Join OAGC March 11-13, 2016, when we visit the Philadelphia Flower Show. The motor coach trip will depart from Ohio early Friday morning at 8 am, March 11, from the Holiday Inn Express (2035 Southgate Parkway, Cambridge). After a lunch stop at a Cracker Barrel (on your own) we’ll continue to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to enjoy an included dinner and some shopping at Miller’s Smorgasbord. Both nights, lodging will be at Hotel Lancaster.

Saturday, March 12, enjoy a continental breakfast before departing at 8 am for the drive to the Philadelphia Flower Show, arriving around 9:30 am. Enjoy the spectacular floral displays, vendors and lunch on your own. Leave the show late afternoon and return to Lancaster for an included dinner at Plain and Fancy, an Amish restaurant, with shopping at the Plain and Fancy Country Store.

Early Sunday, March 13, enjoy a continental breakfast at the hotel, and leave at 8 am to return to Cambridge, Ohio. Lunch is on your own at a Cracker Barrel, en route, arriving back at the Holiday Inn Express in Cambridge.

Flower show tickets, hotel, two breakfasts, two dinners, transportation and gratuities are included in the price: $449/single; $329/double; $299/triple and $279/quadruple occupancy. Trip Insurance is available for an additional fee and can be obtained by calling 800-887-1976. The registration deadline is November 1, 2015, and there is no refund after January 1, 2016. The registration form is on page 15 of this issue.

Interested travelers may wish to stay overnight at the Holiday Inn Express in Cambridge Thursday where a block of rooms has been reserved. Call 740-421-4988 and mention Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, OAGC, for a special rate. You may leave your car at a municipal parking lot nearby.
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Grapevine and Stepping Stones: The Garden Path editor.
A note from our president:

Dear Garden Gurus,

Convention 2015 – what a lot of fun, sharing country pleasures: picnics, edible landscaping, good foods, buffet tricks with arrangements and Hors d’oeuvres, chickens and fresh eggs, more salads - less junk food and a plea to make our backyards more bee-friendly. Thanks to all who helped with planning, teaching and designing.

Ideas are flowing for next year’s convention being held at Deer Creek State Park Lodge, June 6-8, 2016 - a wonderful gardening couple will share their gardens via Power Point. We’ll enjoy ideas for landscaping, garden art, recycling, sit-down gardening (Bonsai, topiaries, dish gardens, fairy gardens and container gardening), plus arrangements in contrived containers, using unusual objects for containers, finding one-of-a kind items at yard sales, auctions and thrift stores and having fun using them in designs, as garden art or as contain-

bird baths from large dishes on pedestals; there is a lot to try. When you run out of ideas, look at the neat things on Pinterest.

Nature Study Retreat was great. You need to join the group next year so make a promise to yourself to be one of the true nature lovers. Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School is August 10-11, 2015. Schools are two days of learning, visiting and shopping the vendors. Consider becoming a vendor yourself. Contact Naomi Ormes, 513-863-4620, and bring your items. One man’s junk is another man’s treasure, so they say.

Gardeners’ Day Out is coming August 21, 22, 2015, and there is still time to join us. Look on page 9 of the 2015 Apr-May-Jun issue of The Garden Path for all the details and the registration form.

Plan to join us on our trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show, March 11-13, 2016. The trip will be on a weekend for all who work and can’t enjoy events during the week. An overview of that trip is in this issue with more details coming.

As part of Strategic Planning, OAGC is going to expand its reach to those outside OAGC while joining with other groups to present some Saturday events for working women, men and younger gardeners. Strategic Planning has been a challenging topic and we’ve tossed around many ideas. We’ve developed a new logo to reflect a new mission statement, hoping to shed our image as older members interested only in flowers.

Some gardeners are eager to raise some veggies for salads plus extra to can or freeze. Others might like to make wine from home-grown fruit. Still others are wanting to be more self-sufficient and eat healthy foods without the specter of poisonous sprays. Others want to learn to do their own landscaping. We can morph into those kinds of garden clubs, just be open to change.

Still Crowing for OAGC, Peggy Case, OAGC President

OAGC loses a leader

We all mourn the loss of OAGC’s past president Dorothy Alfreda Snyder Bates, who passed away May 4, 2015. She would have smiled to see several rows of OAGC members attending her memorial service, including many past presidents. Dottie served as president of OAGC from 1990 to 1992 and was a member of Marabar Heights Garden Club of Reg. 9. I did my first student judging with Dottie. She was very encouraging and became my mentor. Ev-

time I would see her at convention or Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School, meetings, trips or Gardeners’ Day Out, she would greet me with love and hugs. She presented many classes as an instructor at E and J School and numerous programs at conventions. Her knowledge of the flower world and support of OAGC was matched only by her dedication to the world of nursing. She will be missed by many. Thanks for everything, Dottie.

– Peggy Case, OAGC President
Convention

Hark! What’s that noise? It’s all the crowing by over 230 members of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, about the wonderful convention they enjoyed June 1-3 at Maumee Bay State Park Resort on Lake Erie.

OAGC President Peggy Case, convention chairs Juanita Wilkins and Barb Deetz and Regions 1 and 2 welcomed members to “Edible Landscaping and More.” Vendors offered a wide range of wares, regions hosted educational displays and attendees had access to ideas for programs and flower shows from the contest book submissions.

Each day attendees could visit a rotation of entertaining and educational workshops covering topics from vines, brambles and tree fruits to chicken coops to composting and super foods.

President Case opened the Monday banquet by requesting a moment of silence for OAGC Judges who passed away this year: Dottie Bates, Mary Ellen Miller and Jo Hune. Executive officers, past OAGC presidents, Counselors and Judges were recognized.

Case announced that Marilou Rupert was the recipient of the Gladys Thomas Judge of the Year award. With Faye Collins-McGinnis unable to attend convention for the first in many years, Design Study Chair Sharon Ware announced the Faye Collins Designer of the Year Award was won by Carol Gorby.

