2009 ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS

This year four new garden plants have been selected as the All-America Selections for 2009: three vegetables and one flower. These plants are chosen for their superior performance in test gardens all over the country. As you begin to plan your garden, consider trying these new varieties. You should find them in the seed catalogs as well as in your local garden centers in the spring.

‘GRETEL’ eggplant, the earliest white eggplant, can be harvested in 55 days depending on the growing conditions. The glossy white mini-fruit is sweet and produced in clusters. The fruit has a tender skin which remains that way beyond maturity size of 3 to 4 inches. ‘Gretel’ plants are relatively small and can be grown in containers. It is recommended that a rather large container, about sixteen inches deep, be used.

‘HONEY BEAR’ Acorn Squash was bred to be baked and served in the half shell. This compact plant, has a high yield and a tolerance to powdery mildew. ‘Honey Bear’ has a sweet squash flavor when baked and each dark green acorn squash weighs about a pound. The plant produces 3 to 5 fruit per bush and continues to bear fruit throughout the growing season. From sowing seed in the garden until harvest takes about 100 days.

Melon ‘LAMBKIN’ - The most important trait of this melon is the flavor which is the reason AAS says you need to take time to grow ‘Lambkin’ in your garden this summer. The oval shape fruit weighs between 2 to 4 pounds with a thin rind and a sweet, aromatic, white, juicy flesh. This gourmet type melon matures in 65 to 75 days, much earlier than other melons of this type. Because of the early harvest, the vigorous vines can produce more melons. The melon skin is yellow with green mottling and is classified as a Piel de Sapo melon a. k. a. Christmas melon. ‘Lambkin’ can be stored longer (in a cool place like a refrigerator) than other melons.

Viola ‘RAIN BLUE AND PURPLE’ - The one and a half inch blooms change color from purple and white to purple and blue as the plant matures. The plants are both cold and heat tolerant resulting in flowers throughout the season. The plants spread 10 to 14 inches in the garden or container. Their trailing habit is perfect for hanging baskets or patio urns.
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All donations to OAGC are now placed in the 501(c)3 Foundation. Send to Foundation Treasurer, Jean Walton, address on page 3. Make checks payable to OAGC Foundation Inc.

Send address changes, missed Garden Path concerns and membership dues ($5/club members, $10/members-at-large) to State Membership Chair, Donna Foss.

Send OAGC Sales orders to Assistant Secretary, Stephanie Patrick.

Send In Memoriam, Via the Grapevine & Stepping Stone items to State Publicity Chair, Margie Graft.
Dear Friends,

I don't know about you but I really appreciate the gardening break that winter gives me. It is like a timeout, a time for reflection. 2008 was filled with change and uncertainty and I'm sure that 2009 will be the same.

The following appeared in the January 1939 issue of *The Garden Path*: "Progress: Our Aim": P-reservation of natural beauty in Ohio; R-estoration of historical gardens; O rganization of garden clubs in every town; G-reater growth of gardens to beautify our state; R-estriuction of unsightly bill boards; E-nouragement of highway beautification; S-ervice to all our member clubs; S-timulation of gardening interest.

Seventy years ago our predecessors were aware and prepared for change and progress. Change and progress are here for today's OAGC as well. We need to keep current with the times: from the *Handbook for Garden Clubs* revision; to the Exhibitors' & Judges' School revisions; to the EIN and 990 requirements; even the change in the mailing of *The Garden Path*.

Yet I have found that gardening itself really hasn't changed that much at all. You plant a seed, nurture it and it produces (pests and diseases not withstanding) even though sometimes this process takes time to harvest your reward.

We have the best gardening tool there is: OAGC. OAGC is the fertile ground that has the ability of growing and cultivating people interested in horticulture and floral arts. Last fall, I was floored when a contestant on the TV game show Millionaire was kicked off because she failed in two attempts to answer a gardening question. She couldn't identify the vegetable that was a perennial - even after the word perennial was explained. (In case you wonder what the answer was, it was asparagus.) My own husband still is confused as to why annuals don't come up and bloom annually. Oh my, we've got a lot of work ahead of us to educate our communities and sometimes even our spouses!

