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The Garden Path

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Deer Creek State Park,
Mt. Sterling, Ohio

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Gardeners' Day Out,
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

OAGC 2012 Salt Fork Cabin Beautification Project

Deborah Graham, Nature & Conservation Chair



Do you want to get your hands dirty and be involved in a huge beautification project? How about spending a couple of days in a beautiful Ohio State Park? Well then OAGC has just the project for you! The beautification project will be May 15-17, 2012. Seven hillside cabins will be landscaped (cabins 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 41). Cabins 3, 4, and 5 are pet friendly cabins.

From a list provided by Salt Fork management, each participating garden club may choose \$300 of plant material with which to landscape. Planting starts at 4 pm on Tuesday and ends at 2 pm on Wednesday. Judging begins at 3 pm. At a special dinner at 5:30 pm that evening at the lodge, cash prizes (1st, \$500; 2nd, \$250; 3rd, \$100) will be awarded to the clubs with the top three winning landscapes. Special recognition will also be provided for participating clubs with garden style signage.

In addition to the seven new cabin beautifications, Salt Fork would like to have a spring landscape clean-up of the 25 cabins that OAGC landscaped in 2010. Clubs interested in doing this will be eligible for a special prize drawing and may spruce up more than one cabin. For each cabin that a club spruces up, they will get one entry in the drawing.

Beautification participants may choose to stay in a cabin or at the lodge during the project with special overnight rates of \$99/night per cabin and \$49/night per lodge room.

Interested clubs should register with OAGC Nature & Conservation Chair Deborah Graham at 937-747-2474 or at dgraham@oagc.org by the **April 16, 2012 deadline**. Detailed information will be given to participating clubs upon registration.

OAGC is again excited to be a part of the Salt Fork Cabin Beautification. Dirt, sweat, fellowship and fun will be on the list for our project. So round up your friends and club members and plan to be a part of this wonderful beautification project at Salt Fork State Park!

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

A note from our president:

Dear Gardening Friends,



Snowbirds are migratory North American people who spend a large portion of winter in warmer climates such as Florida, Arizona, Texas, etc. I think my next goal in life will be to become a snowbird because later this year I will be falling off the top rung of the OAGC officer ladder that I have been climbing for seven years.

If I were a snowbird, I wouldn't have to reflect on my past gardening experiences and make plans for the upcoming season. I could just keep on gardening in my new surroundings. No longer would I need to be content to increase my knowledge of plants by reading, I could continue my education by experimenting with new plants in a new environment.

Imagine all the new flowers and foliage materials I could work with on a daily basis in my flower arranging. I could participate in the kaleidoscope at the Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas and know what the heck that plant really was.

Ahhhhh, dreams. That's what we do in winter. Tucked inside the warmth of our homes, reading by the fireplace, or snuggling with someone special, we make plans for the next season.

The Executive committee of OAGC is planning for the next season and beyond for our wonderful organization. First vice president Mary Lee Minor is planning a revision of our *OAGC Exhibitors' and Judges' Handbook*. The officers are looking at ways to cut costs and are in need of suggestions from members. Some possibilities under consideration include eliminating the third vice president position, decreasing the number of issues of *The Garden Path*, redistricting the state to have fewer regions, increasing registration fees at our events and increasing dues. These are hard decisions. Please share with us your thoughts as we move forward.

Creative hint: This hint is for garden clubs. Step outside the comfort box for a club meeting and have your own "Art in Bloom" display. Each member should interpret a framed picture with a floral arrangement. The pictures don't need to be large or museum quality. The flower arrangements don't need to be lavish or extravagant. If need be, plan a workshop or two before the meeting. Each member would then give a brief explanation of what they chose and why. No judging allowed!

Creatively yours,

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

Nominating committee seated

In preparation for the election of the 2012-2014 state officers a nominating committee has been formed. Committee members are June Gebhardt (alternate), Doris Hager, Kathy Martino (chair), Marian Moeckel, Stephanie Patrick and Babs Sabick.

In accordance with the OAGC bylaws, additional names of qualified candidates who are willing to serve, if elected, must be presented in writing to the nominating committee chair Kathy Martino (6440 Lambert Rd., Orient OH 43146 or kmartino@oagc.org) by March 26, 2012. Names of all nominees will be printed in the next issue of *The Garden Path*.



L-R: Babs Sabick, David Fey, Sharon Ware

"Change for Wahkeena"

It was at the 2011 convention that President Ware first challenged the membership to deposit loose change in a flamingo piñata for Wahkeena. It was "Change for a Change" in anticipation of the change in management that Wahkeena would experience with the passage of a critical November tax levy in Fairfield County. Happily, \$303.10 was recently presented to David Fey, director of the Fairfield County Historical Parks Commission in celebration of the levy's passage.

I'd rather be lost in the woods at Deer Creek

Maps, compasses and broken twigs will guide you to the next convention at Deer Creek State Park Lodge in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Yes, you read that right. There has been a change for the location of the 2012 convention. Contracts for events scheduled after February 6, 2012, had to be terminated due to a change in management companies at Hueston Woods and Shawnee State Parks.

Deer Creek is centrally located and is where our Exhibitors' and Judges' Schools are currently held. Ample space abounds throughout the lodge for our annual convention being held Monday, June 25 to Wednesday, June 27, 2012. Meals and programs will be in the ballroom, the flower show will be in the mezzanine and vendors will be located in the Scarlet Oak and Buckeye rooms.

