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Coming Events

July 15, 2011

Deadline for submissions to
The Garden Path

July 18-20, 2011

OAGC Convention, "Island
Paradise", Shawnee State Park

July 27-August 7, 2011

Ohio State Fair - Columbus
July 27 - Horticulture Show
July 28 - Artistic Show
August 1 - Artistic Show
August 4 - Artistic Show

August 15, 2011

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Franklin Park Conservatory,
Columbus

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Elmore, OH

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Exhibitors' & Judges' School,
Deer Creek State Park

October, 3-5, 2011

OAGC State Board Meeting,
Deer Creek State Park

October 15, 2011

Deadline for submissions to
The Garden Path

November 14, 2011

Wahkeena Liaison Committee
Meeting, Ohio Historical Society,
Columbus

December 15, 2011

Deadline for OAGC contest
submissions

OAGC Foundation announces scholarship recipients

The trustees of the OAGC Foundation are pleased to announce the 2011 scholarship recipients. Twenty-one applications were considered, with applicants representing 9 of 15 OAGC regions. Three scholarships of \$1000 each will be presented at the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs' annual convention in July.

Joshua B. Henry receives the Incoming College Freshman scholarship.



Joshua Henry

Joshua hales from Cleveland (Region 15) and will attend The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute (OSU ATI) in Wooster. He plans to pursue an associate's degree in Greenhouse Production and Management, going on to earn a bachelor's degree in Business Management. Joshua's high school GPA is an impressive 3.72. He has completed 6 semesters at Cuyahoga Community College, earning transfer credits. Examples of his community activities include working at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, where he is a past winner of the Teen Volunteer of the Year, as well as volunteering with the OSU Master Gardeners.

The Upper Classmen scholarship winner is Jerry B. Chidsey, of Medina (Region 14). You might recognize Jerry, as he was one of our scholarship winners last year. Since beginning his classes at ATI he has earned a 4.0 GPA studying Landscape Horticulture Technologies-Landscape Design. He also serves as the Business Officer of the ATI Landscape Club. In Dr. Laura Deeters' recommendation she describes Jerry as a "standout" who shows academic ability and organizational skills.



Jerry B. Chidsey

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A note from our president:



Hello gardeners,

Summer is the season which has the hottest and longest days of the year. It is a very good season to enjoy outdoor activities. I hope you will enjoy the many summer activities planned by OAGC.

Our first Hike for Health was quite successful raising funds for Wahkeena Nature

Preserve. The Fairfield County Historical Park District will be placing a levy request on the ballot this fall. If the levy passes the park anticipates entering into a management agreement with the Ohio Historical Society for the day-to-day operations of Wahkeena.

Past OAGC president, Babs Sabick, has been busy quilting pillows from the remainder of her challenge quilt blocks. These pillows will be given away during the raffle drawings at many of our OAGC events. The wall hanging quilt winner will be drawn at convention this summer. A big THANK YOU to all the clubs who helped support our raffle drawing by sending in your donations this spring.

Summer is a good time to show off your flowering plants, your foliage plants and your artistic arranging of both. I hope your club is participating in a flower show in some way, either by having your own show or entering a county fair show. Don't forget to enter the Ohio State Fair as well. We really need your entries to keep this wonderful summer activity going. State funding budgets are tight and the only way to continue to receive the money is to have lots of entries. Perhaps your club could help sponsor individuals by paying some of the gas expenses.

For those of us who love to take our houseplants outdoors during the summer, here is a creative hint for you: slip the pot into a slightly larger, decorative urn or container and fill the space between with clean gravel (or peat or a soil-less compost). By keeping this gravel moist, the plants won't dry out as quickly in all the heat.

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

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Stephen P. Kelleher receives the ATI scholarship. Stephen is from Xenia (Region 16) and is completing his first year at ATI, earning a 3.6 GPA. He is majoring in Horticulture Science with a minor in Nursery Management.

Stephen hopes to continue his education at the OSU main campus. Prior to college, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and is now an assistant scoutmaster. Stephen's long term goal is to work at an arboretum or public garden. He currently volunteers at the Secrest Arboretum near the ATI campus in Wooster, OH.

The continuing support of the Foundation by OAGC members makes these scholarships possible. Thank you for your generosity.



Stephen Kelleher

Seeing green?

Anyone who has taken a trip to Florida has probably seen the velvety, green viney foliage that blankets field and forest with a vengeance.

Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*), is an invasive plant from Asia that was originally imported for erosion control and livestock feed in the 1870s.



Once thought to be unable to withstand Ohio winters, kudzu can now be found in 16 Ohio counties including Franklin (Columbus) and Cuyahoga (Cleveland) counties.

How bad is it? It can grow a foot a day and smothers the ground and trees it covers and climbs thus robbing the plants of sunlight and the ability to photosynthesize enough to support growth.

Beyond herbicides, using goats, mowing and digging up plant roots are other, more laborious and less-effective battle techniques against kudzu.

To report a location with kudzu, contact Stephanie Downs, Invasive Species Forester for the Ohio Division of Forestry by email at: stephanie.downs@dnr.state.oh.us or by phone at: (740)774-1596.

Convention Mini-Schedule

(Please note: schedule is subject to change.)