State Flower Shows Chair Jan Seabold presented the convention artistic flower show awards. Best of Show went to Naomi Ormes for her ‘Vegetable Medley’ assemblage design; the Judges Award of Distinction to Joy Sprang for her ‘Yesterday’s Grace’ Dutch/Flemish design; and Junior Best of Show to Mattie Butler of the Mount Vernon Rosebuds Junior Garden Club.

State Horticulture Chair Jane Adkins awarded the convention horticulture awards and presented the Mary Alice Earhart (Best of Show) Award to Vicki Ferguson’s ‘Optimara Little Ottawa’ African Violet. The Sweepstakes Award was presented to Peggy Lorenzen and the Runner-up Sweepstakes to Vicki Ferguson. A complete listing of convention awards is on pages 11-12.

Mary Lee Minor presented a Citation award to Jim Chakeres, OAGC Liaison to the Ohio State Fair Flower Show, for his guidance of a Strategic Planning Committee comprised of OAGC leaders, who have worked to improve the organization to achieve a larger, more productive and diversified membership. Chakeres and Minor outlined the vision and initial plans to implement the ideas, including a new OAGC logo displayed prominently on shirts modeled by the committee members.

Dr. Mark Miller, PhD and Director of Educational Programming for the Franklin Park Conservatory, was the Monday keynote speaker who spoke on “Edible Landscaping.” He encouraged members to blend the growth of vegetables and fruits into our decorative gardens.

On Tuesday morning, following a brief business meeting, Club Contests Chair Kathy Muse reminded all that the Club Contests department is being eliminated the end of this program year. Regions are encouraged to continue the contests at the regional level.

Design Study Chair Sharon Ware and Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools Chair Naomi Ormes invited everyone to come to the schools, where not only judges train to evaluate floral arts and horticulture exhibits, but everyone learns to identify, grow and creatively arrange and show plants.

Flower Show Awards Chair Jan Seabold presented flower show contest awards. Junior Gardeners Chair Deborah Graham stated that despite the lack of junior contest participants, the numbers of junior clubs continues to grow. Membership Chair Kim Long encouraged clubs to review the annual roster and make needed corrections before returning to the state. Website Liaison Jan Harmon reminded all that the website is a wonderful source of information about OAGC events and more. Garden Path Editor Vicki Ferguson echoed the need for correct mailing information for members to receive the quarterly publication and noted that The Garden Path is much prettier in color on the website. Nature and Conservation Chair Mary Martin announced that Nature Lovers’ Garden Club of Fredericktown, Reg. 14, won the Permanent Planting Beautification Award.
Wrap Up
written by Suzy Parker

Sharon Ware presented Tom Shisler, OAGC Liaison for Wahkeena Nature Preserve, with a Life Patron designation, made possible by a $500 donation by Athens Garden Club to the OAGC Foundation. Shisler also expressed thanks to the OAGC Foundation for various donations made for Wahkeena’s support, most recently a request granted for purchasing pond nets.

Tim Daniels, OAGC Liaison for Mohican School in the Outdoors, thanked the OAGC Foundation for fulfilling a grant made for a proposal to support a Youth Leadership Camp. A lack of registrants resulted in its cancellation this year.

Suzy Parker presented the OAGC Service Award to immediate OAGC Past President Mary Lee Minor. Since joining a club in 1968, Minor has served in many departments and offices of OAGC, has educated and served OAGC and the community at large, is an active OAGC Accredited Judge and instructor at Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools, served as editor of The Garden Path, and has encouraged countless juniors through her work as a club leader and public school teacher. She has been instrumental in the recent OAGC Strategic Planning Committee and is now guiding the resulting outreach program.

Babs Sabick honored Louise Bennett with the Daisy Sticksel Conservation Award, for her work with projects at Cox Arboretum, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks and other sites in the Dayton area. Susy Spence awarded the Gardener of the Year Award to Sharon Gothard.

Outgoing Regional Directors, were presented with a silver charm and the Regional Directors Elect were installed: Kim Sigler, Reg. 2; Marian Moeckel, Reg. 5; Douglas Bland, Reg. 6; Mary Ellen Heacock, Reg. 7; Sandy McCullough, Reg. 8; Barb Mann, Reg. 9; Beverly Norman, Reg. 10; Pam Schatz, Reg. 11; Elaine Wukelic, Reg. 12 and Lori Everett, Reg. 14.

Tuesday evening’s program, “Delicious Designs”, was an entertaining and visually appetizing demonstration of designs by color, all featuring fruits and vegetables. OAGC’s own judges, both retired teachers, Mary Lee Minor and Marlene Purdy shared the microphone and the designer duties offering nutritional information and hilarious comments as each constructed her interpretation of the benefits of including all the colors of a rainbow in your diet. Minor began the program by honoring one of her longtime mentors, the late Dottie Bates, an OAGC Past President and Master Judge, with a design of roses in a gathering basket.

President Case hosted a breakfast on the last morning for the executive officers, regional directors, department chairs, counselors and liaisons who have served OAGC the past year. She thanked them for all the time and effort volunteered and gave each a named variety of daylily.

Susy Spence announced the winners of each region’s Outstanding Garden Club, Gardener and Garden Club Member awards. Sharon Ware awarded Life Patron status to Mary Lee Minor and Vicky Puster. Babs Sabick presented an OAGC Foundation grant to Cedar Bog, represented by Jill Michael.

The OAGC Foundation awarded 7 scholarships of $2000, and Babs Sabick introduced three recipients who were present, as well as their parents. More info on page 14.

Secretary Diane Daniels announced the results of the vote to eliminate the position of OAGC Third Vice President, and to move Suzy Parker, who held that office, to Second Vice President, effective October 1, 2015. Parker was installed by President Case, who also thanked outgoing Second VP Susy Spence. Case praised Spence for her contributions in serving OAGC and noted Spence will continue to be a vital part of the organization.

