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All-America Selections for 2010

Four exciting new flowers have been chosen as All-America Selections (AAS) 2010, based on superior performance in test gardens throughout the country. There were no vegetable winners this year. AAS winners are selected from many new cultivars based on performance in the garden as well as in the greenhouse and have proven themselves worthy over a broad range of growing conditions. Try these new selections alongside your old standbys so you'll have a means of comparison. AAS winners should be available through local garden centers and mail-order catalogs in the spring. For more information about these winners, go to <http://www.all-americaelections.org/>.

Gaillardia 'Mesa Yellow' is the first hybrid blanket flower bred for compact growth. It forms a mound reaching up to two feet in full sun. The prolific, early, three inch daisy-like flowers are excellent for cutting but will attract butterflies if left on the plants. Plants are perfect for containers and limited-space gardens.



Gaillardia 'Mesa Yellow'

Snapdragon 'Twinny Peach' is a unique, double-flowered snapdragon in a blend of peach tones - soft shades of peach, yellow and light orange. In full sun, the plant produces abundant spikes which are excellent for cut flowers. The compact plants (to 12 inches) continued to flower all season with good heat tolerance in the AAS Trials.



Snapdragon 'Twinny Peach'

Zinnia 'Zahara Starlight Rose' offers a new bicolor rose and white, two and one half inch blossom with good resistance to heat, drought, leaf spot and powdery mildew. The mature plants, covered with blooms all season, reach about 12-14 inches tall and wide.



Zinnia 'Zahara Starlight Rose'

Viola 'Endurio Sky Blue Martien' was selected for its unique spreading mounds and for its vigorous garden performance. Fall plantings will continue to bloom well past frost and will come back again for an early show of color in spring. It can also be planted in early spring and will provide a bounty of sky-blue blooms well into summer. It is perfect for edging garden beds, boxes and hanging baskets.



Viola 'Endurio Sky Blue Martien'

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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The President's Message



Vicki Ferguson
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Hello Friends,

Perhaps you've heard me say, "YOU can make a difference." Though it might sound cliché, I assure you it is not. Perhaps at some time in your life you may have doubted that you were making an impact on the world around you. Here are some things that might change your perspective on the difference you might make.

In the 1950's OAGC developed a drive to fund an endowed scholarship at The Ohio State University. Now, I don't know what the financial requirements were in those days to name a scholarship but I'm sure it was substantial. First Vice President Sharon Ware and I had the privilege of meeting the 2009-2010 OAGC OSU Scholarship recipient Megan Welsh last fall and if Megan is any indication, our future is in good hands.

The OAGC Foundation was born out of a yearning to continue making a difference. Over the years, the OAGC Foundation has supported numerous scholarships, outdoor learning sites (such as Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors near Mansfield and Wahkeena Nature Preserve near Lancaster) and many beautification efforts around the state.

The connection between OAGC and Wahkeena goes way back as the owner, Carmen Warner, was an OAGC member. She also started Nature Study Camp, what we now call Nature Study Retreat. One can most definitely see the difference someone like Carmen made on the many people, young and old, who experienced nature at her urging. Her dedication was further observed through her land stewardship action of bequeathing Wahkeena to the Ohio Historical Society (OHS).

OAGC made a difference over the years by faithfully supporting Wahkeena through many site improvements and intern funding. Our dear, departed past president Sarah Budnick's spirit continues to make a difference to the young minds who visit Wahkeena. Some of their school visits are made possible through bus transportation funding coming from Sarah's memorial fund.

The Wahkeena liaison committee (OAGC & OHS representatives) approved the the release of a considerable amount of OHS temporarily restricted funds to support the operating costs enabling Wahkeena to remain open to the public through June 2010. After that, it is hard to say what will happen. It is a dire time for our beloved Wahkeena. I ask for your support of the OAGC Foundation and in particular a new Foundation fund, the Wahkeena Survival Fund. Can you make a difference? You bet!

There is no better time than the present to take action and make a difference in the world around you.

Perennially yours,
Vicki
Vicki Ferguson, President
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2010 OAGC Convention Flower Show, July 12-14, 2010 HORTICULTURE DIVISION

Rules:

1. Entries will be accepted from 9:00 AM to 1:00 pm, Monday, July 12, 2010.
2. Exhibitor MUST BE REGISTERED for convention in order to be eligible to enter.
3. Horticulture entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Container grown plants should have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months.
4. Exhibitor MUST furnish own clear glass containers, size suitable for the exhibit. Water picks will be furnished for miniature roses. Packaging peanuts will be available for use as wedging for heavy cultivars.
5. Each horticulture entry tag must have the exhibitor number provided by the horticulture chairperson.
6. Only correctly named horticulture exhibits, with the variety name written on the entry tag, will be eligible for an award.
7. Junior entry tags must be completely filled out by junior exhibitor before entering the show. Age must be clearly stated at top of entry tag.
8. An exhibitor may make as many entries as desired in any class, providing each is a different named variety.
9. An exhibitor may not enter a cultivar in an 'any other' class if there is another class for it or they have already entered that cultivar in a previous class.
10. Classes may be withdrawn, combined, divided or sub-divided, if the number of entries warrant.
11. Horticulture classes will be judged according to the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. rules by the standard system of judging - one first, one second, one third. More than one honorable mention may be given for worthy entries. Judges' decisions are final.
12. Adult Awards will be:
 - Award of Merit:**
 - Best entry in roses, Section 1
 - Best cut flower exhibit, Sections 2 and 3
 - Best cultivar exhibit, Section 4 and 5
 - Best horticulture entry, Section 6 and 7
 - Best cultivar exhibit, Section 8, 9 and 10
 - Best horticulture entry, Section 11
 - Green Thumb Award** for horticulture excellence in a cut flower exhibit, best entry, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10

Outdoor Growers Award for cultural perfection - best entry, Section 6, 7, 8, 9, 11

Container Growers Award for cultural perfection - best entry Section 12

Collector's Showcase Award for best collection in Section 13

Best of Show - Mary Alice Earhart Memorial Award - best overall horticulture exhibit in show;

Executive Trophy - Sweepstakes, exhibitor totaling most points. Points totaled are: 1st: 5; 2nd: 3; 3rd: 2. In case of a tie, Honorable Mentions will be counted as 1 each

Runner-up Rosette - second place sweepstakes

13. Junior Awards will be:

Award of Merit:

Best cut annual, biennial or perennial flower exhibit in classes 60 - 64

Best hosta, class 65

Best entry in grasses, classes 66 - 68

Junior Best of Show - best overall junior horticulture exhibit in all junior classes

Junior Sweepstakes: exhibitor totaling most points. Points totaled are: 1st: 5; 2nd: 3; 3rd: 2. In case of a tie, Honorable Mentions will be counted as 1 each.

