OAGC Foundation Announces 2014 Scholarship Recipients

At their spring meeting, the OAGC Foundation Trustees reviewed 16 scholarship applications and made their choices for four $2000 scholarships. All applicants were deserving but these are the 2014 winners:

Mary Uetrecht receives the Upper Classman scholarship. Mary, a nontraditional student, attends University of Cincinnati, fulfilling her dream of a new career in horticulture. She is interested in the field of public horticulture with the possibility of working in urban agriculture. Her GPA at UC is 3.97.

The Incoming Freshman scholarship winner is Tanner Reyer of Greenfield, Ohio, Region 16. Tanner will attend The Ohio State University’s Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) this fall, working toward an Associate’s degree in greenhouse production and plans to own his own business. He feels that ATI is the perfect fit for him to achieve his goals. His GPA is 3.07 and he plans to complete his education by attending The Ohio State University.

The Dr. Gary Anderson ATI scholarship is awarded to Aubry O. vonStein from Rawson, Ohio, Region 2. Aubry grew up on her family’s farm and works at their seasonal greenhouse business where she developed her interest in plants. She will be studying Floral Design and Marketing. Aubry was inducted into the National Honor Society and was recognized as the Hancock County outstanding 4-H member. Her GPA is 3.59.

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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:

Have you ever felt you were on a well-designed highway? When I reflect back on the days of childhood there seemed to be no design. Hours of freedom took me to the shores of Lake Erie. Wild strawberries and blackberries were natural treasures. A ravine yielded clay for crude pinch pots. Apple trees were ships. Patches of moss were beds. Queen Anne’s lace garnished. mudpies. A wanderer….me.

Girl Scouting nurtured curiosity. Hiking, campfires, songs, bugs, canoeing, teaching swimming lessons, and poison ivy were all teachers for me. Dark brown hair netted me a camp name of ‘Apache.’ Four-leaf clovers, growing pumpkins with rotten fish and Mother’s love of roses all brought me on down the road.

Imagine these years, few really in the lifetime, but monumental. The 45 years spent in the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. has managed a similar effect. Regionals, flower shows, civic beautification, flower arranging, fairs, workshops, tours, gardens, a string of Conventions, junior meetings, publicity books, and more, were experiences adding depth. Our family was transplanted four times. That brought me through regions 6, 14, 8, coming to rest in 7.

Looking back at this recent 8-year journey, it has been a rich and pleasant sojourn. It has been my feeling, all along, that I was trained earlier for a four-lane interstate with very few stop signs.

Conventions at Maumee Bay and then Mohican Lodge have fit almost perfectly. One brought a return to the lake while Mohican shared the love of native things and the 17 weeks spent ‘living in the outdoors’ with sixth graders at Mohican School, during my teaching years.

Editing of the Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Handbook has been a special side trip. It reconnected us with our founder Victor H. Ries. Finding his original handbook was an absolute thrill. To learn of his endless creativity, and application of detail for both artistic endeavors and for horticulture, brought a bonding.

In the past year, working with a Strategic Planning Committee has pulled some of us into a new view of our world from an OAGC standpoint. We want to be bolder, more diversified and powerfully committed to “doing”, while making use of technology. Sharing is the one portion of our slogan that continues to permeate my being. Our members have listened, responded and offered blessings, making this chapter of my golden years a joy. The potholes have been mighty few.

Victor H. Ries might be with us as we preserve our legacy, and make decisions which are difficult but necessary. Let’s hold on to our organization’s strengths by paving a surface worthy of many more miles of travel.

Still passionately blue, and natively focused,

Mary Lee Minor

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Naomi Ormes, chair; Janet Evans; Margie Graft; Marlene Purdy; Kathy Schmidt and with support from alternate Stephanie Patrick, is pleased to present the following slate of officers for the 2014-2016 term:

President: Peggy Case, Region 6; 1st Vice President: Geri Rea, Region 14; 2nd Vice President: Susy Spence, Region 4; 3rd Vice President: Susy Parker, Region 11; Secretary: Joni Duncan, Region 16; Treasurer: Judy Christman, Region 4; Sales Secretary: Babs Sabick, Region 16

In accordance to the OAGC bylaws, Article IX, Section 1: “There shall be one voting delegate to the annual meeting for each club of 20 or less, active members. Each club with 21 to 40 members shall have 2 voting delegates. Each club with 41 or more shall have 3 voting delegates. No club, regardless to size, may have more than 3 voting delegates.” Balloting will be conducted during the OAGC Convention by secretary Marlene Purdy.
Convention Updates

“Gathering the Treasures of 12 Moons”

In Search of Boxwood Cuttings

This is a reminder that we are requesting cuttings of the boxwoods that were grown and sold to OAGC members years ago by our founder Victor H. Ries. Please bring the cutting(s) in a clear glass container. Hang a tag on the container with your name as the grower and a phone number with your garden club’s name on it. We will plan a table for these.

Tribal Sessions

In an effort to ‘gather the treasures of 12 Moons’ our convention planning team has been working to contact folks with skills and a sense of earthly treasures. One committee has made small pouches of faux suede and leather. The pouches are not meant to be a medicine bag. Yet, they are the means to carry around our wee treasures. Each tribal session is to have a token for you to place in your pouch as a reminder of the ‘treasured’ time, or new knowledge and awareness.