Marne Tichenell, of the OSU Extension Service, presented an informative and interesting program on “Backyard Biodiversity” suggesting types of backyard plantings that will attract, feed and protect birds, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds.

Door prizes, provided by Regions 1 and 2, were awarded at each day’s sessions and attendees were invited to visit the sales room, exhibits, and flower shows. The flower shows featured not only a room full of fabulous large and miniature floral designs and rows of horticultural specimens along the hallways, but also fun and distinctive scarecrows. The perpetual plaques honoring award winners from past and present were on display.

Gardeners’ Day Out chair Suzy Parker reminded everyone to register for the event, August 20-21, held at Cox Arboretum, Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum, the Grotto Garden at the Dayton Veterans Administration Medical Center and Carillon Park, all in Dayton. (Continued page 8)
Department News

Club Contests Department
Kathy Muse, Chair

OAGC is doing away with the Club Contests Department. Therefore, the contests for Program Books, Garden Therapy Books and Publicity Books will be discontinued at the state level. All regions are encouraged to continue the contests at the regional level. Your Regional Club Contests Chair will be judging contest books starting with the 2014-2015 program year. The OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs (revised in 2010) has the necessary forms and guidelines for scoring contest books.

Design Study Department
Sharon Ware, Chair

Congratulations to all the winners in the Faye Collins Designer of the Year contest and special congratulations to Carol Gorby, our Designer of the Year. I hope everyone enjoyed the display at convention.

Japanese flower arranging became popular after WWII when soldiers came home with their war brides. These ladies had been taught to arrange flowers from an early age and seeking common friends they formed groups to share their knowledge. This style of floral design is known as Ikebana.

There are hundreds of ‘schools’ of Ikebana and in 1956 Ikebana International (II) was started as an umbrella organization with headquarters in Japan. Chapters throughout the world register with Ikebana International, each with its own identifying number. Ohio currently has 5 Ikebana Chapters. Some schools also form their own registered chapters. For instance, there are also Chapters for Sogetsu, Ohara and Ikenobo in Ohio. Teachers in each school must complete certain requirements in order to teach their school.

Exhibitors and judges should be knowledgeable about the various Ikebana schools. Design study workshops at the Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School will focus on the three main schools that are represented in Ohio: Ikenobo, Ohara and Sogetsu.

At the August 10-11 Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School, the evening Design Study will explore the Sogetsu School. Fees are $15 and include instructions and plant materials to complete 2 designs. Attendees will need to bring appropriate containers, pin holder (kenzan) and floral scissors. You must register for the workshop when you register for school. An information sheet will be provided on the types of containers and size of pin holder needed. Please contact me (info on page 2) with any questions.

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School Department
Naomi Ormes, Chair

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School #4 will be held August 10 and 11, at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Myrna Cordray, will be teaching us the difference between creative, abstract and kinetic and will be demonstrating the first set of creative designs. In addition, we have a second design session when Faye McGinnis wows us with her Table Setting Designs on Tuesday morning. The horticultural topics to be covered this school will be Gladiolus by Michael Hoepf; Ornamental Grasses by Juanita Wilkins; Container Grown Plants by Babs Sabick; Displaying Cut Cultivars (round, spray, and spike) by Judy Stopkotte; and Plant Identification by Charlene Margetiak.

On Monday evening, Sharon Ware will lead a Design Study Workshop on Upright Moribana and the Nagiere Style of the Sogetsu School of Oriental Design. Cost is $15 with plant materials provided for two designs. If you want to participate, mark your selection on the registration form, include the additional $15 fee with your School #4 fee, and bring your containers, kensans and floral arranging tools.

Naomi Ormes will do a slide presentation on “Capturing your Designs in Photography” with hints on how to improve the photos of your designs. The Registration form and lodging information can be found on page 15 and also on the www.oagc.org Event page.

Attendees are encouraged to bring properly labeled specimens staged in appropriately sized clear containers to be used in the plant horticulture sessions. If you have any of the cultivars to be studied, please bring those, but any cut cultivars will be appropriate. There will be a drawing for a free (one day) registration for those bringing in cultivars.

School #5 will be held June 20-21, 2016 at Deer Creek with a continuation of Creative Designs, Hemerocallis, Lilies and Summer Bulbs, Hostas and Caladiums, Begonias and Geraniums, Hanging Baskets, Plant ID and a session on Judging Questions.

Flower Shows Department
Jan Seabold, Chair

Flower shows are the summation of our motto, “Knowing, Growing, Showing and Sharing!” As gardeners and garden club members we learn from each other. Also, through our club programs, we learn to grow successfully. Then, we want to show off what we have grown - via cut specimens and artistic designs, and even share divisions of our plants with others. A flower show paired with a plant sale is just the answer!
We encourage clubs to have flower shows - whether for their own club or for public display. Encourage everyone to enter into a competitive flower show..... particularly beginners and young people.

Having flower shows promotes interest in horticulture and artistic designs. By doing so you educate and encourage gardeners and non-gardeners to grow and exhibit. The educational displays offer ideas of what can be done with the plant materials you have grown. There are so many ideas to share...topics and tips that many take for granted. Such an event is a good way to bring in new members. You can have a flower show any month of the year. Check out your OAGC Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Handbook for themes for your show and all the guidelines you need to start planning a show now. Have fun with it. Happy flower showing!

**Horticulture Department**

*Jane Adkins, Chair*

Thank you to all the exhibitors who made the Convention Horticulture Show such a success. The array of specimens and containers was very impressive. Congratulations to the winners. Another thank you goes to the judges and clerks who gave their time to make the show possible.

This is the season of summer to sit back and enjoy the work you did in spring. You can appreciate the results of your efforts - the beautiful roses, the fragrant lilies or the lush hostas. All too soon you’ll be busy canning or freezing the garden’s bounty. So have a few lazy summer days and enjoy the beauty around you.

**Junior Gardeners Department**

*Deborah Graham, Chair*

Summer is a wonderful time to teach the junior gardener about “butterfly gardening.” Butterflies are pollinators and very important to a thriving garden. Did you know that there are over 135 different butterflies that can be found in Ohio?