14. Convention horticulture exhibit entry tags will be available at the entry table. The small entry tags should be used for the miniature rose exhibits. Entry tags are available from the State Horticulture Chair Charlene Thornhill, 427 Southbrooke Drive, Greenville OH 45331-1155. Phone 937-548-3417, or email cthornhill@oagc.org

ADULT DIVISION

Section 1 - Roses

1. Hybrid Tea, named, any variety, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached
 - a. White or near white
 - b. Yellow, yellow blend
 - c. Pink, pink blend
 - d. Red, red blend
 - e. Orange, orange blend, orange-red, orange-pink
 - f. Any other color not listed above
 - g. Any new variety for 2010
2. Hybrid Tea, full blown rose, any color, any variety, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached
3. Floribunda or Polyantha Rose, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached
4. Grandiflora Rose, named, any variety, one spray or one disbudded bloom, with foliage attached

5. Shrub Rose, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached
6. Miniature Rose, named, any variety, one bloom, disbudded, with foliage attached
 - a. White or near white
 - b. Yellow, yellow blend
 - c. Pink, pink blend
 - d. Red, red blend
 - e. Orange, orange blend, orange-red, orange pink
 - f. Mauve, mauve blend
 - g. Any other color not listed above
 - h. Any new variety for 2010
7. Miniature Rose, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached

Section 2 - Annuals

8. Coleus, named, any variety, one stem
9. Fresh cut everlasting, named, one bloom, one spray or one spike, any variety, foliage attached
10. Any round form annual, named, one bloom, disbudded, foliage attached
11. Any spike form annual, named, any variety, one spike, foliage attached
12. Any spray form annual, named, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached

Section 3 - Biennials or Perennials

13. Rudbeckia, named, three blooms of same variety, disbudded with foliage attached
14. Shasta Daisy, named, three blooms of same variety, disbudded with foliage attached
15. Echinacea, named, any variety, one bloom, disbudded, keeping foliage attached when available
16. Yarrow, named, any variety, one stem, not disbudded with foliage attached
17. Any round form perennial or biennial, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached
18. Any spray form perennial or biennial, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached
19. Any spike form perennial or biennial, named, any variety, one spike, foliage attached
20. Any flower grown from a bulb, corm, or tuber not listed elsewhere in the schedule

Section 4 - Hemerocallis (Daylily)

21. Miniature (flowers not to exceed 3" in diameter) named, any variety, one scape
22. White, near white, cream solid, cream blend, green solid, green blend, named, any variety, one scape

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23. Yellow solid or yellow blend, named, any variety, one scape
24. Orange solid or orange blend, named, any variety, one scape
25. Pink solid or pink blend, named, any variety, one scape
26. Lavender solid or lavender blend, named, any variety, one scape
27. Red solid or red blend, named, any variety, one scape
28. Purple or purple blend, named, any variety, one scape
29. Bi-color, named, any variety, one scape
30. Double, named, any variety, one scape
31. Spider, named, any variety, one scape
32. Unusual Form, named, any variety, one scape

Section 5 – Lilies

33. Asiatic Hybrid, named, any variety, one stem with foliage attached
34. Oriental Hybrid, named, any variety, one stem with foliage attached
35. Orienpet, named, any variety, one stem with foliage attached

Section 6 – Hosta

mature exhibits only

Miniature: less than 2" at widest width

Small: 2-3" at widest width

Medium: 3-5" at widest width

Large: over 5" at widest width

Giant: over 9" at widest width

36. One leaf, green (all shades), named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium, d. Large, e. Giant
37. One leaf, blue (all shades), named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium, d. Large, e. Giant
38. One leaf, yellow, named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium, d. Large, e. Giant
39. One leaf, white margin, named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium, d. Large, e. Giant
40. One leaf, yellow margin, named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium, d. Large, e. Giant
41. One leaf, green to blue margin, named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium, d. Large, e. Giant
42. One leaf, streaked or mottled, named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium, d. Large, e. Giant

Section 7 - Caladiums

43. Named, any color, one stem, large variety, two stems small variety (same color)

Section 8 - Ornamental Grasses

No exhibit over 36" tall, foliage only or grasses with inflorescence (plumes, flower heads)

44. Small grasses, named, three stems of same variety in one container (Carex, Helictotrichon, Imperata, etc.)
45. Medium grasses, named, three stems of same variety in one container (Chasmanthium, Elymus, Panicum, etc.)
46. Large grasses, named, one stem in one container (Arundo, Erianthus, Miscanthus, Ornamental Corn, etc.)

Section 9 - Shrubs

No exhibit to exceed 24" in length

47. Blooming, one stem, named, any variety
48. Hydrangea, blooming, one stem, named, any variety

Section 10 – Gladiolus

49. 100-200 size (miniature or small), named, one spike, disbudded, any variety.
50. 300, 400, 500 size (medium, large, giant), named, one spike, disbudded, any variety, any color

Section 11 - Herbs

51. Fresh cut perennial herb, named, any variety, one stem
52. Fresh cut annual herb, named, any variety, one stem

Section 12 - Container Grown Plants

Pot not to exceed 12" in diameter and must sit flat on the table. One plant per pot (may be multiple stemmed)

53. Flowering plant, named, any variety
54. Foliage plant, named, any variety
55. Cactus, named, any variety
56. Succulent, named, any variety

Section 13 – Collections

(Entries in Section 13 should be pre-registered with the horticulture chair by July 1. Each class has a limit of 4 entries. Exhibitor is responsible for his/her own staging and is allowed a space not to exceed 2 feet in width.)

