Scholarship winners announced

The OAGC Foundation trustees are pleased to announce the scholarship winners for 2012. Thirteen applications were considered, with applicants representing 8 of 15 OAGC regions. Region 2 was the area with the highest number of applications submitted. Three scholarships of $1000 each were awarded at The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs’ 2012 annual convention in June.

Joshua B. Henry received the College Upper Classman Scholarship. If Joshua’s name sounds familiar, that is because he was the recipient of the Foundation’s Incoming Freshman scholarship in 2011. Joshua attends The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) in Wooster where he is working toward an Associate degree in Greenhouse and Nursery Management. He continues to excel academically, carrying a 4.0 GPA while working as a research assistant. Joshua plans to attend OSU main campus to complete his Bachelor’s degree.

The Incoming Freshman Scholarship winner was Charles Hebble of Shelby, Ohio in Region 7. Charles will attend ATI this fall, and work toward a degree in Horticulture Science and later in Turfgrass Science. Charles’ future goals include becoming a Certified Sports Field Manager. While in high school he held a GPA of 3.55 and was active in many school and community projects. After losing a friend to cancer, Charles helped to organize many Relay for Life teams to help raise funds in his friend’s honor.

The Dr. Gary Anderson ATI Scholarship was awarded to Andrew Hoyt of Mansfield, Ohio, also of Region 7. Andrew’s goal is to obtain a degree in Landscape Design and Management. He already owns his own landscaping and snow removal business, boasting a clientele of 20 customers. Andrew was active in school sports and choir and maintained a 3.2 GPA. His letter of recommendation states that “Andrew exhibits the work ethic, drive and commitment toward completion of a job”, making him a worthy scholarship winner.

The Foundation is thankful for the generosity of the many OAGC members, clubs and friends that make these scholarships possible.
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WHERE TO SEND IT: Membership changes and dues: Membership Chair; Donations to the OAGC Foundation: OAGC Foundation Treasurer; submissions for In Memoriam, Via the Grapevine and Stepping Stones: The Garden Path editor.
A final note from our president:

Dear gardening friends,

Creativity is something we are born with. The dictionary gives it a specific meaning: stimulation of the imagination. How it is nurtured is up to you. Many avenues are available to us to aid in this process of stimulating the imagination. Books are one source. With today’s technologies, the physical book has transformed into the ebook, a digital version that is stored in a portable device that can be toted with us wherever we go.

Another source is a visual presentation by a person or groups of people who share their knowledge of skills they have learned. These presentations can be in front of small, informal groups or large events that encompass several days.

Hands-on workshops that teach specific skills are another source of learning. Workshops offer fun and flexibility in the creative process along with social interaction that often-times leads to more creativity.

Creativity is mingled into our day to day existence that catches us off guard sometimes. How many times have you accomplished something and in doing so, realized it was unique? You added your own special touch that became something new and different. This doesn’t have to be something on a grand scale, but perhaps something as small as rearranging the pillows on the bed in a pleasing manner. And you felt good about it, didn’t you?

That is the same feeling we should achieve when we create a floral arrangement – something unique to us that makes us feel good. It’s not whether we got a blue ribbon or a red one. Why can’t we stretch our imagination and stretch the design rules to be pleasing to us? Yes, we should follow guidelines, as they are the learned experiences of others before us. The competitive nature requires these guidelines.

There is a monetary investment with creativity. Today, that monetary investment costs more but the value is still there. We need to be more selective with our monetary choices but if we don’t select something, we will go stale. We will lose the creativity.

If we don’t stretch our imagination, we will lose this inborn creativity. Where will the future generations get their creativity? We are the role models.

This journey of becoming The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs’ president began a long time ago for me. Perhaps it started with my grandmother and her fascination with flowers, both outside, with her lovely flower beds and inside, in her small greenhouse. The live pine tree that was planted from my first Christmas might have been the beginning of my love of trees.

I do know that my love of garden clubbing is rooted with my local garden club and The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs. The past 29 years have been inspirational to me. I have enjoyed my climb up the OAGC ladder to becoming your state president, but now it is time for me to begin the climb down to become, and I quote from former state president Dottie Bates, “a wuzzer.”

Thank you.

Creative hint: Grow your own plants to use in floral designs for your home.

Creatively yours, Sharon Ware, President
The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs

Nature Study Retreat notes

26 full-time and 5 part-time campers attended the recent Nature Study Retreat held at Camp Palmer in June. Some of the highlights included visiting Harrison Lake State Park, Oak Openings, Louis Campbell Natural Area Preserve, Stone Creek Winery, Emmons working farm (with hundreds of roses) and Master Gardener Joyce Mocherman’s gardens.