Let's get out there and plant the seeds of the future. Make every meeting you have an Open Meeting and invite others to attend and join. Get the word out in your community about what the The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. has to offer at your meetings, shows, workshops and tours. Let us take the step to help educate and grow more interest in the world of horticulture.

There is a Chinese proverb that says the best time to plant a tree is 25 years ago; the next best time to plant a tree is now. The time to start planting for OAGC is now.

Perennially Yours,

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RULES:
1. Entries will be accepted from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday, July 13, 2009.
2. Exhibitor MUST BE REGISTERED for convention in order to be eligible to enter.
3. Horticulture entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Container grown plants should have been in the exhibitor’s possession for at least three months.
4. Exhibitor MUST furnish own clear glass containers, size suitable for the exhibit. Water picks will be furnished for miniature roses. Some styrofoam will be available for use as wedging for heavy cultivars.
5. Only correctly named horticulture exhibits, with the variety name written on the entry tag, will be eligible for an award.
6. Junior entry tags must be completely filled out by junior exhibitor before entering the show. Age must be clearly stated at top of entry tag.
7. An exhibitor may make as many entries as desired in any class, providing each is a different named variety.
8. An exhibitor may not enter a cultivar in an ‘any other’ class if there is another class for it or they have already entered that cultivar in a previous class.
9. Classes may be withdrawn, combined, divided or sub-divided, if the number of entries warrant.
10. Horticulture classes will be judged according to The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. standard system of judging - one first, one second, one third. More than one honorable mention may be given for worthy entries. Judges’ decisions are final.
11. Adult Awards will be:
   - Award of Merit - best cut annual, biennial or perennial flower exhibit in each age group in classes 75 - 81.
   - Best container garden in each age group, class 82.
   - Best hosta in each age group, class 83.
   - Best entry in grasses in each age group, classes 84 – 86.
   - Junior Best of Show - best overall junior horticulture exhibit in each age group, all junior classes.
   - Junior Sweepstakes: exhibitor totaling most points. Points totaled are: 1st: 5; 2nd: 3; 3rd: 2. In case of a tie, Honorable Mentions will be counted as 1 each.
12. Junior Awards will be:
   - Award of Merit - best cut annual, biennial or perennial flower exhibit in each age group in classes 75 - 81.
   - Best container garden in each age group, class 82.
   - Best hosta in each age group, class 83.
   - Best entry in grasses in each age group, classes 84 – 86.
   - Junior Best of Show - best overall junior horticulture exhibit in each age group, all junior classes.
   - Junior Sweepstakes: exhibitor totaling most points. Points totaled are: 1st: 5; 2nd: 3; 3rd: 2. In case of a tie, Honorable Mentions will be counted as 1 each.
13. Convention horticulture exhibit entry tags will be available at the entry table. The small entry tags should be used for the miniatures rose exhibits. Entry tags are available from the State Horticulture Chair Charlene Thornhill, 427 Southbrooke Drive, Greenville OH 45331-1155, 937-548-3417, or emailcthornhill@oagc.org

ADULT DIVISION

Section 1 - Roses
1. Hybrid Tea, named, any variety, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
   a. White or near white
   b. Yellow, yellow blend
   c. Pink, pink blend
d. Red, Red Blend
e. Orange, orange blend, orange-red, orange-pink
f. Any other color not listed above
   g. Any new variety for year 2009
2. Hybrid Tea, full blown rose, any color, any variety, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
3. Floribunda or Polyantha Rose, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached.
4. Grandiflora Rose, named, any variety, naturally grown, with foliage attached.
5. Shrub Rose, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached.
6. Miniature Rose, named, any variety, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
   a. White or near white
   b. Yellow, yellow blend
c. Pink, pink blend
d. Red, red blend
e. Orange, orange blend, orange-red, orange-pink
f. Mauve, mauve blend
g. Any other color not listed above
h. Any new variety for 2009
7. Miniature Rose, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached.
8. Marigold, large flowered, any variety, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
9. Marigold, small flowered, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded, with foliage attached.
10. Zinnia, large flowered, any large dahlia or cactus type (4" or over), named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
11. Zinnia, medium flowered, (3" up to 4"), named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
12. Zinnia, small flowered, (up to 3"), named, three blooms of same variety and color, disbudded with foliage attached.
13. Coleus, named, any variety, one stem.
14. Fresh cut everlasting, named, one bloom, one spray or one spike, any variety, foliage attached.
15. Any other round form annual (not listed above), named, one bloom, disbudded, foliage attached.
16. Any spike form annual (not listed above), named, any variety, one spike, foliage attached.
17. Any spray form annual (not listed above), named, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached.