Convention co-chairs Kat Bennett and Joan Picklesimer invite everyone to arrive early to convention, Monday, August 18 for the many Tribal Sessions that will be offered that afternoon. Sessions will run 1:45-2:30 pm, 2:45-3:30 pm, 3:45-4:30 pm and 4:45-5:30 pm.

The tribal session offerings are a mixture of make and take, and education. Some options are:

- **Mary Martin**, native ancestry, storytelling and art project and her grandson, **Jamara Martin**, a flint knapper

- **Phyllis Debnar**, Town and County GC, Reg. 8, with whom you will decorate a gourd, then create a necklace

- **Steven Brunn**, retired from the University of Akron, a bee keeper who will share bee knowledge

- **Denise Spiker**, owner of Brasseur’s Botanicals in Newark business owner, with native ancestry who will share edible weeds and medicinal uses of native plants

- **Schroeder Dodds**, Master Gardener tree expert, “Is it Really a Pine Tree?” and “What’s Inside a Tree?”

- **Joan Picklesimer**, pine cone wearable art Make and Take

- **Kat Bennett**, cornhusk crafted flower Make and Take

- **Kat Bennett**, “Smudging - the Practice of Burning Herbs for Relaxation”

- **Vicki Ferguson**, “Social Networking - Why?” - help with Facebook and Pinterest (bring your Smart Phone, iPad, tablet or laptop). The workshops were agreed upon through our Strategic Planning Committee which is hoping to open OAGC programming to a wider field of Ohioans.

Swap Meeting

Malvin Long, member of the German Village Garten Club in Reg. 9, will be leading the adventure of swapping on Monday after the evening program around 9:30 pm. If you have swap items, come to the front desk area.

We plan to fill open spaces starting near the gift shop, and move around game tables as we need additional space. Bring a blanket to display your swap items or move about freely with a large tote. These can be commodities sought and consumed, or items you have in excess, handcrafted goodies, or collections, natural finds or anything you wish to share. A variety and the unusual will make for success.

Mohican School and “Not the Last of the Mohicans”

Convention will move five miles down the road on Tuesday afternoon to the Mohican School in the Outdoors. Mohican’s Director Tim Daniel is working with us in combining artisans, the school staff, and others skilled in earth knowledge.

There will be activities for those who are not as ambulatory in the Groveport River Dining Hall/Lodge. Some sharing will be in the Field Trip Center. In fact, two departures from the porch of the Field Trip Center will take us back to the 88-foot Hemlock Falls. One path is challenging and the other through gentler terrain.
Conventional Table Setting Contest
Please contact Barbara Sheets (614-877-4746) as soon as your garden club decides to set a table for two, using one of the many native American moons as incentive. Barb can go over any rules, or guidelines with you. See the article on page 6 of the Apr-May-Jun 2014 issue of The Garden Path.

OAGC and the Ohio History Connection
Marian Moeckel, Nature and Conservation Chair
The Nature and Conservation Committee is working with David Dyer, Natural History Curator at the Ohio History Connection (formerly known as the Ohio Historical Society) to help revamp and naturalize the area around the bird feeding station.

President Mary Lee Minor and I met with David last fall to discuss the project and start to create a plan. I visited the Natural History Museum in April to examine the bird feeding area and to see what spring plants were up and what areas could be planted with flowering native plants to entice birds, butterflies and bees to the area. Unfortunately there was a pair of geese just outside the door in the bird feeding area. They were protecting some goslings and would not let me out the door. The female was very adamant about protecting her young. This will be an ongoing project that I hope many OAGC clubs choose to become involved with in the future.

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School
School #2
Monday and Tuesday
September 15 and 16, 2014
Deer Creek State Park Lodge

Topics include:
- Oriental Designs by Myrna Cordray
- Color Theory by Mary Lee Minor
- Plant Identification by Charlene Margetiak
- Roses by Juanita Wilkins
- Dahlias by Michael Hoepf
- Small Gardens by Charlene Thornhill
- African Violets by Virginia Sharp

Non-students have two FREE Monday evening class choices: Multi-Rhythmic Designs with Naomi Ormes, (limited to first twenty registered) and Gourds (limited to first thirty registered). Student judges will study Oriental Designs and Roses.

Look for some great items to purchase from vendors who offer such items as containers, plants, note cards, treasured wood, dried plant material, books and many design and horticulture materials.

There is a drawing for a FREE (one day) registration from attendees who bring cut horticulture specimens to school. They must be properly labeled and staged in a clear container and will be used in the horticulture plant session.

Registration check-in begins at 8 am and classes start at 9 am. 1st day ends at 4 pm, 2nd day at 2:30 pm. Registration includes lunch. Registration form is on page 14. Deadline to register is August 15.

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools are for everyone, not just flower show judges.
You deserve to do something just for YOU.
It only takes one ticket to be a winner!

On April 30 a small group gathered at a pub in Marysville to draw a winning ticket from the 2500+ raffle tickets sold for a chance to join the sold out OAGC trip to Ireland June 11-19. Those present included OAGC President Mary Lee Minor, raffle chair Barbara Sheets, Sales Secretary Babs Sabick, The Garden Path editor Vicki Ferguson, and Jim Mogen of Provident Travel.