New for this year's flower show: a challenge artistic floral design class! Four designers will be given the same materials: container, line materials, foliage and flowers, to create their own unique design. Their completed designs will be judged with the other competitive classes.

Monday afternoon will feature two presentations: Cleveland White, from Knollwood Garden Center, will speak on hydrangeas and Maureen Burns-Hooker of the Herbal SageTea Company will discuss medicinal herbs for women's health and offer a tea tasting.

Monday evening, creativity will be contagious as we are entertained by Carolyn Gleeson from Gurnee, Illinois. Carolyn is a presenter at the upcoming Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas (CFAA) annual seminar in Orlando, Florida. She was a designer at the World Flower Show in Boston.

Tuesday's trail through the lodge will lead us to a business meeting, contrived

flower workshops, shopping in the vendor rooms, enjoying the wonders of the woods (flower show, regional exhibits) and enjoying great programs.

Jim McCormac, a lifelong Ohio resident and wildlife avian education specialist with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, will fascinate us once again with his dynamic presentation "Growing Caterpillars: A Tale of Birds, Plants and Conservation." Jim enthralled us once before and we welcome him a second time.

Mr. Tom Bowling, a freelance floral designer from Fairfield, will present a floral design program Tuesday evening. Tom is currently the national president of the American Institute of Floral Designers and has been a presenter several times at their national symposiums. He has designed a number of Rose Bowl floats, has been a designer for several presidential inaugurations and continues to design at the Academy Awards.

Tom Shisler and David Fey will present the program, "Wahkeena Nature Preserve – Past, Present and Future" on Wednesday at the conclusion of the business meeting.

Babs Sabick, president of the OAGC Foundation, will introduce the scholarship winners at noon on Wednesday. Following the installation of the new officers for the 2012-2014 term, Mary Lee Minor will announce her presidential plans

Overnight room accommodations at the lodge are \$79.00 per night. Deer Creek Lodge offers several options of room layouts: king guestrooms have 1 king bed; double guestrooms have 2 queen beds; bunk rooms have 2 queen beds plus 1 set of bunk beds; loft rooms have 2 queen beds plus 2 sets of bunk beds upstairs; and junior suite rooms that are larger rooms with 2 queen beds, sofa sitting area and table and chairs. You can check their website www.deercreekstateparklodge.com for more information on the rooms. Cabins are located nearby with an overnight rate of \$129.00.

Reservations must be made directly with the lodge at 740-869-2020 or 800-282-7275. You must state you are with OAGC or the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs. No online reservations accepted. Reservations need to be made by May 22, 2012. After that date, all unbooked rooms will be released to the general public. Look for the convention registration form in the spring issue (April/May/June) of *The Garden Path*.



Department News

Club Contests Department

Kathy Martino, Chair

Let's get creative with your club publicity and increase your membership. Your number one publicity tool is the OAGC publication *The Garden Path* and website. Publicize your club's activities quarterly to the *Via the Grapevine* column. Have a special fund raiser, activity, flower show, speaker or member garden pictures? Send to jharmon@oagc.org for regional news. Design a monthly poster with seasonal hort tips for your library, garden center/greenhouse, or church bulletin board. Assign a month to members to research; publicity and membership are each club member's responsibility. Rent a table at your local farmers market once a month and create an interactive educational to spark interest. Have handouts about the club's meeting schedule: this is a great time to toot your own horn about club activities and accomplishments.

Does your club enjoy meeting at restaurants? On the restaurant website, is there a diner's comment section? Report your occasion, comment on food, service and sign with your garden club name. Create your own club blog or web page. Go to www.blogger.com or www.wordpress.com for free and easy tutorials to get a web presence started. If you are fortunate to receive local newspaper support, send newsworthy information. Avoid listing members who attended the meeting. Include educational plant tips, horticulture hints or seasonal gardening ideas.

Promote beautification of a neighborhood, individual yard or business in your community. Provide an award or beautification OAGC citation. Ask your community for nominations. And don't forget to note that the club is affiliated with The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. in your publicity.

Design Study Department

Naomi Ormes, Chair

The *OAGC Exhibitors' and Judges' Handbook* describes an interpretative design as the designer's own feeling, idea, or translation of the class title to be depicted from the flower show schedule. Sometimes the designer's inspiration comes from a container, a

particular type of plant material, or design type for the arrangement. If the class title was "Indianapolis 500" for instance, the designer might choose a car tire, or any round form to interpret the tires or a steering wheel. Perhaps even use an oval line material such as a bamboo garden stake to depict the race track. If the class requirement is not stated, it is the designer's choice to do what they wish.

However, when checking the scorecard for creative designs, there are 15 points allotted for conformance to schedule which includes design, color, plant material, container and interpretation. If divided equally, this will only allow 3 points for interpretation. On the other hand, the scorecard allows 30 points for the principles of design which includes balance, proportion, scale, dominance, contrast and rhythm. As the designer or the judge, you can not ignore interpretation, but the design principles must be given more credence over interpretation. A judge for the Butler County Fair artistic show used interpretation to break the tie after judging on the principles of the designs. This was an effective and fair use of the scorecard.