Monday, July 18

- 9:00a-5:00p: Registration
 9:00a-1:00p: Flower show entries accepted; Regional & Educational exhibits set up
 1:00p-5:30p: Vendor sales open
 1:00-6:00p: Flower show closed for judging
 1:00-5:00p: Oasis floral products demonstration
 2:30p: Water Education program by SWCD
 6:00p: Banquet; Recognitions: Past Presidents & Judges; Awards: Convention Flower Show
 8:15p: **"Purely for Pleasure" by Penny Decker**
 9:30-11:00p: Vendor sales open

Tuesday, July 19

- 6:30a: Bird hike
 8:00a: Breakfast
 9:00a-all day: Registration
 9:00a: Business meeting; Reports; Regional Contests; Awards: Juniors
 10:30a-12:00p: Vendor sales open
 10:45-11:45a: Clinic (3 choices) Leaf Manipulation (must pre-register); Park Naturalist Jenny Richards; "Native Artifacts and Local History"
 12:00p: Luncheon; OAGC Foundation report & Scholarship presentations
 2:00-3:00p: **"Flowers of the Arc" by Mandy Henderson**
 2:30-5:30p: Vendor sales open
 3:00-5:30p: Free time to explore on own
 5:00p: Executive Officer reception (cash bar)
 6:00p: Banquet; Awards, RD Installation
 8:30p: **"Not Your Grandmother's Coleus" by Jim Chakeres**
 9:30-11:00p: Vendor sales open

Wednesday, July 20

- 6:30a: Bird hike
 8:00a: Breakfast
 9:00-11:00a: Registration
 9:00a: Business meeting; Awards: Club Contests, Flower Shows, Master Gardener, Membership Incentive and Victor H. Ries
 10:30-11:30a: Vendor sales open
 11:00a-12p: Contest book clinics
 12:00p: Luncheon; Awards: Daisy Sticksel and Nature & Conservation
 1:30-2:30p: **"Souvenirs from Paradise" by Carolyn Doerflein**
 2:30-3:00p: Announcements, raffle drawings, invitation to 2012 convention, adjournment

Exhibitors' and Judges' School #4

Monday and Tuesday

September 19-20, 2011

Deer Creek State Park Lodge

Topics include:

Advanced Creative Designs

by Faye Collins McGinnis

Roses

by Juanita Wilkins

Plant Identification

by Charlene Margetiak

Cut Cultivars

(round, spray, and spike forms)

by Marlene Purdy

Winter/Holiday and Special Designs

by Mary Lee Minor

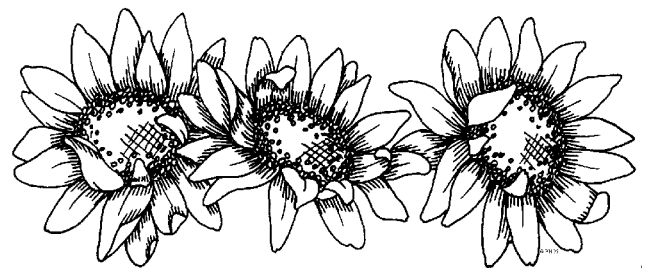
Small Gardens, Terrariums and Dish Gardens

by Babs Sabick

Non-students have two FREE Monday evening class choices: ***Sculptural Form Design Workshop*** by Naomi Ormes, (limited to first fifteen registered) and ***Chrysanthemums*** by Jo Ann Graham (limited to first thirty registered).

More details on page 7.

Registration form 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 this September!

Gardeners' Day Out - August 31



Join other OAGC members for the 50th Gardeners' Day Out on Wednesday, August 31 at Schedel Arboretum and Gardens in Elmore, OH. We will be guided (35 per group) by the staff and area Master Gardeners around the 17 acres of horticultural beauty. This is



a walking visit but a few handicapped folks can be accommodated.

Lunch is included in the \$35 registration fee. The optional Manor House tour is an additional \$6. The registration form can be found on page 15. Note the August 1 registration deadline.

Something stinks!

The brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) is appropriately named: brown, speckled and stinky. *Halyomorpha halys* is causing high anxiety and concern for vegetable, fruit, and field crop production and it just might put the fright into the homeowner too!

Like the Asian lady beetles, these bugs will take to finding warm places, including homes, to overwinter. The trouble is: when disturbed they defend themselves by emitting a very offensive smell.

This relatively-new, invasive true bug was first identified in the eastern

counties of Pennsylvania in 2001. Since then, the bug has spread westward across

Pennsylvania, and it has also

been found in New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, New York,



Adult male BMSB

West Virginia, and Virginia. It then hitchhiked over to Oregon and California, where it is now established. The bug was first reported in Ohio in Franklin



Adult female BMSB

County in 2007. Today, BMSB is found in 33 states. The BMSB has a "shield" shaped body that is characteristic of all stink bugs. The adults are approximately 17 mm (5/8 inch) long with a mottled brownish grey color. The next to last (4th) antennal segment has a white band and several of the abdominal segments protrude from beneath the wings and are alternatively banded with black and white. The underside is white, sometimes with grey or black markings, and

the legs are brown with faint white banding.

Penn State has created a stink bug website: <http://ento.psu.edu/extension/factsheets/brown-marmorated-stink-bug>. Entomologists need to document the expanding range of this pest. Anyone who finds specimens that seem to be the brown marmorated stink bug can report them to their county Extension educator or to the centralized web site at <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/stinkbug/report.asp>.

There is also great interest in knowing where and how many of BMSBs are in Ohio. If you think you found them, place them in a bottle of alcohol and send to the C. Wayne Ellett Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic (CWEPDC), The Ohio State University, 8995 E. Main St., Bldg. 23, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-3399. Contact the clinic with any questions at 614-292-5902 or visit <http://ppdc.osu.edu>.