Section 2 - Annuals
8. Marigold, large flowered, any variety, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
9. Marigold, small flowered, named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded, with foliage attached.
10. Zinnia, large flowered, any large dahlia or cactus type (4" or over), named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
11. Zinnia, medium flowered, (3" up to 4"), named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
12. Zinnia, small flowered, (up to 3"), named, three blooms of same variety and color, disbudded with foliage attached.
13. Coleus, named, any variety, one stem.
14. Fresh cut everlasting, named, one bloom, one spray or one spike, any variety, foliage attached.
15. Any other round form annual (not listed above), named, one bloom, disbudded, foliage attached.
16. Any spike form annual (not listed above), named, any variety, one spike, foliage attached.
17. Any spray form annual (not listed above), named, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached.

Section 3 - Biennials or Perennials
18. Rudbeckia, named, three blooms of same variety, disbudded with foliage attached.
19. Shasta Daisy, named, three blooms of same variety, disbudded with foliage attached.
20. Echinacea, named, any variety, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
21. Yarrow, named, any variety, one stem, not disbudded with foliage attached.
22. Any round form perennial or biennial, (not listed above), named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
23. Any spray form perennial or biennial, (not listed above), named, any variety, one spray, not disbudded with foliage attached.
24. Any spike form perennial or biennial, (not listed above), named, any variety, one spike, foliage attached.
25. Any other flower grown from a bulb, corm, or tuber not listed elsewhere in the schedule.

Section 4 - Hemerocallis (Daylily)
26. Miniature (flowers not to exceed 3" in diameter), named, any variety, one scape
27. White, near white, cream solid, cream blend, green solid, green blend, named, any variety, one scape
28. Yellow solid or yellow blend, named, any variety, one scape
29. Orange solid or orange blend, named, any variety, one scape
30. Pink solid or pink blend, named, any variety, one scape
31. Lavender solid or lavender blend, named, any variety, one scape
32. Red solid or red blend, named, any variety, one scape
Section 5 – Lilies
38. Asiatic Hybrid, named, any variety, one stem with foliage attached.
39. Oriental Hybrid, named, any variety, one stem with foliage attached.
40. Oriental, named, any variety, one stem with foliage attached.
41. Species, named, any variety, one stem with foliage attached.

Section 6 – Hosta – mature exhibits only
Small: under 3" at widest width
Medium: 3" to 5" at widest width
Large: over 5" at widest width
42. One leaf, green (all shades), named: a. Small, b. Medium, c. Large
43. One leaf, blue (all shades), named: a. Small, b. Medium, c. Large
44. One leaf, yellow, named: a. Small, b. Medium, c. Large
45. One leaf, white, named: a. Small, b. Medium, c. Large
46. One leaf, yellow margin, named: a. Small, b. Medium, c. Large
47. One leaf, green to blue margin, named: a. Small, b. Medium, c. Large
48. One leaf, streaked or mottled, named: a. Small, b. Medium, c. Large
49. One leaf, other, named: a. Small, b. Medium, c. Large

Section 7 - Caladiums
50. Named, any color, one stem, large variety, two stems small variety (same color).

Section 8 – Ornamental Grasses
No exhibit over 36" tall, foliage only or grasses with inflorescence (plumes, flower heads).
51. Small grasses, named, three stems of same variety in one container. (Carex, Helictotrichon, Imperata, etc.)
52. Medium grasses, named, three stems of same variety in one container. (Chasmanthium, Elymus, Panicum, etc.)
53. Large grasses, named, one stem in one container. (Arundo, Erianthus, Miscanthus, Ornamental Corn, etc.)