57. A collection of Hosta leaves named with 5 varieties, each in a separate container (4 entries)
58. A collection of cut annuals named with 5 varieties, each in a separate container (4 entries)
59. A collection of cut perennials named with 5 varieties, each in a separate container (4 entries)

Section 14 – Regional Educational Horticultural Exhibits

One per Region (approximately 36" wide x 30" deep.) Exhibitor to furnish own background, standard card table and covering. Exhibits will be critiqued and comments written for each regional exhibit.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Section 15 – Juniors - Annuals, Biennials, Perennials

60. Coleus, named, naturally grown, one stem

61. Any round form annual, biennial or perennial, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached (Examples: Zinnia, Marigold, Aster, Shasta Daisy, Gloriosa Daisy, etc.)
 62. Any spike form annual, biennial or perennial, named, one spike, foliage attached (Examples: Salvia, Larkspur, Delphinium, Hollyhock, Bells of Ireland, Liatrus, Gladiolus, Snapdragon, etc.)
 63. Any spray form annual, biennial or perennial, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached (Examples: Lily, Phlox, Hemerocallis (Daylily), Petunias, Lisianthus, Statice, etc.)
 64. Any new variety for 2010
- #### Section 16- Juniors – Hosta
65. Hosta, named, one leaf, any color, **Mature exhibits only**
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium, d. Large, e. Giant
- #### Section 17- Juniors - Grasses
- No exhibit over 36" tall, foliage only or grasses with inflorescence (plumes, flower heads)
66. Small grasses, named, three stems of same variety in one container (Carex, Helictotrichon, Imperata, etc.)
 67. Medium grasses, named, three stems of same variety in one container (Chasmanthium, Elymus, Panicum, etc.)
 68. Large grasses, named, one stem, any variety (Arundo, Erianthus, Miscanthus, Ornamental Corn, etc.)

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9/23/2009

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Region 8

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Town and Country Garden Club

Region 9

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Basil Garden Club

Region 10

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EXHIBITORS' and JUDGES' SCHOOLS

Jo Ann Graham, Exhibitors' and Judges' Chair

New exciting changes are coming to Exhibitors' and Judges' Schools as we begin the new series. There will be four schools in each series instead of six schools now. Each school will be two days.

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM each morning with classes beginning at 9:00 AM. After a break for lunch the first day session will end at 4:00 PM, with the second day session ending at 2:30 PM, and testing to begin at 3:00 PM for student judges.

School # 1 will be April 12 and 13, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North Hotel. This school will include Oriental Design by Myrna Cordray, Daffodils by Kit Walter, Plant Identification by Charlene Margetiak, Cut Cultivars (round, spray, and spike forms) by Sharon Ware, Period Designs by Gary Anderson and Flower Show Protocol and Judging by Anita Roller.

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

A new addition will be three optional evening sessions on the first day open to school attendees at no charge. On Monday, April 12, the first session will be for student judges covering Oriental designs by Myrna Cordray and plant horticulture, Daffodils by Kit Walter. The second session will be an artistic design workshop under the leadership of Juanita Wilkins, Design Study Chair, on Still Life, (limited to the first fifteen registered). The third session will be a specific plant horticulture topic, African Violets by Virginia Sharp, (limited to the first thirty registered). See the Design Study article on page 6 for a list of materials needed for the Still Life class.

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

Attendees are encouraged to bring cultivars to each school, properly labeled in a clear container to be used in the plant horticulture sessions. (For School # 1 you might bring daffodils, tulips, or any spring blooming bulb or perennial.) There will be a drawing for a FREE (one day) registration for those bringing in cultivars at each school.

Plan now to attend the first school in the new series. The **deadline to register is March 20, 2010**. A registration form can be found on page 15 of this *Garden Path*. Remember there is a **late fee if you register after March 20, 2010**. **There will no refunds after the March 20th deadline.**

Remember the Crowne Plaza Hotel Columbus North will charge regular room rates **not the OAGC rate of \$95 for School # 1 if you make reservations after March 20, 2010**. Phone number for the hotel is on the registration form on page 15 in this issue.

JUDGES EMERITI

OAGC honors judges who are currently accredited judges but can no longer maintain their status due to age, physical conditions, and/or residency.

When a judge requests recognition from the Board of Directors, through the Executive Committee, the designation of OAGC Judge Emeritus is given to each. With this title recognizing their years of service, judges are listed as OAGC Judge Emeriti and cannot judge any flower shows. This is not an automatic process. It is granted only if a judge requests it. The request must be made while the certification is current.

Thank you, Judges Emeriti for your many years of service!

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SPRING EXHIBITORS' AND JUDGES' SCHOOL DESIGN CLASS

Juanita Wilkins, Design Study Chair

The **Design Class**, previously called "Master Design Class" is now open to all Exhibitors' and Judges' School attendees. A "**Still Life**," is the design chosen for the April 12, 2010 class. The class will be held at 7 PM and is open to the first 15 OAGC members who sign up. The class will not have a charge. Members will sign up with Jo Ann Graham when they pay their Exhibitors' and Judges' School #1 registration fees.

Participants will need to bring their tools, plant material and other components along with a background, if desired. A Still Life design is a grouping of plant materials and other components by which a story is told or a theme interpreted, more by the objects used than by the choice of plant materials. The objects are chosen for their color, form, texture, size and their helpfulness in the design or in conveying a mood, feeling or message of the theme. Miniature figures are not found in a Still Life. The objects have to be actual size and true to their function. The emphasis is on the objects.

The plant material is subordinate. Fruit, flowers, and foliage are not restricted to the container as in traditional flower arrangements, but may be laid out in related groupings of varying heights and color value. A Still Life can be staged in a niche or on a portion of a table and is realistic in feeling. This design is devoid of abstraction and there is never a completed floral design.

If more than 15 people sign up, they will be welcome to observe. More information can be found on pages 379-380 of the *Exhibitors' and Judges' Handbook* along with the scorecard. Also, visit the Photo Gallery in the oagc.org website. If you have questions contact jwilkins@oagc.org.

EYE-CATCHING HYDRANGEA

Charlene Thornhill, Horticulture chair

With their big showy flowers, hydrangeas are one of the most desirable ornamental shrubs for gardeners and landscapers alike. They are well suited for natural landscape settings and will always attract attention to the garden when they are in bloom.

They produce masses of eye-catching flowers in the mid-summer that last well into autumn. Today's cultivars produce various flower colorations consisting of numerous hues of pink, rose-blue, and white. The coloration of the flowers is greatly influenced by the acidic properties of the soil where they are growing.

Plants growing in acidic soils tend to produce violet or blue flowers. Conversely, plants growing in alkaline soils tend to produce pink flowers.

Hortensias/mopheads have globe shaped flower heads up to 1 foot in diameter and the lacecaps are flat with sterile flowers in the center. Heads are 6-8 inches across.

The easiest pruning is to simply remove any dead canes after the hydrangea sprouts in the spring.

