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Coming Events

January 1, 2011

Deadline for submissions to
The Garden Path

January 31, 2011

Winter Board meeting
(Executive officers only)

March 15, 2011

OAGC Foundation Scholarship application deadline

April 1, 2011

Deadline for submissions to
The Garden Path

April 4-6, 2011

Spring State Board Meeting
Shawnee State Park Lodge

May 14, 2011

Hike for Health - Wahkeena
Nature Preserve, Lancaster OH

May 30-June 4, 2011

Nature Study Retreat, 4-H
Camp Palmer, Fayette, OH

June 8, 2011

Summer Board meeting
(Executive officers only)

June 14-18, 2011

Trip to World Flower Show
Boston, MA

June 27 & 28, 2011

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

July 18-20, 2011

OAGC Convention, "Island
Paradise", Shawnee State Park

August 31, 2011

Gardeners' Day Out, Schedel
Arboretum, Elmore OH



2011 Perennial Plant of the Year

Amsonia hubrichtii

The Perennial Plant Association has named the *Amsonia hubrichtii* (pronounced am-SO-nee-ah hew-BRIK-tee-eye) as the 2011 Perennial Plant of the Year. Common names for this valuable perennial include the Arkansas Blue Star and Thread Leaf Blue Star.

Light blue star-shaped flowers in the late spring/early summer are followed by a marvelous display of narrow threadlike foliage in the summer. A golden-yellow fall color is second-to-none among herbaceous perennials.

Amsonia is hardy in USDA Zones 4-9, likes lighting of full sun to partial shade and average, moist well-drained soil. Once established it can tolerate drier conditions. Its milky sap seems to make it deer resistant. No insect or disease pests are known to attack *amsonia*. The easiest propagation for gardeners is by division in spring.

It has two- to three-inch wide clusters of small, light blue, star-shaped flowers borne above ferny foliage making it a good cut flower. Arkansas blue star grows into a dense 36" by 36" mass, much like a small shrub. Good companion plants are *Heuchera* (coral bells), *Sedum* (stonecrop), *Caryopteris* (blue mist shrub), *Leucanthemum superbum* (shasta daisy), *Hosta* (hosta) or a variety of ornamental grasses.



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

A note from our president:

Dear gardening friends,

Happy New Year! This will be such an exciting year for us. It is refreshing to see the regions embrace the changes made at the state level and bring creative ideas to their own members. I can't wait to hear all the innovative plans from each of the regional directors at spring board meeting in April.

Winter is typically the coldest season of the year. The days are shorter. There is less sunlight which affects our moods. Our body secretes more melatonin which alters our sleep rhythms. This is a good time to reflect on the past and make plans for the future. Increasing negative ion exposure from plants and burning wood or beeswax can invigorate the body from the seasonal lull.

My basement greenhouse gives me the opportunity to spend time with my plants. I don't have a fireplace so I can't burn any wood, and I like soy candles. I wonder if they will help my negative ion exposure like the beeswax does? Time will tell. Regardless, I think my trip to Florida and to the Creative Arrangers of the Americas' seminar in Orlando will boost the seasonal lull for me the most. What will boost yours?

Creative floral designer Bob Thomas taught us much about creativity. Design for yourself. Let the art form come from within yourself. Design for the love and happiness of doing so. Do not become disheartened when an arrangement does not win the award you expected at a flower show competition. Experiment with many plant forms, as practice will make you better.

Creative design hint: when shopping for flowers this winter, choose double flowers as they last longer than single petalled blooms. Look for double tulips, double daffodils and double freesias. Arrange blooms from bulbs in shallow water rather than the floral foam (oasis) as the foam will clog up the conductive stems causing them to wilt.

Creatively yours,

Sharon Ware, President
The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc.

See the world with OAGC!

Join OAGC on a bus trip to Boston, MA June 14-18, 2011 as we visit the 10th annual World Floral Arrangers Show at the Seaport World Trade Center. The theme for the World Association of Flower Arrangers' sponsored show is "*This Glorious Earth.*"



The highlights of this trip include a tour of Boston and the Freedom Trail, a full day at the World Flower Show and a scenic cruise of Newport Harbor.

Day 1: Pick-up points will be determined at a later date and is dependant on the locations of those who sign up. Overnight in Carlisle, PA. Day 2: Check into a Boston, MA area hotel for two nights.

Day 3: Guided tour of Boston and the Freedom Trail. The rest of the day will be spent at The World Flower Show. Day 4: Depart for Newport, RI, enjoy scenic cruise of Newport Harbor. Overnight in Carlisle, PA. Day 5: Return home.

The five-day, four-night trip includes round trip transportation via deluxe motor coach, eight meals, all sightseeing, admissions, gratuities and luggage handling. Tour costs per person are: \$749 (double occupancy), \$679 (triple occupancy), \$639 (quad occupancy) and \$989 (single occupancy). Trip insurance can be purchased for \$40. A \$100 deposit (and trip insurance if desired) is required upon registration; final payment due April 16. Make check payable to OAGC.

Send registration to trip coordinator Susy Spence. (125 E. Sharon Rd., Cincinnati OH 45246. Phone: 513-772-2936; email: sspence@oagc.org) Be sure to include your name, address, phone, email, region, club name, roommate's names and bus seating preference: front, middle, back.