Exhibitors' and Judges' School Department

Jan Stein, Chair

A new series of schools will begin in 2012 at Deer Creek State Park. School #1 is scheduled for May 21-22. Details will be in the next issue of *The Garden Path*. The design classes will study oriental and period designs. The horticulture classes will study iris, cut specimens (round, spray, spike), and plant identification.

The design classes will study basic design and color theory. Horticulture classes will study dahlias, container grown plants and plant identification. The optional evening Design Study workshop will study the new Tapestry design. (Look for more information on the tapestry design on page 7.) Those who love horticulture can take in the optional horticulture topic the first evening as well. School #2 will be August 27-28, also at Deer Creek State Park.

We are always looking for new students. This is a great time to sign up to become a judge. Training can be completed in as little as two years and there is a bonus for signing up now! For a limited time, creative container designer Tom Cordray will gift each new student one of his fantastic containers.

Flower Shows Department

Joni Duncan, Chair

Putting together a flower show contest book doesn't have to be that hard or expensive. If you follow the scorecard when planning and assembling your book, you are well on your way to a Superior Award. If you have someone in your club who is handy with a computer – even better! The Application/Scorecard can be found on page 64 of the new *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*. Complete the top section of this scorecard and be sure to include it with the contest book entry. Shows now have 60 days from the date of the flower show to submit the book for judging.

Printing out photos on a computer may help with lowering the cost of putting your book together. You no longer need to have photos developed to include and you aren't required to have a dozen photos per section. With the computer you can add graphics, borders and other flourishes to improve your book.

The publicity section is always a challenge as a lot of your bigger towns and cities won't publish much about a show anymore but don't let that stand in your way. Many clubs are advertising on the local public television station. Don't forget about using *The Garden Path* or the OAGC website as a source of your print media. You can always earn the 5 points for "Other publicity items" pretty easily by putting up flyers in local businesses. Sending an invitation to other garden clubs, making a poster for the library, putting a sign out in front of where the show is being held inviting the public are some other ideas. Buy some baseball hats and write in fabric paint "Ask me about our flower show". Be creative.

Someone from the show is usually taking pictures anyway so why not assemble them into a book and submit it for the contest? If you have any questions or if I can help with anything just let me know.

Horticulture Department

Charlene Thornhill, Chair

The witchhazel is an interesting spring blooming shrub that deserves a spot in your garden. Its botanical name, *Hamamelis*, has a Greek basis meaning "at the same time" and "apple", possibly because flowers and fruits are present simultaneously. Some members of the family produce an aromatic

extract from the leaves, twigs and bark that is used in health care products. Other members of the witchhazel



family include the genus *Corylopsis*, *Fothergilla*, *Liquidambar* and *Eucommia*.

The witchhazels have five main species and numerous hybrids. The American witchhazel, *Hamamelis virginiana*, flowers in mid to late fall while the other species and hybrids flower in early spring often showing off their flowers as early as January and continuing into March. This is a large shrub to small tree growing to a size of up to 20 plus feet with a spread of up to 8 feet. This plant is a native understory plant. It is found in our hardwood forests and is hardy in most of the northern USA. The bright yellow spider-like flowers are present for several weeks; the foliage is large and dull green during the growing season, turning yellow in the fall.

Hamamelis vernalis, or vernal witchhazel, produces flowers in early spring, often while the snow is still on the ground in February. The fragrant ribbon-like flowers are yellow to reddish. This plant is native to Missouri and surrounding states and grows to a height of 6 plus feet and about the same width.

Other members of this family include the Chinese witchhazel, *Hamamelis mollis*, and the Japanese witchhazel, *Hamamelis japonica*. Several hybrids are available that will bring a wide variety of flower colors, some with red fall foliage. A few of the hybrids to consider are: 'Arnold Promise' (yellow), 'Diane' (red), 'Jelena' (copper), 'Primavera' (primrose-yellow) and 'Ruby Glow' (coppery red).

Witchhazels prefer full sun to partial shade in moist well-drained organic soils. When pruned properly, the plant produces a good background for the garden. During their bloom periods these plants should be focal points of the winter garden. Branches can be cut and forced into bloom for winter arrangements. Be sure to plant this in a location where it has enough room to grow to a mature size so it can provide impact to your winter garden. (Source: www.buckeyegardening.com)

Junior Gardeners Department*Marian Moeckel, Chair*

The spring regional Junior Gardeners' contest will be the creation of an OAGC Junior Gardener logo. This could be for a patch or a decal. The size should be no greater than 3"x3". It can be round, oval, square, or some other shape. It can be created using hand-drawn lettering and pictures or created on the computer, as long as the art work is original. The creator can use one of the computer drawing programs to create the logo. Do not use clip art. Computer lettering is fine on any of the logo creations. The patch or decal should include OAGC or Ohio Association of Garden Clubs Junior Gardener and some picture or design. It may be submitted in color or in black in white. Neatness and clean lines are important in this kind of design. More details are available at our website. Remember there are two age groups for these contests and will be judged accordingly: Class 1: ages 6-11 years old and Class 2: ages 12-18 years old. (The winners of the 2011 spring regional Junior Gardeners contests were displayed at the state convention.)

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Tapestry design description

Five new artistic design styles were recently approved by the state board. They are the Mono-Botanic, Multi-Rhythmic, Tapestry, Panel and Spiral designs. The tapestry design will be studied at the evening workshop of the upcoming Exhibitors' and Judges' School #1, May 21 at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling.