To get started you need to plant nectar plants in the garden to attract the adult butterflies. Nectar plants are the adult butterflies’ main source of food. Next plant host or larval plants which are the specific plants on which butterflies will lay their eggs. Once the caterpillar has hatched it will feed on the host plant. When the caterpillar reaches its full adult size it will attach itself to a twig or branch with silk and will molt to form a chrysalis. After the appropriate time, the chrysalis will split open and a new beautiful butterfly will emerge.

Before getting your nectar and host/larval plants be sure to do your research on them. Specific butterflies like specific plants and you will want the correct plants for the butterflies that you want to attract. Give your butterflies a place to “puddle.” Puddling is when butterflies gather on wet sand or mud to drink water and extract minerals from a water source. Put some sand in a shallow container and then place the container in your butterfly garden. Keep the sand moist and watch the butterflies sip away.

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

Don’t use pesticides or other chemicals in your butterfly garden because many of these will kill butterflies. Now with all the needs of a butterfly in place, you should have many species visiting your garden. Be sure to teach your junior gardener about “butterfly gardening” and what a wondrous creature the butterfly is.

**Membership Department**

*Kim Long, Chair*

The OAGC quarterly publication, The Garden Path, is the place for all OAGC members to keep up to date on all the great happenings within our organization. This publication is sent via US mail or by electronic ePath delivery. Both mailing lists for the hard copy and electronic ePath version are derived from the state roster database which I maintain.

Delivery cannot be made without the correct information from both new and current members! I just received an email stating one of our members had not received a *Garden Path* in three years! It turns out the address that the club sent on their state roster was incorrect. If you are having delivery issues, have your club president or treasurer write corrections and notify the state membership chair (address on page 2.)

**Note to all Club Treasurers; when the 2015-2016 state dues statements are sent out later this summer, please have all club members verify their information and make corrections as necessary.**

Also, *The Garden Path* is mailed at non-profit postage rates, which means they are not forwarded. That makes it all the more reason to notify me of any additions, deletions or corrections needed.

In regards to the ePath (*The Garden Path*’s electronic version) mailing list, if you wish to be added or deleted from this list, send me an email (klong@oagc.org). I will make the necessary changes to the state roster and in turn advise *The Garden Path* Editor Vicki Ferguson. She then will send out the electronic notice.
Nature and Beautification Department
Mary Martin, Chair

How is your garden? Did you include herbs in your planting? If so they should be lush and plentiful now. Now is the time to harvest herbs for use, drying and even creating gifts now for late summer through Christmas time.

Using the plants in our garden is conservation in many forms. It means we have planned our gardens to conserve rain water, to preserve soil from erosion, as well as to supply us with food and herbs for enriched flavor. Some plantings may even replenish the soil as we rotate plantings throughout our garden area.

Fresh herbs for use throughout the summer and early autumn are a delight. Oftentimes, we have way too many herbs to use, perhaps even too many to share with family, friends and our local garden club. That really isn’t a problem. Herbs may be dried and used though winter and spring. If you have more of one or more herbs than you can use fresh or dried, think about making some gifts. You may make someone happy, introduce them to a flavored oil or vinegar and maybe even cause them to explore growing their own herbs in the future. They may be future garden club members!

Herbal vinegars are not difficult to make and add flavor to salad dressings or to any recipe that calls for vinegar. I like to add flavored vinegar to my favorite cole slaw recipe. Adding flavored vinegar to olive oil for oil and vinegar dressing creates a new depth to a traditional dressing. They enliven sauces, soups or salsa recipes too.

You may flavor vinegar with a single herb: dill, chervil, tarragon, rosemary or thyme. Pick the herbs during mid-day. Clean the herbs. Sterilize a jar large enough to hold at least a quart of white wine vinegar. Slightly bruise about a third of the leaves of four herb sprigs which are as tall as the shoulder of the jar. Place the herb sprigs into the jar. Heat four cups of the white wine vinegar: do not bring to a boil. Pour the vinegar into the prepared jar with the herb sprigs. Cover the jar with plastic wrap and a rubber band to hold it in place or with a cap which does not have a lid with exposed metal (a canning jar and ring with a coated lid is great). Allow the mixture to steep for a week. Taste the vinegar after a week for desired flavor: if it is too weak, replace the lid and allow it to steep for another week. When the desired flavor is attained you may pour the flavored vinegar into smaller, tall sterilized bottles and add a fresh sprig of the herb before capping for a gift. Colored bottles add a special touch. Add a bow made of raffia and attach a gift tag with the contents for the recipient. Share the fact that you made the flavored vinegar with an herb from your garden. It not only makes the gift more personal but may spur the interest in gardening.

There are so many flavored vinegars (and oils) that you can make and use. Look for recipes and ways to use herb flavored vinegars or oils online.

Of course flavored vinegars and oils are not the only use for herbs from your garden. Don’t forget that you can dry the herbs now to later make tea, herb blends for cooking and baking as well as for sachets, to care for your skin, hair, home and so much more.

Convention Coverage - Continued

Linda Warfield announced details about an OAGC bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show in 2016. Details and registration for this and other OAGC events are included in The Garden Path and at the OAGC website, www.oagc.org.

Many attendees took time to visit two local hosta gardens and nearby Bench’s Greenhouse. The Lodge offered perks of discounts in the gift shop and dining room as well as free bicycle rentals to convention attendees.

President Case thanked Michele Bishop for serving as convention registrar and Michele’s husband Al Bishop, who was convention photographer and general handyman. At least 16 men were in attendance at the convention and were recognized by Case and Past President Minor, who presented the men with roses during her program.

Junior gardener Audrey Allread attended all the convention events with her great-grandparents, Charlene and Donn Thornhill, making family history with 5 generations of OAGC Convention attendance and exhibition.

