Convention Wrap Up

written by Peggy Case

From the very first moment of Convention 2013, with exhibitors carrying in large amounts of flowers for wedding reception tables, to the last moment of drawing names for the showcases, convention was an exciting affair!

Wonderful exhibits lined the halls of Maumee Bay State Park Lodge and Conference Center located on the edge of Lake Erie. Wedding excitement filled the flower show venues and the wedding reception table competition area was abuzz with attendees trying to get a peek. The sales room became a wonderful shopping experience with new vendors and new ideas.

The artistic flower show was inspiring; the staging a treat in itself. Wedding gowns were used to display the bouquet class and blue velvet backgrounds highlighted the corsage class. The horticulture flower show had a new look thanks to the late summer timing of convention, there were many amazing dahlias.

Educational Passport Sessions were held each day with programs on creative designs, Karner Blue butterflies, building bluebird houses, herb gardening, etc. While awed judges rated the table settings and flower show arrangements, other judges looked over the wonderful specimens. Only pictures can convey the beautiful tables with lots of blue appointments and majestic centerpieces. (Cont. page 4)
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WHERE TO SEND IT: Membership changes and dues: Membership Chair; Donations to the OAGC Foundation: OAGC Foundation Treasurer; submissions for In Memoriam, Via the Grapevine and Stepping Stones: The Garden Path editor.
A note from our president:

There is much about the closing scenes of autumn that suggest ‘sharing.’ Apples have been collected and stored. Bright highway piles of tempting pumpkins and squash have faded. Woodland pawpaws, a native which I harvested, became muffins with the added flavor of hickory nuts. Holiday traditions begin to tug at our heartstrings. Some garden clubs are dressing up last season’s patio planters while others decorate lodges and historical sites in festive ways.

We continue to share. Sharing is about contribution. It can be about ‘assuming something in common.’ The fall of 1621 marked an ending to a shared year for the Plymouth Colony and members of the Wampanoag Nation. The native people had taught colonists how to gather native foods and to cultivate corn. The celebration was initiated because of this ‘sharing’ which was a definite contribution.

The shared energies of Region 7’s members created a convention celebration at Maumee Bay where beauty, grace and a few self-indulgent activities brought pleasure. A common interest in arranging, and in conservation placed skilled people in our midst. It was clear there was dedication both in our visitors and in our members. If you received a packet of blue forget-me-not seeds, be sure to sow them and watch the small bright blue blossoms share happiness.

A potential for sharing pervades this organization. Look at the variety of skills which surface at regional meetings. Imagination ripens here. The shared acceptance of membership goals allowed us to raise a flurry of blue feathers, around 360 of them. As we go to a new membership challenge, I remain hopeful that we will continue to grow because of reaching out and sharing. A shared dream to place ourselves out in the world has brought plans for a trip to Ireland for the World Association of Flower Arrangers International Show in June, 2014.

By now, if All Saints’ Day delivered a winter shiver, we may be in an Indian summer experience. In the words of Marcel Proust “Let us be grateful for people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”

Passionately blue for you, Mary Lee Minor

2013-2014 Membership Goal

At convention, OAGC Membership chair Kim Cromwell used style and imagination to illustrate the results of the year-long membership drive. Blue feathers which documented newly registered members were taped to an index card. 360 index cards were then taped to a long length of string which took several people to bring into the room. Hopefully, new member efforts will continue to help clubs grow.

The new 2013-2014 membership goal is to add 24 new garden clubs to OAGC. Perhaps you could begin with clubs lost in the last few years. Invite former members to your monthly meeting or to a regional meeting. Perhaps a new club might be created from a fragment. Reach out on your club’s open meeting night.

Use your ingenuity to build a new club. Launch a sign-up night. Have someone share about OAGC through some of your own club’s projects and programs. Have an OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs on hand. Add a quick small hands-on project which folks can take home. Give away a plant start. A perennial plant shower could be a welcome gift to a new club. Invite new club members to the regional meeting. When a club sponsors a new club, offer free programs.

There may be a club which has a wide geographic makeup. Forming a new club could make sense if some travel a long distance to attend meetings. Members-at-large also need to be given thought and inclusion. In time they may be ready to form a club with friends. Network information to them through your club and regional meetings.

New and/or reinstated clubs (junior clubs count too) will receive a presidential gift box. Past Region 2 Director Juanita Wilkins already launched a membership drive and her efforts brought Muchinippi Garden Club into being. Welcome, Muchinippi Garden Club!
Convention

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The decor for Monday’s evening banquet was stunning due to the centerpieces from the table setting competition.

Convention chair, Shelly Ehret, welcomed 220 guests. President Minor introduced Oregon Mayor, Michael Seferian, past presidents, counselors and liaisons. Treasurer Sue Hamlet presented Life Memberships and First Vice-President Peggy Case introduced department chairs and regional directors.

Horticulture chair Jane Adkins announced horticulture flower show awards and Flower Show chair Bev Norman presented the artistic flower show awards. Third Vice-President Susy Spence presented the Citation Award to Dr. Gary Anderson and Sales Secretary Babs Sabick presented Past President Sharon Ware with the Service Award.