Regional Contest Corrections - Region 6:
Outstanding Amateur Gardener, Evie Durkin;
Outstanding Garden Club Member, Relda Neiderhofer, Region 7: Outstanding Garden Club, Apple Valley Garden Club. Congratulations!

Get Back to Nature Head to Nature Study Retreat!

The 2011 Nature Study Retreat is on the road and heading for northwest Ohio. Beginning Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day) and running through Saturday, June 4, Nature Study Retreat will be held at 4-H Camp Palmer. Camp Palmer is a 4-H camp and is affiliated with the Ohio State University and Ohio State University Extension. Located in Fayette, Ohio, the camp is 32 miles west of Toledo and is located in the geographical region of the country known as the Oak Openings. The Oak Openings Region is 130 square miles in size and is a globally rare ecosystem. The Nature Conservancy has described the Oak Openings Region as one of the 200 "Last Great Places on Earth."

Co-chairs Paula Mowery, Maureen Wootton and Shelia Curtis are planning an exciting week for



Camp Palmer - Fayette, Ohio the Nature Study Retreaters. There are plans this year for a hayride and canoeing at Harrison State Park and the camp pool will be open. The optional early morning bird walks are conducted by a naturalist. The annual plant auction, where plants that campers bring are auctioned off, is a very popular activity. Other local areas of interest near Fayette are the Harrison State Park, the Kitty Todd Preserve and Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio. This is an excellent retreat where you can

make new friends, relax during free time, and learn about birds, plants and many other interesting topics.

The accommodations are dormitory-style and lodging, meals and programs for the week are included in the full-time fee of \$200. Junior campers (under age 18) are \$180. Can't stay the whole week? Then join us for the day! Round up your friends, children, grandchildren and come join us for the fun! For first-time junior campers, a partial payment Junior Campership is available to children through the age of 17. If interested, send a letter to the camp committee indicating why you would like to attend Nature Study Retreat and mail to: Shelia Curtis, 63357 State Route 124, Long Bottom, OH 45743. The registration form can be found on page 15.

Tax Compliance

Tax compliance just may be the new buzz word for clubs and organizations for the next few years. New government regulations are introduced frequently which apply to any and all business entities, whether they are for profit or not-for-profit. Social organizations such as garden clubs fall into the latter category.

With the passage of the new regulations comes the obligation of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to enforce these rules. This enforcement will be by "tax compliance", a means for the IRS to determine if the clubs or organizations are complying with the new regulations. If they are not, then fines, penalties or taxes will be imposed upon the group. Also, they may revoke the tax-exemption status of the organization and impose a fee-based application for reinstatement.

How can your club stay in tax compliance? The best answer is to check frequently with the IRS for updates. The easiest way to accomplish this is to check the IRS website: www.irs.gov and study the information for non-profits. Register for their email

updates and get notifications when they are available.

While the officers of OAGC are doing their best to keep the membership informed of current regulations, they are not trained or qualified to offer legal assistance.

It would be easy to throw up our hands and just quit. But, what about all the friendships one has acquired over the years? What about all the knowledge one has gained from others, all those new plants obtained from fellow gardeners, all the trips to other gardens, garden centers or nature parks? If we quit, our human connections will be broken and our socializing with kindred spirits will be lost.

We must strive to keep our garden clubs going and know that the communities we live in need the support we have to offer. Let's rally together and let our motto "Knowing, Growing, Showing and Sharing" continue.

Department News

Club Contests Department - NEW!

Kathy Martino, Chair

The Garden Therapy Contest has a new therapy session report form that will make therapy projects easy! Check pages 52-53 of the new *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*. Residents in assisted living or retirement communities will enjoy being involved with plants and horticulture projects. Your programs can stimulate garden memories and wonderful stories from their past.

Ideas for winter months could include planting paper white narcissus and stimulate a discussion about bulbs. Utilize the sense of sight, touch and smell. Make sachets or bath powder. February brings thoughts of hearts and flowers: make a room decoration of dried rose petals glued to a foam heart. Why not make floral Mardi Gras masks and then model for each other for great social interaction? March makes us think of spring with a potting project and discussion about pansies. Everybody is Irish in March; try gluing dried mint or parsley to a shamrock. Everyone's "Irish eyes will be shining."

The following Publicity Contest Awards were inadvertently left out of the last issue of *The Garden Path*. Congratulations to the following winners:

Superior Ratings

Delta GC, Region 1

Earth, Wind and Flowers GC, Region 7

Four Seasons GC, Region 12

Ladybug Garden GC, Region 3

Moreland GC, Region 14

Mt. Pleasant GC, Region 12

Nature Lovers GC, Region 7

Newark GC, Region 8

Open Gate GC, Region 11

Rock Hill GC, Region 10

Waynesville GC, Region 16

Excellent Ratings

Pulaski GC, Region 1

Good Rating

Portsmouth GC, Region 10

Participation

Rambling Design GC, Region 9

Horticulture Department

Charlene Thornhill, Chair

The American Horticultural Society (AHS) offers the Bole Memorial Medals to recognize and encourage elite plant collecting displays at flower shows. The Bole Medal is named for Nancy Bole who was a serious amateur collector and who generously funded the initial creation of the award for AHS. The medals were designed by a nationally known sculptor and are 1 ½ inches in diameter and can be worn on a chain or ribbon.