USDA Forest Service research helps quantify the value of trees



New research from the U.S. Forest Service demonstrates that among their many benefits, trees increase home prices, improve air quality, reduce household energy use and the effects of climate change.

“Trees in urban areas beautify neighborhoods and provide great economic benefits,” said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. “Aside from enhancing neighborhood aesthetics they filter the air, reduce storm runoff and absorb carbon dioxide.”

Reports issued by the Forest Service Northern and Pacific Northwest Research Stations focused on specific cities - Chicago, Portland and Sacramento. The studies using newly developed software called itreetools, detailed the following findings:

- * Chicago’s 3.6 million trees annually reduce air pollution by about 890 tons, a \$6.4 million benefit per year.
- * In Sacramento, trees planted on the south and west sides of houses reduced summertime electricity bills by an average of \$25.16.
- * In Portland the study found that street trees growing in front of or near a house added an average \$8,870 to its sale price and reduced time on the market by nearly two days.

These economic benefits spilled over to neighboring properties as well. For instance, a neighborhood tree growing along the public right-of-way added an average of \$12,828 to the combined value of all houses within 100 feet. Nationally, benefits from the estimated 3.8 billion urban trees are significant. These trees are estimated to have a structural value of over \$2 trillion, and store carbon valued at over \$14 billion. Urban trees also annually remove air pollution valued at \$4 billion and remove carbon dioxide, a dominant greenhouse gas, valued at around \$460 million per year. For more information go to Urban Forest Data website: www.nrs.fs.fed.us/data/urban/ or Science Findings, issue 125, September, 2010. (Source: USDA Forest Service.)

Happenings at Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors

The Sweetheart Hike at the Mohican Outdoor School earlier this year was deemed a huge success with 70 participants. The highlight of the day was a hike to Hemlock Falls. Refreshments and conversation in front of a blazing fire in the Lodge ended the perfect day with all making plans to return next year.

The MOS Homeschool program started last year continues to grow and nearly 100 students are anticipated for the HOOT (Homeschool Opportunity for Outdoor Training) program this year. Our Hong



Kong students have also shown an interest in returning.

A grant received will implement the use of GPS and handheld computers in the field this year. MOS also was selected as one of twenty NATIONAL awardees to conduct an outdoor mobile learning pilot which we are calling Green Tech Mobile or GT Mobile for short.

Mohican, an Environmental Learning Center, celebrated its 50th anniversary June 18 with a reception, dinner and entertainment.

July 5, 2011 is the date tentatively scheduled as the date to break ground on the pond.

Check it all out at Mohican’s website <http://www.mohicanoutdoorschool.org> for more information and coming events.

Department News

Club Contests Department

Kathy Martino, Chair

It is time for clubs to be planning their 2011-2012 program book. Because the scorecards and guidelines for the many contests have changed, be sure to follow the revised *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* as a guideline.

Does your club request ideas from members or create a survey for planning the program year? Why not try using a theme and carry the idea through the whole program year? Theme ideas could be the study of trees, butterflies, birds, culinary herbs, or gardens of the world. One club studied trees for their program year, starting with the roots representing the OAGC officers, trunk represents regional officers, limbs were club officers, branches were club members and twigs were potential new members for the year. Remember to plan an educational display, horticulture talk or floral design at each month's meeting. Garden tours and field trips add variety and interest to your year. To meet the ten meetings a year requirement, plan a program during your social gatherings.

At convention Wednesday morning, July 20 check out ideas from the 2009-2010 program, garden therapy and publicity books that will be on display.

Design Study Department

Naomi Ormes, Chair

Looking over the photo submissions for the Faye Collins Designer of the Year Contest, the designs are to be commended. Just as important as the design, it doesn't hurt to keep in mind some photography tips. It is hard work to get these designs entered in the shows, so take a few extra moments to capture them at their best.



To improve your entries, it is important to prepare the staging for the picture. It must be "composed". Consider taking a background to the show so that the picture will be a photo of the intended design and not the neighboring arrangement. Consider also blocking out distracting background artwork or wallpaper. Camera settings must be adjusted so that no dates or time can be seen on the front of the photo.

Often flower show venues can be dimly lit. Choose a time of day that will have the best lighting. When composing the photo, stand directly in front of the design and take the photograph in the vertical manner. Cropping can improve the picture of the design. All ribbons and entry tags must be removed from view. Since most designs are staged on tables and the photos are taken while standing on the floor, it may be difficult to get the full design in the shot. Consider standing on a chair to get the full design.

Most importantly, the photographs must be in focus and accompanied by an entry form. Keep making those designs and keep (or start) taking those pictures! I usually carry a 4' background with me to Exhibitors' and Judges' School and/or convention for photo opportunities. I would be happy to share with you, so please don't hesitate to ask.

Exhibitors' and Judges' School Department

Jan Stein, Chair

Did you know that Exhibitors' and Judges' School is not just for judges? The school is an excellent way to learn about new artistic designs and how to sharpen your growing and exhibiting skills. Each day of the school includes a design class. Horticulture is taught as round, spray and spike forms and attendees are encouraged to bring cultivars (properly labeled in a clear container) to be used in the plant horticulture sessions. There is a drawing for a FREE (one day) registration for those bringing in cultivars at each school. Horticulture rotates according to the season of the year. Added value: there are FREE optional evening sessions on the first day open to school attendees. There are also great vendors. Your lunch is included in your registration fee.

