day trip to Birdwhistle Estate, Wyoming, OH; May annual Plant Sale & Luncheon; June 3, gardens of Ann & Mike Randall of Greenville; June 12, 10-4 and June 13, 11-4 is the annual Garden Tour in Oxford. Contact (<http://desfleurs.org>) for tour information or Kim Peterka
kkpeterka@hotmail.com

The Flores Amo GC: April 19, "Landscaping" and tour Renck's Garden Center, Ross OH; May 10, "Making Contrived Flowers" by Edna Neal; June trip to the Kentucky Horse Park and Arboretum and surrounding gardens in Lexington, KY. Contact Midge King

oldmidge@zoomtown.com

Mt. Carmel GC: April 16, White Elephant Fundraiser; May 22, Flower Show; June 18, picnic. Contact May Gordon at 513-984-9993 or
maygordon@fuse.net.

REGION FIVE

Four Seasons GC Piqua: April 15, Andy's Gardens "Landscaping Decisions"; May 7 & 8 Mother's Day Plant and Gardenscape Sale at Miami Valley Centre Mall; May 20, "Deadheading Do's and Don'ts"; June 17, "What's New in Flowers." Contact Sandy Wolf, sandywolf@woh.rr.com or 937-773-4749.

Goshen GC: April 13, High Tea and garden tour at the Goshen Historical Society's Anchorage Museum; May 11, Marvin's Organic Gardens "New Methods for Recycling and Going Green"; June, the Goshen Log Cabin Herb Society will join the GC "Selecting Herbs to Grow and Cooking". Contact: Pat Palmer,
plppalmer@aol.com or 513-625-0915

Shovel & Hoe GC: April 26, tour Pyramid Hill Park, antique sculpture museum and rose garden; May 24, presentation at the Butler County Extension Office and plant exchange; June 24, Tour of Governor's Mansion and Garden in Columbus. Contact Ruth Charles
ruth.charles@fuse.net

Miami County in Bloom: June 12, 10-5, presale tickets \$10, day of tour \$15. Nine gardens on tour. For information, contact 937-440-3551 or 937-339-4481.

REGION 7:

The 2010 Crawford County Fair Flower show honors our Armed Forces. The first show "American Service Spirit" uses Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, opens July 18. July 21, the "American Support Spirit" unfolds with 'VFW', 'POW', 'MIA', 'the USO' and a 'Purple Heart'. Contact Mary Lee Minor, 419-562-6377.

Harlem TWP GC: April 21, Garden Tours within 50 miles with seed and perennial exchange; April 23, tour to Cincinnati Flower Show; May 19, "Try Some Edible Flowers"; June 16, "Who, What and How" by Master Gardeners. Contact Nancy Singer
rasnvs@embarqmail.com

REGION 8:

Green Valley GC: April 12, Strawberry Hill Farm-Organic

Gardening, Ron and Mary Meyer, owners; May 10, Stutzman's Lawn and Landscaping, Sugarcreek; June 14, Garden and homemade furniture tour at Mike and Debbie Wagoner's; Contact Marjorie Erman 740-622-0422;

Grow and Show GC: April 28, Plant Exchange; May 15, Garden Fair; June 23, Mystery Garden Tour. Contact Sue Cowden 740-432-3255.

Malconta GC: April 21, tour green houses; May 12, "Tour a Doll House"; June 16, "Members' Floral Arrangements". Contact Midge Huffman 740-962-2844.

Newark GC: April 9, Raven's Glenn Winery tour, West Lafayette; May 15, Bake and Plant Sale, Newark; June 11, Inniswood Metro Gardens tour, Westerville. Contact Elaine Browning
browningelaine@hotmail.com

Roseville GC: April 6, "Plants-To Prune or Not To Prune", seed exchange; May 14, "Butterfly Plants", plant exchange; June 10, "Shade Perennials". Contact Dru Tolliver 740-697-7972

Rosewood GC: April 27, Hanging Basket Seminar by Christie Kirkbride; May 22, "Roses for the Garden" by Marc Brockman of Timber Run Gardens; June 22, "Garnishing and Cooking with Flowers" by Liz Jennings. Contact Bonnie Catlett
bonniecatlett@att.net

Town & Country GC: April 8, "American Indians and Their Use of Plants and Herbs" by Alice Hoover; May 13, container garden workshop; June 10, trip to Mission Oaks Garden in Zanesville. Contact Peggy Fee 740-622-0639

REGION 9:

Basil GC: April 19, Guest Night, "Great Garden Topiarys of the World" by Jeff Bazell of Flowers of The Good Earth in Bremen; May, clean up, prepare and plant the garden at Johnson Park and the town containers; May 17, annual plant auction at Basil Community Center, Baltimore; June 21, tour Night Crawler Gardens, Baltimore. Contact President Barbara Mann, 740-862-3432,
rublest2003@yahoo.com.