Great programs were given by the Camp Palmer Naturalist and participants enjoyed lots of games, campfire programs and loads of fun, food and good conversation.

Don’t miss out on all the fun. Be sure to check it out for yourself next year.
Join OAGC on the ‘Phenomenal Ohio Gardens’ Mini Bus Tour, September 11, 12, & 13, 2012. Participants will explore the city of Oxford, tour Miami University’s campus and its formal gardens & greenhouse, explore the Children’s Garden in Oxford and so much more on this 3 day, 2 night trip with 6 meals – all while being chauffeured by bus to 5 gardens and hearing two evening speakers. The tour includes:
- transportation via deluxe motor coach from Oxford
- two (2) nights lodging
- two (2) breakfasts, two (2) lunches, and two (2) dinners
- all sightseeing admissions and gratuities
- a parking allowance: one space per room/additional street parking

Day 1: Arrive in Oxford via your own transportation. 1:00 pm check-in at the OAGC registration table in the lobby of The Elms, a Holiday Inn Hotel, and receive your itinerary. Spend your afternoon exploring the Children’s Garden at the Oxford Community Center created by the Des Fleurs Garden Club of Region 4, take in some local shops and drive to a garden just outside town. Refreshments will be served at both the Community Center and the Children’s Garden to welcome you. Then its back to the hotel for dinner and a speaker.

Day 2: After breakfast at the hotel, we will board buses to take us to Greenville and Englewood for a day of three tremendous gardens, a stop at the historic Bear’s Mill, lunch and a touch of shopping! Then we’ll return to the hotel for dinner and a speaker.

Day 3: After breakfast at the hotel, the busses will again pick us up for a tour of Miami University’s campus including the Formal Gardens, Botany Greenhouse and new Eco Center. We’ll return to the hotel for lunch and then board the busses to visit the Fernald Nature Preserve and Mary’s Plant Farm (Mary Harrison was our Horticulture chair many moons ago), returning to the hotel around 4:00 pm and depart for home.

The tour costs per person are: $430/single; $335/double; $300/triple; $270/quad; $265/five and $245/six per room. (Note: There are a few rooms in which 6 people could stay with one bath, two queen beds and a queen sofa bed.)

A ‘Townie Cost’ tour rate is available for $182. It includes 2 lunches, 2 dinners, speakers and bus only (no lodging & no breakfasts).

Full payment is required by the August 8 registration deadline. REGISTER EARLY! There are hotel accommodations for up to 100 persons. A bus’s capacity is 52, so numbers beyond that will determine the viability for a second bus. Mail the registration form (found on page 15) to: Susy Spence (125 E. Sharon Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45246-4526). Phone: 513-772-2936. Email: sspence@oagc.org.

Ohio Again Leads the Nation in Tree City USA Communities
COLUMBUS, OH – Ohio remains the nation’s leader in Tree City USA communities with 237 participating cities, villages and townships. This marks Ohio’s 31st year as the top Tree City USA state, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ (ODNR) Division of Forestry.

As part of this nationwide program, Ohioans last year planted more than 28,000 trees, pruned more than 92,000 trees, volunteered more than 43,000 hours landscaping public parks and preserves and invested more than $39 million toward urban forestry efforts. To learn more about Ohio’s woodlands, visit www.ohiodnr.com/forestry.
### Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School

**School #2**

Monday and Tuesday  
August 27 & 28, 2012  
Deer Creek State Park Lodge

Topics include:  
- Basic Traditional Design  
  by Joy Sprang  
- Color Theory  
  by Juanita Wilkins  
- Plant Identification  
  by Charlene Margetiak  
- Container Grown Plants  
  by Babes Sabick  
- Cut Cultivars  
  *(round, spray and spike forms)*  
- Dahlias

Non-students have two FREE Monday evening class choices:  
- Multi-Rhythmic Design Workshop with Naomi Ormes, (limited to first twenty registered)  
- Gladiolus with Vicky Puster (limited to first thirty registered).

Registration form can be found on page 15.

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools are for everyone, not just flower show judges. You deserve to do something just for YOU - Join us at E&J School in August.

There will be a drawing for a FREE (one day) registration from attendees who bring cut horticulture specimens to school. They must be properly labeled and staged in a clear container. Specimens will be used in the plant horticulture sessions.

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### OAGC SALES LIST - Summer 2012

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Note: The Sales Secretary position will change Oct. 1. Always consult page 2 of *The Garden Path* for current contact details.
Department News

Club Contests Department
Kathy Martino, Chair

As the garden club program year nears its end, clubs begin to plan their 2012-2013 program year. Need some ideas? Many garden club program suggestions can be found on pages 28-29 of the OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs.