The flowers of hydrangea make excellent dried flowers. Hydrangeas also do very well as cut flowers, enduring for weeks if they are kept in a vase with a little bit of nutrition.

Bluestone Perennials (www.bluestoneperennials.com) is offering seven new hydrangeas available this spring, 2010. One of them is **Hydrangea macrophylla 'Claudia'**, a big leaf hydrangea, 3-5 feet tall, with rich blue to mauve lacecap flower heads. Developed by Corrine Mallet the world famous hydrangea expert, it is a tribute to female French astronaut Claudie Andre-Deshays. It blooms blue in early summer to late summer, likes full sun to mostly shade and normal, acidic soil.

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Harlequin', grows from three to five feet tall and has massive six inch mopheads that open pale pink and mature to a deepest pink edged in white, giving a very festive appearance for the summer border. Try one of these in your garden this year.

2009 LIFE PATRONS AND LIFE MEMBERS

LIFE PATRONS:

Charlene Thornhill, Region 3
Rosa Wollenhaupt, Region 2

LIFE MEMBERS:

Donn Thornhill, Region 3
Mary Strayer, Region 6
Kathleen Bennett, Region 8
Karen Bryant, Region 11
Joyce Williams, Region 11
Neva Rutt, Region 14
Helen Horst, Region 14
Betty Weaver, Region 16

CONTESTS FOR PUBLICITY

Margie Graft, Publicity Chair

Have you ever gone past a home or a building in your town and thought, "What nice landscaping?" There are many gardeners and professional landscapers who create almost works of art with flowers and shrubbery. Most never have recognition of their hard work. This is where OAGC garden clubs can perform a community service and also experience a great publicity opportunity. Any OAGC club can hold a contest and present the winners with a certificate of recognition. The following is a list of OAGC certificates that can be used and can be obtained at any regional meeting or from any state officer.

Community Commercial Landscaping

Award - for outstanding achievement in design and maintenance of commercial property and community beautification.

Residential Landscaping Award - for outstanding achievement in design and maintenance of residential property and community beautification

Community Landscaping Award - for outstanding achievement in design and maintenance of institutional property and community beautification

Anniversary Award - for the _____ years of dedicated service your club has provided in promoting our goals in your community

If a club decides to hold a contest, members decide the criteria for judging the garden and the rules governing how the gardens are to be selected. One suggestion might be to follow the guidelines for judging the Amateur Gardener Award that are found in the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*. There could be one contest a year, a monthly or seasonal contest, your choice.

How and where the certificates are awarded would be the publicity opportunity. The winners could be invited to one of the club's special meetings. If possible, a picture and article would be sent to the local papers. Pictures of the garden and the winners could be displayed at the local library or even at the club plant sale on some sort of a poster or display board with other OAGC information. Local nurseries might also be willing to hang a small display showing the winner and their gardens.

The possibilities are there. We should all take advantage of what is in our community to further promote the ideals of OAGC.

2010 FOUNDATION DONATIONS LIST

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

Donations are to be sent to the OAGC Foundation Treasurer, Jean Walton, address on page 3. Your donations may be combined on **ONE** check payable to: **OAGC FOUNDATION, INC., 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 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

OAGC Region 10 Garden Clubs...in honor of Babs Sabick
We'd Wacker Garden Club
Rainbow Gardeners
Ladybug Garden Club
Sylvia Weber ... in honor of Babs Sabick
Lima Garden Club

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Des Fleurs Garden Club
Brent & Sarah Nussbaum...in honor of Helen Horst's birthday
Ladybug Garden Club

MOHICAN SCHOOL IN THE OUT-OF-DOORS

Redbud Garden Club
Rainbow Gardeners
Earth Wind Flowers Garden Club

MOHICAN SCHOOL POND FUND

Mary Lee Minor ... in honor of George Christ
Jean Walton ... in honor of George Christ
Here and There Garden Club

WAHKEENA NATURE PRESERVE

Redbud Garden Club
Portsmouth Garden Club
Rainbow Gardeners
Des Fleurs Garden Club
Earth Wind Flowers Garden Club
Ladybug Garden Club
Jean Walton ... in memory of Vivian McElfresh

NATURE & CONSERVATION FUND

Brent & Sarah Nussbaum... in honor of Helen Horst's birthday
Ladybug Garden Club
Jean Walton ... in honor of Helen Horst's birthday

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There will be no Photography contest for 2010 due to the upcoming restructure of OAGC departments.

IF YOU PLANT IT--- IT WILL GROW

"It is like the seed put in the soil - the more one sows, the greater the harvest." Orison Swett Marden

Investing in the education of our youth is like planting a seed. You have faith when you plant it that the harvest will be great. Once again it is time to prepare the "soil" in anticipation of the sowing. OAGC members need to contact local schools, friends, and libraries with the information on OAGC Scholarships. Applications are ready on our website or directly from the Foundation.

Ohio Association of Garden Clubs believes that further study in the fields of horticulture, conservation, nature and beautification, landscape design or contracting, commercial florist or the floral arts is not just "nice", but is a seed planted for a greater harvest. OAGC Foundation offers three annual scholarships to students who are considering an accredited college or technical school for study in these fields.

Scholarship I. Applications from entering college freshman only

Scholarship II. Applications from current college students beyond the freshman year

Scholarship III Applications from any student attending Ohio State University/ Agricultural Technical Institute, Wooster, Ohio.

Further qualifications are: Application must be accompanied by proof of acceptance or enrollment to an Ohio college, a transcript of grades and a letter of recommendation (from someone other than family).

Applicant is required to write a two-page letter regarding his/her ambition in the eligible field. Scholarship will not exceed \$1,000.00, but OAGC requires proof of expenditures toward tuition, fees, books, and/or related materials. The deadline for submitting an application is March 15, 2010. No application postmarked after the deadline will be considered.

OAGC members may request a copy of this article for reprint in local media outlets.

Further information, copies of this article and application forms may be obtained from Janet Evans, 2804 Sherman Road, Portsmouth, OH 45662 or jevans@oagc.org.

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Scatter raisins around your yard immediately after spotting your first American robin in spring. Because they often arrive when the ground is frozen, it's hard for them to find worms. So they really make use of this offering and will continue to snack on raisins after the ground thaws.