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Kristy Apt, Reg. 7, announced the table awards amidst the remaining glitter of the beautiful wedding reception tables. Adding to the ambiance, was the beautiful harp/flute music of Cheryl Anderson and Denice Miller. With everyone wearing something from a past wedding, the room was full of stunning fashion, coupled with good food, music and Dr. Gary Anderson’s and Terry Lanker’s presentation of wedding bouquets, stressing lots of different styles, sizes and history. This twosome really punctuated the convention theme: “Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue.”

Tuesday morning was Denim Day and attendees assembled for business and more awards: Club Contests chair Margie Graft distributed the

Program, Publicity and Garden Therapy Contest awards and Flower Show chair Beverly Norman distributed the Flower Show Book Contest awards. Nature and Beautification chair Marian Moeckel presented the permanent beautification award to Four Seasons Garden Club, Reg. 12, and the temporary beautification award to New Shoots Garden Club, Reg. 7.

Secretary Marlene Purdy presented the OAGC Gardener of the Year to Linda Morgan, Reg. 16. Design Study chair Naomi Ormes presented photo design awards with Past President Faye Collins-McGinnis presenting Berniece McPherson with the Faye Collins Designer of the Year Award.

Susy Spence presents Citation Award to Dr. Gary Anderson

Luba Kendall, winner of Mary Alice Earhart Award and Executive (Sweepstakes) Trophy
Wrap Up

Valley City Garden Club, Reg. 14, was presented the Membership Incentive Award by past state president Jan Harmon.

Black Swamp Bird Observatory director Kim Kaufman and her husband wildlife writer Kenn Kaufman shared their program, “Blueprints for Birding.”

Following lunch, Hillsboro Garden Club, Reg. 16, was honored with the Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club Award, presented by First Vice-President Case. Members assembled to travel to Black Swamp Bird Observatory or to Passport sessions, learning more at every event.

Prior to the banquet, executive officers, in various styles of denim, greeted members on the lodge’s lakeside patio and enjoyed hors d’oeuvres and drinks. After a sumptuous meal, Exhibitors’ and Judges’ chair Jan Stein introduced the flower show judges, emeriti and Master Judges. The Gladys Thomas Judge of the Year Award was given to Marian Moeckel. President Minor and first Vice-President Case installed the new Regional Directors with ‘Advice from a Butterfly,’ as each RD received her wings. Outgoing Regional Directors were recognized with a silver charm.

Treasurer Hamlet introduced the evening program featuring our own designing ladies Past President Bonnie Allan, Osa Green, Carolyn Manchester and Kathy Wieland of Region 1, who created innovative designs, bold and colorful, inspiring and stunning. The evening ended with door prizes in a flurry of blue wrappings and more visits to the flower shows and vendors.

The business meeting began with recognition of the regional outstanding club, regional outstanding garden club member and regional outstanding amateur gardener awards presented by Second Vice-President Geri Rea. Junior Gardener Awards were presented by Junior Gardener chair Deborah Graham. Juanita Wilkins received gifts as the first person honored in the 2013-2014 Membership Goal Campaign.

Secretary Purdy announced the voting results to approve the increase of the OAGC club affiliated member dues (from $5/year to $7/year). The vote passed 139-7.

2013 Convention Stats
Mohican Outdoor School Director Tim Daniel presented a report from the school and was pleased to receive a $2000 check from the OAGC Foundation. Scholarship recipients were introduced by OAGC Foundation President Babs Sabick, with the exciting news that the scholarships had increased to $2000 each and an extra student was honored.

The day’s speaker, Candee Ellsworth, Conservation Coordinator for the Toledo Zoo, spoke on her work reintroducing the Karner Blue butterfly to Ohio’s Oak Openings. Following her presentation President Minor cited Candee with OAGC’s Daisy Sticksel Conservation Award for her 16-year effort with Ohio’s Karner butterflies.

The big ending, exciting and bold, was the drawing for the eight garden showcases. The winners were: “Knowing” showcase: Judy Suver, Reg. 9; “Growing” showcase: Charlene Kuhn, Reg. 7; “Showing” showcase: Carol Estep, Reg. 4; “Sharing” showcase: Chris Davis, Reg. 7; “Knowing” consolation: Mary Hockley, Reg. 5; “Growing” consolation: Sherry Rector, Reg. 16; “Showing” consolation: Helen Koontz (deceased) to daughter Virginia Sharp, Reg. 7; “Sharing” consolation: Louise Bennett, Reg. 3; Prior to closing the meeting, Region 8 Director Jean Jankowski invited members to another exciting convention in 2014 – this time at Mohican State Park Lodge in the Mansfield area. All in all, the 2013 OAGC Convention was a passionately blue event! A CD of convention photos is available for $8.

To download an order form, visit www.oagc.org Event Calendar page (scroll down to convention) or contact Chris Davis at 3085 Buttermilk Hill Rd., Radnor, OH 43066. Phone: 740-595-3449. Email: oharcher@columbus.rr.com.