Darby Valley GC: April 10, "Creative Construction and Abstract design class" by Juanita Wilkins; April 17, a field trip "Art in Bloom" Columbus

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Making Bamboo Chimes with Kids

Kim Cromwell, Junior Garden Clubs Chair

Do you have a few bamboo canes left over from staking the tomatoes? You can make bamboo wind chimes with your kids and hang them in the garden or on the patio. They are quick and simple to make, have character and their hollow, dolce tones are a delight to hear on a lazy summer evening!

You will need: a length of bamboo or two, some string or yarn (not too thick and preferably synthetic so it will last longer), a saw and a very small drill.

Cut one length of bamboo about ten to twelve inches long for the top chime and at least six additional lengths to hang down. These can be varying lengths to produce different tones, or all the same length to get the same tone when they bang together. For varying lengths, measure the first one about four inches long and then each piece one inch longer than the previous one. Saw them carefully and only adults should do the cutting.

With the saw (or sharp serrated knife), cut fine grooves in the top piece (10-12 inch length) of bamboo. Space the grooves evenly; equivalent to the number of lengths you will have dangling from it. Again, adults only do the cutting.

Very carefully drill a hole through the top of each bamboo length, with the exception of the top piece. Insert the string through the holes and loop it around the top piece, ensuring it rests neatly into one of the grooves. Allow a couple of inches between the top piece of bamboo and the vertical lengths (so they can dangle freely but not get completely knotted up.)

Finally, pull a length of twine or string through the top piece. Knot together the ends about 6 inches above the center of the top (horizontal) piece. You can tie the knot through a ring or a large button.

Hang your work of art up, like in a tree or from a hook, where breezes will allow you to hear and admire.

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VIA THE GRAPEVINE (Continued from page 12)

Museum of Art; April 24, Annual Founders' Day Celebration; May 3, "Wildflower Walk" with Tim Taylor, naturalist at Battelle Darby Creek Metro; May 27, workshop for "Making Hypertufa Planters", plant exchange and white elephant sale; June 24, Dottie Bates will present "How to Prepare Horticulture for a Flower Show"; Contact Karen Middleton, kmiddleton@oagc.org

Pickerington GC: April 12, Stratford Ecological Center in Delaware; May 19, tour of members' gardens, Pickerington in Bloom; June 16, "Ikebana Arrangements for Festive Occasions". Contact Barbara Kochick 614-837-3951 or Libby Stearns 614-837-4455

REGION 12:

Four Season GC: April 28, "Trellises & Social Climbers" by Lorena Nattress; May 19, "Flowers of the Bible" by Nancy Rodgers; June 23, a progressive tour of members' gardens. Contact Barbara Farmer 740-858-3831

Flushing GC: April 19, open meeting, "Gourds from Start to Finish" by Jeri DeLong of Hilltop Acres; May 17, "Topsy Pots" by Mary Betts, plant exchange; June 21, "Wheat Wreath" by Karen Large; Tour of members' gardens-TBA; Contact Barb Cencula bjoyce@eohio.net

Mt. Pleasant GC: April 5, Guest Night, "From My Window" by Nancy Long and "Nina Sutherland's Silent Auction", by Nina Sutherland; May 3, "From My Window" by Glenda Dulkoski and program by Dawn Seymour, Master Landscaper; June 7, "From My Window" by Marlyn Klee, and "Cooking Mulch with Rich Bomgren." Contact Ruth Lewis wrplewis@comcast.net

Woodland GC: April 1, "A Small New Garden" by Elaine Wukelic and artistic workshop by Susan Tatar using dried materials; May 7, "Talking About Our Flowers!!!" by all club members and artistic workshop by Sue Guskea using fruit or vegetables; May 22, tour to Ferda's Greenhouse; June 3, tour members' gardens. Contact Sue Guskea 740-264-0129.

REGION 14

Moreland GC: April 13, "The Magical Spell of Hummingbirds" by Jeanne Durkalski and Deb Watkins; May 8, Plant Sale, Franklin Twp. House; May 11, "Cooking with Herbs and Spices" by Marianne Swanson; June 8, "Flower Show Success" by Anita Roller. Contact Neva Rutt nrutt923@embarqmail.com

Valley City GC: April 15, "Hypertufa Landscape Containers"; May 8, Spring Plant Sale, Valley City Depot; May 20, Guest Night, "Bluebirds or Hummingbirds"; June, Mulberry Creek Herb Farm tour; June "Bicentennial Flower Show". Contact Cheryl Bowman, nyssadog1@yahoo.com

Tuslaw GC: April 15, "Spring Has Sprung!" Flower Show; May 20, "My Garden – My Passion!"; June 17, Green Valley Growers tour. Contact Helen Horst, hhorst@oagc.org

Orrville House & Garden GC: April 1, "Spring Arrangement" by Quailcrest staff; May 27, "Living Wreath" by Anita Roller; June 24, tour of Chester and Mary Starn's garden. Contact Dorothy Hahn 330-682-9851.