It would also be a good time to review your club’s constitution and bylaws. As the program books were being judged, it was noted that only a few clubs had included an article in their bylaws that addressed what would happen regarding the treasury upon the disbandment of the club. By now, all clubs should have a Federal EIN number so now is the time to discuss the future of your treasury.

Suggested bylaws can be found on pages 22-23 of the OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs. A simple addition to club bylaws could include the following dissolution statement: “In event of the dissolution of _____ garden club, the executive board shall, after paying and making provisions for payment of all liabilities, distribute all the assets of the club over to an organization with similar interests dedicated to charitable and/or educational purposes and which has been recognized as a 501(c)3 organization by the Internal Revenue Service.”

Design Study Department
Naomi Ormes, Chair

A new creative floral design being studied in the design study classes is the multi-rhythmic design. In order to understand and be able to create a great design, one needs to understand what rhythm is in any design. Then perhaps when the word ‘multi’ is added, it will be easier to understand and to implement it into the design. The OAGC Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Handbook describes rhythm as the dominant visual path or direction through a floral design which enables the eye to travel easily throughout the design. When rhythm is achieved, the focal point will attract the eye but not hold it, and the eye will move on. When ‘multi’ is added, it becomes a creative design with emphasis on two or more rhythms in the design.

One of the first design tenets to learn is “the line is as the eye travels.” When there are ‘multi’ lines, whether straight, angled, zigzagged, circular or otherwise, they must work together to create their own rhythmic movement through the design.

When viewing a multi-rhythmic design, one may be drawn into the design by any of the lines of interest and then drawn to the next, and to the next, and so on. This is the rhythm, the visual flow or path through the design. Different lines should be created through the design, and lead the eye from one line to the next in a pleasing manner. Avoid confusing lines, unnecessary filler, or transitional materials. Clarity of each rhythm is of vital importance and creates a clean, crisp creative design. The featured design was done by Irma Heiser of Region 3. Note the circles, angles and straight lines that are arranged in such a way that the eye moves through the design in a rhythmic manner.

Reminder: Entries for the Faye Collins Designer of the Year contest can be submitted at anytime but must, as with all OAGC contests, be received by December 15. When preparing to photograph a design, use a table cover with a color like or similar to the backdrop. Consider supplying a background if the show is staged with a distracting background. Remove any awards or ribbons and be sure to turn off the date and time stamp on the camera settings. Take several pictures and choose the best one for submission. You must fill out and include the contest entry form (found on page 57 of the OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs) with the 4"x6" photo and submit to the state design study chair (normes@oagc.org).
Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School

Jan Stein, Chair

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools are one of the best things OAGC has going on. Think they are restricted for flower show judges? Not! The schools are aimed at teaching exhibitors, flower show judges and student judges alike. The time is now to sign up to attend School #2 which will be held August 27 and 28 at Deer Creek State Park.

Topics covered this school include Basic Designs by Joy Sprang, Color Theory by Juanita Wilkins, Plant Identification by Charlene Margetiak, Cut Cultivars (round, spray and spike forms), Dahlias, and Container Grown Plants by Babs Sabick.

Optional Monday evening sessions are open to school attendees at no additional charge. Those with an interest in artistic design may participate in a Multi-Rhythmic Design workshop under the leadership of Naomi Ormes, Design Study Chair (limited to the first twenty registered). Horticulturist-minded attendees can attend a session on Gladiolus by Vicky Puster (limited to the first thirty registered). Student judges will focus on Basic Traditional Designs and Iris.

Registration begins at 8 am with classes starting at 9 am. After a break for lunch, the first day session will end around 4 pm and the second day session ends at 2:30 pm. Student testing begins at 3 pm.

Look for neat items to buy from our vendors such as containers, plants, note cards, treasured wood, dried plant material, books and many design and horticulture materials. Gail Russell from Peachblow Pottery will be back as will David and Keiko Hergesheimer of Catalpa Lane Pottery.

Attendees are encouraged to bring cultivars to each school (properly labeled in a clear container) that will be used in the plant horticulture sessions. Those bringing specimens will be entered in a drawing for a FREE (one day) registration.

A registration form can be found on page 15 of this issue of The Garden Path. There is a late fee for registrations received after the July 27 deadline.

There are no refunds after July 25. Room reservations ($79/night) must be made with Deer Creek State Park by calling 800-282-7275 and mentioning OAGC. Regular room rates may apply after July 27. Plan now to attend.

Flower Shows Department

Joni Duncan, Chair

Many thanks to all our judges for their hard work judging flower shows and then sending in the show scorecards. Thanks also to all the clubs who submitted a Flower Show Contest Book. I know that there is a lot of hard work that goes into putting the books together and it was my pleasure to be able to judge them all. I really enjoyed seeing all the great horticulture presented and loved the floral designs. We sure have some talented members!