The Tapestry design is a creative solid-mass design with geometric closed silhouettes. Emphasis is on plant material by volume with other components optional. Tapestry designs may extend in any direction as long as they are geometric and solid, without obvious enclosed spaces. The volume of the materials may be clustered, bound, woven, etc. to create geometric forms. Depth may be achieved by layering, terracing, mounding, and color blocking. Materials, man made or plant, having sufficient mass qualities that cause the viewer to pause before looking through are permitted.

Anyone may register for the workshop. Be watching for the Exhibitors' and Judges' School registration from in the next issue of *The Garden Path*. Please contact state Design Study chair Naomi Ormes (page 2) with questions or to schedule a club or regional class. The descriptions for all of these newly approved design styles are also available on the OAGC website: www.oagc.org. Now is the time to start adding these designs to your flower show schedules.

**World Flower Show DVD now available**

A DVD of the World Association of Flower Arrangers' (WAFA) World Flower Show, "This Glorious Earth" held in Boston, MA, June 2011 is now available. Add it to your club's library. Cost is \$20 plus \$5 shipping. Order online at www.wafausa.org.

2012 OAGC Convention Flower Show, June 25-27, 2012

Horticulture Rules and Schedule

1. Entries will be accepted from 9 am to 1 pm, Monday, June 25, 2012. Judging begins at 1:30 pm.
 2. Exhibitor **MUST BE REGISTERED** for convention in order to be eligible to enter.
 3. Horticulture entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Container grown plants should have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months.
 4. Exhibitor **MUST** furnish own clear glass containers, size suitable for the exhibit. Water picks will be furnished for miniature roses. Packaging peanuts will be available for use as wedging for heavy cultivars.
 5. Each horticulture entry tag should 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.
 8. An exhibitor may make as many entries as desired in any class, providing each is a different named variety.
 9. An exhibitor may not enter a cultivar in an 'any other' class if there is another class for it or they have already entered that cultivar in a previous class.
 10. Classes may be withdrawn, combined, divided or sub-divided, if the number of entries warrant.
 11. Horticulture classes will be judged according to the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs Inc. rules by the standard system of judging - one first, one second, one third. More than one honorable mention may be given for worthy entries. Judges' decisions are final.
 12. Adult Awards will be: Awards 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; best cultivar exhibit, Section 7, 8, and 9; best horticulture entry, Section 10; Green Thumb Award for horticulture excellence in a cut flower exhibit, best entry, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9; Outdoor Growers Award for cultural perfection, best entry, Section 6, 7, 8, 10; Container Growers Award for cultural perfection, best entry, Section 11; Best of Show, Mary Alice Earhart Memorial Award, best overall horticulture exhibit in show; Executive Trophy (Sweepstakes), exhibitor totaling most points. Points totaled are: 1st: 5; 2nd: 3; 3rd: 2. In case of a tie, Honorable Mentions will be counted as 1 each; Runner-up Rosette, second place sweepstakes
 13. Junior Awards will be: Awards of Merit, best cut annual, biennial or perennial flower exhibit in Section 13; best hosta in Section 14; best entry of grasses in Section 15. Junior Best of Show will be awarded for best overall junior horticulture exhibit in all junior classes; Junior Sweepstakes will be awarded to the junior 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
 2. Hybrid Tea, full blown, any color, any variety, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached
 3. Floribunda or Polyantha, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached
 4. Grandiflora, named, any variety, one spray or one disbudded bloom, with foliage attached
 5. Shrub, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached
 6. Miniature, 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 2012
 7. Miniature, 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 2012
- Section 3 - Biennials or Perennials**
14. Rudbeckia, named, any variety, disbudded with foliage attached
 15. Shasta Daisy, named, any variety, disbudded with foliage attached
 16. Echinacea, named, any variety, disbudded, keeping foliage attached when available
 17. Any round form perennial or biennial, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached
- ADULT DIVISION**
- Section 1 - Roses**
Named, any variety
1. Hybrid Tea, 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 2012

18. Any spray form perennial or biennial, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached
19. Any spike form perennial or biennial, named, any variety, one spike, foliage attached
20. Any flower grown from a bulb, corm, tuber, or rhizome not listed elsewhere in the schedule
21. Any new variety for 2012

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

22. Miniature (flowers not to exceed 3" in diameter)
23. Large, any color
24. Bi-color
25. Double
26. Spider
27. Unusual form

Section 5 - Lilies - Named, any variety, one stem with foliage attached

28. Asiatic hybrid
29. Oriental hybrid
30. Orienpet
31. Any other

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

32. One leaf, green (all shades), named
 - a. Miniature b. Small, c. Medium
33. One leaf, blue (all shades), named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium
34. One leaf, yellow, named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium
35. One leaf, white margin, named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium
36. One leaf, yellow margin, named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium
37. One leaf, green to blue margin, named
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium
38. One leaf, streaked or mottled, named

- a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium

Section 7 - Ornamental Grasses
No exhibit over 36" tall, foliage only or grasses with inflorescence (plumes, flower heads).