The next school is Monday-Tuesday, September, 19-20 at Deer Creek State Park. E&J School is a great value and incredible educational event. Check out the class schedule on page 4 and registration form on page 15. Registration deadline is August 18.

Horticulture Department

Charlene Thornhill, Chair

Bluestone

Perennials is once again giving back 15% (non-sale items) to The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. with each order that is placed using the promotional code: C2OAGC223 when checking out July 1 through October 1, 2011.



www.bluestoneperennials.com
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If you are just starting out with a new flower bed and overwhelmed by the choices of plant material to use, Bluestone Perennials can help you choose the plants for your needs. They offer five new gardens of preselected plants that are designed to bloom throughout the entire season with a variety of pleasing colors, are easy to grow and low maintenance varieties. Each garden comes with a planting guide and complete layout with plants to follow at the proper planting time in the spring or fall.

The Starter Garden provides twenty three varieties of fifty seven plants! It's the perfect garden for someone just getting started with perennials. Success is certain for this full sun to part shade garden. The Butterfly Garden has thirteen varieties of twenty four plants; Butterflies are garden visitors that add another dimension to your flower border. It requires a sunny site with good drainage. The perennials in the Butterfly Garden are all easy to grow and will provide color throughout the growing season.

If you desire a smaller area, the Lamp Post Garden has nineteen varieties of fourteen plants that will make your lamp post a focal point to visitors coming to see you. Does it sometimes feel like your yard doubles as a deer buffet? The Bluestone garden offers varieties that are way down on deer's preferred menu. You may never completely stop deer damage, but planting this garden should help.

There are more gardens such as Shade Garden, Baby Border Garden, Drought Tolerant Garden, a Shady Bench Garden, and the Bluestone Perennial Border garden. If you are not in the market for an entire garden, Bluestone offers wonderful single perennials so that you will be able to find what works best in your garden and color scheme.

Check them out online or call for a catalog.

Junior Gardeners Department

Marian Moeckel, Chair

There are currently around 180 junior gardeners registered with OAGC. I hope we will have even more next year. If there are no junior clubs locally, interested juniors may join OAGC as a Junior Gardener-at-Large. Contact the state junior chair for more details.

So what is next for the OAGC Junior Gardeners? The 2011-2012 Junior Gardener Regional Contest will include a fall 2011 and a spring 2012 contest. The deadlines for these contests are dictated by the region in which the junior gardener lives so be sure to check with your regional Junior Gardener chair or your Regional Director for due dates.

The fall 2011 contest has two parts: Class 1: Ages 6-11 will include the creation of a shallow bowl fairy garden. This will include miniature plants and yard art or figures.



The container can be a shallow clay or plastic bowl with drainage, a hypertufa, or some other shallow container no larger than 2' x 1' or 18" in diameter. The creator should be able to lift it and carry it. If they cannot, it is too large. The mini-garden should have a theme and a plan. The completed established garden must be submitted with a card with the names of the plants that are included on one side and the junior gardener's name and club and address on the back. More details are on the OAGC website.

Class 2: Ages 12-18, is the creation of a one or two page gardening instruction sheet. It may include drawings or pictures to illustrate the directions that are given. The junior gardener should select a garden project or activity of high interest or one well-known to the writer. Doing gardening research for this project is a great way to learn and then share. Trying out the activity is a fantastic way to be sure the directions are accurate and easy to follow. The directions should be numbered in the order that they should be followed. The illustration can be next to the directions or numbered and in a separate place on the sheet. Demonstrating the gardening activity at a meeting is a great way to test the instructions and get feedback from your fellow junior gardeners. Topic suggestions and details are available on the OAGC website.

Flower Shows Department*Joni Duncan, Chair*

Many clubs have either never held a flower show or it's been a very long time. Be assured that any club can hold a home flower show and it isn't that hard! It is a great way to show off your talents, whether it be a horticulture exhibit or a dazzling flower arrangement. Home shows don't really require a whole lot of staging or space and there is no charge for a facility.

If a club doesn't know where to begin, the logical first step is to see who will volunteer their home for the show. Consider the home's layout. Spaces such as a porch, deck or garage can be utilized for classes. Some great ideas from home flower shows I have seen are: container gardens on the steps going into the house, a table settings class on the dining room table, miniature arrangements inside towel cubby holes and small arrangements along the edge of the tub to name a few. Perhaps a hanging container class staged in a tree outside? An empty wall behind a dresser makes a wonderful background. Horticulture could be staged in the garage or on the porch.

As with most things in OAGC there is a scorecard to guide you through your process. Use the Flower Show Contest Judge's Scorecard when planning your show. It is found on page 63 of revised *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* and can also be found on the OAGC website. More information can be found in the *Exhibitors' and Judges' Handbook*.

I would be happy to help your club get started. Maybe you need some help with writing a schedule, the staging or just general questions. Feel free to give me a call or email (page 2) and I will work with your group to get you started and on your way to a successful home flower show!

There are no more excuses so get busy planning! While you are planning you may as well plan to document your show and enter the Flower Show Book Contest. After all, someone will undoubtedly be taking photos of the show!

Membership Department*Kim Cromwell, Chair*

As of February 2011, OAGC has a total membership of 3972, which includes both club members and members-at-large. There are 211 registered garden clubs and 101 members-at-large. Region 7 has the most clubs at 24 with a membership

totaling 470, while Region 12 has only 4 clubs. Hang in there Region 12!