I would like to challenge each and every club to try to hold a flower show in the next year. It may be that many of your newer members have never had the chance to enter a show so why not give them an opportunity to either show their great growing capabilities or highlight their creativity with a floral design? Since you are probably taking pictures of the show anyway, why not compile the photos into a book and enter the flower show book contest? Just follow the book scorecard when assembling the entry. It’s that easy!

Horticulture Department

Charlene Thornhill, Chair

Peonies are perennial favorites in the flower garden. Few herbaceous plants can rival them for floral display and foliage. Their exquisite, large blooms, often fragrant, make excellent cut flowers and the foliage provides a background for annuals and other perennials.

Two types of peonies are generally grown in the home landscape, Paeonia spp. hybrids (garden peony) and Paeonia suffruticosa (tree peony).
Peonies grow from two to four feet in height and support is often required for tall, double hybrids. Peonies thrive in sunny locations and well-drained soils, tolerating a wide range of soil types.

Planting, transplanting and dividing peonies are best done in early fall, giving the plants a chance to become established before the bloom time in spring. Each plant requires an area about three feet in diameter. The key to healthy and beautiful peonies is in proper placement and proper site preparation.

Dig a generous hole, large enough to accommodate the roots and incorporate aged organic matter in the bottom. Place the peony in the prepared hole so that the eyes are one to two inches below the soil’s surface. Backfill and water well. Failure to bloom may be the result of planting too deeply, immature plants, excess nitrogen, inadequate sunlight, overcrowding, phosphorous and/or potassium deficiency, insect or disease problems, competition from roots of nearby plants or late freezes.

The presence of ants on peony blossoms is neither beneficial nor harmful to the plants - they are simply attracted to the sugary liquid secreted by flower buds. Once you have the planting done, you can step back and let them do their thing, which is to provide you with breathtaking flowers, and in many cases, fragrance. All peonies are extremely long-lived plants lasting up to 50 to 70 years giving you pleasure for years and years.

(Editor’s note: This is Charlene’s last article as Horticulture Chair. Charlene has served on the OAGC State Board for a remarkable 28 straight years and is stepping down at the end of this term. Her dedication and support are greatly appreciated.)

Junior Gardeners Department

Marian Moeckel, Chair

The summer gardens of the juniors are growing well and are full of great horticulture for the fairs and flower shows. The seeds provided by Knollwood Garden Center (Beavercreek, Ohio) for juniors have been planted, tended, some already harvested and enjoyed. Award ribbons at the flower shows throughout the summer are just one of the rewards of sowing, weeding, watering and harvesting. It is a thrill to see a zinnia or a green bean plant grow from one small seed.

The Logo contest entries were due at each spring 2012 regional meeting. The winning entries will be evaluated for a possible Junior Gardener Logo in the near future. Thank you to all of the juniors who participated throughout the state. Regional winners were displayed at the OAGC state convention.

The winner of the Reed Award, which is presented for the study of birds, was won by Kenzie Kent and Kymber Sand of the Nuts About Nature Gardeners Jr. Club in Region 7. Their advisor is Mary Lee Minor. Their entry was a delightful walk through their studies and adventures while studying birds and nature. The young ladies did the project together and were presented the $25 award, certificates and ribbons for their hard work at convention. The Fairy Gardens created by juniors for the fall 2011 regional contests were also displayed at convention.

Just a reminder to all junior gardeners and junior gardener club leaders: the state contests should be started at soon as possible for next year. These include the Reed Award (birds), Shedenhelm Award (nature and conservation), Outstanding Junior Garden Club Contest, Outstanding Junior Gardener Award, and Junior Community Beautification Contest. The details for these awards can be found in the OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs and online. Questions may be directed to Marian Moeckel at mmoeckel@oagc.org.

The Junior Gardener Handbook should be available soon. The new regional contests will be announced by the new Junior Gardener Chair, Deborah Graham. Watch the OAGC website, The Garden Path and/or an announcement at your fall regional meeting for more information.
Membership Department
Kim Cromwell, Chair

The OAGC membership database is always in a constant state of change. Clubs are asked to help keep the mailing records for all members current by notifying the OAGC state membership chair with any additions, deletions or corrections to the club.

Nature and Conservation Department
Deborah Graham, Chair

Ah, the butterfly! They are so elegant, graceful and unique. It is such a pleasure to observe them when they wander into our gardens, flittering and fluttering from one plant to another seemingly without a care in the world. But butterflies are creatures that are very important to a thriving garden. Flowers that don’t self-pollinate can only reproduce with the help of creatures called pollinators. Butterflies are pollinators in our gardens along with bees, birds and other creatures. Pollinators ensure the next generation of our flowers by just going about their natural search for food and spreading the pollen from flower to flower.