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

Section 8 - Shrubs
Named, any variety, one stem, no exhibit to exceed 24" in length

42. Blooming

Section 9 - Gladiolus - Named, one spike, any variety or color

43. Any size - state size

Section 10 - Herbs - Named any variety, one stem

44. Fresh cut perennial herb
45. Fresh cut annual herb

Section 11 - 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)

46. Flowering plant, named, any variety
47. Foliage plant, named, any variety
48. Cactus, named, any variety
49. Succulent, named, any variety

Section 12 - Regional Educational Horticultural Exhibits

Required for Regions 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11. (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.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Section 13 - Juniors - Annuals, Biennials, Perennials

50. Coleus, named, one stem
51. Any round form annual, biennial or perennial, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached. (Examples: Zinnia, Marigold, Aster, Shasta Daisy, Gloriosa Daisy, etc.)
52. Any spike form annual, biennial, perennial, named, one spike, foliage attached. (Examples: Salvia, Larkspur, Delphinium, Hollyhock, Bells of Ireland, Liatrus, Gladiolus, Snapdragon, etc.)
53. Any spray form annual, biennial, perennial, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached. (Examples: Lily, Hemerocallis (Daylily), Phlox, Petunias, Lisianthus, Statice, etc.)
54. Any new variety for 2012

Section 14- Juniors - Hosta

55. Hosta, named, one leaf, any color, Mature exhibits only
 - a. Miniature, b. Small, c. Medium

Section 15- Juniors - Grasses
No exhibit over 36" tall, foliage only or grasses with inflorescence (plumes, flower heads)

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

2011 Convention statistics:

Hosting regions: Brown and Clermont Counties of Region 4 and Scioto County of Region 10
 Attendance: All 14 regions were represented. 7 Executive Officers, 3 Counselors, 6 liaisons, 8 department chairs, 12 Regional Directors, 11 Past Presidents in attendance. Approximately 260 registered attendees (count not accurate due to last minute walk-ins). All 50 rooms and all 25 cabins were booked.

Wildlife in the garden: friend or pest?

by Deborah Graham, Nature & Conservation chair

Most of us as gardeners love wildlife. We put out feeders, water sources and plant special plants to attract Mother Nature’s creatures to our gardens. An occasional deer, raccoon, skunk, or squirrel wandering through our gardens can be a wonderful pleasure to see, but we all know what it is like when these creatures become destructive pests to our homes and gardens.



Last summer my garden was invaded by some destructive raccoons; two wooden bird feeders were totally torn apart by the pesky creatures. I did not realize what was doing the destruction until my husband saw a raccoon hanging upside down on my thistle bird feeder early one morning. Over the next couple of days the roof of my gazebo bird feeder was also destroyed. What to do?

After talking with my husband and him telling me that he was also having trouble with raccoon in the barns, we both decided that it was time that we should do something about the critters.

In about two weeks we live trapped 23 raccoons and 1 skunk. Four raccoons and one skunk were

trapped near my garden with the other 19 raccoons at the farm barns. Marshmallows were the secret of our success in our live traps. Being nature lovers we did not want to kill the animals, so we decided to relocate the raccoons. The skunk was another story.

While at the county fair, I paid a visit to the wildlife officer at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ONDR) booth. I asked him what one was suppose to do about unwanted wildlife pests on one’s property. He quickly replied, “Shoot them.” I was totally surprised by his answer and related my recent experience. He said, “Actually it is illegal in Ohio to relocate animals because of the possibility of the spreading of disease.” Again, I was surprised by his answer but wondered what to do.

I checked out the ODNR website and found out some more information. From ODNR’s home page, click the “Experiencing Wildlife” tab. Then look for the “Nuisance Wildlife” link. Here, there is much more information on nuisance wildlife. In particular it states, “Nuisance or sick raccoons maybe trapped without a permit, but is illegal to relocate them to a new area. In order to prevent the spread of raccoon diseases in Ohio, all live trapped raccoons must be released again on home owner’s property or humanely euthanized.”

Living in harmony with Mother Nature’s creatures is what most of us as gardeners strive for but occasionally there can be problems.

2012 All-America Selections winners announced

Be looking for these new varieties this spring!



Ornamental Pepper 'Black Olive'
AAS Flower Award Winner

2012




Salvia 'Summer Jewel Pink'
AAS Bedding Plant Award Winner

2012




Pepper 'Cayennetta' F1
AAS Vegetable Award Winner

2012




Watermelon 'Faerie' F1
AAS Vegetable Award Winner

2012



OAGC Accredited Flower Show Judges – * Denotes Master Judges

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Region 12: Carroll, Harrison, Jefferson, Belmont, Noble, Monroe Counties

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New at Convention 2012

by Joni Duncan, Flower Shows department chair

Something new and exciting has been added to the 2012 convention's artistic flower show! For the first time, there will be an "Challenge Class" in the artistic schedule. The class will be limited to four designers who will be selected by a lottery drawing at the May 22 Exhibitors' and Judges' School.

OAGC will provide each designer with a similar container and the same plant material. Designers are responsible for providing their own tools. Time allowed to create their design will be the same as everyone entering the show. This will be a judged class. Creativity will come into play when constructing the design and interpreting the class title using the materials given.

This would be a good opportunity for someone who has never entered a show or has a hard time traveling to convention with design materials, or for someone who just likes a challenge.