Every three years OAGC secures these prestigious medals to award at the annual convention to exhibitors for horticultural excellence. OAGC first presented a Bronze Medal for twelve cultivars in 1969. In 1978, a Silver Medal for eight cultivars was created and in 1987 the Gold Medal for fifteen cultivars or species replaced the Bronze Medal.

Currently, a Gold Medal is presented to the best presentation of fifteen different species or cultivars of cut flowers or fifteen different species or cultivars of container grown plants, the Silver Medal is presented to the best presentation of eight different species or cultivars of cut or container grown plant species or cultivars.

Roses, lilies, hemerocallis, dahlias, gladioli, succulents, ferns, hostas, orchids, hollies, African violets, bonsai or caladiums are some suggestions for exhibits. All eight or all fifteen species should be of blue ribbon quality. Each variety is to be correctly labeled with botanical and common names. Display the species or cultivars in an attractive manner. Species or cultivars must be clean and free from disease or insect damage. There should be uniformity in branching, stem length and container size.

Horticulture Chair Charlene Thornhill is taking reservations for the two Bole Medal cultivar classes for the 2011 convention. Classes are limited to 10 entries in each class.



Design Study Department

Naomi Ormes, Chair

A creative design is the artist's use of plant materials and other components to organize the elements and principles of design to create an art form. This design incorporates space within and thus is of space, whereas a traditional design is an art form in space.

There are several types of creative designs, such as a parallel, reflective, sculptural form plus many others, but each design must follow the elements and principles of design.

The elements of design are light, space, line, form, texture, pattern, and color. The principles of design are balance, proportion, dominance, rhythm, contrast and scale. To understand these concepts, study pages 346-348 of the 2003 Revised Edition of the *Exhibitors' & Judges' Handbook*. Each must be used to its full advantage to create a dramatic creative design.

One of the most important characteristics of creative design is restrained use of plant materials, so to achieve a great design without much plant material, there must be strong lines, dynamic balance of open and solid spaces. It should be big, bold, strong, and masculine in feeling, with balance through tension, rather than visual weight.

Creativity is to free one's self of the old assumptions, and to challenge the rules. You must try new methods of composition incorporating the design principles and elements. Search out new plant materials, containers and/or line materials. Use every opportunity to generate ideas to create an unusual



and new design. Look for anything with design potential, such as glass, plastic, wire, metal, rope, swim noodles, insulation tubes, brass tubing, ceiling light panels, etc. Check the OAGC web site as well as the *Visions of Beauty* annual calendar for inspiration for unusual components to create your own designs.

If you would like to learn more about Creative Designs, be sure to attend your regional Design Study workshops as well as the Design Study workshop held on Monday nights at the Exhibitors' and Judges' Schools. For help with design workshops in your area, please contact Naomi Ormes at normes@oagc.org.

Junior Gardeners Department

Marian Moeckel, Chair

The Junior contests have been changed from an annual event at the convention to semi-annual events to be judged at the regional meetings with the top three winners per age group being displayed (on exhibit only) at convention. Awards

will be determined and provided by each regional board.

The 2011 Junior Gardener Project Contest will be the creation of a gardening magazine cover listing 5 gardening tips. These are to be presented on cardstock in a face-to-face format, folded in the middle. The size of the cover (left side) and the page with the tips (right side) can be no larger than 8 ½ x 11 ½ inches each. The total width (flat) would be no larger than 17 inches and the height would be no larger than 11 ½ inches.

The collection and judging of the projects will be done by the regional junior gardener chair in each region. The top three winners in each age category from each region will be displayed at the state convention.

At the state level there are several contests and awards available for juniors to enter: Junior Community Beautification Contest, Outstanding Junior Gardeners Award, Outstanding Junior Garden Club Contest, Reed Award (study of birds) and the Shedenhelm Award (Nature & Conservation). Details on these contests and awards can be found in the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*.



Wooster researchers still tallying damage from tornado; Studies to look at new growth

by Dr. Jim Chatfield

As many know, the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Secrest Arboretum and homes and businesses in the area surrounding Wooster in Wayne County were damaged by a tornado that struck around 5:30 p.m. September 16, 2010. Franklin and Athens counties in Ohio also had significant storm damage, as did New York City, where rare tornadoes occurred in Brooklyn and Queens, downing thousands of trees and killing a woman in a car.



Fortunately, in Wooster there was only one minor physical injury. Damage to buildings and trees at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) and Secrest Arboretum was extensive. Thus far, an Ohio State University team from the OSU Extension, the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and the Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) have counted damage to more than 775 large trees. When the full inventory is completed, as more remote areas are cleared, the count of large fallen trees on the OARDC campus and Secrest Arboretum will probably exceed 1,500.

The Agricultural Engineering Building at OARDC was the building damaged the most and the nursery and greenhouse engineering lab were devastated. The new Jack and Deb Miller Garden Pavilion building is gone. Students and faculty lost a great deal of research and valuable germplasm in greenhouses.

About 25% of the arboretum was flattened. The flowering crabapples along the road are mostly gone, the Crablandia I research plot is gone, but the new Crablandia II research plot lost only about 2% of its trees. The umbrella magnolia grove was flattened.

The dawn redwood grove stands tall. The Garden Pavilion awaits rebuilding. The Discovery Pavilion that details OARDC research and the lessons of plant phenology

suffered only minor damage and beckons for the renewal of Secrest. Amazingly, there was only one minor physical injury.