Section 9 – Shrubs
No exhibit to exceed 24" in length.
54. Blooming, one stem, named, any variety.
55. Hydrangeas, blooming, one stem, named, any variety.
56. Berried, one stem, named, any variety.

Section 10 – Gladiolus
57. 100-200 size (miniature or small), named, one spike, disbudded, any variety.
58. White, (00-01) green, (02-09), yellow, (10-19), 300, 400, 500 size (medium, large, giant), named, one spike, disbudded, any variety.
59. Orange (20-29), Salmon (30-39), 300, 400, 500 size (medium, large, giant), named, one spike, disbudded, any variety.
60. Pink (40-49), red (50-59), rose (60-69), 300, 400, 500 size (medium, large, giant), named, one spike, disbudded, any variety.
61. Lavender (70-79), Violet (80-89), Tan, Smokies, Brown, (90-99), 300, 400, 500 size (medium, large, giant), named, one spike, disbudded, any variety.

Section 11 – Herbs and Vegetables
62. Fresh cut perennial herb, named, any variety, one stem.
63. Fresh cut annual herb, named, any variety, one stem.
64. Any rooted vegetable, named, three vegetables of the same variety. (Example: Beets, Carrots, Onion, Potatoes, etc.)
65. Any vine vegetable, named, three vegetables of the same variety. (Example: Squash, Cucumbers, etc.)
66. Any bush vegetable, named, three vegetables of the same variety. (Example: Beans, Peas, Peppers, Tomatoes, Corn, etc.)

Section 12 – Container Grown Plants
Pot not to exceed 12" in diameter and must set flat on the table. One plant per pot (may be multiple stemmed).
67. Flowering plant, named, any variety.
68. Foliage plant, named, any variety.
69. Cactus, named, any variety.
70. Succulent, named, any variety.
71. Container Garden, three or more different varieties of plants per pot, named (container may be up to 12").

Section 13 – Collections
(Entries in Section 13 must be pre-registered with the horticulture chair by July 1. Each class has a limit of 4 entries.)
72. A collection of Hosta leaves named with a minimum of 5 varieties, each in a separate container. (4 entries)
73. A collection of cut coleus named with a minimum of 5 varieties, each in a separate container. (4 entries)
74. A collection of cut perennials, named, with a minimum of 5 varieties, each in a separate container. (4 entries).

Section 14 – Educational Horticultural Exhibits
One per Region, space approximately 36" wide x 30" deep. Exhibitor to furnish own background, table and covering. Exhibits will be critiqued and comments written for each regional exhibit.

Junior Division
Juniors are divided into age groups. Group A: 6 – 12 years. Group B: 13-19 years.

Section 15 – Juniors
75. Zinnia, large flowered, named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached.
76. Zinnia, Pompons, named, two blooms of same variety and color, disbudded with foliage attached.
77. Coleus, named, naturally grown, one stem.
78. Any other Rooted Form Annual, Biennial or Perennial (not listed above), named, one bloom, disbudded with foliage attached. (Example: Salvia, Larkspur, Delphinium, Hollyhock, Bells of Ireland, Liatrus, Gladiolus, Snapdragon, etc.)
79. Any other Spike Form Annual, Biennial, Perennial (not listed above), named, one spike, foliage attached. (Example: Salvia, Helichotrichon, Lily, Hemerocallis (Daylily), Phlox, Petunias, Lisanthus, Statice, etc.)
80. Any new 2009 variety.
81. Container Garden, two or more different varieties of plants per pot, named, (container may be up to 12")

Section 16 – Juniors – Hosta,

Section 17 – Juniors – Grasses
No exhibit over 36" tall, foliage only or grasses with inflorescence (plumes, flower heads).
84. Small Grasses, named, three stems of same variety in one container. (Carex, Helictotrichon, Imperata, etc.)
85. Medium Grasses, named, three stems of same variety in 1 container. (Chasmanthium, Elymus, Panicum, etc.)
86. Large Grasses, named, one stem, any variety. (Arundo, Erianthus, Miscanthus, Ornamental Corn, etc.)