Did you know that there are 5 clubs whose name includes the words "Four Seasons"? They are in region 4, 5 (2 clubs in this region, how confusing!), 9 and 12. Along with that there are also 5 clubs whose name contains "Town & Country" and they are in regions 1, 6, 7 (2 clubs also, try to keep this straight!), and 8. Out of the 211 clubs, there are 75 club names that contain their city's name. Region 3 is the only region that has no clubs that contain a city or county name. With all of these figures, test everyone at your next regional meeting to see if they read their *Garden Path*!

Nature & Conservation Department*Deborah Graham, Chair*

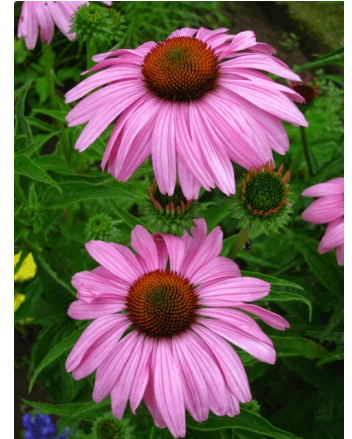
Now that summer is here and in full swing all our hard work, planning and efforts in the garden and landscape should be paying off. Our gardens are bursting with color and interest. The diverse array of plants is captivating to our eyes. There is one way that we can preserve that beauty. Get out your camera.

You could take pictures everyday, once a week or whenever you choose.

Capture your garden at different angles and at different times of day. Zoom in - get close-ups of those spectacular blooms. Also photograph those creatures visiting your garden.

After taking a season's worth of pictures, study them. All of those pictures can serve as a tool. Does my garden look exactly like I want it too all summer long? Does it have enough color or texture? Do I have something in bloom all season long? Should annuals be added to fill in bare spaces for continuous color? Would the garden benefit from a trellis, fountain or stone pathway?

Then on a cold wintry day sit down and review your photos. It will bring a smile to your face! All of the hard work and effort gardening will seem totally worth it. Not only will these pictures help you to become a better gardener, they will also be a reminder to you just how beautiful your garden really was that summer! So sit back and enjoy your garden again!



Via the Grapevine

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

REGION 1

Wood County Fair Flower Show: Aug. 2-8, Theme is "Celebrations". The first show is Aug. 2, the second show is Aug. 5. Contact Cathy Nelson at 419-353-5308.

REGION 2

Auglaize Roots and Shoots GC: Jul. 12, carpool to Shirley Caton Garden of Belle Center; Aug. 9, "Wapakoneta Tree Commission and Teen Green" presented by Scott Risner, members to host booth at the Auglaize County Fair, Jul. 31 through Aug. 6; Sept. 13, annual "Tasting Party and Guest Night" members bring a dish made from their garden produce. Contact Juanita Wilkins at jmw421@woh.rr.com.

Lima GC: Jul. 12, carpool for Mystery Garden tour; Aug. 9, Leaf Casting by Rosa Wollenhaupt; Aug. 19-27, Allen County Fair. Lima GC is in charge of organizing and staffing; Sept. 13, "All About Tomatoes" by Juanita Wilkins and seed/plant exchange. Contact Juanita Wilkins at jmw421@woh.rr.com.

Happy Hours GC: Jul. 7, "Pressed and Dried Flowers" by Donna Franks and tour of three members' gardens; Aug. 4, "Drying and Storing Herbs" by Jane Daniels and preparing for the flower shows at the Allen County Fair, Aug. 19, 22, and 25; Sept. 1, review of the Allen County Fair flower shows and the Botanical Gardens tour. Contact Alice M. Winter at 419-649-1113.

REGION 3

New Neighbors GC: Jul. 16, annual club garden party at the home of Lois Sutherland; Jul. 19, guided tour of Mary Higgins' garden in Centerville; Aug. 16, tour OSU test

gardens in Springfield, OH; Sept. 20, concrete leaf workshop with Jacque Eccles. Contact Jan Crosby at jlcrosby@woh.rr.com or 937-395-1216.

Our Homes GC: Jul. 12, tour of members' gardens & dinner; Aug. 9, "Last of the Gardens: Harvesting Your Rewards" at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark; outings to the Darke Co. Fair, Miami Co. Fair, Ohio State Fair and the World's Longest Yard Sale; Sept. 14, installation of officers, outings to Montgomery Co. Fair and Ohio Gourd Show. Contact Janet Deller at 937-335-4530.

Saville Hilltoppers GC: Jul. 5, tour members' gardens; Aug. 2, annual picnic & election; Sept. 6, installation. Contact president Carol Evers at ercmevers@aol.com.

The Darke County Fair flower shows, Aug. 20 and Aug. 24 at the Darke County fairgrounds, 800 Sweitzer Street, Greenville. "Give My Regards to Broadway" is the theme provided by members from the Butterflies Juniors, Ladybug, Garden Girls, Sun and Fun and Wildflower garden clubs. For more information contact flower show chair Kim Cromwell at kcromwell@oagc.org or 937-547-0899.

Montgomery County Fair flower shows, Aug. 31 and Sept. 3. "Ohio Stay-cations - Near and Far" is the theme. Entries open to Montgomery County residents and any county adjoining Montgomery County. Contact show chair Vicki Ferguson at vferguson@oagc.org or download the schedule from www.oagc.org.

Delphinium GC: Jul. 6, members' garden tour; Aug. 3, garden therapy project at Mary Scott Nursing Center in Dayton for "Melon Fest." Club members serve an assortment of melons to the residents, sing hymns and offer fellowship. Contact Carmen Oliver at (937) 835-5568 or at Cejk3230@aol.com.