Interested designers must submit their name and phone number to me by the following deadlines: mail must be postmarked by May 16, email or by phone by May 18 (page 2), or in person by May 21. More information will be available in the next issue of *The Garden Path*

Stepping Stones

Region 4: The Old Fashioned Garden Club (Region 4), which celebrated its 81st year in 2011, donated \$500 to the Village of Montgomery to place a cedar bench in the 7-acre Johnson Nature Preserve near the University of Cincinnati's conservation property. The placement location selected is alongside a natural path within the woods near a water feature.

Club members are from the Montgomery, Blue Ash neighborhoods of northern Cincinnati. Their future plans include additional enhancements surrounding the bench.

Region 10: Anna Cardenas, outgoing regional director of Region 10, was recently gifted an OAGC Life Patron Membership by her region at their fall meeting. Anna requested that the \$500 membership be earmarked for the OAGC Foundation Scholarship Fund. She was recognized for her four years of service to the region and the state.

The region was able to raise the funds to present this honor through a bracelet raffle which was won by Nancy Annis.

OAGC Foundation Notes

Hike For Health

The OAGC Foundation is planning its second annual Hike For Health on Saturday, May 19. This year's hike will feature Cedar Bog in Champaign County. Our day begins with a program on the unique environment that the bog provides. Cedar Bog volunteers will then conduct tours through the bog, pointing out interesting flora and fauna. The extensive boardwalks through the bog guarantee that your feet will stay dry. Participants are welcome to stay for a light lunch. Check for exact times in the spring issue of *The Garden Path* or at OAGC's website: www.oagc.org.

Hikers are asked to get pledges from family, friends or neighbors as hike profits help to fund Foundation projects including scholarships and support for other nature and beautification projects.

Can't fit a trip to Cedar Bog into your schedule? Hikers are encouraged to hike in a local city, county or state park. Pledge forms are available on the OAGC website and will be available at the spring regional meetings. Last year's hike netted over \$1400 for the Foundation. Please help us to make this year's Hike For Health even better. Questions? Contact Babs Sabick at bsabick@oagc.org or 937-429-0987.



Wahkeena Nature Preserve Update

The results of the park levy vote in Fairfield County are in and it is great news for Wahkeena Nature Preserve. The Ohio Historical Society will have a new management partnership for Wahkeena Nature Preserve with the Fairfield County Historical Parks Commission and their director David Fey. Tom Shisler's position as onsite manager is unaffected by the change and OAGC's affiliation with Wahkeena will not change either.

OAGC Scholarships

Reminder: The OAGC Foundation is looking for scholarship applicants. Three \$1000 scholarships are awarded annually to deserving students pursuing an education in the fields of horticulture and floriculture.

Applications are available on the OAGC website (www.oagc.org), found in the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs, revised 2010* or from your regional director. Applications must be submitted no later than March 15, 2012.

The OAGC Foundation would like to recognize the following donations:

General Fund

Ladybug GC
Moreland GC
OAGC Reg. 10, *Life Patron for*
Anna Cardenas
OAGC, Inc.
Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby County
Babs Sabick (*in honor Dr. Gary Anderson*)
Wayside Mt. Gilead GC

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Annabell Fralick and Elinor Powell)
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Marabar Heights GC
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Jeanne Dodson)
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Open Gate GC (*in memory of*
Dorothy Ingersol)
Patricia Parsons
Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby County
Tuslaw GC (*in memory of Ethel Wheeler*)
Betty Weaver (*in honor of Tom Cordray*)

Via the Grapevine

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

REGION 1

Delta Community GC: Feb. 3, members will be making Valentine favors/therapy items for local nursing home; Mar. 1, meeting/lunch at Owens Community College. Contact Mabel Hudson at 419-822-4101.

Friendly Town & Country GC: Jan. 12, tour of Manabigama Pottery Center's educational workshop and gallery; Feb. 9, Valentine's Day carnation fundraiser and shut-in visit at Wood Haven Health Care Center; Mar. 8, program on propagation and white elephant sale. Contact Carole Rives at 419-669-4057.

REGION 2

Happy Hours GC: Jan. 5, "Jerry Baker's Hints, Tips and Tricks", mini-talk: Jerry Baker books,; Feb. 2, mini-talk on shade and sun perennials, program: "Easy Care Plants", Mar. 1, mini-talk on natural dyes, program: "Rock Painting". All meetings are 6 pm at Grace Community Church in Lima. Contact Alice Winter at sabrinam_45801@yahoo.com.

REGION 3

College Hill GC: Feb. "Culinary & Medicinal Herbs". Contact Patti Smith 937-890-9927.

New Neighbors GC: Jan. 17, "Ornamental & Flowering Trees" by Robert Siebenthaler, Siebenthaler's landscape sales coordinator; Feb. 21, "Perennials For All Seasons and Reasons" by Kathy Matousch from Siebenthaler's; Mar. 20, "Perennial Collections" by Teresa Jones of Meadowview Growers at Meadowview Gardens in New

Carlisle. Posy Power delivery is March 31. Contact Jan Crosby at 937-395-1216.

Our Homes GC: Jan., morning walk at Aullwood Center and Farm; Feb. 14, program by Mary Desch, a winter walk at Charleston Falls; Mar. 13, "Plants That Grow Well Near Rocks", by Yvonne Cecil, outing is a tour of Meadowview Garden Center and Bruckner Nature Center at maple syrup time. Contact Barb Miller at 937-836-4004.