2016 convention co-chairs Kathy Schmitt of Reg. 6 and Gisela Mattingly of Reg. 14, extended an invitation to next year’s convention which will be held at Deer Creek State Park Lodge and Conference Center, Mt. Sterling, Ohio, June 6-8, 2016.

Convention photos have been uploaded to a Flickr album. They may be viewed at: https://www.flickr.com/gp/132071372@N04/do243N
Via the Grapevine

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

Region 1

Fostoria GC: Jul. 8, “Fair Judging” by Phyllis Hahn and Karen Sue Roth; Jul. 12, Garden Tour and Flower Show; Jul. 30, attend Wood County Fair; Aug. 13, Pemberville Free Fair; Sep. 9, “Controlling Weeds” by Gloria Wolph. The garden club’s Fostoria Farmers’ Markets are on Aug. 1, 15; Sep. 5 and 19. Contact Ellen Stoudinger at estoudinger@gmail.com.

Friendly Town and Country GC: Jul. 14, leaf casting workshop at Schedel Arboretum; Aug. 1, prepare for fair; Aug. 3-10, Wood County Fair; Aug. 11, lunch The Fork’s restaurant then tour the Pickle Factory, Pemberville; Sep. 8, club program book planning at Stimmels in Bowling Green. Contact Carole Rives at rcnrives@wcnet.org.

Region 2

Happy Hours GC: Jul. 2, touring members’ gardens; Aug. 6, tips for entering a flower show with a mini flower show in preparation for the Allen County Fair; Sep. 3, “How to Put Your Garden to Bed” by Terry Chapman, installation of officers. Contact Alice M. Winter at sabrinam_45801@yahoo.com.

Region 3

The Montgomery County Fair (Dayton) Flower Shows, sponsored by the Garden Club Federation of Dayton and Vicinity, will be held Wed. Sep. 2 and Sat. Sep. 5 in Dayton. Contact Sue Witwer at 937-256-5088 or Marilyn Fies at 937-836-8955.

College Hill GC: Jul. 9, “Feng Shui Garden Tour” by Sue Adiss; Aug. 6, tour Woodman Fen in Kettering; Sep. 10, guided tour of Cox Arboretum MetroParks, wear walking shoes and join us. Contact Barbara Hall at 898-6709.

Region 4

Flores Amo GC: Jul. 20, tour of Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park and Museum in Hamilton; Aug. 5, tour Eden Park Conservatory in Cincinnati; Sep. 21, annual picnic. Contact Midge King 513-738-3353 or oldmidge@zoomtown.com.

Region 5

Aug. 7-14, Champaign County Fair (Urbana), Champaign County Federation of Garden Clubs sponsoring two flower shows, “Tropical Paradise” is the theme. Aug. 8, Garden Club Show and Aug. 12, Open Class Show. Contact flower show chair Deborah Graham at 937-747-2474.

Alpha GC: Jul. 14, tour Marcia Niswonger’s gardens; Aug. 15 and 18, Miami County Fair flower shows; Sep. 9, “Corny Dishes” annual carry-in using corn, at the Stillwater Prairie in Covington. Contact Karen Cron at cjohns12@hotmail.com.

Region 6

Whispering Meadows GC: Jul. 9, “Painting Flowers” a class with Theresa Eishen; Aug. 22, day trip to Gardeners’ Day out in Dayton; Sep. 10, “Air Plants” by Gail Skinner. Contact Carolyn Johnson at 419-332-0908 or cjohns12@hotmail.com.

Region 7

Apple Valley GC: Jul. 15, Nature tour of Wilderness Road with Naturalist Gary Moore; Aug. 19, “Hostas” and a hysterta hosta leaf workshop; Sep. 16, making herbal vinegars, teas, swags and wreaths from our herb gardens. Contact Sue Devendorf at 740-326-6851.

Harlem Township GC: Jul. 21, “Floral Designs” by an OAGC Judge; Aug. 18, annual picnic; Sep. 15, “Up, Up and Away - Vertical Gardening” by Charlotte Sexton. Contact Toni Link at toni1nlink@embarqmail.com.

“The Art in the Garden,” Jul. 18-19, 10 am to 4 pm (rain date following weekend), celebrates the beautiful artwork of Cassie Peters throughout the gardens of club member Diana Daily. Contact Diana at 740-972-9244.

North End GC: Jul. 6, annual picnic with guests; Sep. 21, “Succulents” at Janet’s Floral in Ontario. Contact Shirley Fearn at 419-468-1065 or shirleyfearn@gmail.com.

Town and Country GC: Jul. 10, Quarry Chapel Tour. Guests are welcome. Contact Carole Waugh at 740-397-3950.
**Region 8**

**Grow and Show GC:** July 22, annual ice cream social hosted by Bonnie Perkins; Aug. 26, annual picnic and tour of Pat Graven’s garden; Sep. 23, tour of Mission Oaks with Schroeder Dodd. Contact Joan Picklesimer at 740-432-5764.

**Malconita GC:** Jul. 8, salad luncheon and tour of Doris Taylor’s garden; Aug. 12, pot luck and fair booth planning; Sep. 16, installation of officers and critique of last year’s activities. Contact Midge Huffman at 740-559-2366.

**Newark GC:** Jul. 10, “Gardening for Pollinators” by Denise Ellsworth, OSU Dept. of Entomology; Aug. 14, “Shade Gardening” by Kathy Hasson; Sep. 11, Presidents’ Tea, “Container Gardening with Houseplants and Herbs” by Sharon Richards, Blossom Lane Designs, LLC. Contact Jean Jankowski at 740-587-4116.

**Town and Country GC:** Jul. 9, annual picnic; Aug. 13, Leaf Casting workshop; Sep. 10, “Feeding the Birds” by Steve Miller. Contact Judy Boyd at 740-826-0013.

**Region 9**

**Basil GC:** Jul. 20, club Gardeners’ Day Out, Breakfast at Shaw’s Restaurant in Lancaster and tour at Wahkeena Nature Preserve; Aug. 17, annual guest night, program by Alice Hoover, historical dramatist; Sep. 21, family picnic. Contact Trudy Keck at 740-862-8206.