Luck of the Irish Raffle

Just announced! A new raffle is your chance to win a place on the OAGC trip to Ireland June 11-20, 2014. The tour starts in Shannon and ends in Dublin at “A Floral Odyssey,” the WAFA International Flower Show. The ‘green’ tickets are $1 each. Club mailings will arrive before Christmas. Tickets will be available from regional directors and state officers at all OAGC events. The lucky ticket will be drawn April 30. Consolation prizes will be living nursery stock such as trees, shrubs and roses. Those who previously signed up as being interested in making the trip have been sent travel information. To download a trip brochure and to book your trip, go to www.oagc.org, click on the Event Calendar and scroll down to June 2014 or visit www.providentvacations.com/oagcireland.html and enter zip code “45202.”

2013 Convention Table Challenge Results

“Something Old” - 1st Derby GC, Reg. 9; 2nd Slocum GC, Reg. 10; 3rd Degraff GC, Reg. 5
“Something New” - 1st Grow and Show GC, Reg. 8; 2nd Newark GC, Reg. 8; 3rd Ladybug GC, Reg. 3
“Something Borrowed” - 1st Valley City GC, Reg. 14; 2nd Fostoria GC, Reg. 1; 3rd Goshen GC, Reg. 4 (People’s Choice)
“Something Blue” - 1st Earth Wind and Flowers GC, Reg. 7 (Best of Show); 2nd Gardeners’ Guild GC, Reg. 7; 3rd Lima GC, Reg. 2

OAGC Awards

Citation Award
Dr. Gary Anderson
Daisy Sticksel Conservation Award
Candee L. Ellsworth, Toledo Zoo Conservation Coordinator
Faye Collins Designer of the Year Award
Berniece McPherson
Gladys Thomas Judge of the Year Award
Marian Moeckel
Membership Incentive Award
Valley City Garden Club, Reg. 14
OAGC Gardener of the Year Award
Linda Morgan
Service Award
Sharon Ware
Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club Award

IN MEMORIAM
Region 7
Helen Koontz, 91, 6/14/2013, Tan and Toil Garden Club
Gladys Starlin, 92, 6/1/2013, Green Pairs Garden Club
Region 10
Wilma Doyle, 1/24/2013, Rock Hill Gardeners Garden Club
Rita Sue Turner, 66, 6/24/13, Minford Garden Club
Betty Turvey, 89, 9/3/2013, Rock Hill Gardeners Garden Club
Region 14
Sherry Ostrowski, 7/22/2013, Briarwood Beach Garden Club
Department News

Club Contests Department
Margie Graft, Chair

Garden Therapy. What does that mean to you and your club? Think about the OAGC motto “Knowing, Growing, Showing and Sharing.” Garden Therapy is a tool in helping others learn with the motto as a guide.

First, your club will need to look to your community to find a group of people who would be interested in learning new ideas and skills. Several clubs hold sessions in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Churches often have guilds or groups who would be receptive to having six of their programs planned with a gardening or horticultural theme. Even Master Gardener groups need to have education hours each year.

Second, your club will need to plan activities “Showing” the use of natural products, gardening and horticulture. Projects using fresh plant material are the easiest. Demonstrations of flower arranging can be a way of “Showing” how something is done. A follow-up session could have the group creating their own design and “Sharing” it with others. All activities do not have to be hands-on. Members can prepare talks on subjects they “Know” or research. Church groups may be interested in learning about flowers mentioned in the Bible. Everyone will appreciate “Growing” with new knowledge.

Third, it is always necessary to keep in mind what will be of interest when working with any group. Older people may not have the ability to do small craft projects. They also may not want or need any “doodads” to sit around their homes. Projects should be useful such as creating Christmas cards, note paper, or picture frames. Pictures of each person could be taken, returned the next session to put into the frames to be used as a gift. Seed starting can be taught and the plants used in a garden or containers later in the spring.

Fourth and final, go to the OAGC website, click on contest forms, then click on Garden Therapy Book Contest Application and Scorecard and print the two pages. This will be your guide for creating a contest book. Forms will need to be filled out and a few pictures included for each session. Information about sessions could be publicized in the local paper, church bulletin or a flyer. It is a good idea to tie all of the sessions together with a common theme so that each talk or project leads to the next.

Only two clubs submitted an entry in the Garden Therapy Book Contest. Let’s have more clubs “Growing” this coming year by showing and sharing something special they “Know.” A special thank you goes out to all of the clubs that participated in the three Club Contests. It was great to have so many superior awards. May we all have superiors this year!

Design Study Department
Naomi Ormes, Chair

Thinking about the Faye Collins Designer of the Year Contest, the one thing that comes to mind is how different a photograph of an arrangement is as compared to viewing the actual design. A photo is one dimensional where a design is three dimensional. All that the Design Study chair has to work from in judging is that 4”x6” piece of paper. Even though a design may have won a Best of Show or an Award of Distinction, this fact may not show in a photograph.

The designer has worked hard to create a design so the next task is to capture it at its best. When taking a photo of a design, two things are critical. One is light and the other is background. Some flower show venues don’t have adequate lighting. Perhaps a design could be moved to a different location with better lighting and then returned it to its place in the show. Beware of using spotlights as they may cast shadows. Contest entries are judged on the principles of design: balance, proportion, dominance, rhythm, contrast and scale.