REGION 4

Williamsburg GC: 11 am-4 pm, Jul. 16, self-guided tour of eight

gardens; Three area businesses will offer a 10% discount on purchases the day of the tour. Advance tickets are \$7. For more info, visit the club's web page at

www.williamsburg-garden-club.org or call Izella Cadwallader at 513-724-7790.

Walden Ponds GC: Jul. 11, "The Scented Garden" with Judy Shillinglaw; Aug. 1, "Fall Flowers" by Delhi Garden Center; Guests always welcome. Contact Joan Fox at editfox@aol.com.

Monroe GC: Aug. 16, "Fresh from the Garden" by Kenna Brongersma of Bern's Garden Center. Kenna is a Butler County Master Gardener and an 'herb addict.' Contact Judy Shillinglaw at jshillinglaw@cinci.rr.com.

Goshen GC: Jul. 12, members celebrate Christmas in July with a potted plant and gift exchange and ice cream social. Aug. 9, annual potluck picnic; Sept. 13, installation of officers and organizational meeting for the upcoming year. The club meets at 7 pm and guests are always welcome. Contact Pat Palmer at 513-625-0915 or PLPPALMER@aol.com.

Flores Amo GC: Jul. 7, celebrates its 50th anniversary with a high tea at Mary's Plant Farm in McGonigle; Aug. 18, "Native Plants" with Chris McCullough of the Cincinnati Wild Ones chapter; Sept., annual covered dish luncheon. Spouses and friends are welcome. New members that share a passion for plants and flower arranging always welcome. Contact Midge at 513-738-3353 or Andrea at 513-867-1497.

REGION 5

Four Seasons GC: Jul. 21, "Learning About Hostas"; Aug. 13 & 16, Miami County Fair Flower Show; Aug. 18, "Year of Color With Bulbs"; Sept. 15, "Spice It Up With Salsa." Contact Sandy Wolf at 937-773-4749 or sandywolf@woh.rr.com.

The **Logan County Fair** is Jul. 11-18 and the flower shows are Jul. 12, 14 and 16. Judging begins at 12:30 pm. The theme is "Alice in Wonderland." For more information contact Doris Hager at mlfarms@embarqmail.com.

Fleurette GC: Jul., preparing for the Logan County Fair flower show; Aug. 9, "Fall is For Planting" by Sue Chaney; Sept. 13, "Orchids"; Contact Judy Bozman at 937-468-7388.

The **Champaign County Federation Of Garden Clubs** is sponsoring two flower shows during the Champaign County Fair, Aug. 5-12; theme: "Melodies in The Garden" for both the garden club show which will be Aug. 6 and the open class show which will be Aug. 10. Contact Deborah Graham at 937-747-2474.

REGION 6

Firelands GC: Jul. 16, Leaf-casting workshop; Aug. 8, garden journal demonstration; Sept. 12, potluck dinner and guest night with a plant exchange. Contact Mary McConnell at fmconnell@kellnet.com.

REGION 7

North End GC: Jul. 11, 6 pm, "Summer Picnic by the Pond" garden tour; Jul. 16, 10 am, "A Designing Affair" hosted by the club fair committee; Aug. 15, 7 pm, "Queens of the Night" at Lowe-Volk Nature Center in Leesville; Sept. 19, 1 pm, "More Than Honey" by Kathy Linstedt. Contact Mary Ellen Heacock at 419-468-6353 or mehheacock@columbus.rr.com.

Knox County Garden Clubs will present "Fabulous Festive Fair Food" Flower Show at the Knox County Fair, Mount Vernon. Jul. 25: horticulture show, Jul. 28: artistic show. The county clubs are also presenting a horticulture and artistic flower show titled, "Let's Celebrate" August 12-14 at the Dan Emmett Music and Arts Festival, Living Center in Mt. Vernon. Contact Audrey Spearman at 740 397-1962 or audean62@roadrunner.com.

Wayside Mt. Gilead GC: has written the show schedule for the

Morrow County Fair, "Remembering the Civil War". All arrangements revolve around the Civil War. The Floral Hall was built in 1865. The two Morrow County flower clubs purchased a 16"x20" bronze sign that reads: "Floral Hall...Built in 1865 ...Placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1976, by the efforts of local garden clubs." Club member Mandy Rocks is organizing a new junior garden club! The name of the new club is Little PAWS Junior Gardeners which stands for Park Ave. Wayside Sprouts. Contact Marilee George at marileegeorge@yahoo.com.

REGION 8

Newark GC: Jul. 8, Mystery Tour; Aug. 12, "Terrarium Workshop" by Joyce Morris, Region 8's Regional Director, at the Dawes Arboretum Nature Center; Sept. 9, "Plants and Insects Pests" at the Longaberger Golf Course, Nashport. Contact Gale Ann Kelly at Galeannkelly@windstream.net.

Town and Country GC: Jul. 14, Annual Picnic at Keifer's Limited Flower Merchant; Aug. 11, "Fall Container Gardening" by Debbie Gaumer of Garden Patch Nursery; Sept. 8, Prepare for fall fair flower show. Contact Ed Kiefer at 740-622-3993.