CABIN BEAUTIFICATION WEEKEND

Kathy Martino, Nature and Beautification Chair

OAGC is seeking 2010 Landscaping Design Stars! Reserve the weekend of May 21, 22, and 23 for a great get away weekend to Salt Fork State Park in the Cambridge area. In cooperation with Salt Fork State Park, garden club members are challenged to compete in landscaping a lakeside cabin. Your design team will reside in your charming cabin for the fun weekend. Salt Fork is giving us great cabin rates: \$99/night for



One of the cabins at Salt Fork State Park

your design cabin completely furnished and sleeps four, and \$49/night for a room in the lodge. All you need to bring is your food and gardening equipment.

Garden clubs registering will receive a photo well in advance identifying the location of the cabin with dimensions of your area. Each garden club will choose \$300.00 of plant material from Salt Fork's naturalist's list. Plant material, large rocks, and soil will all be in place upon your arrival on Friday. Planting begins Saturday from 8:00-2:00 pm, with judging to follow. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winning clubs. Salt Fork will provide signage for each participating club. Register by contacting Kathy Martino at 614-877-9194 or kmartino@oagc.org by the **deadline April 20, 2010**.

In all the excitement of the Landscaping Design Star, you don't want to forget your own community projects to plan for 2010 in your community. What an exciting year ahead for civic service!

Please support the OAGC Fundraising efforts
by shopping with these fine plant suppliers:

Bluestone Perennials: www.bluestoneperennials.com

We continue our fundraising efforts with Ohio-based Bluestone Perennials but this year is a little different. OAGC will handle all publicity (through our *Garden Path* mailing). You do not have to wait until spring to place an order! For each order placed, regardless of discount offered, OAGC will earn \$1.00! Just 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. Even though it says 'Plant Code' in the box, but if you hover your cursor over the box, it also notes that that is the box to type in your coupon code of **755**. It will not work to type it in the other box for promotional codes. This code can be used with orders placed either on the web, over the phone or by snail mail.

Brent & Becky's Bulbs: www.bloominbucks.com

The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs is now a partner in the 'Bloomin' Bucks' fundraising program from Brent & Becky's Bulbs. They are offering select non-profit organizations an earning of 25% on every order placed by visiting Brent & Becky's through a special web portal. Go to www.bloominbucks.com (not blooming, just bloomin). Select the **Ohio Association of Garden Clubs** from the pull down menu and you'll be taken into Brent and Becky's web site. Please note: The Brent & Becky's fundraising offer is only available online.

Pass the word on to your family and friends.

These fundraisers are not limited to OAGC members and can be used multiple times!

OAGC NATURE STUDY RETREAT

June 6-11, 2010

Friendly Hills Grange Camp, Zanesville, Ohio

OVERVIEW:

Full time cost for the week: \$195 - Adults, \$180 - Juniors under age 18. Register before May 1 and receive a \$5 discount off these prices. Registration includes: all meals - (gourmet style at this camp!); dormitory style sleeping facilities with plenty of hot showers; a fantastic plant sale where everyone brings a plant to auction (get outstanding plants at bargain prices!); an opportunity to create a Nature Craft; a visit to an area garden and greenhouse constructed of all recycled items; a tour of Blue Rock State Park trails with the park naturalist; campfire program; night hikes; special speakers; tours to nature preserves, gardens and area attractions; full-time naturalist and specialized part time naturalists; morning bird walks (learn to identify birds by their calls and appearance); an opportunity to learn to identify native plants, assorted geological features, animals, and aquatic species, plus much more!!!

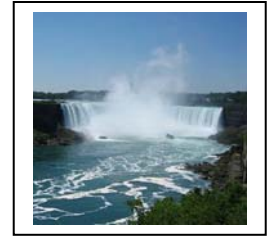
All of the above are open to your participation. You are not required to take part in everything, but by doing so you will learn much and enjoy your experience to the fullest. Why not get a friend, child or grandchild to accompany you on a "vacation" like none other? Where else can you go for 5 days at these prices and get what is offered at the OAGC Nature Study Retreat? If you cannot attend the whole week, there are daily registrations available as well.

You do not have to be a member of OAGC to participate in this function. A registration form can be found on page 15 of this issue of *The Garden Path* or on the OAGC website, (<http://www.oagc.org/naturestudy.htm>.) Don't delay! Sign up today!

Highlights from last year include presentations on "Gardens for Wildlife"; "Backyard Tree Care"; "Nature on Wing"; "Edible and Medicinal Plants"; slides of Schnormeier Gardens; trips to Dillon State Park; Heartstone Pottery; The Wilds; Putman Hill Lookout and Zanesville's "Y" bridge; and Flower/Leaf Pounding by campers Jean Parker and Rachel Bowman. Don't miss out on this year's programs and activities.

2010 GRAND TOUR OF NIAGARA FALLS

OAGC members and guests will experience a very unique vacation, September 13-16, 2010, in the Niagara Falls area, some of the richest fertile growing land in the country between the Niagara Escarpment and Lake Ontario.



Highlights include: 3 nights at the Sheraton Fallsview hotel, a tour to the Falls, The Niagara Parks Greenhouse, The Butterfly Conservatory and School of Horticulture, an Ice Wine tasting seminar, a ride on the Maid of the Mist, the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, ON, see the Welland Shipping Canal and the "Oh Canada Eh?" Dinner Theater. It also includes 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners, admission fees and gratuities.

Cost for this 4 day/3 night tour is:
 Single occupancy: \$1142, City View; \$1297, Fallsview
 Double/person: \$855, City View; \$932, Fallsview
 Triple/person: \$765, City View; \$838, Fallsview
 Quad/person: \$750, City View; \$790, Fallsview

Please note: A passport will be required. Purchase of optional Cancellation Insurance is recommended and add \$80 per person and must be included with your initial deposit. Mail reservation form (found on page 11 in this issue) and \$100 per person deposit to Babs Sabick, 1128 Darlington Dr., Beavercreek OH 45434. Join OAGC on another delightful trip.

END OF YEAR – TAX TIME

For everyone, the ending of the OAGC fiscal year means it is time to prepare for tax filings. With new government regulations in place ALL non-profit clubs and groups must now file a tax return. Clubs that gross less than \$25,000.00 of income during the past year are required to file their form, the 990 N or E Postcard, ONLINE. There is no paperwork for this return. To complete the return go to: www.irs.gov and follow the instructions provided. Last year Sharon Ware provided details on filing this return in the winter issue (Jan-Feb-Mar 2009). If you do not have that issue you can download the page 6 from our website: www.oagc.org.

The deadline for filing this return (based on fiscal year end of Sept 30, 2009) is February 15, 2010.