Consider taking a background to the show for the photo shoot. Choose a background with different colors than your design components so that they are more visible. Remember, dark colors recede and create voids in the photo. When viewing the actual design in person, the backdrop isn’t noticed much, but in the photo it becomes a critical component. It creates lines that may interfere with the design. Try to keep the design within the confines of the background. Keep the angle of the camera level and square with those corner lines. It really helps if the background and table top are a similar color. A larger background than the space allotted for the show may be used temporarily for your photo. These are things to think of when entering a design photo in the Faye Collins Designer of the Year Contest.
Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School  
*Jan Stein, Chair*  

OAGC would like to recognize the latest judges who have requested and been granted Judge Emeritus status: Nancy Denlinger, Edna Neal and Rosa Wollenhaupt. Thank you all for your many years as judges for OAGC.

Sadly, OAGC recently lost another flower show judge. Betty Weaver, Region 16, passed away on July 16. She became an accredited flower show judge in 1985 and inspired many others to become flower show judges in the 27 years that followed.

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School will be returning to the six school format next year. This will allow more time to study specific horticulture classes. School 1 will be held May 19-20, 2014 and School 2 will be September 19-20, 2014. The schools will be held at Deer Creek State Park. Period Designs and Oriental Designs will be included in the schools next year. OAGC is always looking for new students. Please contact me, if interested.

Flower Shows Department  
*Beverly Norman, Chair*  

Congratulations to the 17 flower shows that entered the Flower Show Contest last year. There were many people who took the time to look through the contest books at convention and pick up some great ideas for future flower shows and contest books.

Here are some tips to consider when submitting a contest book: the cover page is the outside cover, the title page is the first inside page. Take pictures of everything, the entrance, class signs, decorations, posters, horticulture tips, artistic tips, registration desk, invitations to join club, entry tags, ribbons, photos of judges, (maybe honor them with their own page), before, during and after pictures. Give the photographer a list of photos needed.

Put the theme on the cover. Explain what the photos are showing. Use the scorecard as a guide when compiling the contest book. Be sure to include the scorecard/s in front of book with top completely filled out. It is not too late to plan for a Christmas/holiday flower show.

Flower Shows Department  
*Jane Adkins, Chair*  

First, a big thank you to all who participated in the convention flower show. Your great entries really showed us the time and effort you put into your gardens.

As we welcome autumn it’s time to reflect upon our successes and failures for the year. Did the weather co-operate for you? Did you do enough fertilizing or weed pulling? Were the colors what you wanted to see? What did you see in another garden that you can’t wait to try in yours? Sometimes it’s just placing your plants in the right amount of sun or shade that can help make a well grown garden.

As your garden matures the amount of shade may increase as trees and shrubs grow taller and wider. What received full sun a few years ago may now be quite shady. If you’re thinking about making a new bed, here’s a way that is really easy on your back and it works in sun or shade. Choose where the new bed will be and then this fall spread newspapers out to a 10 to 12 sheet thickness. Wet them down well with the hose and then cover with mulch or compost. By spring you should have ground that is ready to plant. The hardest part will be deciding just what to put in it.

Breaking news: When placing a plant order with our friends at Bluestone Perennials, please be sure to use the code: **F3OAGC324**. Doing so provides for a 10% donation to OAGC! This code is good through March 24, 2014.

Check out *The Garden Path* online at  
[www.oagc.org](http://www.oagc.org)  
The photos are in color!
“Birdhouses and Feeders” is the name of the 2013 OAGC junior gardener fall regional contest. There are two classes with two age groups in each class: a.) bird house or nest box for ages 6-11 and ages 12-18; b.) bird feeders for ages 6-11 and ages 12-18.

Birdhouses or nest boxes are to be built by each junior gardener from a kit, inspired by an original idea or made from an unusual item. It may be decorated with added features. Use a 3"x5" card to identify which bird it is meant to attract and where the box will be placed. Add the name, age, club and region.

Bird feeders are to be functional with an ability to attract birds. Use a kit or create an original design, maybe even recycle an item. Use a 3"x5" card to explain what bird species will be attracted and what type of feed it holds. Add the name, age, club and region.

Junior gardeners are to select only one project, either the bird house or the feeder. The project is to be taken or sent to the fall regional meeting to be displayed and judged. The regional junior gardener chair will see that the judging takes place in two age groups. Awards are decided by the region. Club advisors and parents can find house and feeder plans on the internet. Encourage juniors to participate and learn more about the needs of birds.

As always have fun with this contest. Encourage your junior gardener to participate and learn about “Bird Houses and Feeders.”

The OAGC membership registration forms were sent out immediately after convention following the membership’s vote to increase annual affiliated club members dues from $5 to $7/member. For this reason, the deadline to return club dues has been extended to November 1. Clubs are asked to please return them as quickly as possible.

If your club has had a beautification project this year, get your photographs, captions, articles and other documentation together and send it to the Nature and Conservation Chair without delay. Beautification Contest entries are due December 15, 2013.