Feeling that we needed a neutral party, we invited the waitress Cassie to draw a green ticket. Our winner with the ‘luck of the Irish’ was Deborah Duncan - president of Delphinium Garden Club in Dayton and also the South Montgomery County contact chair for Region 3. When the phone call was made to Deborah, you could hear her screaming with joy! Congratulations, Deborah! We certainly thank everyone who purchased tickets and supported the raffle.

Be a responsible gardener

Marian Moeckel, Nature and Conservation chair

As you work and admire your gardens this fall be thinking about how you can add at least one more native plant and/or water feature. The birds, chipmunks, squirrels, frogs, toads, snakes and many other creatures all love a drink or a bath. A simple pedestal bird bath, a plant saucer on the ground or a landscaped pond will fill the bill.

Native plants tend to prosper better than nonnatives and provide food for our butterflies and birds. Many beautiful nonnative plants do not provide nourishment for our native wildlife so replacing your non-natives with natives will do double duty...look beautiful and help nature too. Native plants often take less care because they are adapted to our climate.

Remember that house cats outside, whether a pet or a feral feline, kill billions of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians every year. Our feline pets are not native and are meant to be inside here. House cats inside live longer healthier lives than those that spend time outside. A tether will allow for safe enjoyable visits outside for your pet and will protect the other creatures in your yard.
Department News

Club Contests Department
Margie Graft, Chair

The Club Contest Department oversees three OAGC contests: Program Book, Garden Therapy Book and Publicity Book Contests. The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs year runs October 1 to September 30 and many clubs are already planning their exciting 2014-2015 program year. 2013-2014 club program books may be submitted for the OAGC Program Book Contest following the September meeting. If changes were made, those changes should be noted in the book. Points are never deducted for penciled in notations or changes.

When the Garden Therapy Contest books are returned, it is a fun activity to share them with the therapy group that was involved. They like to look at the pictures and talk about what was going on at that session. Garden Therapy Books may be submitted as soon as a book is completed. There should be at least six sessions sheets completed and photos of the work session should be included with each session sheet.

The Publicity Books are a great project for the club’s archives as well as garnering recognition for the club as well as OAGC in the community. Be sure to include the full name of OAGC (Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc.) This and the names of the members should be neatly underlined or highlighted in the submission. Clubs are encouraged to send in a statement supporting any special publicity efforts with a few supporting pictures. Application/Scorecards for each of these contests can be found in the OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs and must be included with the contest entry.

As I step down as the Club Contests Chair, I am amazed by the efforts of so many people who work hard to make OAGC such a great organization. There are so many beautification projects that benefit the communities all over Ohio. During the holidays the visitors to lodges at several state parks enjoy the efforts of many hard working club members. For all of this plus the work with junior clubs, anti-litter programs and educational articles in the local papers, OAGC members deserve a huge THANK YOU!

Design Study Department
Naomi Ormes, Chair

When doing any floral design work, two of the most important principles are proportion and scale. I often use the terms interchangeably, but they have very distinct meanings. Scale refers to the size of elements or the size relationship of individual units. Scale deals with the size of a plant material as compared to the container, for instance. Nowhere is this more evident than in miniature and small designs. When creating miniature designs, you see immediately that scale is not right as a rose could not be used in a container that is only 1" tall. The rose would be taller than the container. Likewise, your line material would need to be in scale with the other components of your design. A large creative design that used the Oasis wire as a line material, would not be in scale, but it would be if you used a heavier piece of grapevine or Harry Lauder’s walking stick. This is the meaning of “the size relationship of individual units.”

Words often used for scale line material are ‘bold’ or ‘weak.’ A balance is achieved in your design when you choose components that are in scale.

Proportion is the relationship of one part of a structure to another and to the whole. For instance, if you were having guests for dinner, you would not use a miniature design for the center of a large table. It would be out of proportion, so think of that table as your container and choose your components accordingly.

Likewise, when doing a design with a 4' background your design would not be in proper proportion if it was only 12" tall. Your design should fill at least 2/3 of your background. Your design should be at least one and a half times as tall as the container and maybe even taller if your container is dark and/or heavy, which would make it appear larger than it is. This equation must be used even if you are doing a horizontal design - the horizontal line is your height line. Simply put, as stated in the OAGC Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Handbook, scale refers to the individual units in a design, and proportion refers to the area the design occupies.
Flower Shows Department  
*Beverly Norman, Chair*

There were 17 garden clubs that submitted Flower Show Contest Books this past contest year. It is amazing to see all the new ideas that clubs come up with for flower shows and flower show books. Please take the time at convention to look over the contest books. You will be rewarded with some great ideas. I wish to thank judges who submitted 109 reports. You did a wonderful job and we appreciate you. I encourage all garden clubs to hold a flower show. A home show is a great way to become closer to your members.

In our region there are three clubs that work together to have a Christmas show. Sharing the work helps distribute the work and has brought many new friendships.

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 your club, entry tags, ribbons, photos of judges (maybe honor them with their own page,) before, during and after photos of the flower show. 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 book. Be sure to include the scorecard in the front of the book with the top completely filled out. Follow the scorecard on page 64 of your handbook and if you have any questions just give your flower show chair a call. Have a wonderful summer.

Horticulture Department  
*Jane Adkins, Chair*

The OAGC annual Convention is just around the corner! Do you have a wonderful plant or container to enter in the flower show? Everyone loves to see the results of other gardeners, be it a gorgeous flower, herb or grass. You have spent spring and summer tending your garden, so let us all see what you have done.