Cleanup efforts are under way and quite remarkable, though many areas, including the arboretum, will be closed for some time. Ohio State University is an educational institution, and a land-grant institution as well, charged with research and teaching and outreach to all Ohioans. Ironically the storm will allow for the study of forest regeneration in the wilder areas of the arboretum as well as studies of invasive species and the development of decay fungi in these areas.

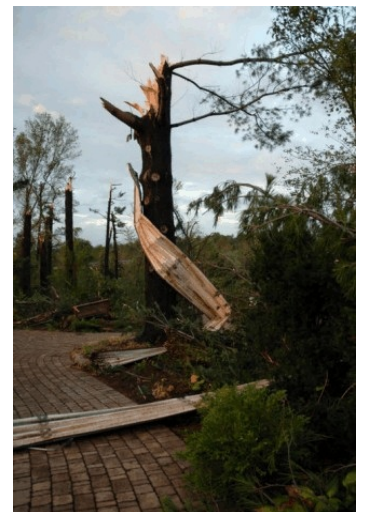
A group from the University of Western Ontario, recently in Ohio at a biomechanics conference sponsored by Davey Tree Expert Co. and the International Society of Arboriculture, is interested in studying the patterns of the storm and their effects on trees.

The inventory of lost trees is a piece of this story. For a number of reasons, we wanted to know more about the toll of the storm. In a recent almanac, we noted that a single 24-inch diameter pin oak tree in a Wooster parkland setting provides \$214 in annual benefits (according to the USDA Forest Service i-Tree analysis, which you can find at <http://treebenefits.com>). These benefits include storm-water remediation, energy savings, air-quality benefits, carbon sequestration and property value.

With our inventory on the OARDC campus and Secrest, we are now compiling one measure of the environmental costs of this storm to the trees. Check out <http://oardc.osu.edu/tornado> for information.

Emotions and mourning are part of the deal, and lead to a deeper understanding and appreciation of why trees and research matter. The inventory is providing some relief to those who work in this community forest daily. The inventory team was greatly affected by its chance to commune with fallen trees, even stumps, one last time.

As W.H. Auden wrote in 1955, "A culture is no better than its woods." (*Dr. Chatfield is a horticultural educator with Ohio State University Extension.*)



2011 OAGC Convention Flower Show, July 18-20, 2011 HORTICULTURE DIVISION

Rules:

1. Entries will be accepted from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday, July 18, 2011.
 2. Exhibitor **MUST BE REGISTERED** for convention 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 chair.
 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 using 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); Runner-up Rosette (2nd place sweepstakes) Points totaled are: 1st: 5; 2nd: 3; 3rd: 2. In case of a tie, Honorable Mentions will be counted as 1 each;
 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 Dr., 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 2011
 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 2011
 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
 13. Any new variety for 2011
- Section 3 - Biennials or Perennials**
14. Rudbeckia, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached
 15. Shasta Daisy, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached
 16. Echinacea, named, any variety, one bloom, disbudded, keeping foliage attached when available
 17. Yarrow, named, any variety, one stem, not disbudded with foliage attached
 18. Any round form perennial or biennial, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached
 19. Any spray form perennial or biennial, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached

20. Any spike form perennial or biennial, named, any variety, one spike, foliage attached
21. Any flower grown from a bulb, corm, tuber, or rhizome not listed elsewhere in the schedule
22. Any new variety for 2011

**Section 4 - Hemerocallis (Daylily),
Named, any variety, one scape**

23. Miniature (flowers not to exceed 3" in diameter)
24. White, near white, cream solid, cream blend, green solid, green blend
25. Yellow solid or yellow blend
26. Orange solid or orange blend
27. Pink solid or pink blend
28. Lavender solid or lavender blend
29. Red solid or red blend
30. Purple or purple blend
31. Bi-color
32. Double
33. Spider
34. Unusual form

Section 5 - Lilies

Named, any variety, one stem with foliage attached

35. Asiatic Hybrid
36. Oriental Hybrid
37. Orienpet

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)**

38. One leaf, green (all shades), named
a. miniature b. small, c. medium,
d. large, e. giant
39. One leaf, blue (all shades), named
a. miniature, b. small, c. medium,
d. large, e. giant
40. One leaf, yellow, named
a. miniature, b. small, c. medium,
d. large, e. giant
41. One leaf, white margin, named
a. miniature, b. small, c. medium,
d. large, e. giant
42. One leaf, yellow margin, named
a. miniature, b. small, c. medium,
d. large, e. giant
43. One leaf, green to blue margin, named
a. miniature, b. small, c. medium,
d. large, e. giant
44. One leaf, streaked or mottled, named
a. miniature, b. small, c. medium,
d. large, e. giant

Section 7 - Caladiums

45. 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)

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

Section 9 - Shrubs

Named, any variety, one stem, no exhibit to exceed 24" in length

49. Blooming
50. Hydrangea, blooming

Section 10 - Gladiolus

named, one spike, disbudded, any variety or color

51. 100-200 size (miniature or small)
52. 300, 400, 500 size (medium, large, giant)

Section 11 - Herbs

Named, any variety, one stem

53. Fresh cut perennial herb
54. Fresh cut annual herb

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)

55. Flowering plant, named, any variety
56. Foliage plant, named, any variety
57. Cactus, named, any variety
58. Succulent, named, any variety

Section 13 - Regional Educational

Horticultural Exhibits

Required for Regions 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16. (Space approximately 36" wide x 30" deep) Exhibitor MUST furnish own background, standard card table and covering. Exhibits will be critiqued and comments written for each regional exhibit.