Members of your community love to share their appreciation for all of your efforts and getting testimonials from community members adds support for your project. Consider the type of planting that you have done (are they permanent and ongoing or are they temporary?) and be sure to use the correct application and scorecard for your project. If you have questions please call or email Marian Moeckel for clarification. Application and Scorecard forms are found in the OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs and at the OAGC website under contest forms.
The Garden Path

Via the Grapevine

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

Region 2


Happy Hours GC: Oct. 3, “Decorating Gourds”; Nov. 7, make decorations for the club tree to be displayed at the Christmas Tree Festival at the Allen County Museum; Dec. 5, mini talk: “History of the Poinsettia”, gift exchange. Contact Alice Winter at sabrinam_45801@yahoo.com.

Lima GC: Oct. 8, “Decorating, Designing and Crafting with Gourds” by club members, “Mums” by Pat Komarek; Nov. 12, “Review Lima GC’s 90 Years of History” in honor of the club’s 90th anniversary; Dec. 3, decorate Allen County Museum entrances and tree for the Christmas Tree Festival. Contact Pam Place at 419-657-2218.

Region 4

Des Fleurs GC: Oct. 3, “Fall Perennials” at Mary’s Plant Farm; Nov. 7, “How to Make a Wreath” by Debra Steger; Dec. 2-3, Holiday Wreath Workshop (call to order a beautiful decorated wreath with natural materials); Dec. 5, holiday luncheon at Oxford Community Arts Center. Everyone is welcome. Contact Debra Steger at 513-255-7857 or visit www.desfleurs.org.

Flores Amo GC: Oct. 24, Shaker Seeds Farm; Nov. 18, Thanksgiving centerpiece workshop; Dec. 16, Christmas lunch at the White House Inn, program “Favorite Christmas Plants.” Contact Janet Boling at nanajan992@gmail.com.

Walden Ponds GC: Oct. 7, “Flower and Herb Wreath Workshop” with Susan Blair and Donna Hughes at Ohio State Extension Office; Nov. 8, tour Art in Bloom event at the Cincinnati Art Museum view our club’s arrangement and lunch; Dec. 2, Christmas party/charity collection. Contact Donna Hughes at jhughes4@fuse.net.

Region 5

Fleurette, DeGraff and West Liberty Garden Clubs will hold a joint meeting in West Liberty for a “Fall Décor” program on Oct. 8. Contact Judith Bozman at fmjaboz@yahoo.com.

Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby County GC: Oct. 8, garden tour and apple picking; Nov. 12, “Fall Color, Winter Interest” by Bob Iiames; Dec. 10, flower show at Dorothy Love Retirement Community. Contact Marie Theis at 937-492-0340.

Region 6

Blossoms & Butterflies GC: Nov. 9-10, flower show, “Thanksgiving Dinner Blooms” in the atrium of the Laird building in Tiffin (SW corner of S. Washington St. and E. Market St.), hours are Sat. 10 am to 5 pm and Sun. noon to 5 pm. Contact Donna Brose at 419-934-9554 or email donnabrose@sbcglobal.net.

Region 8

Grow and Show GC: Oct. 25, installation of officers, completion of “Walking Stick” project with Philip Owens; Nov. 20, “Greens Workshop” and making “Twelve Days of Christmas” items used in decorating the libraries on Nov. 21. Members will help decorate the Newark hospital and assist with Dickens Victorian Village activities. Contact Bonnie Perkins at 740-432-6981.

Newark GC: Oct. 11, 12 pm, Heath United Methodist Church, installation of new officers by Kathleen Bennett; Nov. 8, 12 pm, First Baptist Church of Heath, “Birds: Attracting and Providing Winter Care” by Julie Baldwin; Dec. 13, 12 pm, holiday lunch the Granville Inn. Contact Jean Jankowski at 740-587-4116, jankowski@alink.com or visit the club website at www.newarkohiogardenclub.org.


Region 10

The Region 10 fall regional meeting on Oct. 17 will feature Jim McCormac from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and a contributor to The Columbus Dispatch. His program is “Think Globally, Buy Locally.” He notes that “the more of us who care, the more likely that our natural world will survive.” Jim was a past
convention keynote speaker and he writes about Ohio Birds and Biodiversity on his blog at http://jimmccormac.blogspot.com. The Minford, Slocum and Willow Garden Clubs will host a Christmas Flower Show at the Glendale Community Center in Clarkstown on Thursday, Dec. 5. Open house will be from 1-3 pm. Call Jean Moore at 740-820-3615.

**Slocum GC:** Oct. 7, “Astrology Through Flowers” by Mary Lou Beaumont; Oct. 12, club will participate in Wheelersburg’s Adult Daily Living Annual Festival; Oct. 20, Scioto Water and Soil Conservation District’s Conservation Fair; Nov. 11-12, decorate Shawnee State Park Lodge with Christmas Open House on Dec. 8; Dec. 5, Christmas flower show with Minford and Willow GCs. Garden Therapy sessions at Best Care, Wheelersburg’s Adult Daily Living Site on Oct. 22, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. Contact Teresa Book at 740-776-3267.

**Region 12**

**Flushing GC:** Oct. 21, “Attracting More Birds to Your Yard” by Martha Debold; Nov. 18, video of Biltmore mansion/gardens by Barb Cencula; Dec. 1, Community Beautification Workshop, Christmas swag workshop by Cheryl Thompson & Karen Stalnaker, 6:30 pm Community building; Dec. 16, Christmas party. Contact Barb Cencula at barbarajcencula@frontier.com.