Summer will be winding down soon. You will want to stop adding fertilizer to perennials to give them time to get ready for winter’s cold. By September, it’s best not to do any more heavy pruning until those plants/bushes are completely dormant in January, February or early March.

Mid-August to early September is an excellent time to divide many perennials. Iris, peonies, hosta and daylilies are some examples (but not the only ones) that do well with late summer division. Replant or share with friends. Anyone with a garden can never say they’re bored with nothing to do for there is always something that needs doing.

Junior Gardeners Department  
*Deborah Graham, Chair*

Container gardening is a wonderful way to introduce the junior gardener to the world of gardening. Containers make gardening easy, accessible and versatile. Whether it be planted with flowers, vegetables, herbs or as a miniature garden the possibilities with containers are endless.

Some benefits of container gardening are that this is one’s own space and that the containers can be put inside or out, in the shade or in the sun and there is no digging in the hard soil. The weeds can also be easily controlled in a container. However a couple of things to remember are that plants in containers can take more watering than plants in the ground and that the container plantings usually benefit from a regular fertilization schedule. Overall though, container gardening can be an easy and enjoyable experience for young gardeners.

A fun inexpensive container gardening project for the junior gardener is to have them bring in a recycled or repurposed container to plant in. Old shoes, tool boxes, rubber boots, tea kettles, toys, dishes, bricks, tin cans, field tile, metal lunch boxes, tubs, watering cans, tote bags, hollowed out logs or even old blue jeans can become planters. Remember that most anything will work as a container as long as it holds soil and allows the water to drain. The possibilities are endless.
Another container gardening project that would introduce the junior gardener to landscapes is planting a miniature garden. Any shallow saucer, wooden box or container would lend itself to this project. Just be sure that there are holes in the bottom of the container or a layer of gravel in the bottom of the container for drainage. The junior gardener could collect moss, rocks, and old pieces of wood for the living landscape. Small flowers or succulents could also be used. The only consideration is that all the living plant material used should have the same water and light requirements to ensure a successful miniature garden.

Container gardening is a fun and easy way for the junior gardener to make their own little gardening space. So let them use their imagination! Teach them that the world of gardening is enjoyable and rewarding. It is a hobby that can last them a lifetime.

Membership Department
Kim Cromwell, Chair

It will soon be time to send out the 2014-2015 OAGC membership dues information. Clubs should send new member information dues up until August 1, 2014. However after this date, any new club members’ information can be included with the club’s annual dues form. OAGC continues to strive and increase the membership. OAGC annual dues are $7 per member and are not prorated. As stated in the last issue, the membership cards are being phased out and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis as long as the request can be filled in full. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the state OAGC Membership Chair.

Nature and Conservation Department
Marian Moeckel, Chair

All OAGC Beautification Contest entries are due December 15, 2014. Get your photographs, captions, articles and other documentation together and send it to the Nature and Conservation Chair without delay. There is no need to spend a fortune to put together your application booklet. Cover what is asked for in the application and put it together neatly and clearly. That is all that is required. Getting testimonials from community members adds to the support for your project since members of your community love to share their appreciation for all of your efforts. Be sure to use the correct application and scorecard for your project. Consider the type of beautification project that you have done: is it a permanent/ongoing project or is it a seasonal project? If you have questions please call or email the Nature and Conservation Chair to get clarification. Contest Application and Scorecard forms can be found in the OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs and also on the OAGC website (www.oagc.org) under “contest forms.”

Stepping Stones

On April 11 the Newark Garden Club commemorated its 85th anniversary with a Formal Tea hosted by the current president, Jean Jankowski, and seven past presidents. They reminisced about the club’s history, including the fact that Mrs. Paul Reed was an OAGC past president (1970-72) and founder of the Reed Award for juniors. Another past member, Mary Alice Erhart and her husband Charles, started the OAGC “Best of Show in Horticulture” award. There was also a 100th birthday celebration for Vera Norman, one of the past presidents of the club. She was presented with an Agave cactus, commonly called the “Century Plant.”

IN MEMORIAM

Region 2
Eleanor Long, 73, 4/12/2014, Lima Garden Club, OAGC judge, Regional Director and state chair

Region 5
Lucille H. Smart, 82, 3/7/2014, 40+ year member of Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby County

Region 6
Kathryn Schwake, 92, 4/2014, Town and Country of Oak Harbor and Whispering Meadows, master gardener, past regional director, OAGC judge emeritus

Region 9
Mayre Weaver, 104, 4/19/14, Basil Garden Club

Region 16
Amelia Dryden Gulley, 93, 1/18/2014, 46-year Wilmington Garden Club member
Gladys Harcourt, 92, 3/11/2014, Maineville Garden Club
Jane Mossbarger, 89, 3/24/2014, Fayette Garden Club
Via the Grapevine

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

Region 1

**Friendly Town and Country GC:** July 10, annual picnic potluck; July 28, clean the flower building for flower show; Aug. 14, program planning meeting; Sep. 11, program by Dorothy Cromley. Contact Carole Rives at 419-669-4057.

Region 2

**Happy Hours GC:** July 3, tour of members’ gardens; Aug. 7, Mini Talk on “How to Prepare your Specimens for the Fair” and program a “Mini Flower Show;” Sep. 4, Mini Talk on “Edible Flowers” and program on “Victory Gardens.” Contact Alice Winter at sabrinam_45801@yahoo.com.