**Pickington GC:** Jul. 15, pick blueberries/lunch at Mansfield Blueberry Farm; Aug. 19, tour/lunch at Clayre Gardens, Roscoe Village/Coshocton; Sep. 16, annual luncheon at Worthington Inn. Visitors and guests welcome. Contact Barbara Kockhick 614-837-3951 or Libby Stearns 614-837-4455.

**Region 10**

**Scioto County GCs** present flower shows at the Scioto County Fair (Lucasville), theme: “Music Through the Decades.” Contact Carolyn Wilcox at 740-776-4453.

**Slocum GC:** Jul. 10, tour 3-acres of gardens, ponds and sculptures at Lily Fest in Rockbridge; Jul. 24, tour Magic Gardens in Peebles; Aug. 3 and 6, Scioto County (Lucasville) Fair’s flower shows; Sep. 10, “All About and Caring For Dahlias,” and Beverly Norman’s gardens; Garden Therapy sessions at Adult Daily Living, Best Care, Wheelersburg on Jul. 21, Aug. 14 and Sep. 15. Contact Teresa Book at 740-776-3267.

**Region 11**

The Washington County (Marietta) Fair Flower Show will be Sep. 5-8, theme: “Color Your World with Flowers,” judging on Sep. 5.

**Flushing GC:** Jul. 20, picnic, “Guided Instruction for Making a Parallel Design” by Michele Meyer, Athens Township Park Shelter #1; Aug. 17, “Cultivation and Uses of Lavender” by Marilyn White; Sep. 21, Mock Installation of Officers, Book Review by Martha Debold, Forum Restaurant in Cambridge. Contact Barb Cenula at barbarajcencula@frontier.com.

**Region 12**

**Dillonvale Rosebud GC:** Jul. 15, picnic, bring plants and decorations to share; Aug. 19, garden tour; Sep. 16, “Creative Twig Furniture” by Donna Tolbert. Contact Lois Kniszek at ljkniszek@comcast.net.

**Four Seasons GC:** Jul. 15, plant exchange and tour of members’ gardens with progressive meal; Aug. 26, “Dividing Plants” by Nancy Teeters; Sep. 23, “Plants to Dye For” by Bernadine Sliva. Contact Sharon Gump at sharonlump@yahoo.com or 740-658-3402.

**Mt. Pleasant GC:** Jul. 6, garden tour and flower workshop by Marilou Ruppert; Aug. 3, “Gardening in Small Places” by Pete Petras; Sep. 14, “Grapes” by Mr. Black and tour of Blacksheep Winery. Contact Ruth Lewis at wrplewis@comcast.net.

**Woodland GC:** Jul. 2, garden tour; Jul. 23, Container Gardening workshop by Susan Guskea; Aug. 6, “Prepare for the Fair” design study; Aug. 15, Jefferson County Fair (Wintersville) Flower Show; Sep. 3, “Trees and Shrubs” by Juanita Welsh. Contact Susan Tata at 740-282-7117.

**Region 14**

**Valley City GC:** Jul. TBA, field trip to Medina Furniture Maker’s Garden and Daylily Tour; Jul. 16, “Garden Insects and Diseases” by Charles Behnke, Instructor for Master Gardening Program; Aug. 20, Fall Harvest Picnic at Mill Stream Park in Valley City; Sep. 17, “Kitchen Gardens: Consider Planting a Kitchen Garden in the Spring” by Linda Schneider of Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District. Contact Pat Dohoda at 330-483-4449 or dohodawecandigit@zoominternet.net.

**Region 16**

**Clearcreek Gardeners GC:** Jul. 21, visit Pat Stidham’s Gardens; Aug. 18, “Container Gardening” at Meadowview Growers in New Carlisle; Sep. 15, Hypertufa lesson by Joyce Thomas. Contact Linda Niehoff at lindani@woh.rr.com.

**Fayette GC:** Jul. 10, “Beekeeping and the Flowers Bees Like Most”; Aug. 14, “Plants of in the Bible” and summer picnic; Sep. 11, members sharing seeds and plants. Contact Susie Meriweather at 740-505-1100.

**Washington GC:** Jul. 7, flower bed clean up; Aug. 4, “Plants for Dry Weather”; Sep. 1, “Late Summer and Early Fall Tasks in the Garden.” Contact Linda Morgan at 740-948-2476.

**Wilmington GC:** Jul. 11-18, Clinton County (Wilmington) Fair Flower Shows, Jul. 11, horticulture show, Jul. 14, artistic show, Jul. 17, Daylily show; Aug. 10, “Butterflies on the Prairie” tour the Thobaben Prairie in Wilmington; Sep. 14, “Celebrate The End of The Club Year,” installation of officers and plant exchange at the Hagemeyer Farm. Contact Beverly Sanders at 937-382-8188.
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Class D (Single Club Christmas Show)
Excellent
Tuslaw GC, Reg. 14
Class E (2-5 Clubs Christmas Flower Shows)
Excellent
Meigs County Christmas Show, Reg. 11
(Chester, Shade Valley Council of Floral Arts, Wildwood and Winding Trail Garden Clubs)
Class G (County Fair Flower Shows)
Superior
Logan County Fair, Reg. 5
(DeGraff and Fleurette Garden Clubs)
Fairfield County Fair - Reg. 9
(Basil, Carroll Community, Faithful Gardeners, Lithopolis Community Garden Clubs)
Scioto County Fair, Reg. 10
(Prime Thyme and Waverly Garden Clubs)
Washington County Fair, Reg. 11
(Barlow Bluebells, Belpre, Little Hocking and Muskingum Garden Clubs)
Class G (County Fair Flower Shows)
Excellent
Wood County Fair, Reg. 1
(Bowling Green Woman’s Club Garden Group, Friendly Town and Country, Fostoria Ladies, Trowel and Tractor Garden Clubs)
Crawford County Fair, Reg. 7
(Earth, Wind and Flowers, Galion North End and Petal Pushers Garden Clubs)