Roseville GC: Aug. 11, "Rabbits"; Sept. 8, Guest Day - all clubs are invited! Call Dru Tolliver at 740-697-7972,

REGION 9

Basil GC: Jul. 19, Gardeners' Day Out, Heritage Garden at the Ohio Governor's Residence, The Jeffrey Mansion Estate, lunch, Scioto Audubon Metro Park; Aug 15, breakfast at Buckeye Lake, "Growing and Drying Everlastings" by Ester Coyle of Carroll Community GC; Sept. 19, designer's workshop, arrangement tips and demonstration by Jane Hablitzel and Jean Weidner. Contact Louise Smith at 740-862-6018.

Darby Valley GC: Jul. 5, trip to Lazarus Rooftop Garden, Audubon Park, Frank Fetch Park, Schiller Park

in Columbus; Jul. 9, "Creative Illuminary and Still Life" design study conducted by Juanita Wilkins; Jul. 21, "Plants for Fall Color" by Kathy Martino; Jul. 29-30, annual flower show at the Harrisburg Community Center, theme: "Hollywood Movie Classics" ; Aug. 25, stepping stones workshop; Sept. 11, field trip to Lithopolis Honey Fest; Sept. 17, youth work club project at annual "Arts in the Alley" in Grove City; Sept. 22, "Constructing a Container Water Garden" by Sandy Collins. Contact Ruth Osborne at ruthieg37@yahoo.com.

Pickerington GC: Jul. 20, "Photographing Your Garden" at the Pickerington Library; Aug. 17, "Everlasting Summer- Making Felt Flowers" at the Pickerington Library; Sept. 21, Ladies' Day Out and About. Contact Barbara Kochick at 614-837-3951 or Libby Stearns at 614-837-4455.

REGION 10

Waverly GC: Will be participating in the Pike County Fair (Rt. 235 in Piketon) flower show on Aug. 3. Judging starts at 2:30 pm.

The **Scioto County garden clubs** will present flower shows August 9 and 11 at the Scioto County Fair in Lucasville OH. "Special Days in Our Lives" is the theme. Contact Pamela Scarfpin at 740-820-8409 for information.

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REGION 11

The **Washington County Fair flower show** will be held Sept. 3-6 at the Washington County fairgrounds in Marietta, OH. The schedule is titled "Going Green." Contact Sharon Hayes at sthayes2969@msn.com.

Story Place GC: Jul. 13, "Cooking with Lavender" at Springbrook Lavender Farm in Hillsboro; Aug. 10, "Treasures from the Garden Tasting Party" members prepare a dish using veggies from their garden and locally grown produce. Contact Karen Middleton @ kmiddleton@oagc.org.

REGION 12

Mt. Pleasant GC: Jul. 11, 7 pm at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, "Organic Gardening" by Linda O'Bradovich; Aug. 1, covered dish guest night, "Annuals and Perennials" by Steve Schumacher, Belmont County Extension Agent; Sep. 12, Silent Auction. Contact Ruth Lewis at wrplewis@comcast.net.

Four Seasons GC: Jul. 27, "Preparing and Hardening Flowers for Show"; Aug. 24, covered dish picnic and design preparation demo; Sept. 5, Flower Show, 10am at the Freeport Fire Station, Theme "Labor Day Fiesta". Contact Donna Jean Koch at deejkoch@frontier.com.

Flushing GC: Jul. 18, covered dish picnic, "Care and Feeding of Roses: by Deborah Collins; Aug. 15, "Junk to Decorate Your Backyard" by Joyce Butts; Sept. 19, installations at Blennerhassett Island, Parkersburg WV, "Succulents" by Mary Betts. Contact Barb Cencula at bjoyce@eohio.net.

Woodland GC: The club is participating in the Jefferson County beautification activities by assisting the Steubenville Kiwanis Club with their landscaping project at the "Pocket Park" on Market Street in downtown Steubenville. Jul. 8, "Hardening our Fair Flowers" by Eleanor Drazich and Table Setting artistic workshop by Bobbie Martin; Aug. 4, "Herb Gardening" by Verna Smolinsky; Sept. 1, installation of

officers; Sept. 15, twig trellis workshop at Eleanor Drazich' barn. Contact Carole Patton at jonpatton7@comcast.net.

REGION 14

Tuslaw GC: Jul. 16, annual club picnic at Lake Mohawk for fishing, boat rides, games, prizes and a book report by Becky Soehnlén; Aug. 13, "Garden Club Country Fair" display of flowers, arrangements, crafts and canned goods with ribbons presented to the winners! Aug. 18, "Mystery Garden Tour"; Sept. 15, "Summer's End" a design program by Kathy Cowgill of Kathy Cowgill Flowers, Make-it or Bake-it Sale and Reveal Secret Sisters. Contact Margie Schultz at margo@sssnet.com.

REGION 16

Redbud GC: Jul. 20, photo contest results; Aug. 17, "Bonsai Basics" by Marian Kettering. Contact Babs Sabick at bsabick@oagc.org.

Friendly Gardeners GC: Jul. 20, "Horseradish: Herb of the Year" by Sandy McHugh; Sept. 21, "Proper Watering Technique" by Doug Wickline of Wickline Gardens. Contact Dinah Anderson at 937-767-7299.

Stepping Stones

Walden Ponds Garden Club of Region 4 marked its 10th anniversary with a potluck and garden party on June 6. Begun as a way for members of the new subdivision of Walden Ponds to garden together, the club also includes members from surrounding communities.

Members take responsibility for flower choices at entrance gates, award an annual community appearance award, and provide tended container gardens for the Fairfield Township police station. Ten of the 28 members are also Butler County Master Gardeners. An array of speakers and field experiences has helped the Walden Ponds members grow both as friends and gardeners.