**Muchinippi GC:** July 16, club flower show, 2 pm, White Memorial Library in Waynesfield; Aug. 20, tour of Nancy Osbornin’s gardens; Sep. 17, Meet, Greet and Share - video summary by Dee Sanders, at White Memorial Library in Waynesfield. Contact Pamela Kenyon at pk45895@yahoo.com or 937-935-1545.

**Vanlue GC:** July 22, “All About Your Favorite Fruit” by Judy Jameson. Contact Grace Sherman at 419-387-7156.

Region 3

The Montgomery County Fair Flower Shows will be held Wed., Aug. 27 and Sat. Aug. 31 in Dayton. Contact Susan Keck at smkeck27@yahoo.com. Flower Show schedule can be found under Region 3 news at www.oagc.org.

The Darke County Fair Flower Shows will be Sat., Aug. 16 and Wed., Aug. 20. The theme is “Serendipity.” For a show schedule or questions, contact the flower show chair, Kim Cromwell, at 937-547-0899 email at kcromwell3@embarqmail.com.

**College Hill GC:** July 11, garden tour; Aug. 7, driving tour to Aullwood Farm, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark, Korean War Memorial then to Riverscape in downtown Dayton; Sep. 13, day tour to Grandma’s Garden Center, Secret Garden and then lunch in Waynesville. Contact Barbara Hall at 937-898-6709.

**Delphinium GC:** July 9, Open Meeting, 2-5 pm, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave. Dayton), “Plants for Summer Gardens” by Jamie Faulkner of Stockslager’s Greenhouse and Garden Center in New Lebanon. Contact Carmen Oliver at 937-835-5568 or Cejk3230@aol.com.

**New Neighbors GC:** July 15, “Container Gardening With Herbs” by Susan Tyree; Aug. 19, “Question and Answer Series” with Bob Iiames. Contact Donita Owen at owendon1@gmail.com.

**Our Homes GC:** July 8, tour of Cox Arboretum; Outing will be a tour of the Garst Museum in Greenville; Aug 12, “Cooking With Herbs” by Elaine Richards. Outing is a tour of Bob Iiames garden in Englewood; Aug. 27 and 30, club members participating in the Montgomery County Fair Flower Show. Contact flower show chair Susan Keck at 937-278-3154. Sep. 9, installation of club officers. Outing is to the Tipp City Mum Festival. Contact Lynne Lopez at 937-698-3091.

**Saville Hilltoppers GC:** July 1, tour of members’ gardens; July 17, tour Mary Higgins’ garden in Centerville; Aug. 5, annual picnic and election of officers; Sep. 2, installation of officers. Contact Millie Camden at wncambden@sbcglobal.net or 937-304-4096.

Region 4

**Flores Amo GC:** July 21, tour Culinary Arts School at Cincinnati State Community College, guests welcome; Aug. 18, tour Elisha Morgan House and Gardens in Fairfield, guests welcome; Sep. 15, picnic at the Boling Home and Garden in Cincinnati. Contact Midge King at 513-738-3353 or oldmidge@zoomtown.com.

**Walden Ponds GC:** July 7, “Christmas in July” at the Ohio State Extension Office with Mary Gardener; Aug. 4, “Fairies and Folklore: How to Make a Fairy Garden” with Jana Morse. Contact Donna Hughes 513-737-4424.

Region 5

**Alpha GC:** Jul. 8, “Cast in Stone” concrete leaf casting demonstration; Aug. 8-14, Miami County Flower Show; Sep. 9, “Gotta Go to Mexico!” program on Monarch butterflies. Contact Karen Cron at kcrone1@yahoo.com.

The Champaign County Federation of Garden Clubs will sponsor two flower shows during the Champaign County Fair August 1-8. “Gone Country” is the theme for both the Garden Club Show on Sat., Aug. 2 and the Open Class Show on Wed., Aug. 6. Contact Deborah Graham at 937-747-2474.

**DeGraff GC and Fleurette GC** will sponsor the Logan County Fair flower shows Mon., July 7, Wed., July 9 and Fri., July 11 using the theme: “A Tribute to Elvis.” Contact Doris Hager at mlfarms@embarqmail.com.

**Fleurette GC:** July 1, “Demonstration of Showing Flowers,” by Barb South; Logan County Fair flower shows are July 7-12; Aug. 12, “Everything You Ever Wanted to
Know About Hydrangeas” by Cheri Elkins; Sep. 9, tour Piney Woods Tree Park in Wapakonetta with David Helmlinger. Contact Judith Bozman at 937-468-7388.

Four Seasons GC: July 17, daylily tour with Julie Roeth in Piqua; Aug. 9 and 12, Miami County Fair Flower Show in Troy; Aug. 20, tour of the Darke County Fair Flower Show in Greenville; Sep. 18, guest night with Corn Concoctions in Covington. Contact Sandy Knous-Wolf at 937-773-4749.

North End GC: July 7, “All American Picnic, Garden Tour and Supper”; July 12, Crawford County Fair flower show set up; Aug. 18, “The Plants and Gardens of Australia” by Jo Ann Graham; Sep. 15, “Holland’s Gardens and Forcing Bulbs.” Contact Diane Bell at 419-468-5965.

Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby County GC: July 8, “Let’s Go to the Fair” by fair flower show members; July 22, Shelby County Fair Flower Show; Aug. 12, “Flower Arrangements” by Nancy Morgan; Aug. 19, garden therapy at Pavilion Nursing Home; Sep. 9, tour Julie Gilardi’s garden; Sep. 16, garden therapy at Fairhaven Nursing Home. Contact Marie Theis at 937-492-0340.

Region 7

Apple Valley GC: July 16, visit Marshall Winkle’s Railroad garden in Mount Vernon and Florence Short’s garden in Gambier; Aug. 20, pressed-flower greeting card workshop with Jean Smith; Sep. 17, visit Kenyon College in Gambier, “A Tree Campus USA” led by Everett Neal. Contact Barbara Bentz at 740-397-1602 or at Pbentz@embarqmail.com.

Harlem Twp. GC: July 15, “Can You Have Color in the Shade” by Carlotte Sexten; Aug. 19, annual picnic and “Garden Successes and Failures” discussion; Sep. 23, “From the Garden to the Table” by Diane Kabler. Contact Nancy Singer at 740-965-6374 or rasnvs@embarqmail.com.

Town and Country GC: July 11, tour garden of club member Susan Ramser in Danville; Sep. 5, Sam Barone of the Knox County Community Foundation speaking on the building and the importance of Ariel-Foundation Park in Mount Vernon. Guests are very welcome. Contact Carole Waugh at 740-397-3950 or cjwaugh@columbus.rr.com.

The Crawford County Fair flower show is a tribute to “75 Years of the Wizard of Oz,” July 12-19. Contact June Gebhardt at 419-569-7177.

Region 8

Grow and Show GC: July 23, Annual Ice Cream Social; Aug. 27, annual picnic and garden tour; Sep. 24, “Frugal Homesteader” by Kathleen Bennett. Contact Joan Picklesimer at 740-432-5764.

Malconta GC: July 9, “Flower Show Fan-tasy” by P.R. Steele; Aug. 13, “Planning for Fair Booth;” Sep. 10, installation of officers program planning. Contact Midge Huffman at 740-559-2366.

Newark GC: July 11, “We’re Having a Heat Wave!” flower show, open to public 1-3 pm at the Central Christian Church (587 Mt. Vernon Rd., Newark, 43055); Aug. 4, “Exploring the Beehive;” Sep. 12, “Shrubs and Small Trees for the Home Landscape.” Contact Jean Jankowski at 740-587-4116.


Region 9

Basil GC: July 21, Gardeners’ Day Out with a Geological Walk Through Time at the Ohio State Fairgrounds Natural Resources Park and Chadwick Roof Garden; Aug 18, breakfast at Buckeye Lake and tour of Cranberry Bog; Sep. 15, Designers’ Workshop by Jean Weidner. Contact Jackie Cooperberrid at 740-862-4432.


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Rambling Designers GC: July 1, tour of a Westerville dahlia garden; Aug. 5, covered dish, annual planning session; Sep. 2, “Mums” by Jason England. Guests welcome. Contact Phyllis Chambers at 740-687-5930 or sharonlgump@yahoo.com.

Region 10
Garden clubs of Scioto County will present two flower shows on Aug. 4 and Aug. 7 at the Scioto County Fairgrounds in Lucasville. Theme is “Gilligan’s Island.” Contact Pamela England. Guests welcome. Contact Irmalee Gampp at Igampp@oagc.org.

Minford GC: Jul. 10, garden/barn tour and weed identification walk; Aug. 4 and 7, Scioto County Fair flower show; Sep. 11, tour of members’ gardens. Contact Irmalee Gampp at Igampp@oagc.org.


Region 11

Region 12
Flushing GC: July 21, annual picnic, “Pressed Flowers”; Aug. 18, “Garden Fresh Dahlias” by Mary Betts; Sep. 15, installation of officers and tour of Peterson Gardens. Contact Barb Cencula at barbara@cencula@frontier.com.

Four Seasons GC: July 23, “Honeybees” by Michelle Meyer; Aug. 27, Show and Tell Plant Exchange; Sep. 24, “Healing Herbs” by Judy Workley. Contact Sharon Gump at sharonlgump@yahoo.com.


Rosebud GC: July 16, club picnic and Fairy Garden Workshop and cut flower judging; Aug. 15-16, Jefferson County Fair Flower Show; Aug. 20, “Marvelous Mints” program by Nina Cleaver; Sep. 6, tour of Blennerhassett Island; Sep. 17, “Pressed Flowers Creations” by club members. Contact Caroline Williams at 740-859-4362.


Region 14
Moreland GC: July 8, Hypertufa Planter Workshop with Melody Kirby Budd; Aug. 12, Succulent Art Workshop with Vicky Puster; Sep. 16, “Soups, Bread and Potpourri” with Diane Yanick. Contact Jeanne Durkalski at 330-698-1477.

Valley City GC: July 17, trip to Martin Blueberry Farm in Spencer; Jul. 28-31, Medina County Fair Flower Show; Aug. 21, Fall Harvest Picnic at Mill Stream Park; Sep. 18, “Gourds” by Janice Smolka of Hinckley Arts and Crafts; Sep. 27, trip to Barberton Mum Fest. Contact Pat Dohoda at 330-483-4449.