Breaking News!
The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. has yet another fantastic member benefit to announce. Now through April 2009, the Ohio State Park Resorts & Conference Centers are offering OAGC members, a special member appreciation rate, for staying Sundays through Thursdays at select state park lodges.

Lodge room rates are: $79/room for: Maumee Bay, Punderson Manor, Shawnee, Mohican, Hueston Woods and Salt Fork Resorts with $69/room for Burr Oak Resort. These rooms are based on single/double occupancy, standard rooms only and some blackout dates may apply, based on availability.

For reservations, call 800-At-A-Park (282-7275) and be sure to use the Promo Code: Weekday.

Evaluate last year’s garden and decide what changes need to be made. Draw your garden plans on paper and make a plant wish list.
Now that your club has obtained their EIN (Employer Identification Number) the next step is to file the 990-N or e-postcard, as it is known. Beginning January, 2008, ALL small organizations are required to electronically file Form 990-N for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2007. The new electronic filing requirement applies to organizations with gross receipts under $25,000.00. The e-postcard is due annually by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. For OAGC clubs that use the same fiscal year (October 1st to September 30th) the filing date would be February 15, 2009.

The name e-postcard is derived from the fact that this form is completed with a computer and internet (e for electronic) and the amount of information needed could fit on a postcard. This filing should be done by your club President or Treasurer, or someone designated who has a computer and internet capabilities. Basic information needed to file the 990-N include: the EIN, tax year, legal name and address of the club, any other names the club may use, name and address of the principal officer, and confirmation that the annual gross receipts are under $25,000.00.

To complete the form, go to the irs.gov website (www.irs.gov) and click on "e-file" located on left side of page. Next, click on public charities and non-profits. Scroll down to the section in blue and underlined that states "New Electronic Filing Requirements for Small Tax-Exempt Organizations – Annual Electronic Notice – e-postcard." Click anywhere on the underlined words. The next page has a large rectangle in the center that says How to File and in that paragraph are the words ‘click here’ (here is underlined). Click on the underlined word. The next page will give you the option to leave the IRS website.

The IRS has contracted with an outside source to actually handle these returns electronically for them and you must leave the site in order to do the filing. This is a secured site. After clicking on the "leave the IRS site", you will be instructed to obtain a login number and a password. Your login number is the same as your EIN, so in the two boxes you will type your EIN. The first 2 numbers go in the first box, and then the remainder numbers in the second box. If you receive an error message, that your number is not recognized even though you have typed it correctly, you will need to call the number that appears for customer assistance. This is a toll-free number. At this point you need to stop the process of filing the e-postcard and call the number. Otherwise, you will continue to answer the questions asked and once clicking the "submit" button, your Form 990-N has been filed and you are done until next year.

If you received the error message, what this means is that your club now needs to be recognized that it is a tax-exempt club. To do this the operator will direct you to someone who can take your vital information over the phone and process this part of the filings. You only need to verbally state that you do have working articles or by-laws, the year you began, the name and address of President, and that you are applying under the IRS code 501(c) 7 – Social and Recreation Clubs.

The operator will then file this information and your club will be notified in approximately 8 weeks. You cannot file the e-postcard until the notification.

If you do not file your e-postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice but you will not be assessed a penalty. However, if you fail to file for three consecutive years you will automatically lose your tax-exempt status. If you have any additional questions or problems, please contact me either via email or telephone (listed on page 2 of Garden Path).

NATURE STUDY CAMP 2008
William Coho

This past June, nineteen campers enjoyed exploring nature at several different locations. Camp was held at Otyokwah Camp and Retreat Center, Butler. Speakers included Naturalist Olivia Fitzsimmons who showed "Photographs from Nature" and led the early morning bird walks; Don and Diana Plant presented a slide show "Bluebirds vs House Sparrows and Starlings" and a program on "Bats – A Better Understanding"; Barb Natterer on "Spiders"; Diana Kelly "Backyard Conservation"; and Cheryl Harner presented "Landscaping with Native Plants to Attract Birds."

Places the campers visited included Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Gorman Nature Center, Warren Rupp Observatory, Malabar Farm State Park, and Mohican State Park.