FLOWER SHOWS

Eleanor Long, Flower Shows Chair

As Flower Show Chair, I want to thank the judges for their time, talent and patience to judge the different flower shows. This is a component of love to teach like this. Judges are also teaching when they send a copy of the scorecard complete with comments and distinctive show qualities to the local flower show chair. Sometimes we do not take the time to say thank you to those people who are our ambassadors. They have been a credit to us. We need to keep teaching and learning. This is a big thank you to these judges who took the time to turn in their scorecards.

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| Marilou Rupert | Duane Hurlbert |
| Peggy Case | Debbie Hurlbert |
| Bonnie Eddy | Jo Ann Graham |
| Barb Lennen | Susy Spence |
| Louise Bennett | Marian Moeckel |
| Naomi Ormes | Miriam Shafer |
| Marilyn Fies | Marlene Purdy |
| Joy Sprang | Virginia Bowers |
| Edna Neal | Jean Moore |
| Vicky Puster | Donna Turley |
| Anita Roller | Mary Lee Minor |
| Charlene Margetiak | Faye McGinnis |
| Martha Singleman | Juanita Wilkins |
| Janet Bolin | Doris Hager |
| Shelia Curtis | Sue Hamlet |
| Eleanor Long | Nancy Annis |
| Rosa Wollenhaupt | Dottie Bates |
| Jan Stein | Myrna Cordray |

Thank you to the garden clubs who have had flower shows and participated in county fair flower shows that were entered the contest. If your club or county fair didn't enter this year, please consider doing it next year.

Study the flower show scorecard (Chapter four of the *Exhibitors' and Judges' Handbook*) to determine what pictures are needed for the contest. Have several people take pictures to make the job easier.

The cover of the show book should include the name(s) of the club participating, region and club codes. (If it is a multiple club show, all club names and codes need to be there.) A help to Eleanor would be the addition of your club name on the show book spine for easier identification.

What better way to demonstrate our OAGC motto: **KNOWING, GROWING, SHOWING AND SHARING**, than with a flower show.

The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs Presents:

**2010 Grand Tour of Niagara Falls
September 13-16, 2010**

Reservation Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Region _____ Club _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Rooming with _____

Purchase of optional Cancellation Insurance is recommended. If you are interested in purchasing this "peace of mind" add \$80 per person to your tour price. Note: this amount must be included with your initial deposit. A detailed description of coverage will be mailed upon request.

Send the reservation form and a \$100 deposit per person (made payable to **OAGC**) to:
Babs Sabick, Tour Coordinator
1128 Darlington Dr.
Beavercreek OH 45434
Phone: 937-429-0987
E-mail: bsabick @oagc.org

Balance due: July 28, 2010

NOW AVAILABLE!

Chapter 5 (Judges and Judging) of the *Exhibitors' and Judges' Handbook* has been updated and revised.

Chapter 5 can be found and printed out from the **DOWNLOADS** page on the www.oagc.org website.

Please update your E&J handbooks with this free download.

VIA THE GRAPEVINE

Compiled by Margie Graft, Publicity Chair

Region 3

College Hill GC, Feb.4, "All About Flowers"; March 4, "Iris" by George McGowan at Wegerzyn Gardens Metro Park, 6:30. Contact Lynne Hamilton, 937-274-6675.

New Neighbors GC, Jan. 19, "Viburnums" by Cleve White from Knollwood Garden Center; Posy Power Compost Sale begins; Feb. 16, "Backyard Birding & Gardening" by Carol Bennett of Wild Birds Unlimited; Feb 23 an outing to Down a Country Lane in Tipp City; March 16, "How to Transplant, Divide & Care for Perennials" by Kathy Matousch of Siebenthaler Nurseries. First delivery of compost is March 27. Contact Denise Stout at denises@who.IT.IT.com.

Our Homes Garden Club, Jan. 12, "Gardens of the World". The outing for the month will be a Morning Discovery Walk at Aullwood; Feb. 9, "Pressed Flowers and Victorian Tea" by Felicia Barnes; March 9, "Create an Edible Oasis" by Betty Hovell at the Wegerzyn Garden Center. The outing will be the Philadelphia Flower Show and Miami Valley Gardening Conference at Sinclair. Contact Carol Cobb at wabasso12@aol.com.

Region 4

The Flores Amo GC; Jan. 18, "Care of House Plants"; Feb. 15, "Why We Should Save Seeds", annual seed swap; March 15, "Something Green" and educational tour of Fernald Wild Life Preserve. Contact Midge King at 513-738-3353 or Andrea Benson at 513-867-1497

Goshen GC; March 9, "Cook Log House Restoration" by Sue Golden, co-chairperson for the Goshen Historical Society's restoration of the historic log house built in 1803. Public is invited. Contact Pat Palmer at 513-625-0915.

Mt. Carmel GC, Feb. 19 "Driftwood Arrangements" by Blanche Tallant; March 19 "Insects and Diseases in the Garden" by Cindy Bruski from Ohio Extension Service. Contact May Gordon at 513-984-9993 or maygordon@fuse.net.

Mt. Orab GC is celebrating their 70th anniversary in 2010. Contact Carol Estep at cestep@oagc.org.

Region 5

Four Seasons Garden Club, Piqua, January 21, "Armchair Gardening" (Sharing Delights and Downfalls of Catalogue Shopping) by members; February 18, Gardening Videos and Members Choose Garden Sale Makeovers; March 18, Community invited meeting with speakers Bill McKinney on "Dahlias" and Lisa Taylor on "Daylilies." Contact Sandy Wolf at 937-773-4749.

Region 8

Green Valley GC, Feb. 8, OAGC video "The Rotten Truth/Recycling"; March 8, "What's New" by Carol Lawless, "Bulbs" by Marge Erman, "Flowers" by Janice Williams. Contact Marge Erman at 740-622-0422.

Grow and Show GC; Jan. 27, "Growing Bamboo and It's Many Uses" by Kat Bennett; Feb. 24, "Organic Gardening and Using Garlic Scapes" by Jeff Mott a local Organic farmer; March 24, Public Meeting and Herb Dinner, program presented by the Roscoe Village Herb Society. Contact Pam Tate at pamelamdt@hotmail.com.

Malconta GC; Jan. 10, "Winter Birds" by Martha Hanson; Feb. 17, "Valentine Exchange"; March 17, "Master Garden" and plant sale discussion. Contact Annabelle Alderman at 740-962-4996.