Region 11 announces its 2015 Scholarship Winners

L-R: Committee members Margaret Boyer, Margaret Murrey; Scholarship Recipients Lucille Williams, Jacob Winters and K’Tayona Gaines; and Regional Director Shelia Curtis

REGIONAL AWARDS
(Outstanding Garden Club Member, Outstanding Garden Club and Amateur Gardener Awards)

Region 1: Club Member: JoAnn Beucler of Pulaski GC; Club: Fostoria GC; Amateur Gardener: Delphia Eldor of La Fleur de Terre GC
Region 2: Club Member: Marilyn Shaw of Roots and Shoots GC; Club: Roots and Shoots GC; Amateur Gardener: Edee Marshall of Roots and Shoots GC
Region 3: Club Member: Louise Mente Bennett of Here and There GC; Club: Ladybug GC; Amateur Gardener: Barbara Hall of College Hill GC
Region 4: Club Member: Libby Head of Four Seasons GC; Amateur Gardener: Debbie Burger of Lily of the Valley GC
Region 5: Club Member: Sherrie Boutell of Four Seasons GC of Champaign County; Club: Progressive Buds GC; Amateur Gardener: Sharon Bumbardner of Goshen GC
Region 6: Club Member: Helen Duquette of Whispering Meadows GC; Club: Firelands GC; Amateur Gardener: Jan Kapur of Firelands GC
Region 7: Club Member: Audrey Spearman of Apple Valley GC
Region 8: Club Member: Gale Ann Kelly of Newark GC; Amateur Gardener: Lina Robinson of Newark GC
Region 9: Club Member: Wilma Beerman of Derby GC; Club: Basil GC; Amateur Gardener: Trudy Keck of Basil GC
Region 10: Club Member: Diane Reese of Slocum GC; Club: Slocum GC; Amateur Gardener: Sharon Gothard of Rock Hill Gardeners GC
Region 14: Club Member: Grace Romis of Briarwood Beach GC; Club: Moreland GC; Amateur Gardener: Charmane Lucisk of Valley City GC
Region 16: Club Member: Larry Moore of Hillsboro GC; Club: Open Gate GC; Amateur Gardener: Pat Smith of Redbud GC

In Memoriam
Region 1
Charlotte Wangrin, 3/10/2015, Harrison Garden Club
Region 2
Carol M. King, 2/13/2015, charter member of Vanline Garden Club
Region 5
Janet Bazzle, 4/4/2015, Fleurette Garden Club
Region 9
Region 10
Mary Ellen Miller, 12/2014, 50+ member of Willow Garden Club
Region 11
Helen Drake, 102, 1/25/15, Muskingum Garden Club
Region 16
Libby Fields, 85, 3/19/2015, Washington Garden Club

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### Convention Flower Show Results

#### Adult Horticulture Division
- **Award of Merit (Roses):** ‘Lichterloh’ Rose, Jodi Russell, Reg. 12
- **Award of Merit (Annuals, Biennials and Perennials):** *Thalictrum* (Meadow Rue) ‘Black Stockings’, Peggy Lorenzen, Reg. 6
- **Award of Merit (Hostas):** ‘Enterprise’ Hosta, Reba Borchers, Reg. 7
- **Award of Merit (Herbs, Shrubs, Vegetables and Fruit):** *Philadelphus virginalis* (Mock Orange), Jodi Russell

#### Container Growers Award
- ‘Optimara Little Ottawa’ African Violet, Vicki Ferguson, Reg. 3

#### Outdoor Growers Award
- ‘Enterprise’ Hosta, Reba Borchers

#### Mary Alice Earhart Memorial Award (Horticulture Best of Show)
- ‘Optimara Little Ottawa’ Semi-miniature African Violet, Vicki Ferguson

#### Executive Award (Sweepstakes)
- Peggy Lorenzen

#### Runner-up Sweepstakes
- Vicki Ferguson

#### Gold Medal Collection
- Debbie Hurlbert’s 15 Blue Ribbon Hostas

#### Silver Medal Collection
- Marlene Purdy’s 8 Blue Ribbon Hostas

#### Junior Award of Merit (annuals, biennials, perennials): ‘Happy Face’ Rose, Audrey Allread, Reg. 3

#### Junior Award of Merit (hostas): ‘Sunlight Child’ Hosta, Audrey Allread

#### Junior Sweepstakes Award
- Audrey Allread

#### Adult Artistic Division
- **Class 1A: “One Bite”**
  1. Joy Sprang

#### Junior Artistic Division
- **Class 13A: “In the Beginning”**
  1. Mattie Butler - **JR. BEST OF SHOW**
  2. Megan Chamberlin
  3. Izzy Plagge

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#### Class 4: “Picnic in the Garden”
- 1. Kim Long
- 2. Jean Picklesimer
- 3. Sherrill Day

#### Class 5: “Kitchen Bouquet”
- 1. Phyllis Hahn
- 2. Diann Gray
- 3. Chris Meadows

#### Class 6: “Irish Stew”
- 1. Betsy Anderson
- 2. Naomi Ormes
- 3. Douglas Bland

#### Class 7: “Mess of Greens”
- 1. Mary Lee Minor
- 2. Audrey Spearman
- 3. Sue Hamlet

#### Class 8: “Space Garden”
- 1. Marian Moeckel
- 2. Joyce Sullivan
- 3. Sue Hamlet

#### Class 9: “Trying New Recipes”
- 1. Phyllis Hahn
- 2. Sue Hamlet
- 3. Shelia Curtis

#### Class 10: “Vegetable Medley”
- 1. Naomi Ormes - **BEST OF SHOW**
- 2. Juanita Wilkins
- 3. Phyllis Hahn

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![Best of Show won by Naomi Ormes](image)
OAGC Foundation Notes

Thanks to a successful financial year, the OAGC Foundation is pleased to announce that 7 scholarships of $2000 each were awarded this year. OAGC Foundation President and Development Director Babs Sabick noted that 23 scholarship applications had been reviewed. In the end, she was thrilled to present scholarship checks to three of the recipients who were in attendance of the recent 2015 convention. Those Scholars present include Seth Arnold, Region 6, who received the Freshman Scholarship; Aubrey O. vonStein, Region 2, who received the ATI Dr. Gary Anderson Scholarship; and Jamie Penkava, Region 6, who received the Doris Schuster Memorial Scholarship. Recipients not present include Upper Classman Scholarship recipients Stephanie Cech and Briggs Shoemaker of Region 11 and Freshman Scholarship recipients Devin Rice, Region 8 and Josiah Bale, Region 9.