Wide View GC: April 21, "Plant Shower" for Lois Murphy; May 19, tour of Richardson Greenhouse, Loudonville; June 16, "Composting" by Diane Goodwill. Contact Anne Mae Shoemaker 330-674-3774

Weed-A-Way GC: April 12, "All About Fairy Gardens" by Diane Parker; May 15, Tour of Wilderness Center; June 12, Tour of Possum Run Greenhouse, Mansfield. Contact Geri Rea grea@oagc.org.

**Exhibitors' & Judges' School #2
Registration Form
August 9 and 10, 2010 – Monday and Tuesday**

Crowne Plaza Columbus North
Just off I-71 Exit 117
6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus 43229
Phone: 614-885-1885

I wish to register for two days @ **\$80.** _____

I wish to register for one day @ **\$40.**
_____ Mon. _____ Tues.

- Optional Evening Choices (no fee):
- _____ Student Judge Session (required)
 - _____ Plant Horticulture – Ferns –limited to first 30 registered
 - _____ Design Study - Mono-Botanic Design - limited to first 15 registered

Check One: ___ Exhibitor ___ Judge
_____ Student Taking Test

Make checks payable to **OAGC**. Do not send cash!

Mail by July 11, 2010
\$5.00 late fee if postmarked after July 11, 2010
No refunds after July 11, 2010

Mail to:
Jo Ann Graham, E & J Chair
12515 Pleasant Valley Rd. Mount Vernon, OH 43050
E-Mail: jgraham@oagc.org Phone: 740-397-5156

Name _____ Region _____

Address _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Garden Club _____

Club Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Special needs _____

PLEASE make hotel reservations at Crowne Plaza
Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus
43229 614-885-1885

Rate of \$95.00 single or double. **Guaranteed until
July 11, 2010**

**GARDENERS' DAY OUT
June 15, 2010
REGISTRATION FORM
(Maximum allowed: 100 people)
Deadline: June 1, 2010**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Region _____ County _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Check event(s) you will be attending:

_____ **June 15, 2010, 8:30 am registration
German Village Gartens Tour and
Governor's Residence and Gardens tour
Price \$40.00**

_____ **June 14, 2010, 6:30 pm,
tour, program and dessert,
Grange Audubon Park
Price \$15.00**

_____ **Total for both days, \$55**

If attending with a group, include list of names.

Send reservation and check payable to

**The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs,
Inc.**

**To: Peggy Case, GDO Chair
400 US Highway 250 South
New London OH 44851
419-929-6117
pcase@oagc.org**

For anyone wishing to come the day before and stay overnight, we will be using the Comfort Inn and Suites (650 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215 Phone: 614-228-6511) Room price is \$84.99 + tax for a Double/ Double Queen room until May 24. When making your hotel reservation, please mention that you are in the block of rooms for The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs. If you plan to come early on Monday to tour and shop in the German Village or Columbus area, contact Gardeners' Day Out Chair Peggy Case for a list of suggested local attractions to visit.

**80th OAGC Convention "Wild and Beautiful"
July 12-14, 2010
Salt Fork State Park Resort
Route 22 East Cambridge OH 43725
740-435-9000 (not for room reservations)**

Register by June 26 to be eligible for a refund of registration fee! Up to a \$40 value!

Lodging note: OAGC specially negotiated room rates are available until June 11. (\$96/double occupancy, \$12 per extra adult, children under 17 free) Rooms booked after June 11 will be priced at the standard rate, if available. Call 800-282-7275 to make room reservations.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Club _____
 Club Code Number & Region _____

Status (check where applicable)

____ Executive Officer ____ Counselor ____ Judge ____ State Chair
 ____ Regional Director ____ Past President ____ Volunteer as
 Convention Hostess

REGISTRATION OPTIONS (Includes entrance to all convention activities including Flower Show, Convention College, Awards, Recognitions, Programs and Hikes and more. Lodging and meals NOT included. Check status below.)

____ ADULT CONVENTION REGISTRATION. \$40
 ____ ADULT SINGLE DAY REGISTRATION (Check day) \$25/day
 ____ Monday ____ Tuesday ____ Wednesday
 ____ Juniors (18 and under—must register) FREE
 ____ Late Registration (postmarked **after June 26**) \$15

MEAL SELECTIONS: (Check meals desired.)