Region 16
Hillsboro GC: July 22, potluck picnic, Make-and-Take Stake with Sharon Mills; Aug. 22 “Pressed Flowers” by Carol Gorby; Sep. 1-2, Dahlia show, Sep. 3-4, Open show, Sep. 5-6, Garden Club show in the Floral Hall at the Highland County Fairgrounds; Sep. 22, fall auction with plants, garden related items and a silent auction. Contact Pat Lawrence at patlawrence@charter.net.

Clearcreek Gardeners GC: July 15, tour gardens in Waynesville and lunch at Cobblestone Village; Aug. 19, visit Knollwood Garden Center in Beavercreek; Sep. 16, annual Gardeners’ Picnic and installation of officers. Contact Pat Stidham at 937-885-5155 or pstidham2@woh.rr.com.

Fayette GC: July 11, complete Judy Chapel project at historic Washington Cemetery (re-landscaping flowers beds with hostas, dogwood trees, mulch and rocks, and a daylily program by Mary Estle; Aug. 1, picnic, “Using Silk Flowers in Arrangements;” Sep. 2, seed/plant exchange and ‘White Elephant’ sale. Contact Susie Meriweather at 740-505-1100.

Washington GC: July 25, joint meeting with Hardin County Herb Society; July 21-27, Fayette County Fair; Aug. 5, “Preparing Flower Beds for Winter - Different Mulches” by David Persinger; Sep. 2, Wild Life and Pontoon Boat Ride and installation of officers. Contact Elsie Prater at 740-426-6796.

Wilmingon GC: July 5-12, Clinton Co. Fair; Aug. 11 “Through the Looking Glass; History of Wilmingon GC” at Snow Hill Country Club; Sep. 8, installation of officers and year-end celebration. Contact Pat Gilbert at arvense@juno.com or 937-383-2322.
OAGC Foundation Notes

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The newly named Doris Schuster Memorial scholarship goes to Stephanie Cech of Athens, Ohio, Region 11. Stephanie plans to study Field Biology at Wittenberg University. Formerly from Region 3, Stephanie was an active member of the Butterflies Junior Garden Club in Greenville and received many awards at the OAGC annual conventions. She actively studies wildflowers, is a 4-H officer and is a member of the National Honor Society. Stephanie knew of our scholarship opportunities from being a past member of OAGC and we are delighted that she is an OAGC Foundation scholarship recipient.

The 2014 scholarship recipients will receive their awards at Convention on August 20. The OAGC Foundation relies on the support of the Ohio Association of Garden Club members to finance these scholarships. The Trustees wish to acknowledge that support and say THANK YOU.

The OAGC Foundation is grateful for the following donations from February 1 to April 31:

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2014 Convention Lodging Information

A block of rooms has been reserved for The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs at Mohican Lodge and Conference Center. Call 800-282-7275 and identify with OAGC’s block to secure a room for up to 4 people. A first night deposit is required to guarantee the room which is $98/+/taxes. Reserve before July 17 when the block will be released. There are 2-bedroom, family cottages 10 miles from the lodge at $110 a night. To make a cabin reservation, call 866-644-6727 or reserve on line at www.ohiostateparks.org. Cabins and campsites are also available.

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Membership Goal for 2014

At the end of the 2013 Convention, OAGC President Mary Lee Minor challenged each region to locate new club potential. Members were asked to contact clubs that had left OAGC, and perhaps get them to re-enter with a new name and certainly new members.

As of June, we have one adult club in Region 2, Muchinippi Garden Club, and two junior groups. The juniors have organized in Region 16, part of a library program with help from Linda Morgan, director. Deborah Graham has sent word that Mary Jane Brooks is using a Girl Scout Troop structure in Region 4. That club has selected Springdale Junior Garden Club as its name.

Make a therapy group into a club. Talk to a men’s gardening group. Check at the local YMCA. Use a classroom teacher and get a commitment now...or seek someone to initiate a club this summer by taking a day trip, hosting a tea party, or starting a senior citizens’ couples group. We can use those men. Please contact OAGC president Mary Lee Minor as soon as you make a breakthrough; this means that you have a positive response from an individual or a small group.

Youth Leadership Event Scheduled

Applications now being accepted

The OAGC Foundation has approved a grant request from the Mohican Outdoor School (MOS). The proposed project is designed to bring youth from grades 7-12 to the outdoor education center’s site August 17-20, 2014. The young people would have either a full or partial scholarship to cover costs. Experiences in the outdoors would include course work from the pages of the school’s manual. The youth will also serve as docents Tuesday, August 19 to the OAGC convention attendees who visit MOS and learn about native Americans.

We would like to locate applicants within our OAGC families, from school districts already bringing their students to site, or any youth with an interest in the outdoors. Refer to the OAGC website (www.oagc.org) for further details. Goals and purpose, and application forms may be downloaded and submitted to Mohican School. Be sure the school year for the student is starting AFTER August 20.

Exhibitors’ and Judges’ School #2
Registration Form

Monday and Tuesday, September 15-16, 2014

Deer Creek State Park
22300 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143
(Exit 84 off I-71)
Phone: (740) 869-2020

I wish to register for two days @ $80 ______
I wish to register for one day @ $40 ______
Mon. ______Tues. ______

Optional Evening Choices (no fee):
_____ Student Judge Session (required for students)
_____ “Gourds” limited to first 30 registered
_____ Design Study “Multi-Rhythmic design” limited to first 20 registered

Check One: _____ Exhibitor     ___ Judge
_____ Student Taking Test

Make checks payable to OAGC. Do not send cash.
Mail by Aug. 15, 2014. $5.00 late fee if postmarked after August 15, 2014.
No refunds after August 15, 2014.