There are over 135 different butterflies in Ohio. Here are some tips to make your garden a welcome haven for butterflies.

In your garden you should have both caterpillar host plants and good nectar sources for your adult butterflies. Favorite food sources will vary by species of butterflies so do your research in attracting the type of butterfly you want in your garden.

Butterflies will visit a wide variety of colorful flowers in their search for nectar so be sure to plant a variety of plants. Small delicate flowers like Queen Anne’s lace (*Daucus carota*) will attract smaller butterflies and larger sturdier flowers like yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) will attract larger butterflies. Plant your nectar sources in the sun. Adult butterflies generally feed only in the sun. Don’t use insecticides in your flower garden as many insecticides will kill butterflies.

Provide a place for your butterflies to rest. Butterflies need a sunny place to warm their wings before flight. Flat stones in your garden provide a good place for butterflies to rest and bask in the sun.

Give the butterflies a place to “puddle.” Puddling is when butterflies gather on wet sand or mud to drink water and extract minerals from a water source. You could put some course sand in a shallow pan and then place the pan in the soil in your garden. Be sure to keep the sand moist and watch the butterflies sip away.

With all of the needs of a butterfly in place, you should have many species visit your garden. Not only will the butterflies pollinate your flowers, they will also be wonderful creatures of nature to observe. Enjoy the flitter and flutter in your garden this summer!

Check it out

Susan Wittig Albert’s latest series of mystery novels center around The Dahlias—a garden club in the southern Alabama town of Darling, hence the name Darling Dahlias. The year is 1930, just after the stock market crash of 1929. Economic hard times are ahead, but this cast of unique garden club members is doing their best to face the future with optimism. They continue to brighten their little town with flowers. Sound familiar?

There are currently 2 books in the series, with another due out in September: *The Darling Dahlias and the Cucumber Tree* and *The Darling Dahlias and the Naked Ladies* should be available at your local library or at www.Amazon.com.
Cabin Beautification Project Grows

The 2012 OAGC Salt Fork State Park Cabin Beautification Project was a huge success! Members from 15 clubs from around the state represented OAGC during this project May 15-17. With a combination of wonderful weather and hard working members, the 25 cabin landscapes from the original 2010 OAGC Salt Fork State Park Cabin Beautification Project were spruced up and 9 additional cabins were newly beautified.

Each club chose $300 worth of plant material from a list supplied by the Salt Fork landscaper. Salt Fork is prime deer country so plants needed to be deer resistant and drought resistant. Mulch, rock and gravel were also provided by the park. From there, the clubs added their own creativity to make their cabin a place of beauty. This beautification project gives OAGC year-long exposure and warm fuzzies all at the same time. Many thanks go out to all participating clubs!

The winners of the 2012 cabin beautification contest were: 1st place ($500): Cabin #4, Four Seasons Garden Club of Region 5; 2nd place ($250): Cabin #41, Four Seasons Garden Club of Region 12 and 3rd place ($100): Cabin #6, Woodland Garden Club of Region 12.

The winner of the 2010 cabin spruce up drawing ($100) was Here & There Garden Club of Region 3.

Slate of Officers note

The nominating committee prepared a slate of officers for the 2012-2014 year. However, no person accepted the nomination for the position of third vice president. The bylaws of The Association do not provide for write-in nominations at the annual meeting (convention) where the voting takes place.

The executive committee, which is comprised of the elected officers, has the authority to appoint someone to fill a vacancy in any office. Therefore, after the convention, the executive committee can, at any time, appoint someone as third vice president.

Might you be thinking about the position? Please talk to any current officer and share your interest. We would love to have you on board with us.

In Memoriam

Region 1
Lois B. Young, 95, 3/4/2012, Holgate Garden Club

Region 4
Jeanne Schardine, 80, 5/2/2012, Charter, Life Member and Past President of Four Seasons Garden Club

Region 5
Dorothy Sommers, 90, 2/12/2012, Valley Garden Club

Region 7
Richard “Dick” Lyon, Jr., 70, 4/12/2012, Green Pairs Garden Club

Region 8

Region 10
Annabelle Mechling, 91, 1/21/2012, Glenford Garden Club

Region 12
Blanche Huff, 91, 2/14/2012

Region 14
Viola Matulionis, 83, 3/16/2012, Montville Garden Club

Region 16
Clara Trimbach, 106, 4/11/2012, Valley View Garden Club
OAGC Foundation Notes

Hike For Health

This year’s OAGC Foundation Hike for Health was quite successful. Approximately 20 hikers assembled at Cedar Bog near Urbana in Region 5 on Saturday, May 19. Four Seasons Garden Club of Champaign County provided refreshments. Site manager Eric Doerzbacher gave an informative presentation on the wild flowers indigenous to the bog. Hikers were divided into 3 groups and led on a tour using the bog boardwalks. Returning hikers enjoyed lunch and dessert. Other hikes took place throughout the state. As a result, the Foundation received $1488 in donations to date with the total proceeds benefitting Cedar Bog. The OAGC Foundation wishes to thank all who participated and all those who sponsored hikers.