Roseville GC, Feb. 12, "Roses" by Wilma Crowley; March 11, "Peonies – Care After Planting." Contact Dru Tolliver at 740-697-7972.

Rosewood GC; Jan. 26, "Seed Propagation and Seed Exchange" by Christie Kirkbride; Feb. 23, "The Art of Landscaping, Shopping and Planting" OAGC video; March 23, "Cindy's Compost Corner" Cindy Boyer. Contact Bonnie Catlett at 740-453-3600.

The Newark GC, Feb. 12, "Square Foot Gardening" by Cassi D'Aula; March 12, workshop on seed starting at McCullough's Gardens with tour of facility. Contact Gale Ann Kelly at galeannkelly@windstream.net.

Town and County GC, Jan.14, video on gardening; Feb. 11, "Weed Identification" by Tammy Rogers; March 11, "Surprise Speaker". Contact Peggy Sue Fee at 740-622-0639.

Region 9

Pickerington G C, Feb. 17, "Reuse, Recycle, Reclaim" speaker from Fisher's Greenhouse; March 17, "Basic Gardening 101", paper plant exchange. Contact Barbara Kochick at 614-837-3951 or Libby Stearns at 614-837-4455.

Region 11

Little Hocking GC, Jan. 5, "New Year's Resolutions for Mother Earth"; Feb. 2, "Pressing Flowers"; March 2, "Recycling". Contact John Stone at jestonelh@hotmail.com.

Region 12

Flushing GC, Club tour to Cleveland Home and Garden Show, date to be announced. Contact Barb Cencula at bjoyce@eohio.net.

Woodland GC, Feb. "Getting to Know Your House Plants" by Paula Smolinsky, Artistic Design showing water by Joyce Griffen; March "Making a Spring Wreath" by Linda Nolf, Artistic Design, using a recycled container by Doris McCloy. Contact Susan Guskea at 740-632-3322, 740-264-0129 or guskea@comcast.net.

Region 14

Moreland GC, Jan. 12, "The Gardens of Stan Hywet" by Chrissy Kozey; Feb. 9, "Ikebana Basics Workshop" by Dr. Gary Anderson; March 9, "Bulb Boxes and Nature Printing Workshop" by Diana Leigh. Contact Neva Rutt at nrutt922@embarqmail.com.

WELCOME**Blooming Betsys Garden Club, Region 5.**

We're happy to have you join OAGC.

10th WORLD FLOWER SHOW

Sharon Ware, First Vice President

The World Association of Flower Arrangers (WAFA) was founded in 1981 by a consortium of flower arrangement societies, representing nineteen countries. Today the member countries number thirty.

WAFA membership: The body that holds membership in WAFA is the floral art society that represents a country. Only one floral art society per country is permitted with the exception of the United States where we are represented by the Assembly of Flower Arrangers (including Nation Flower Arrangers, an affiliate of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas) and the Flower Arranging Study Group (the flower arranging arm of The Garden Club of America). Everyone who is a member of either of these two member groups, AFA or FASG, is eligible to participate in the 10th World Flower Show.

The 10th World Flower Show – the first to be held in the United States – will be staged in Boston, June 15-19, 2011. The Seaport World Trade Centre will house 600 arrangements with others in adjacent buildings. These spectacular exhibits will exemplify the various aspects of floral design creating a major learning experience for all interested in the fine art of flower arranging. WAFA USA has created a website, www.wafausa.org, where one can learn more about the World Flower Show and related activities.

A beautiful book, *Flower Arranging the American Way*, A World Association of Flower Arrangers USA book, editor Nancy D'Oench, is now available. ISBN 978-0-8109-4949-2, suggested U.S. retail \$50.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The following is a snapshot of the recommendations from the Executive Committee, which the Board of Directors affirmed, at its fall state board meeting. Of general interest are the following:

- to accept Michele Bishop as student judge
- to change the 2009 fall Region 5 meeting from October 22, 2009 to October 17, 2009
- to approve payment of expenses in the amount of \$1534.78
- to approve the dates of June 6-11, 2010 for Nature Study Retreat
- to purchase an OAGC display unit for up to \$250
- to allow special consideration for make-up test on African violets for one student
- to accept the Blooming Betsys Garden Club, Region 5, as a new OAGC club
- to approve payment expenses of \$5667.98
- to approve the 2010 convention horticulture flower show schedule
- to purchase a new copier for up to \$500
- to approve judge emeritus status for Martha Singleman and Pat Tyson
- to approve a balanced 2009-2010 fiscal year budget of \$103,500
- approved to have the next set of 10 years' minutes/financial reports bound and stored

A new junior garden club, **The Clover Green 4-H Junior Garden Club** in Region 11 has formed in Vincent, OH, with approximately 29 members. The leader of the club is Vivian Baumgard and is sponsored by the Barlow Bluebells Garden Club. Welcome!

REMITTANCE ENVELOPE

You may have noticed an addition to this issue of *The Garden Path*, namely a remittance envelope for the OAGC Foundation, Inc. This enclosure should make it easy for you to support the many wonderful projects fostered by our Foundation. Your tax deductible donation could help the following temporarily restricted funds:

- The Wahkeena Survival Fund: Due to the present economic down turn, Wahkeena Nature Preserve is in grave danger of closing. Your support will help to keep the gate open and our friends Tom Shisler and Robyn Wright-Strauss on site.
- Mohican Pond Fund: Past Mohican Outdoor School director George Christ's dream of a pond on the school grounds is in need of our support.
- Beautification Fund: This fund provides support money for making Ohio a beautiful place to live.
- Scholarship Fund: OAGC has had a long standing commitment to supporting applicants pursuing an education in a horticulture related discipline. At least 3 scholarships are awarded each year.
- General Fund: This fund provides the capital to run the Foundation.

Please take the time to consider supporting your OAGC Foundation. No donation is too small and your donation is tax deductible.

THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC. ACCREDITED JUDGES

Region 1: Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Defiance, Henry, Wood, Paulding Counties

Bonnie Eddy	225 Orchard Ln	Napoleon OH	43545-2316	419-599-5795	jbenap225@embarqmail.com
Sue Hamlet	6915 County Rd 3	Swanton OH	43558	419-825-3195	shamlet@oagc.org
Marlene Purdy	5229 Arborfield Ct	Ft. Wayne IN	46835	260-492-2653	mpurdy@oagc.org

Region 2: Van Wert, Putnam, Allen, Hancock, Mercer, Auglaize, Hardin Counties

Eleanor Long	3644 County Rd #15	Ada OH	45810	419-634-1260	elong@oagc.org
Paula Stemen	9834 VanWert-Willshire Rd	Van Wert OH	45891	419-238-6316	pstemen70@yahoo.com
Brenda Trimboli	P.O. Box 672	Kalida OH	45835	419-532-2767	cakediva@bright.net
Rosa Wollenhaupt	2800 Dutch Hollow Rd	Elida OH	45807	419-339-2130	rwohlenhaupt@oagc.org
Ann Whithaus	1932 Greendale Ave	Findlay OH	45840	419-423-7875	
Juanita Wilkins (Master Judge)	13664 Kohler Rd	Wapakoneta OH	45895	419-738-3345	jwilkins@oagc.org

Region 3: Darke, Preble, Montgomery Counties

Louise Bennett	521 Lewisham Ave	Kettering OH	45429-5942	937-439-9123	lbennett@oagc.org
Nancy Denlinger	4823 Glenmina Dr	Kettering OH	45440-2001	937-434-5805	Jmding@aol.com
Marilyn Fies	128 Irongate Dr	Union OH	45322	937-836-8955	
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Region 4: Butler, Hamilton, Clermont, Brown Counties

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**EXHIBITORS' AND JUDGES' SCHOOL #1
REGISTRATION FORM**

April 12 and 13, 2010 – Monday and Tuesday

Crowne Plaza Columbus North

Just off I-71 at 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 – African Violets –limited to first 30 registered
_____ Design Study - Still Life – limited to first 15 registered

Check One: _____ Exhibitor _____ Judge
_____ Student Taking Test

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

Mail by March 20, 2010 \$5.00 late fee if postmarked after March 20, 2010
No refunds after March 20, 2010

Mail to:
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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 March 20, 2010**

**2010 NATURE STUDY RETREAT
REGISTRATION FORM**

June 6 – 11, 2010

FRIENDLY HILLS GRANGE CAMP
5880 Friendly Hills Road, Zanesville, OH 43701

Name _____

Region _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Full Time Rate:

Adults (18 and over) \$190 full time (\$195 if mailed after 5/1/10)

Junior (17 and under) \$175 full time (\$180 if mailed after 5/1/10)

Part Time Rate: (add \$5 if mailed after 5/1/10)

Adult - \$40 per day/night (includes 1 night, 3 meals) x _____ days \$ _____

Junior - \$35 per day/night (includes 1 night, 3 meals) x _____ days \$ _____

(Must fill in for juniors. All juniors must be accompanied by an adult)

Name of accompanying adult: _____

Relationship to junior: _____

How many days? _____

Arrival date/time _____

Departure date/time _____

To insure your place a deposit of \$25 is required to hold your registration and can be sent in between January 1 and April 15.

Registration is open from January 1 - May 1, 2010

(Balance should arrive on or before May 1. Later arrivals are subject to a \$5 additional fee)

You MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED/PREPAID to participate in retreat functions.

Make checks payable to: OAGC and designated to Nature Study Retreat

Mail check and registration form to:

Marie Marquart, OAGC NSR Registrar

19391 Co. Rd. 12

Bluffton, OH 45817

Phone: (419) 326-5212

A Nature Study Retreat Emergency Medical Authorization Form must accompany registration form for all juniors.

(available from Registrar or on line at <http://www.oagc.org/PDF%20Forms>)

Note: For first time retreaters, a partial payment Junior Scholarship is available to children through the age of 17. If interested, send a letter or email to the retreat chair indicating why you would like to come to Nature Study Retreat. NSR Chair: Jan Harmon, 405 Craggy Creek Dr., Chippewa Lake, OH, 44215-9714, 330-769-2210, jharmon@oagc.org.

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State Junior Convention Contests – 2010

Children love to make things and have fun designing and creating wonderful projects. The projects for 2010 should prove fun for the junior clubs. Instructions for both projects are below. Contact Junior Garden Club Chair Kim Cromwell (address page 2) with questions.

#1 – Pressed Flower Fairies Pressing flowers is a craft that dates back to the nineteenth century and is still popular today. Always make sure you have permission to pick flowers and then put them in a flower press or between pages of a heavy book or telephone directory for about a week. When the blooms have dried out and are nice and flat, use them to create a pretty flower fairy that can be made into cards. (NOTE SIZE requirements below)

Class A – 1 (Ages 6 – 11) Class A – 2 (Ages 12 – 18)

#2 - Garden Art Making a garden sign can be a fun project for the kids. Garden signs are a popular garden addition and make great conversation pieces. Your sign can be made out of wood, plastic, stone, or metal. Show your enthusiasm in the garden by painting a short verse and/or garden creature, plants, or flowers using acrylic paints. An inexpensive easel needs to accompany each project, if applicable, in order to be staged upright.

Class B – 1 (Ages 6 – 11) Class B – 2 (Ages 12 – 18)

Note: All entries will be received from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, July 12, 2010 at Salt Fork Resort. Entries received after 12:00 PM will be for display only. Judging is to start promptly at 1:00 PM.

Pressed Flower Fairy Materials: fresh flowers, flower press or pile of heavy books, glue stick, colored paper, cardstock card, colored card, scissors, pencil and ruler

Step 1: Collect fresh flowers and lay carefully between 2 sheets of paper in the flower press. Tighten the flower press and leave for at least a week.

Step 2: Using the template given to each junior club, cut out a fairy shape. Draw around it onto plain colored paper and cut out.

Step 3: Stick it on to a piece of white card stock or index card that is 4" x 6"; adding a piece of paper for the fairy's hair.

Step 4: Open the flower press and carefully remove the flowers. Arrange them on the paper fairy to make a pretty dress and hat. When you are happy with the arrangement, carefully lift each flower or petal and dab some glue onto the paper and press the petal or flower down gently to stick it in place.

Step 5: Cut a piece of colored card stock or construction paper 6" by 9" and fold in half. Glue the flower fairy onto the front of it, making an even border all the way around. (Finished card size will be 6" by 5.5").

Garden Art Materials: Any old flat piece of wood, driftwood, weathered wood, plastic, stone or metal, and paint.

Here's how to make a garden sign of your own.

Step 1: Look for material to make the sign. Typically, a piece of plywood, driftwood, weathered wood or other hardwood can be used as the main portion of the sign. Some actually use an old weathered piece of wood for an authentic feel.

Step 2: Choose a slogan, motto or phrase with which to embellish the sign. Many offer whimsical phrases or witty snips to ponder.