Mail to:
Jan Stein, Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Chair
1983 Haverton Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
Phone: 614-864-5109  Email: jstein@oagc.org

Name: ___________________ Region: _____
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PLEASE make hotel reservations at Deer Creek State Park, 22300 State Park Road 20,
Mt. Sterling, OH 43143. Phone (800) 282-7275
Rate of $79/night (single or double) guaranteed until August 15, 2014.
84th OAGC Convention Registration Form
August 18-20, 2014

Mohican State Park Lodge and Conference Center
1098 Ashland Co. Rd. #3006, Perrysville, OH 44864
419-938-5411

Registration deadline: August 4, 2014

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City/Zip: ____________________________
Phone: ( ) __________________________ Region: _____
Email: ____________________________

STATUS (place a checkmark where applicable)
OAGC Past State President _____ Counselor ______
OAGC Active Judge _____ OAGC Liaison ______
OAGC State Chair _____ Regional Director _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:
Juniors, 18 and under are FREE but must register
Adult, full convention $40 _____
Junior, full convention FREE
Adult, one day $25/day _____
Junior, one day FREE

Circle the day/days you are attending: Mon Tues Wed

MEAL SELECTIONS:
(Note: Walk-ins cannot be seated for meals.)
Monday, August 18, evening banquet $28
Tuesday, August 19, noon luncheon $21
Tuesday, August 19, evening banquet $26
Wednesday, August 20, noon luncheon $19

Junior meals are $10 and the child must be 11 or under.
Circle meals needed for the junior:
Monday Banquet Tuesday Lunch
Tuesday Banquet Wednesday Lunch
Total meal cost for junior $10

Please list dietary needs and concerns here: ____________________________

Bring down total for registration and meals: ____________________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED: ____________________________

2014 Convention Revised Mini-Schedule
(Please note: schedule subject to change)
Monday, August 18, 2014
9a-5:30p Registration
9a-1p Flower show entries accepted
11a-2p Set up table setting contest
11a-5:30p Sales area open
1:45-5:30p Tribal Sessions (1:45-2:30p; 2:45-3:30p; 3:45-4:30p; 4:45-5:30p)
6:30p Banquet; Introduction of Executives, Chairs, RDs, Guests; Convention Welcome
7:30p Recognize: Counselors, Liaisons, Past Presidents, Life Members; Awards: Convention Flower Show Awards, Faye Collins Designer of the Year Award
8:15p “Seasonal Full Moons” by Chuck Jakubchak: unfolds the reverence shown by Native Americans as they observed full moons
9:30p SWAP SESSION for barter or trade
9:30-11p Sales area, flower show, exhibits open

Tuesday, August 19, 2014
On the second day everyone is invited to dress in a native way with clothing, hair style or adornments.
8a-6p Registration
9a Business session: Reports; Awards: Club Contests, Flower Shows, Nature and Conservation
11a-12:15p “From Woodlands to Meadows: the Songs of Earth’s First Musicians” with Lisa Rainsong
12:30p Luncheon
1:15p Carpool an afternoon at Mohican Outdoor School “Not the Last of the Mohicans”
1:30-5:30p Visit and interact with the flint knapper, launch arrows with an atlatl, hike to the 88-foot Hemlock Falls with a guide, talk with a tanner and see pelts, taste a fire pit treat, hear the flute carver play native American music or sit in on storytelling and other native and wild sessions
5:30p Return to Mohican Lodge
6:30p Banquet (Randy Bryhn, flute player, offers music as we enter)
7:15p Recognition of Judges, Judge Emeriti, Master Judges; Gladys Thomas Judge of the Year Award
8p “Sacajawea” portrayed by Alice Hoover, OAGC club member
9p Strategic Planning Committee presentation
9:30-11p Sales area, exhibits and flower show open

Wednesday, August 20, 2014
8-11a Registration
9a Business session; Awards: Outstanding Regional, OAGC Gardeners of the Year, Citation, Service, Daisy Sticksel Conservation
10-11a Sales area open for the last time
11:30a “Native Plants Attract Native Critters” by Cheryl Harner
12:15p Luncheon; OAGC Foundation scholarships; Introduction of OAGC Strategic Implementation team; Election results, Installation of 2014-2016 State Officers and Board appointees
Keeping you informed

The following is a snapshot of items the Board of Directors affirmed at the 2014 spring state board meeting. Of general interest to the membership:

- approve the slate of officers for 2014-2016 term: President, Peggy Case; 1st Vice President, Geri Rea; 2nd Vice President, Susy Spence; 3rd Vice President, Suzy Parker; Secretary, Joni Duncan; Treasurer, Judy Christman; Sales Secretary, Babs Sabick
- grant Judge Emeritus status to Sharon Ware and Barbara Lennen
- change the Region 12 Spring Meeting 2014 from April 19 to April 12
- increase the amount of liability insurance from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000
- allow OAGC presidents up to $300 for their two year term for presidential gifts to board members (including RDs) and committee chairs
- donate $50 to the OAGC Foundation in memory of Jan Harmon’s mother and $100 to the Ohio Bluebird Society as an honorarium for Mel Bolt who led the Birdhouse workshop at Convention 2013
- approve expenses in the amount of $2230.52

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