Section 14 - American Horticultural Society Bole Memorial Medal,

awarded once ever three years. Classes 59 & 60 are limited to the first 10 entries. Pre-register by July 1, 2011 by contacting Horticulture Chair Charlene Thornhill (address/page 8.)

59. Gold Medal Class: Fifteen (15) species of cultivars of blue ribbon quality required, labeled
60. Silver Medal Class: Eight (8) species or cultivars of blue ribbon quality required, labeled

JUNIOR DIVISION

Section 15 - Juniors - Annuals, Biennials, Perennials

61. Coleus, named, naturally grown, one stem
62. Any other round form annual, biennial or perennial, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached. (Examples: zinnia, marigold, aster, shasta daisy, gloriosa daisy, etc.)
63. Any other spike form annual, biennial, perennial, named, one spike, foliage attached. (Examples: salvia, larkspur, delphinium, hollyhock, bells of Ireland, liatrus, gladiolus, snapdragon, etc.)
64. Any other spray form annual, biennial, perennial, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached. (Examples: lily, hemerocallis (daylily), phlox, petunias, lisianthus, statice, etc.)
65. Any new variety for 2011

Section 16 - Juniors - Hosta

66. 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)

67. Small grasses, named, three stems of same variety in one container. (Carex, Helictotrichon, Imperata, etc.)
68. Medium grasses, named, three stems of same variety in 1 container (Elymus, Chasmanthium, Panicum, etc.)
69. Large grasses, named, one stem, any variety. (Arundo, Erianthus, Miscanthus, Ornamental Corn, etc.)

Via the Grapevine

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

REGION 2

Happy Hours GC: Feb. 2, the members will learn how to cultivate, harvest and use Herbs and to make soap with herbs. Mar. 3, DeHaven Nursery, will talk about spring plantings. Contact Alice Winter at sabrinam_45801@yahoo.com or 419-649-1113.

REGION 3

Here & There GC: 7:30 pm, Jan. 4, Open Meeting, "Perennials that Pop - From Bed to Dead" by Bob Iames, Prince of Peace Church in Kettering. Everyone is invited. Contact Vicki Ferguson, 937-885-6163 or vferguson@oagc.org.

New Neighbors GC: Jan. 18, "Irises" by George McGowan of the Iris Society, annual compost sale begins; Feb. 15, "Magic in the Air" by Tom Hissong of Aullwood Audubon Center; Mar. 15, "Metal Art in the Garden" at Greg's Antiques Warehouse in Latonia, KY. Contact Jan Crosby at jkrosby@woh.rr.com or 937-395-1216.

REGION 4

Des Fleurs GC: Feb. 3, Speaker from the Cincinnati Civic Garden at Knolls of Oxford 1 pm; Mar. 2, "The Gardens of Italy" by Jack Keegan, Open Meeting at Oxford Community Arts Center. Contact Kim Peterka at kpeterka@hotmail.com for details.

Goshen GC: In March, they will create clay items for their ongoing Fairy Garden Project. Contact Pat Palmer at 513-625-0915 or PLPPalmer@aol.com.

Monroe GC: Feb. 15, Quarter Auction fundraiser; Mar. 15, "Gardens of Ohio" by Renate Pealer, OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer. Contact Judy Shillinglaw at jshillinglaw@cinci.rr.com.

Shovel and Hoe GC: Feb. 28, "Hostas and the Shade Garden" by Jeff Michel; Mar. 28, "Bull's Run Arboretum" by Debbie Grant, president of Bull's Run

Arboretum and club member. Contact Ruthann Charles at ruthanncharles@hotmail.com.

REGION 5

Four Seasons GC: Jan. 20, "Flower Quilts" by Phyllis Meiring of Blackberry Patchworks, Piqua; Feb. 17, "Pressed Flower Cards" by Felicia Barnes with Victorian Tea and a Valentine Exchange; Mar. 17, "Fairy Gardens" by Kitty Jordan and Sandy Wolf, Distribution of future Mother's Day Sale Items. Contact Sandy Wolf at 937-773-4749 or sandywolf@woh.rr.com.

REGION 7

North End GC: Feb. 21, 1 pm, "Flowers of the Heart" by Laurie Plotner for the Guest Meeting; Mar. 21, 7 pm, "Glass Gardens" by Mary Ellen Heacock at Janet's Floral Design in Ontario. Contact Mary Ellen Heacock at 419-468-6353 or mebheacock@columbus.rr.com.

REGION 8

Newark GC: Feb. 11, "Proper Pruning" by Mike Ecker, Director of Horticulture for Dawes Arboretum, at the Licking County Public Library, Newark; Mar. 11, "Naturally Grown Foods" by Trish Mumme of the Ohio Ecological Food & Farm Association, at the First Baptist Church of Heath. Contact Gale Ann Kelly at Galeannkelly@windstream.net.