Donations are now being accepted in the Scholarship Fund in memory of our past state president Dottie Bates. The goal is for the fund to reach $2500 so that a special scholarship can be named in her memory. As always, please direct all OAGC Foundation donations to the OAGC Foundation treasurer (contact details can be found on page 2.)

Fall Foliage Walk

This year’s OAGC Foundation fund raising activity will not be a Hike For Health but a Fall Foliage Walk. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources boasts an extensive system of nature preserves throughout the state. We are asking you to visit one in your region (visit www.ohiodnr.gov for a list of nature preserves) and enjoy the autumn leaves. The dates for this activity are either Saturdays October 10 or 17, giving you the flexibility to fit your schedule.

As in the past, we are asking you to solicit pledges from friends, family, garden club members or garden club. The proceeds will help to replenish the OAGC Foundation’s Nature and Conservation Fund.

The OAGC Foundation is grateful for the following donations

(February 1, 2015 to May 31, 2015):
Special thanks to Athens Garden Club for their donation of $500 to honor Tom Shisler as a Life Patron and to Mary Lee Minor for her donation as a Life Patron.

Scholarship Fund
Donations in memory of Dottie Bates have been made by:
Martha Buller, Vicki Ferguson, Four Seasons GC Reg. 9, Barbara Laughon, Marabar Heights GC, Mary Lee Minor, OAGC Region 9, Babs Sabick, Susy Spence, Jan Stein and Pat Wells. Other fund donations include: College Hill GC, Darby Valley GC, OAGC Region 11 (Region 11 Scholarships), OAGC Region 5, OAGC Region 6 (in memory of Adelle Baker, Kathryn Schwake and Bill Jenne), Portsmouth GC (in memory of Eula Weaver), Katherine Schmitt (in memory of Adelle Baker), Wayside Mt. Gilead GC and Willow GC (in memory of Mary Ellen Miller)

General Fund
Chatham GC, Darby Valley GC, Faithful Gardeners Club (in memory of Rosemary Shaver), Vicki Ferguson (in memory of Jo Hune), OAGC Region 3 (in memory of Joni Duncan) and Babs Sabick (in memory of Jo Hune)

Wahkeena Nature Preserve Fund
Athens GC (in honor of Tom Shisler, Life Patron), Darby Valley GC, Flushing GC, Rock Hill Gardeners, R.F.D. GC (in memory of Mary Ellen Birch, Bill Jenne and Pat Brundage), Weed-A-Way GC (Bird Food), Sarah’s Transportation Fund: Basil GC (in memory of Larry Jackson and Billy Shreyer), OAGC Region 7, OAGC Region 10 (in memory of Mary Ellen Miller) and OAGC Region 12

Nature and Conservation Fund
Darby Valley GC, Flushing GC, Jean Jankowski, OAGC Region 2, OAGC Region 3, OAGC Region 4, OAGC Region 14

Mohican Outdoor School Fund
Darby Valley GC, Flushing GC, Harlem Township GC, Mary Lee Minor (in memory of Joni Duncan, Bill Jenne and Eleanor Long), Mary Lee Minor (Life Patron), Mary Lee Minor (in honor of Bonnie Allan, Janet Bolin and Jan Harmon), R.F.D. GC (in memory of Mary Ellen Birch, Bill Jenne and Pat Brundage)
Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School #4
Registration Form
Monday and Tuesday, August 10-11, 2015
Deer Creek State Park
22300 State Park Rd. 20, Mt. Sterling, Ohio 43143
740-869-2020 Exit 84 off I-71
Registration Deadline: July 13, 2015

I wish to register for two days @ $80 ______
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Mon. ______Tues.
I wish to register for Design Study Workshop @ $15 ______

Optional Evening Choices (no fee):
_____ Student Judge Session (required for students)
_____ “Capturing Your Designs Photography” by Naomi Ormes (limited to first 30 registered)
_____ Design Study Workshop by Sharon Ware, “Basic Upright Moribana and Nageire” (Plant material cost $15, limited to first 20 registered)

Check One: _____ Exhibitor ______ Judge
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Make checks payable to: OAGC. Do not send cash. Mail by July 13. $5.00 late fee if postmarked after July 13. No refunds after July 14, 2015.

Mail to: Naomi Ormes, Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Chair
5064 Princeton Rd., Liberty Twp. OH 45011
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Registration Form
2016 Philadelphia Flower Show
March 11-13, 2016
Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia
Registration Deadline: November 1, 2015
Please complete a form for each person.

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Holiday Inn Express
2035 Southgate Parkway
Cambridge, OH 43725
Phone: 740-421-4988
Keeping you informed
The following is a snapshot of items the Board of Directors affirmed at the 2015 spring state board meeting. Of general interest to the membership:
- To accept Kim Cromwell, Irma Heiser and Cathy Detrick as OAGC student judges
- To make payments of $100 to the Crawford County Park District and $200 to Mohican Outdoor School for the 2014 convention
- To pay board expenses of $511.97
- To hold Regional Director School in Harrisburg on June 23, 2015
- To hold Summer Board Meeting on June 24, 2015
- To grant judge emeritus status to Jean Walton and to Janet Bolin as a courtesy

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