Nature Study Camp 2009 will be held June 7-12, 2009 at the Friendly Hills Grange Camp in Zanesville, Ohio. Zanesville is 56 miles directly east of Columbus. The Friendly Hills Camp has a RV Campground available for those who wish to bring their own camping equipment. Because Nature Study Camp is scheduled one week later, schools should be out for the summer and Junior Campers will be able to attend. Nature Study Camp is planning to have a full-time naturalist for the entire week to help the Campers understand the wonders of nature. NSC 2009 will have speakers, tours, hikes, and we will be exploring a part of Ohio that we have not visited for many years. Potential activities for the campers are the Dillon State Park and the Wilds.

Why not join us this coming June and observe first-hand the wonders of Nature? Registration form is on page 8. First time Junior campers are eligible to apply for a partial payment campership. Send a letter to NSC president, Jan Harmon, telling why you would like to come to Nature Study Camp, address on page 8.

Prune your trees while they are still dormant. Cut back water sprouts, as well as dead or crossing branches. Wait to prune spring flowering trees until right after they bloom.
There is a new book on the OAGC sales table, every gardener should include in his/her library! It will brighten those drab, dark days of winter and have you running for plant catalogs to start your shopping. What book is it? *Absolutely Beautiful Containers: The ABCs of Creative Container Gardens* written by Sue Amatangelo.

This fantastic book not only sets up "Recipes for Gardening" but includes "Plan-O-Grams." Are you intrigued by these new terms? You'll be amazed at how the book jogs your memory and helps you absorb knowledge. "Plan-o-grams" show the installer where and how the display should be set up as well as all the components that are needed - all on paper. Sue thinks of this as her recipe for gardening, just as a cook uses her recipes.

You will explore all the aspects of container gardening: containers, soil, colors, plants, lighting, watering and fertilizing needs, insects and diseases. Each display will include the plants used, the degree of difficulty, kind of container, lighting requirements, comments about each, and tips for substitutions, if desired. There are 200 PAGES of PICTURES of beautiful container gardens! I challenge you to read through this book (or just look at the pictures) and find yourself desiring not just your copy but one for every gardener on your shopping list!

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**GARDENERS' DAY OUT 2009!**
Jean Walton, Gardeners' Day Out Chair

Mark your calendars now for Gardeners' Day Out, Wednesday, June 17, 2009, with activities on Tuesday evening, June 16.

The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs has been granted a special Ohio Division of Natural Resources permit to tour Cranberry Bog at Buckeye Lake on Wednesday, June 17th. The boat tour to the bog and tour of the Buckeye Lake History Museum will be followed by lunch at Dawes Arboretum.

Normally, the only chance to tour this one-of-a-kind bog is to put your name in a limited state-wide lottery with the ODNR. The ODNR tour is the third Saturday of June which is prime time for viewing native orchids, sundews and pitcher plants … our tour is the Wednesday before the ODNR lottery tour.

The program for the evening before will be at the historic 1812 Buxton Inn in Granville. The Buxton Inn also operates as a Bed & Breakfast with 25 sleeping rooms some of which are reported to be haunted by friendly ghosts.

Other area sites of interest include: The Hopewell/Adena Indian sites at the Great Circle Earthworks at Moundbuilders' State Park and Flint Ridge State Park; the International Heisey Glass Museum and the Works Science & Technology Museum; and several greenhouses and nurseries including Baker’s Acres. Region 8 and Licking County will be your hosts.

Watch for full details and the registration form in the spring issue of *The Garden Path.*

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**Change = Progress**
Change impacts Exhibitors' & Judges' Schools

The Executive Board of The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc., with the recommendations by the Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Committee, recently adopted several new policies affecting Judge Emeritus and Student Judges. These changes took effect October 1, 2008.

For Judge Emeriti: *A Judge Emeritus shall not judge any flower shows, regardless of whether the shows are entered for state competition or not.* The exception is any Judge Emeritus presently under contract for judging a show at the time the change took effect. A Judge Emeritus may re-instate their active status by adhering to the same requirements as current active judges. They are to attend three schools or six days, one day being at School #5 or School #6, in the three year cycle. No additional testing will be required.