Town & Country GC: Jan. 13, Gardening video; Feb. 10, "Insects and Butterflies" by Dave Woodmannsee; Mar. 10, "Growing Your Own Fruits and Vegetables" by George McCoy. Contact Ed Kiefer at 740-622-3993.

REGION 9

Basil GC: Jan. 17, "Flowers of Russia" by Suzanne Keller; Feb. 21, "House Plants" by Nancy Roshon; Mar. 21, "Wildflowers and a Craft" by Trudy Keck and Becky Scholl at Goslin Nature Education Center at Alley Park. Contact Louise Smith at 740-862-6018.

Darby Valley GC: Jan. 27, Workshop on "Making a Garden Topiary" by Mary Jane LaLonde at Harrisburg UM Church; Feb. 24, "Trees for Midwest Gardens" by a member of the

local Grove City Urban Forestry Staff; also an annual White Elephant Sale; Mar. 24, "Landscaping for Year-Round Color" by horticulturist Barb Bennett, owner of The Plant People. Contact Ruth Osborne at ruthieg37@yahoo.com.

Pickerington GC: Feb. 16: "Social Climbers - Vines and Climbing Plants", 1 pm, Pickerington Library; Mar. 16: "Garden Nasties - Weeds, Invasive Plants and Other Crud" at 1 pm, Pickerington Library. Contact Barbara Kochick at 614-837-3951 or Libby Stearns at 614-837-4455.

REGION 12

Flushing GC: Mar. 21, Book Review by Cheryl Thompson about Letters From Eden - a year at home in the woods written by Julie Zickefoose. Contact Barb Cencula at bjoyce@eohio.net.

Four Seasons GC: Mar. 23, 6:30 pm, Guest Night at Clark Memorial Library, program by Kaye Clay, Master Gardener, Guernsey County Extension Office. Contact Donna Jean Koch at deejkoch@frontier.com.

REGION 16

Wilmington GC: Jan. 10, "Banquet for the Birds" by Bob Thobaben; Feb. 14, "Herbs, Tea and Culinary Plant Applications" by Anna Pound; Mar. 7, "Pruning Do's and Don'ts" by Rick Kendall.

In Memoriam

Region 3

Clare Lewis, 9/12/2010, Saville Hilltoppers Garden Club

Region 8

Henrilu Babington, 1/2010, Green Valley Garden Club

Wilda Wise, 100, 10/18/2010, Crooksville-Roseville Garden Club

Region 10

Margaret Davis, 82, 10/26/10, Rock Hill Gardeners

Region 14

Helen Rose Thompson, 94, 9/29/2010, Wide View Garden Club

Region 16

Ruth Lane, Wilmington Garden Club

Ramona Mae Miller, 9/17/2010, Fayette Garden Club

OAGC Accredited Flower Show Judges – * Denotes Master Judge

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Region 16: Madison, Fayette, Greene, Warren, Clinton, Highland Counties

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Stepping Stones

Happy Birthday!

Valley View Garden Club (Region 16) reports that club member of over 50 years, Clara Trimbach, celebrated her 105th birthday on September 24, 2010. She was born in Oberweier, Germany in 1905 and currently lives in Beavercreek, Ohio. Congratulations!

Old Fashioned Garden Club celebrates 80 years

With its 25-member outreach now into the West Side and Loveland communities (Region 4), the original Blue Ash-Montgomery Old Fashioned Garden Club celebrated its 80th year July 2010. The club has been meeting once a month for 80 years and affiliated with OAGC in 1938. During wartime, the club decorated Montgomery Village for the Red Cross and maintained flowers at the Soldiers' Reception Center in Mt. Adams.

In 1948, a club member discovered a large Shingle Oak tree in a Blue Ash resident's yard. Documentation of measurements were validated by the U.S. Forestry Department who declared the tree the oldest and largest such tree in the United States.

The club holds annual plant sales with proceeds funding memorial trees, roadside flower beds, schools, garden reference books to the Sycamore Library and the City of Cincinnati's downtown flower box project. Congratulations to Old Fashioned Garden Club!

Monroe Garden Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Monroe Garden Club (Region 4) was chartered in July 1960. Founder, Ruth Cast toured around Monroe in the summer of 1960 looking for flower gardens and landscaped homes. She boldly knocked on the door of these homes to inquire if the lady of the house would be interested in starting a garden club.

Guidelines for organization and by-laws were garnered from the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* and the club is still active to this date in the state organization. The objective of the garden club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening and flower arranging, to strive by improving our work by practice and study, to aid in the conservation and protection of our natural resources, and to encourage civic beautification. Attending regional meetings and the annual state convention keeps all in touch with other clubs throughout the state and gardeners in our region.

Seasonal activities have included: civic beautification, providing a wreath for the Community Memorial Day services, Christmas Lighting Contest, Arbor Day activities and awarding OAGC beautification certificates to community properties with outstanding landscapes and gardens. Kudos to Monroe Garden Club. Keep up the great work!



OAGC Foundation Happenings

Meet The OAGC Foundation Trustees

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| Peggy Case | Stephanie Patrick |
| Vicki Ferguson, Secretary | Marlene Purdy, Chair of the Board |
| Sue Hamlet | Geri Rea |
| Mary Lee Minor | Sharon Ware, Treasurer |
| Babs Sabick, President & Development Director | |

This list includes a lot of familiar names. The OAGC Foundation Regulations state that the Board of Trustees should consist of the Executive Committee of The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc., along with up to 3 past presidents of that organization. The inclusion of past presidents is an effort to insure continuity. All members of The OAGC Foundation Board are available to answer your questions and receive your suggestions.