REGION 4

Des Fleurs GC: Feb. 2, 1 pm, "Flower Fairies and Their Homes" program and workshop by Cindy Dingledein; Mar. 1, 6 pm, "Color All Summer" by Cindy Meyer of OSU; Apr. 5, 1 pm, "Creative Floral Design" by Naomi Ormes. Bring container and make a flower arrangement. Oasis and flowers provided. Guest are welcome! Contact Debra Steger, 513-255-7857 for locations.

REGION 5

Fleurette GC: Feb. 14, "Growing and Showing Roses" by Barbara South; Mar. 13, "Know Your Soil" by a Logan County Master Gardener. Contact Judith Bozman 937-468-7388.

Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby County GC: Jan 10, "Benefit of Frogs, Toads, Snakes in Your Garden" by Lynn Cook; Feb. 14, garden club review; Mar. 13, "Home Remedies That Are Safe for Humans, Wildlife and Environment" by Nancy Russell. Contact Marie Theis at 937-492-0340.

Town & Country GC: Jan. "Light Up the New Year" with handmade candles and dried plants; Feb. "Flowers in Art" by Eva Hrivnak and Valentine exchange; March, "Table Decorations" by Don Smith of Allisten Manor's Flower Box. Call Sandy Wolf at 937-773-4749 for details.

REGION 6

Attica Community GC: Feb. 7, "Winter Care of Garden Tools" by Belinda Stockmaster (call 419-426-1045); Mar. 6, "Starting Seeds" by Ginny Matin (call 419-426-7942).

REGION 7

North End GC: Feb. 20, Carol Kable will host and present "A Vibrant Venue, Using Color Creatively"; Mar. 19, soup, salad and sandwich luncheon followed by "Terrific Teacup Transformations" by Mary Ellen Heacock. Contact Mary Ellen Heacock, 419-468-6353 or mebheacock@columbus.rr.com.

Tan & Toil GC: Jan. 12, "Pruning Shrubs and Trees" by Troy Cooper; Feb. 9, The World Flower Show: "This Glorious Earth" by Jo Ann Graham; Mar. 8, "Keeping Your Garden Looking Good" by Rita Whitney. Guests are always welcome. Contact Mary Ann McPhail at 740-427-4636.

REGION 8

Grow and Show GC: Jan. 25, 6:30 pm, "Is it Really a Pine Tree?" by Schroeder Dodds, Muskingum County Master Gardener; Feb. 22, 6:30 pm, "How to Make a Terrarium" by Pam Tate, Guernsey County Master Gardener; Mar. 28, Public Herb Dinner, location and time TBA. Contact Bonnie Perkins, 740-432-6981.

Malconta GC: Jan. 11, "Forcing Bulbs"; Feb. 8, "Valentine Card/dish towel" by Chris Penrose, Extension Office; Mar. 14, "Paint Pots". Meetings are held at the McConnell Manor at 1:30 pm. Contact Midge Huffman, 740-651-5252, blackrose4378@yahoo.com.

Newark GC: Feb. 10, "Gardening Questions & Answers", Joyce Morris is moderator; Mar. 9, "Backyard Birding With Native Plants" by Lori Totman, Dawes

Arboretum Conservation Director.
Contact GaleAnn Kelly at
Galeannkelly@windstream.net.

Roseville GC: Feb. 9, noon,
"Miniature Roses"; Mar. 8, noon, all
green arrangement workshop. All
meetings are held at the Roseville
Community Center. Contact Peggy
Ballis, 740-849-2671.

Rosewood GC: Jan. 24, "Terrarium
Workshop" with Gloria Stubbs; Feb.
28, "Bonsai" by Keith Stevens; Mar.
27, "Preparing Plants For a Show" by
Donna McMahon. Contact Cindy
Boyer, 740-754-1463.

Town and Country GC: Jan 12,
"Gardeners Movie" by Ed Kiefer; Feb.
9, "Earthworm Culture" by Dr. Bill
Edwards; Mar. 8, "Guidance for
Gardeners: Avoiding Injuries & Pain"
by Dr. Chad Guess. Meetings are held
at the Roscoe UM Church in Roscoe
at 7 pm. Contact Ed Kiefer,
740-622-3993.

REGION 9

Basil GC: Jan. 16, 7 pm, "How to
Grow Award Winning Dahlias and
Celosia" by Jeff Green at The Griley
House, 209 E Market St, Baltimore;
Feb. 20, 7 pm, "Wonderful World of
Orchids" by Diana Wears at Trinity
United Church of Christ, 105 N High
St., Baltimore; Mar. 19, 7 pm,
"Hummingbirds" by Charlotte Leight
at Baltimore United Methodist Church,
200 W Market St., Baltimore. Contact
Louise Smith at 740-862-6018.

Darby Valley GC: Jan. 26,
"Historic Gardens" by Mary Jane
LaLonde and overview of *OAGC
Handbook for Garden Clubs*; Feb. 23,
review of 2011 World Flower Show
by Jan Stein and White Elephant Sale;
Mar. 22, "Broadleaf and Evergreen
Plants" by Barb Bennett,
horticulturalist and owner of "The
Plant People". Contact Ruth Osborne
at 614-875-4626 or
ruthieg37@yahoo.com.