Bequest received

The OAGC Foundation would like to acknowledge a generous bequest from the estate of Ann and Noel Shaffer. Through their foresight, the OAGC Foundation can continue its commitment to providing scholarships for students in the fields of horticulture and floriculture. If you have questions about including the OAGC Foundation, Inc. in your estate planning, please contact Foundation treasurer Sharon Ware (sware@oagc.org).

The OAGC Foundation recognizes the following donations:

Scholarship Fund
Gardenwood Garden Club (in memory of Gerry Prince)
Goshen Garden Club – Region 5
Groveport Garden Club (in memory of Mary Smith)
OAGC Region 11 (in honor of Margaret Murrey, Life Patron)

General Fund
Goshen Garden Club - Region 5
Story Place Garden Club

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Carroll Community Garden Club
Goshen Garden Club – Region 5
Groveport Garden Club (in memory of Mary Smith and Mildred Lutz)
Groveport Garden Club (bird seed)
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Rock Hill Gardeners
Story Place Garden Club
Weed-A-Way Garden Club

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Jean Jankowski
OAGC Region 4
Story Place Garden Club
Whispering Meadows Garden Club

Nature & Conservation Fund
Goshen Garden Club - Region 5

Wahkeena: Sarah’s Transportation Fund
Susan Keck
Via the Grapevine

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

REGION 2

Happy Hours GC: Jul. 12, Hypertufa workshop; Aug. 2, “Flower Arranging With Wildflowers” by Patty Iszory; Allen County Fair flower shows: Aug. 17, 20 and 23; Sep. 6, “Plant Propagation” by Janice Schneider. Contact Alice Winter at sabrinam_45801@yahoo.com.

Lima GC: Jul. 10, “Roses” by Eleanor Long, mini program: “Rose Cultivars” by Juanita Wilkins; Aug. 14, “Spectacular Annual Flowers”, members to bring in flowers for discussion; Aug. 17-25, Allen County Fair Flower Show; Sep. 11, Garden Harvest Luncheon and plant and seed exchange and “Forced Bulbs” program. Contact Rosa Wollenhaupt at hrwoll@embarqmail.com.

REGION 3
The Garden Club Federation of Dayton & Vicinity will produce the Montgomery County Fair flower shows on Aug. 29 and Sep. 1 at the fairgrounds in Dayton. In addition to Montgomery County residents, competition is open to anyone living in any adjoining county as well. Schedule is found at www.montcofair.com. For information, contact Vicki Ferguson at vferguson@oagc.org or 937-885-6163.

Here & There GC: Aug. 7, Open Meeting, “Beauty of Nature” design program by Louise Bennett, Associate 1st Term Master, Ohara School of Ikebana, 7 pm, Prince of Peace Church, Kettering, OH. Everyone invited. Contact Vicki Ferguson at 937-885-6163 or vferguson@oagc.org.

New Neighbors GC: Jul. 21, annual club garden party; Jul. 17, Garden Tours (Bob Iiames’ and the Lange Estate’s gardens); Aug. 21, “Backyard Birding & Gardening” by Monica Brubaker, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Springboro; Sep. 18, “Monarch Butterflies” by Walt & Sue Schenk. Contact Jan Crosby at 937-395-1216.

REGION 4

Flores Amo GC: Jul. 17, tour and program at Glenwood Gardens; Aug. 20, tour and “Cooking with Herbs” class at Gorman Heritage Farm; Sep. 17, annual picnic. Guests are welcome at all meetings which begin at 10:30 am unless otherwise stated. Contact Midge King at 513-738-3353.

REGION 5
Region 5 will be holding a photo contest that is open to all Region 5 members. Entry deadline and judging will take place at the October 25 fall regional meeting. Contest classes and rules can be found at http://oagc.org/2011-12%20regional/reg%20photo.pdf or contact Marian Moeckel at mmoeckel@oagc.org.

The Champaign County Federation of Garden Clubs will sponsor flower shows during the Champaign County Fair which runs August 3-10. “Once Upon a Time” will be the theme for both the Garden Club Show (Aug. 4) and the Open Class Show (Aug. 8.) For more information on the shows contact Deborah Graham at 937-747-2474.