Your OAGC Foundation, by the numbers

The following is a recap of your OAGC Foundation, Inc.'s, financial report for the past fiscal year. (All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar). A complete financial report is available from the OAGC Foundation treasurer, Sharon Ware.

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| INCOME: Donations from individuals and garden clubs, \$15,074 |
| Investment revenue, \$1,237 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: Scholarships, \$3,234 |
| Conservation/Beautification, \$225 |
| Recognition Awards, \$1,013 |
| Wahkeena Nature Preserve, \$8,417 |
| Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors, \$4000 |

Additionally, in response to the devastating September 2010 tornado damage at Secrest Arboretum near the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, Ohio, the OAGC Foundation has also contributed \$1000 toward the arboretum's renewal effort. As you can see, your generous support of the OAGC Foundation touches the lives of young and old and helps to make our world a better place.

This issue of *The Garden Path* contains a donation envelope addressed to the OAGC Foundation treasurer, Sharon Ware. This is an easy way to support your OAGC Foundation. Gifts to the Foundation are a great way to acknowledge an anniversary or birthday, or serve as an honorarium for a deceased club member. No contribution is too small and all are appreciated. Remember, contributions from individuals are tax deductible.

Quilt Raffle

The challenge quilt raffle is underway. Club presidents will be receiving raffle tickets to sell. The 12 block wall hanging will be drawn at the 2011 Convention, and the queen-size quilt will be awarded at 2012 Convention. To see the quilts up-close and in-person, raffle chair Babs Sabick plans to bring the grand prize quilt to each region over the next 2 years. Raffle tickets sell for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and will be eligible for both drawings.

Hike for Health

What could be better than a group of garden club friends enjoying a hike in a local park? Well, if that hike could raise funds for the OAGC Foundation, THAT would be better! May 14, 2011 is the scheduled date for OAGC's first Hike for Health.

The main hike will take place at Wahkeena Nature Preserve south of Lancaster in Fairfield County. If your group of intrepid hikers cannot make it to Wahkeena, then you are encouraged to use one of Ohio's beautiful state or local parks. Solicit pledges from friends and family (or your club) and enjoy a beautiful morning in nature. Hike forms are available from your regional director or can be found on the OAGC website. For more information, email Babs Sabick at bsabick@oagc.org.

Don't forget that March 15, 2011 is the deadline to apply for an OAGC Scholarship. Scholarship applications can be found at www.oagc.org.

The OAGC Foundation would like to recognize the following donations:

Scholarship Fund

Des Fleurs Garden Club
Ladybug Garden Club
Marabar Heights Garden Club

Nature & Conservation Fund

Ladybug Garden Club
Newark Garden Club
Open Gate Garden Club

Wahkeena – Sarah’s Transportation Fund

Basil Garden Club
Newark Garden Club
OAGC Region 9
Portsmouth Garden Club (collected pennies every month at meetings)

General Fund

Kathleen Cowgill
Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc
Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby County
Redbud Garden Club (*in memory of Donna Parker*)
Babs Sabick (*in memory of Donna Parker*)
Babs Sabick (*in honor of Vicki Ferguson and Jo Ann Graham*)

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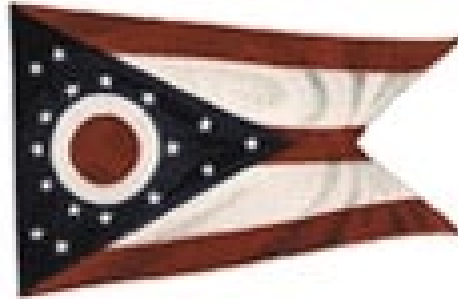
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Marabar Heights Garden Club
Newark Garden Club
Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby County

Wahkeena Nature Preserve Fund

Creston Garden Club
Des Fleurs Garden Club
Earth, Wind, & Flowers Garden Club
Flushing Garden Club
Gallipolis Garden Club
Ladybug Garden Club
Marabar Heights Garden Club
Mohican Community Garden Club (*in memory of Golden Kerr and Carol Seman*)
Newark Garden Club
OAGC Region 9 (*in honor of Tom Shisler*)
Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby County
Slocum Garden Club (*in memory of Vera Yeagle*)
Sharon Ware (*in honor of Vicki Ferguson*)

Become a Governor’s Gardener!

Would you like to spend a few hours every month throughout the gardening season keeping the Heritage Garden at the Ohio Governor’s Residence in Columbus looking special? How about learning more about the life cycles of native plants? Sharing your knowledge with fellow gardeners? Would you like to be the first invited to go on rescue trips or hear experts on various garden issues? The Governor’s Gardeners is a group of volunteers who work together the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays April through November.



What is involved? Commit to come to at least one 2nd Wednesday (9 am to 12 noon) during the summer at the Governor’s Residence. Wear your work clothes; bring your tools and a sack lunch. Come to the trooper’s gate on Maryland Ave. at 9 am. On the 4th Wednesday of the month from 9 am to 1 pm, in addition to weeding the gardens, for a \$10 donation to the Governor’s Gardeners, enjoy a light lunch and a short talk on an interesting topic. Bring tools for weeding, kneeling pad, gloves, etc.