Green Thumb Garden Club of Region 2 has developed an incentive program to encourage its membership to participate in club programs, activities, projects and positions of office. Named the Merit Flowers Program, members earn merits called petals. Members chose what flower they wish to develop and then participate in activities to obtain the petals for development of that flower. At the conclusion of the program year, an award is presented to the winner who has achieved the most petals in the club year. The award earns free dues for the next year.

Examples of some of the petal weights include: club officers, 4 petals; committee chair, 3 petals; attending a committee meeting, 1 petal; program presenter, 2 petals; meeting attendance, 1 petal; meeting hostess, 1 petal; regional meeting attendance, 2 petals; state meeting attendance, 2 petals and entering an arrangement competition, 3 petals.

This is the third year the club has sponsored the Merit Flowers Program and can validate its effectiveness as being positive. For more information on the program, contact LaDonna Peterson at wpetersons4@woh.rr.com or 419-695-1706.

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Ruth Heitzman, 94, 12/14/2010,
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Verna (Schmucker) Bucheit, 87,
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Joyce Willmann, 79, 2/27/11,
Newark GC
Edna Woolard, 97, 1/27/11,
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Charlotte Ditter, 95, 4/11/11 and
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Region 10

Lois Towler, 3/20/11, Waverly
Garden Club

Region 11

Evelyn Holter, 87, 3/18/11,
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Ada Titus, 92, 3/18/11,
Wildwood GC

Region 12

Lois Towler, 76, 3/20/11,
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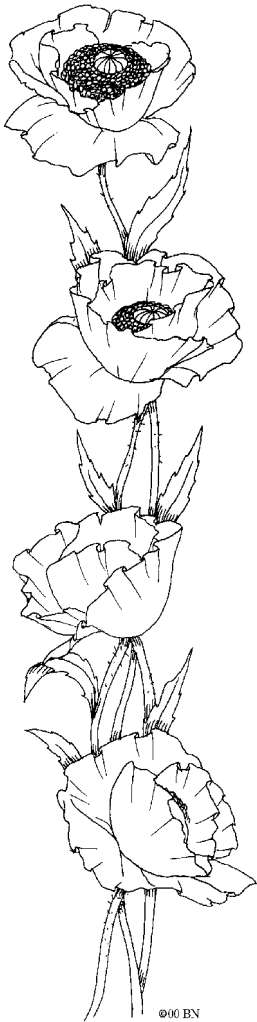
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What is Phenology?



There is an uncommon word out there that actually has a lot of science behind it: Phenology. Phenology is the study of recurring biological phenomena and their relationship to weather. Bird migrations, hunting and gathering seasons, blooming of wildflowers and trees, and the seasonal appearance of insects are all examples of phenological events that have been recorded for centuries.

Surely everyone has noticed that plants bloom earlier in a warm spring. Well, insects also emerge earlier when it is warm. Because the development of both plants and insects is temperature dependent, plants can accurately track the environmental factors that determine when insects are active. For this reason, plant phenology can be used to predict insect emergence and is an old practice with recorded observations dating back at least 300 years.

Research at The Ohio State University (OSU) has shown that plants bloom and insects emerge in virtually the same order every year, no matter what kind of weather occurred that winter or spring. For this reason, the flowering sequence of plants can be used as a biological calendar to predict insect activity. It can also be used to time other gardening practices that are dependent on a particular stage of plant development, such as propagation or weed control.

The OSU Phenology Garden Network consists of 36 identical gardens with identical plants. Cooperators at each site track first and full bloom of woody and herbaceous perennials with the goal of establishing a biological calendar for the state and region. Results are correlated with insect emergence data and used in pest monitoring and management.

Some examples of phenological events are:

- gypsy moth eggs hatch when redbuds bloom; hummingbirds return when the red buckeye blooms
- the 1st generation of pine needle scale eggs hatch when the Persian lilac blooms
- the optimal time to spray for gypsy moths is when the black cherry first blooms
- the adult emerald ash borer emerges the time of the first bloom of the black locust and multiflora rose
- the bagworm and the two spotted spider mite eggs hatch when the Washington hawthorn first blooms
- the adult emergence of the Japanese beetle is after the first bloom of the little leaf linden
- the 2nd generation egg hatch of the pine needle scale is when the Rose of Sharon first blooms

To learn more, go to: www.phenology.osu.edu and enter your zip code to obtain a daily calendar of all the phenological events occurring in your area.

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Keeping you informed

The following is a snapshot of items the Board of Directors affirmed at the 2011 spring state board meeting. Of general interest to the membership:

- accept Symmes Late Bloomers as a new OAGC club in Region 4
- incoming president and first vice president are now responsible for an internal audit at the end of each two years
- purchase a laptop computer with QuickBooks for use of the OAGC state treasurer
- provide two OAGC throws be used as an incentive in the quilt raffle at each 2011 spring regional meeting
- award \$100 to the first place winner for the Permanent Beautification Project as well as \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place for the Temporary Beautification Projects
- created an OAGC Medalist Collection (to replace the American Horticultural Society's Bole Medal) to be awarded every other year beginning 2011. A medal will be awarded for first place in the 15 specimen competition and a medal for first place in the 8 specimen category.
- approve board expenses in the amount of \$4826.20
- revise page 72 of the new handbook to eliminate the page limitations, retitle heading to "Suggested Ideas for Club Activities" and replace numbers with bullets
- authorize Archival Manager Janet Evans to transfer ownership of historical documents to the Ohio Historical Society