**Region 16**

**Wilmington GC:** Oct. 14, “Rejuvenate Your Perennials” by Helyn Riesen; Oct. 28, Caesar Creek Pioneer Village tour; Nov. 11, “Flower Arranging With Natural Materials” by Judy Grosvenor; Dec. 9, Christmas lunch/flower show at McCoy’s. Contact Pat Gilbert at arvense@juno.com.

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**Stepping Stones**

**Malconta Garden Club**, Region 8, celebrated its 75th anniversary with a luncheon at Burr Oak State Park. Margaret Van Ness, club historian and 35 year member, displayed all the program books and scrapbooks as part of celebration. The club was formed in May 1938 and began meeting in members’ homes. Now the meetings are held at The McConnell Manor in McConnelsville. The club will start a new Garden Therapy Program on November 13 at 3 pm for the residents of McConnell Manor. Congratulations Malconta Garden Club.

**Belpre Garden Club**, Region 11 celebrated 75 years of existence in March with a luncheon. Gardening lovers around the Belpre area joined forces in acknowledgment of the diamond anniversary. Founded in 1938, the club’s motto is “Make Our Community Beautiful.” Mayor Mike Lorentz noted that the club is an intricate part of the Belpre in Bloom project and the club’s 16 members continue to affect thousands of lives through their active volunteerism. Kudos to Belpre Garden Club!

**Little Hocking Garden Club**, Region 11, celebrated its 60th anniversary in June. A past winner of the OAGC Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club Award, the club is quite active in the Little Hocking community and Washington County. The club donates books to the library, has constructed a butterfly garden, participates in county fair flower shows, county meetings and local flower shows.

The most recent project saw the club plant more than 100 trees in the arboretum of the Belpre Township Park and along the walking trail in Little Hocking. Most trees have been donated in memory of friends and loved ones. One charter member remains in the club: Freda McGirr. The arboretum was her brainchild and she has been an inspiration to the club and community. In a press release, the club touts, “Freda has been our walking encyclopedia when we needed horticultural names for our exhibits. She is truly our ‘head petunia.’ Congratulations to the Little Hocking Garden Club.

**Valley City Garden Club**, Region 14, enjoyed a day at the state fair. The club won the trip, which included entrance and parking passes and lunch, when Rosemary Lempke’s class title submission was randomly selected from Jim Chakeres’ class title contest. L-R: Front row: Pat Dohoda, Margaret Thacker, Tom Sasalar, Charmane Lucsik, Connie Jelenic, Darlene Beeching; Back- Jim Chakeres, Rosemary Lempke, Carol Rosin, John Coghlan, Sharon Coghlan. *The men are members of Valley City Garden Club.*
And the winners are.....

Congratulations to all the winners who received awards at Convention!

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(Basil, Carroll Community, Faithful Gardeners and Lithopolis Community Garden Clubs)
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(6 or More Clubs Shows)
Dan Emmitt Knox County Spring Show - Reg. 7
(Apple Seed Juniors, Apple Valley, Fredericktown, Nature Lovers, New Shoots, Rake and Hoe, Tan and Toil and Town and Country Garden Clubs)
Region 7 Spring Show
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Scioto County Fall Show - Reg. 10
(Double Delight, Green Triangle, Ironton, Lucasville, Minford, Portsmouth, Prime Thyme, Rock Hill, Slocum, Waverly and Willow Garden Clubs)
Region 7 Fall Show
(Earth, Wind and Flowers, Galion North End, Gardeners’ Guild, Harlem Township, Nuts about Nature Juniors, Polk Gardeners, Tan and Toil, Weeds Beware and Wayside Mt. Gilead Garden Clubs)
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Wood County Fair - Reg. 1
(Bowling Green Woman’s Club, Country Village, Fostoria Ladies, Friendly Town and Country, and Trowel and Tractor Garden Clubs)
Fulton County Fair - Reg. 1
(Delta Community, Fulton County and Swanton Community Garden Clubs)
Montgomery County Fair - Reg. 3
(College Hill, Delphinium, Designaroma Design Study Group, Here and There, Leaf and Blossom, Our Homes, New Neighbors and Saville Hilltoppers)
Logan County Fair - Reg. 5
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Crawford County Fair - Reg. 7
(Earth, Wind and Flowers, North End Nuts About Nature Jrs., Peas-in-a Pod Jrs. and Petal Pushers Garden Clubs)
Fairfield County Fair - Reg. 9
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Region 1: Club Member: Bonnie Allan, Delta GC; Club: Three Rivers GC; Amateur Gardener: Betty Bartels, Liberty Center GC
Region 2: Club Member: Judie Pepple, Lima GC; Club: Lima GC; Amateur Gardener: Rosalind Bansal, Lima GC
Region 3: Club Member: Nancy Ferrell, Our Homes GC
Region 4: Club Member: Lois Kingsley, Four Seasons of Fairfield GC; Club: Mt. Orab GC; Amateur Gardener: Brenda Frey, Des Fleurs GC
Region 5: Club Member: Janice Jones, Progressive Buds GC; Club: Fleurette GC; Amateur Gardener: Ann Heeley, Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby Co. GC
Region 6: Club Member: Robin Wertz, We’d Wacker GC; Outstanding Garden Club: Catawba Island GC; Outstanding Amateur Gardener: Brandi Taylor, Catawba Island GC
Region 7: Club Member: Norma Jean Hill, Harlem Township GC; Club: Apple Valley GC; Amateur Gardener: Michael Hoepf, Petal Pushers GC
Region 8: Club Member: Joan Picklesimer, Grow and Show GC; Amateur Gardener: Paula Schockley, Grow and Show GC
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Region 10: Club Member: Beverly Norman, Slocum GC; Club: Rock Hill GC; Amateur Gardener: Marilyn Albrecht, Green Triangle GC
Region 11: Club Member: Brenda Covert, Open Gate GC; Club: Gallipolis GC; Amateur Gardener: Janet S. Miller, Floral Friends GC
Region 14: Club Member: Jan Harmon, Briarwood Beach GC; Club: Valley City GC; Amateur Gardener: Linda McHenre, Evergreen GC
Region 16: Club Member: Lois Fink, Bellbrook GC; Club: Osborn Historic GC
**Convention Flower Show Results**