The dates for working in the garden are: April 13 & 27; May 11 & 27; June 5 & 22; July 13 & 27; August 10 & 24; September 14 & 28 and October 12 & 26. The Governor’s Residence is located at 358 N. Parkview Ave., Bexley, OH 43209. For more information, email Hope Taft at Ohiohoper@yahoo.com. Your help makes the Heritage Garden look its best!

Mohican School News

Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors (MOS) is a finalist for Ohio Environmental Education Funding provided through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). MOS has been recommended for funding in the amount of \$23,086 to implement a mobile learning program that will utilize GPS and handheld computers in the field. They are awaiting final approval of these funds by the Director of the Ohio EPA.

Mohican Outdoor School is 50 years old this year! A 50th anniversary celebration dinner will be held on June 18, 2011. Ticket information is available by calling the school at 419-938-6671 or by email at: info@mohicanoutdoorschool.org.

The MOS pond project is consulting with Richland County Soil and Water to secure permits and ensure feasible soil composition. They continue to raise funds to secure sufficient funding to complete the process. Stay tuned, as your support of this project has been overwhelming, and you will be one of the first groups to know when actual construction begins.

Nature Study Retreat Registration Form
May 30-June 4, 2011
Camp Palmer 4-H Camp
26450 Co. Rd. MN, Fayette, OH 43521
Registration Deadline: May 1, 2011

Name: _____ Region: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Full-time rates:

Adult (18 or older): _____ \$200 full-time
 Junior (17 or under) _____ \$180 full-time
 (\$5 discount if paid in full before May 1, 2011)

Part-time rates:

Adult: \$65 per day/night (includes 1 night, 3 meals)

x _____ days = _____

Junior: \$55 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: _____

Attending how many days? _____

Arrive date/time: _____ Depart date/time: _____

There is plenty of room so bring a friend! Attendees must be pre-registered/pre-paid to participate in camp functions.

Make checks payable to: OAGC

Mail check and all registration forms to:

Marie Marquart, OAGC NSR Treasurer
 19391 Co. Rd. 12
 Bluffton, OH 45817
 Phone: (419) 326-5212

A Nature Study Retreat Emergency Medical Authorization must accompany registration form for all juniors. Retreat Chair: Paula Mowery 614-878-9731 or 520-343-1983. Alternate Contact: Maureen Wootton 740-593-6725.

Nature Study Retreat - A personal view*Paula Mowery, Retreat Chair*

As a youngster, were you ever able to go to summer camp, be it 4-H, Girl Scouts, or even a Day Camp? Nature Study Retreat is for all OAGC members, members' children/grandchildren, wives and husbands, relatives and friends.

Do you have a desire to meet with wonderful people in the study of nature and birding? Would you like to go on a hayride and have a campfire one more time and include someone else to let them know what our youth was like? Do you remember the taste of S'mores? Do you remember singing camp songs?

Last year, I was fortunate enough to attend Nature Study Retreat with my granddaughter Malory to make a few memories. We were successful and she saw a side of me that she wasn't aware of! I had the chance to understand more about myself and my granddaughter. I also learned more about the youth of today, their habits and what interests them. This is sometimes contrary to my youth.

For a change of pace, a respite, extending ourselves to learn peaceful coexistence with nature, we would love for you to get acquainted with OAGC's Nature Study Retreat. Perhaps each region could offer a campership and sponsor a youth or an adult with the understanding that they return and share about their experience with the region.

Bloomin' Bucks
 with Brent and Becky's Bulbs

Support OAGC when you shop on-line for your bulb needs at Brent and Becky's Bulbs' web-site through their special fundraising portal:

www.bloomingbucks.com

and select 'Ohio Association of Garden Clubs' from the pull-down menu. That is it! There is no special code to remember - no coupons to submit. A portion of each dollar you spend will be given to OAGC and you'll be the envy of your neighborhood when you plant their bulbs!

Thanks for your support!

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Keeping you informed

The following is a snapshot of items the Board of Directors affirmed at the 2010 fall state board meeting. Of general interest to the membership:

- to approve June Gebhardt, Diane Reese and Judy Stopkotte as accredited OAGC flower show judges
- to change the OAGC event vendor table fee to \$25 per table
- to change the junior contest from an annual event at convention to a semi-annual event to be judged at the regional meetings with the top three winners per age group being displayed (on exhibit only) at convention
- to eliminate make-up tests for Exhibitors' and Judges' Schools
- to approve the 2010-2011 budget amount of \$86,510
- to discontinue the 'Gardening for Excellence' seed program without replacing at this time
- to approve the 2011 convention flower show horticulture schedule
- to approve the department chairs, liaisons and advisors as listed in *The Garden Path*
- to approve Margaret Benchoff as the Regional Director of Region 14
- to give the Archival Manager 2 copies of the 1998 edition of the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* for preservation and the balance of the inventory of the old handbooks be destroyed
- to reduce the price of the *Gardeners' Delight II* cookbook to \$8

OAGC wishes to extend its sympathies to the family of Aury Holt who passed away December 1, 2010. Aury was an accredited OAGC Flower Show Judge from Region 16. She will be remembered for sharing her love of Japanese flower arranging and her green thumb by growing lovely orchids.