The DeGraff Garden and Fleurette Garden Clubs are in charge of the Logan County Fair three flower shows during the fair in Bellefontaine July 8-14. Theme: “What Makes America Great”. Contact Doris Hager at dhager@oagc.org.


REGION 6
Attica Community GC: Jul. 10, potluck and program on “Hostas” by Marilyn Shade; Aug. 6, prepare the Attica Garden Club booth for the Attica Fair; Aug. 7, plant exchange and program “Flower Symbolism” by Mattie Miller; Sep. 4, Tea Party and program on Lavender by Cindy Smith and Diane Getter; Sep. 20, guest night, all area garden clubs invited, 7 pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Attica, program: “Lilies” by Wendy Schwall. Contact Diane Getter at dgetter@frontier.com.

Check out The Garden Path online www.oagc.org
The photos are in color!
REGION 7

Knox County Garden Clubs will present “Festive Time In Knox County” at the Knox County Fair, Mount Vernon, July 23-25 horticulture show and July 26-28 artistic show. The Knox County Garden Clubs are also presenting a horticulture and artistic show “Floral Olympics”, August 10-12, at The Living Center, North Main St., Mount Vernon in conjunction with the Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival. Contact: Audrey Spearman at 740 397-1962 or audean62@roadrunner.com.


Tan & Toil GC: Jul. 12, tour & Guest Day, tour of Blanchard’s Daylily Garden in Applecreek with lunch at the Pine Tree Barn in Wooster; Aug. 9, “Floral Design Cards for All Occasions” by Pam Butler; Sep. 13, members’ Share Day, members bring flower related items to share with other members, “Weed Identification” by Jan Seabold. Guests are always welcome. Contact Mary Ann McPhail at 740-427-4636.

REGION 8

Grow and Show GC: Jul. 25, Ice Cream Social; Aug. 22, covered dish picnic; Sep. 26, “Make a Scary Halloween Ghost,” Contact Bonnie Perkins at 740-705-1663 or bonperki@aol.com.

Malconta GC: Jul. 12, garden tour “By the River”; Aug.9, McConnell Manor, discussion of Fair Booth and Nominating Committee report; Sep. 13,1:30 at McConnell Manor, Installation of Officers and discussion of year programs. Contact Susan Adrean, 740-962-6654.

Newark GC: Jul. 13, 12 pm, tour of Diane Koman daylily and perennial garden, 1200 West Main St., Newark; Aug. 10, 10 am, Central Christian Church, 587 Mt. Vernon Rd., exhibit of members’ homegrown vegetables and flowers, open to the public from 1:30-2:30 pm; Sep. 14, tour of Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 East Broad St, Columbus, OH. Contact Gale Ann Kelly 740-366-7160 or galeannkelly@windstream.net.

Roseville GC: Jul. 12, 47th Annual Crooksville/Roseville Pottery Festival; Aug.9, 12 pm, Club Eat Out Day, ‘What is new in OAGC’; Sep.13, Breakfast Eat Out Day. Contact Peggy Ballis at 740-697-7972.

Rosewood GC: July 24, 6:30 pm, Flower Show, North Gate Open Bible Church, 10516 Frazeyburg Rd., Dresden; Aug.12, Muskingum County Fair field trip; Sep. 25, 6:00 pm, tour and wine tasting at Ravens Glen Winery, Installation of officers. Contact Diana Polk at dianapolk@msn.com.

Town and Country GC: July 12, 6:30 pm, annual family picnic; Aug. 9, 7 pm, Roscoe United Methodist Church, “Assemble a Flower Arranging Tool Kit”; Sep. 13, 7 pm, Roscoe, United Methodist Church, “Prepare for the Coshocton Fair Flower Show”. Contact Ed Kiefer: 740-622-3993.

REGION 9

Basil GC: Jul. 16, President’s Garden Party, “Garden Glimpse and Container Chat” by Louise Smith; Aug 20, breakfast at Buckeye Lake, “Turning Trash Into Treasures” by Barbara Mann; Sep. 17, tour Labyrinth and designer workshop with arrangement tips and demonstration by Jane Hablitzel and Jean Weidner.

REGION 10

The Scioto County Garden Clubs present “This Glorious Earth” Flower show Aug. 6 & 9 at the Scioto County Fairground in Lucasville. For information call Carolyn Wilcox at 740-776-4453.
REGION 11
The Washington County Fair
Flower Show will be held Saturday, Sep. 1 using the theme “Let’s Vote - Flower Power.” Contact Kim Henry at khenry@lbchurch.com.

REGION 12
Flush GC: Jul. 16, covered dish picnic, “Different Ways to Incorporate Water Into Your Garden” by Darla Wagner; Aug. 20, club member photo contest with Nancy Mayo; Sep. 17, officer installation, Franklin Museum tour (New Athens, Ohio) and dinner, cost $12. Contact Barb Cencula at bjoyce@eohio.net.