**Adult Horticulture Division**
Award of Merit (roses):
‘Sweet Dream’ Rose, Juanita Wilkins, Reg. 2

Award of Merit (annuals, biennials and perennials):
‘Marietta’ Lisianthus, Juanita Wilkins

Award of Merit (chrysanthemums, dahlias and gladiolus):
‘Baron Jeff’ Dahlia, Luba Kendall, Reg. 14

Award of Merit (caladiums, colocasia/alocasia, ornamental grasses):
‘Calidora’ Colocasia, Faye Collins McGinnis, Reg. 10

Award of Merit (herbs):
Curly Parsley, Michael Hoepf, Reg. 7

Container Growers Award
‘Lemon Twist’ Plectranthus, Vicki Ferguson, Reg. 3

Green Thumb Award
‘Baron Jeff’ Dahlia, Luba Kendall

Outdoor Growers Award
Curly Parsley, Michael Hoepf

Mary Alice Earhart Memorial Award
(Horticulture Best of Show)
Luba Kendall

Executive Trophy (Sweepstakes):
Luba Kendall

Runner-up Sweepstakes:
Michael Hoepf

OAGC Medalist Collection of 8
Hostas, Marlene Purdy, Reg. 1

**Adult Artistic Division**
Class 1: “True Blue Miracle”
1st Juanita Wilkins – also Judges Award of Distinction
2nd Mary Lou Rupert
3rd Jan Stein
HM Sherrill Day

Class 2: “Tying the Knot”
1st Jean Jankowski
2nd Bonnie Eddy
3rd Mary Lou Rupert
HM Michele Bishop

Class 3: “Blue Velvet”
1st Joy Sprang
2nd Wilma Beerman
3rd Judie Pepple
HM Douglas Bland

Class 4: “Blue Plate Special”
1st Naomi Ormes
2nd Diane Reese
3rd Marlene Purdy
HM Eva Wollery

Class 5: “Bride”
1st Juanita Wilkins
2nd Marlene Purdy
3rd Diane Reese
HM Sheila Curtis

**Class 6:** “Groom”
1st Juanita Wilkins
2nd Diane Reese
3rd Sheila Curtis
HM Marlene Purdy

Class 7: “Happily Ever After”
1st Joy Sprang
2nd Vicki Ferguson
3rd Douglas Bland
HM Joyce Sullivan

Class 8: “Runaway Bride”
1st Naomi Ormes
2nd Sherrill Day
3rd Judy Pepple
HM Geri Rea

Class 9: “Blue on Blue”
1st Naomi Ormes
2nd Susy Spence
3rd Michele Bishop
HM June Gebhardt

Class 10: “Hawaiian Honeymoon”
1st Imalee Gampp - Also Best of Show
2nd Mary Lee Minor
3rd Joyce Sullivan
HM Babs Sabick

Class 11: “To Have and To Hold”
1st Deborah Graham
2nd Judie Pepple
3rd Mary Lee Minor
HM Mary Lou Rupert

Class 12: “Challenge Class”
1st Michael Hoepf
2nd Sheila Curtis
3rd Marlene Purdy
HM Jan Seabold

**Junior Artistic Division**
Class 13: “Go ‘Long Blues”
1st Aryn Copeland
2nd Logan Sand

Class 14: “Two Hearts That Beat as One”
1st Aryn Copeland - Also Best of Show
2nd Logan Sand

Class 15: “Flower Girl”
1st Lexie Marie Wood
2nd Abi Chester
3rd Paige Smith

Class 16: “A Thread of Blue Denim”
1st Paige Smith
2nd Lexie Marie Wood
3rd Abi Chester

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Judges Award of Distinction - Juanita Wilkins

Artistic Best of Show - Irmalee Gampp
OAGC Foundation Notes

Regional Scholarships

A few years ago, Region 11 established within the OAGC Foundation a scholarship fund to which they could award recipients specifically from their region with a scholarship. The OAGC Foundation guidelines state that a specific fund must be started with a donation of at least $2,500. Region 11 did this. Donors can specify the terms of their donations when setting up a fund such as this. Region 11 specified that any scholarship applications received by the OAGC Foundation from a student living within the boundaries of Region 11 be forwarded to the current Regional Director. Region 11 then selects winners and the amounts given using their own criteria.