____ Banquet – Monday, July 12 \$29
 ____ Breakfast Buffet – Tuesday, July 13 \$12
 ____ Luncheon – Tuesday, July 13 \$18
 ____ Banquet – Tuesday, July 13 \$29
 ____ Breakfast Buffet – Wednesday, July 14 \$12
 ____ Luncheon – Wednesday, July 14 \$18

Special Dietary Restrictions must be noted below and will apply to ALL meals.

____ Vegetarian ____ Diabetic ____ Food Allergy, explain,

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make check payable to: OAGC. **No refunds after June 26, 2010.**

Mail to Convention Registrar: Anita Roller
 2130 Millersburg Rd., Wooster OH 44691
 330-264-6617
 aroller@oagc.org

DIRECTIONS TO SALT FORK RESORT

From the west

- Take Interstate 70 east to Interstate 77 North.
- Follow Salt Fork signs to U.S. Route 22 East (Cambridge Exit 47).
- Turn right onto U.S. Route 22 East and follow approximately 6 miles to the Park entrance.
- Turn left into the park and follow signs to the Lodge, (approx. 7 miles/15 minutes from the park entrance)

From the north

- Take Interstate 77 South to U.S. Route 22 East (Cambridge Exit 47).
- Turn left onto U.S. Route 22 East and go 6 miles to the park entrance.
- Turn left into the park and follow signs to the Lodge, (approx. 7 miles/15 minutes from the park entrance)

From the east

- Interstate 70 West to Interstate 77 North to U.S. Route 22 East (Cambridge, Exit 47).
- Turn right onto U.S. Route 22 East and follow six miles to the park entrance.
- Turn left into the park and follow signs to the Lodge (approx. 7 miles/15 minutes/ to the lodge from the park entrance)

**CONVENTION LODGING 2010
Salt Fork Resort and Conference Center
Route 22 East Cambridge OH 43725
July 12-14, 2010**

LODGING RESERVATIONS need to be made directly with **SALT FORK RESORT before June 11, 2010.**

Call 800-282-7275 and state that you are with the **Ohio Association of Garden Clubs.**

Room styles: **Double** (2 double beds) or **Bunk** (2 double beds and 1 built-in bunk bed). Our reduced OAGC rate is \$96 based on double occupancy.

There is a charge of \$12 per extra adult (children under 17 are free).

Reservations made after June 11, 2010 are at the standard resort rate, if available.



Heather Ness, a Convention College speaker, "Butterflies Do WHAT?" Don't miss this interesting session at the 2010 Convention College, July 12, 2010.

Marlene Purdy
 OAGC Secretary
 5229 Arborfield Ct.
 Fort Wayne IN 46835-4636

SPRING REGIONAL MEETINGS 2010

Reg. 1	May 6	Bryan	Wesley U. Methodist Church	AM	Flower Show
				PM	Sauder Village Landscaper
Reg. 2	April 29	Lima	Forest Park U. Methodist Church	AM	Traditional Designs, Jane Davids
				PM	Spring Flower Show
Reg. 3	April 26	Greenville	Romer's Catering	AM	Your Darke County Parks, Mandy Martin
				PM	Floral Design, Dr. Gary Anderson
Reg. 4	April 23	Owensville	U. Methodist Church	AM	Garden/Nature Photography, Linda Seal
				PM	Floral Designs, Faye Collins McGinnis
Reg. 5	April 22	Sidney	American Legion Hall	AM	Flower Show
				PM	Hidden In Plain View, Babs Sabick
Reg. 6	May 7	Huron	Messenburg Banquet Hall	AM	Flower Show, Business Meeting
				PM	Ohio's Exotic Trees, Mary Strayer
Reg. 7	April 28	Sunbury	United Methodist Church	AM	Iris, Anita Roller
				PM	Building Terrariums, Babs Sabick
Reg. 8	May 19	Coshocton	Emmanuel Lutheran Church	AM	Flower Show/Business Meeting
				PM	Guided tour of Clary Gardens
Reg. 9	May 5	Reynoldsburg	U. Methodist Church	AM	History of Proven Winners, Doug Parkinson
				PM	2010 New Plant Intros, Designing Containers
Reg. 10	April 15	Portsmouth	Welcome Center	AM	Water Gardens, Robert Hurley
				PM	Floral Designs, Nick Gamp
Reg. 11	April 24	Pomeroy	First Southern Baptist Church	AM	Plants & Nature Photography, Barbara Jividen
				PM	Floral Design – Back to Basics, Janet Bolin
Reg. 12	May 15	Hopedale	Hopedale Social Hall	AM	Hilda Wassaman Horticulture Exchange
				PM	Hypertufa Workshop
Reg. 14	May 12	Wooster	U. Methodist Church	AM	Rain Gardens, Kelly Riley
				PM	An African Safari, Jo Ann Graham
Reg. 16	May 13	Plain City	Marantha Community Center	AM	Creatures of the Night, Rob Chapman
				PM	Flower Show