Mt. Pleasant GC: Jul. 9, “Traditional Arrangements” by Marilou Rupert; Aug. 6, “My Garden Throughout the Seasons” by Tom Call; Sep. 10, “Cottage Landscaping” by Dr. Wayne Butler. Contact Ruth Lewis at wrplewis@comcast.net.

REGION 16
Clearcreek Gardeners GC: Jul. 17, Tour and Tea & Scones in Pat Stidham’s garden; Aug. 21, Visit Woodman Fen Conservation Area and Boardwalk for viewing hundreds of wetland plants; Sep. 18, “Picnic in the Wild”. Contact Pat Stidham 937-885-5155 or at pstidham2@woh.rr.com

Fayett GC: Jul. 13, visiting the gardens of members Connie and Susie Meriweather and Pam Rhoads and identifying flowers, plants, shrubs and trees; Aug. 10, summer picnic and program on arranging flowers that members have dried from their summer gardens; Sep., seed exchange and white elephant sale. Contact Connie Meriweather at 740-335-2514.

Stepping Stones
Darby Valley GC celebrates 60 years
Darby Valley Garden Club of Region 9 is celebrating its Diamond Anniversary as an OAGC garden club by holding its 60th Annual Flower Show July 14, from 1-5 pm, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 4850 Haughn Rd., Grove City, Ohio 43123. More information may be found on the OAGC website at www.oagc.org.

Presidential Gardeners of Marion establish rose garden
The Presidential Gardeners GC of Region 7 were presented with a plaque recognizing the club for the vision that brought roses to Florence’s Rose Garden. The rose garden is on the property of the Harding Home in Marion, Ohio, an Ohio Historical Society (OHS) site. OHS Executive Director George Kane expressed enthusiasm as he learned of the clubs’ affiliation with The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. Several businesses were also recognized for outright gifts which led to the completion of the club’s project.

Support OAGC when you shop online for your bulb needs at Brent and Becky’s Bulbs’ website through their special fundraising portal:

www.bloomingbucks.com

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Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School #2
Registration Form
August 27 & 28, 2012

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Mount Sterling, OH 43143 (Exit 84 off I-71)
740-869-2020

I wish to register for two days @ $80:  ______
I wish to register for one day @ $40 (check one):
   _____Mon.   _____Tues.

Optional Evening Choices (no fee):
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   _____ Plant Horticulture “Gladiolus” limited to first 30 registered
   _____ Design Study “Multi-Rhythmic Design” limited to first 20 registered

Check One:
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Make checks payable to OAGC. Do not send cash.
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Phone 800-282-7275. Rate of $79.00 single or double occupancy is guaranteed until July 27, 2012.

 Phenomenal Ohio Gardens’
Mini Bus Tour
Registration Form
September 11-13, 2012

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Email: sspence@oagc.org
Keeping you informed

The following is a snapshot of items the Board of Directors affirmed at the 2012 spring state board meeting.

Of general interest to the membership:

- to approve Joni Duncan and Jan Seabold as new OAGC flower show judges
- to approve Judge Emeritus status to Mary Jo Burns, Mary Everling, Suzy Parker, Donna Turley and Ann Whithaus
- to name Geri Rea as the organization’s corporate statutory agent with the State of Ohio
- to renew the organization’s website domain name and website hosting contract
- to approve board expenses totaling $5945.97
- to disband the media library and disburse the programs
- to approve instructors for the 2012 Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools 1 & 2
- to adopt the revised Flower Show Student Judge guidelines and application
- to allow regional directors to submit their regional rosters at the spring state board meeting, rather than fall
- to approve the 2012 convention flower show schedule as edited
- to approve the 2012-2014 department chairs and counselors as appointed by incoming president Mary Lee Minor
- to approve the names of those receiving the Citation, Daisy Sticksel, Gladys Thomas Judge of the Year, Service and OAGC Gardener of the Year Awards
- to approve $200 (1st place), $150 (2nd place) and $100 (3rd place) awards for the permanent beautification project winners as well as a $100 (1st place) award for the temporary beautification project winner
- to approve the dates for 2013 Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools: School 3: April 15-16 and School 4: September 23-24
- to authorize purchase of gifts for regional winners and judges
- to rescind motions from June 8 and October 18, 2011 relative to Wahkeena and the Ohio Historical Society and replace them with the following: “The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. terminates the agreement dated August 5, 1965 with the Ohio Historical Society and donates all accumulated funds to the Ohio Historical Society as a permanently restricted fund for the support of Wahkeena Nature Preserve.”