No application from a student within the boundaries of Region 11 had been received until this year and this year there were four! Region 11 is pleased to announce that three $500 scholarships were presented. Those receiving a scholarship are: Christopher Humphrey, Jessica Coulter and Briggs Shoemaker.

By investing in the OAGC Foundation, Region 11’s fund gained a higher level of interest earnings than being held in the regional savings or checking accounts. Region 11 has chosen to keep their fund as an ongoing scholarship fund to which they and clubs in their region can earmark a donation to this fund. If your region would like to establish a Regional Scholarship fund, please contact an OAGC Foundation Trustee.

Scholarship renamed

It was announced at convention that one of the existing annual scholarships given by the OAGC Foundation has been renamed The Doris Schuster Memorial Scholarship following a $2500 donation from The Garden Club Federation of Dayton and Vicinity. Doris was an outstanding horticulturist and journalist, an OAGC past state president and a dedicated officer and member of The Garden Club Federation of Dayton and Vicinity.

The OAGC Foundation is grateful for the following donations from May 1 to July 31:

Wahkeena Nature Preserve Fund
Jo Ann Graham; Tan and Toil GC (bird food, in memory Edith Wise); Weed-A-Way Garden Club (bird food)

Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors Fund
Hike for Health donations; OAGC, Inc. (in memory of Bill Jenne); Our Homes GC; Seven Hills GC

Nature and Conservation Fund
Jan Harmon (in memory of Bill Jenne); Nature Study Retreat (in honor of attendees); Barb Treaster

Scholarship Fund
Athens GC (Region 11 Scholarship Fund); Darby Valley GC (in memory of Bill Jenne); Dayton Federation of Garden Clubs (in memory of Doris Shuster); Susan Ramsey (in memory of Helen Koontz); Anita Roller (in memory of Bill Jenne)

General Fund
Kathleen Cowgill (in memory of Bill Jenne); Vicki Ferguson (in memory of Bill Jenne); Babs Sabick (in memory of Bill Jenne); Katherine Schmitt (in memory of Bill Jenne)

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2013 FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS

Reg. 1 Nov. 7 St. John’s U. Church of Christ Holgate AM: “Putting the Garden to Bed” by Joyce Mocherman
PM: “Op Art, Panel and New Armature Design” by Bonnie Allan
Reg. 2 Oct. 22 First Presbyterian Church Findlay AM: Gourd Show and business meeting
PM: “Fall Garden Party” by the Findlay-Hancock Players
Reg. 3 Oct. 28 Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Dayton AM: “Stoddard Avenue Pumpkin Glow” by Judy Chaffin
PM: “The Beauty of Nature” Ikebana Designs by Louise Bennett
Reg. 4 Oct. 25 Receptions Inc. Loveland AM: “The Garden - My Song” by Peggy St. Clair
PM: Designs by Joni Duncan, World Flower Show entrant
Reg. 5 Oct 24 Rushsylvania Church of Christ, Rushsylvania AM: “Dried Plant Material” by Linda Sanford
PM: Wreath/Swag program and auction
Reg. 6 Nov. 2 Catawba Island Club Port Clinton AM: “Dried Flowers” by Tracy Lake, owner of Naturally Country
PM: “Gardening for Birds” by Martha Fisher, Wild Birds Ulmtd.
Reg. 7 Oct. 23 Gospel Baptist Church Galion AM: “Quick Designs” by Naomi Ormes
PM: “Make and Take Pressed Flowers” by Dana Blankenship
Reg. 8 Oct. 16 Cambridge Country Club Byesville AM: “Benefits of Bees” by Steven Bunn
PM: “Local Wines and Cheeses” by Paul and Donna Roberts, Terra Cotta Vineyards owners and Sally Ellis of Pearl Valley Cheese
Reg. 9 Nov. 6 Sunroom at the Brick Frankfort AM: Jeff Bazell from Flowers of the Good Earth
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Reg. 10 Oct. 17 Waverly Grace UM Church Waverly AM: “Fairy Gardens” by Julie Brunner
PM: “Native Plants: Think Globally, Plant Locally” Jim McCormac
Reg. 11 Oct. 26 Simpson Chapel UM Church Rio Grande AM: “Down on the Farm” by John Marra
PM: Floral designs by Beverly Norman
Reg. 12 Oct. 19 Starkdale Presbyterian Church Steubenville AM: “Edible and Poisonous Plants” by Lisa Belozzi
PM: “Painting Slate for the Garden” Jodi Russell/Eleanore Drazich
Reg. 14 Nov. 13 St. Michael’s Lutheran Church Marshallville AM: “Sensational Bird Migrations” by Chuck Jakubchak
PM: “Fall is Just Flying By - Wreaths For All Seasons” by Joy Sprang
Reg. 16 Oct. 10 Caesar Creek SP Learning Center Waynesville AM: “A Prairie Life Cycle” by park ranger Kim Baker
PM: Naomi Ormes floral design program