Pickerington GC: Feb. 15, "Soil
Stew", amending the garden; Mar. 14,

"Posey Pictures", photographing the
garden. Meetings at 1 pm at the
Pickerington Library in Pickerington.
Contact Barbara Kochick 614-837-
3951 or Libby Stearns 614-837-4455.

Rambling Designers GC: Jan. 3, 1
pm, Olivedale Senior Center
(Lancaster), dried flower wreath
demonstration by Esther Coyle; Feb.
7, 12 pm, Valentine's Day lunch and
planning session for the May flower
sale and trade; Mar. 6, 1 pm,
"Hydroponics" by Steve Campbell at
the Olivedale Senior Center
(Lancaster). Guests are always
welcome. Contact Phyllis Chambers at
740-687-5930 or Ann Huston
740-654-4739.

REGION 12

Flushing GC: Mar. 19, "Designing
a Bulb Bed" by Donna Turley; city
building clean-up for spring planting.
Contact Barbara Cencula at
bjoyce@eohio.net.

Four Seasons GC: Jan/Feb flower
arrangements placed at the Wesbanco
and the Clark Memorial Library;
Mar. 28, 6:30 pm, guest night at the
Clark Memorial Library. Contact
Donna Koch at deejkoch@frontier.com

REGION 14

Tuslaw GC: Jan. 19, "Forced to
Bloom" by Ida Noel; Feb. 16,
"Wonderful Companion Plantings for
Your Veggies" by Susan Sivey,
Wayne County Master Gardener; Mar.
15, "Growing Gourds for Fun" by
Becky Soehnlén. Contact Margie
Schultz at 330-837-0437 or
margo@sssn.net.

Valley City GC: Jan. 19, "Bulbs in
Containers" by J&J Greenhouse; Feb.
16, "Composting" by Connie Olgvie;
Mar. 15, "Lavender" by Melinda
Greenland. Contact Nancy Riopelle at
nriopelle@msn.com.

REGION 16

Clearcreek Gardeners GC: Jan. 17,
"Feeding Our Feathered Friends",

birdfeeder workshop; Feb. 21,
members share their experiences with
wild things: wildflowers and wildlife
while sitting by the fireplace; Mar. 20,
book review of Julie Zickefoose's book
"Letters from Eden" by Jackie
Fishman and carry-in salad luncheon.
Contact Pat Stidham at 937-885-5155
or pstidham2@woh.rr.com.

In Memoriam

Region 1

Jeanne Bratton, 87, 10/9/11, Delta
Community Garden Club

Region 3

Ginny Hissong, 2/2011, Morning Glory
Garden Club past president

Region 4

Etta Mae Lee, 64, 6/29/2011, Mt. Orab
Garden Club;

Virginia 'Jenny' Waits, 89, 9/30/2011,
Mt. Orab Garden Club charter member;

May Louise (Davis) Gordon, 86,
10/9/2011, Mt. Carmel Garden Club

Region 5

Katee Wearly, 7/11/11, Rainbow
Gardeners of Shelby Co. Garden Club

Region 7

Evelyn Sackler, 78, 10/31/2011, charter
member Ganges Garden Club

Region 10

Jeane T. Dodson, 86, Willow GC,
Double Delight GC past president and
2000 OAGC convention chair

Region 12

Helen Albright, 92, 10/29/2011,
Flushing Garden Club

Region 16

Virginia Wyles, 98, 6/24/2011,
Maineville Garden Club charter member

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Keeping you informed

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

- to provide \$1000 to Joni Duncan as a representative of OAGC at the World Flower Show
- to approve board expense of \$2,015.39
- to do another landscaping project at Salt Fork State Park in May 2012
- to hold 2013 convention at Maumee Bay State Park on August 26-28, 2013
- to approve Joni Duncan, Michael Hoepf and Jan Seabold as accredited OAGC judges
- to change Chapter 5, page 33 of the *OAGC Exhibitors' & Judges' Handbook* by inserting a new paragraph after the current 5th paragraph which would state "Any student or credentialed judge within the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. must be in good standing with the organization at all times."
- to donate \$5000 to the OAGC Foundation general fund
- to approve the board and chair expense in the amount of \$5,702.27
- to pay \$89 for the new Gardeners' Day Out banner
- to adopt the design descriptions for Mono-Botanic, Multi-Rhythmic, Tapestry, Panel and Spiral designs
- to approve Miriam Shaffer, Louise Bennett and Nancy Karlan as Judge Emeritus
- to allow up to \$75 per person for flowers and container for the "Challenge Class" for convention 2012. Each designer will have first option for the purchase of the container and materials at OAGC container cost. Any containers not purchased by the designers will be placed on the OAGC sales table for sale.
- that any designers interested in competing in the "Challenge Class" will have a deadline for submitting their name to the flower show chair for consideration. The four designers will be chosen by lottery from those names submitted
- that all state contracts for OAGC must be signed by a member of the Executive Committee
- to rename the Master Gardener Award to the OAGC Gardener of the Year Award
- to approve the balanced budget in the amount of \$75,000
- to elect the nominating committee consisting of June Gebhardt, Doris Hager, Kathy Martino, Marian Moeckel, Stephanie Patrick and Babs Sabick
- to donate \$200 to the Ohio Historical Society for the Wahkeena Nature Preserve birdseed fund