The reasoning behind these changes was the feeling by the Board and Committee that in order to be an effective OAGC Judge, a judge needs to be current regarding changes to horticulture and artistic designs that are taught at OAGC Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools.

For Student Judges: *Student Judges are allowed a make-up test* for any failed subject. This test will be approved and administered by the E & J Chair. A student will not have to wait 3 years to retake a test. The Plant ID make-up test will be from a PowerPoint presentation. Also, a **prospective Student Judge application now requires a total of 10 ribbons;** 5 won in Horticulture and 5 won in artistic. (Previously had to be all blue ribbons.)

Additionally, the Plant ID class will be reduced to 30 specimens and tested on 20. Plant ID scoring will be an equal value of 2 points each placed on botanical and common name and a value of one half point each name on spelling for a total of 5 possible points per specimen.

Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Sharon Ware, Chair of the Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Committee or Jo Ann Graham, Exhibitors’ and Judges’ Schools Chair. Addresses are on page 2.

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**STEPPING STONES**

Region 4
Four Seasons GC celebrated its 40th anniversary on October 14, with a program titled "This Is Our Life" which included the history and early days of the club.

Milford GC celebrated 80 years on July 12, 2008. The club honored the occasion with a donation to Promont, the local home of the Historical Society and former home of Governor Pattison.

Region 14
Valley City Garden Club, celebrated the clubs 70th anniversary on November 6 at the Copper Top Restaurant in Valley City. The club was affiliated with The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs on Nov. 30, 1938.

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**IN MEMORIAM**
Compiled by Margie Graft, Publicity Chair

Region 3 **Joan Phillips**, March 2008, Wildflower GC
Region 4 **Dora Jackson**, May 3, 2008, Felicity GC
**Edna Mae Pierce**, June 2008, Felicity GC
Region 5 **Doris B. Maddux**, 97, February 25, 2008, Founder of Starlight GC
Region 8 **Anne K. Utts**, 83, September 7, 2008, Newark GC
HEUCHERA
Charlene Thornhill
Horticulture Chair

One of the showiest perennials on the market right now is the heucheras, coral bells. Coral bells begin blooming in early June and don't stop until the end of August. It is suggested to dead-head your perennials to prolong the bloom season.

Heucheras will grow in any well-drained alkaline soil. Even though they tolerate a couple hours of shade, best results are achieved when grown in full sun. These great plants look good with artemisia, ornamental grasses or low ground covers like lamium, or lysiachia.

Bluestone Perennials has teamed up with OAGC to provide our members the opportunity to purchase these quality plants. Check out the Bluestone website at www.bluestoneperennials.com where you can buy perennials for a price which will allow you to plant them as they should be planted – in groups and masses!

Raspberry Ice and Dale's Strain are two varieties in their large selection of heucheras.

**HEUCHERA RASPBERRY ICE** - Coral Bells - Medium 24" in bloom - Plant 24" apart. Zone 4-10. Its showy pink and dark pink two-toned flowers over striking foliage of raspberry and frosty silver are best in partial shade but will tolerate dry shade. Very long blooming, vigorous and large flowered, these varieties make excellent border plants with their nearly evergreen foliage in neat clumps. Bright flowers are held aloft on airy stems in May through July and can be used in a shady courtyard pot or as a ground cover under deciduous trees. Avoid dry soil with full sun. It is a good cut flower, and a good evergreen groundcover.

**HEUCHERA AMERICAN DALE'S STRAIN** - Alum root - Medium 24" - Plant 16" apart. The marbled foliage holds its exceptional silver-blue marbling well from full sun to deep shade. Flowers are pale white, but it's the marbled foliage that makes this a choice plant. Dale's Strain is vigorous and large flowered; these varieties make excellent border plants with their nearly evergreen foliage in neat clumps. Bright flowers are held aloft on airy stems in May through July. Avoid dry soil with full sun.

Both varieties are good cut flowers, evergreen and good groundcovers. Plan to purchase a few heucheras in the spring for your garden.

Going, Going……..Gone?
Roxanne Malone, Plant Promotion Chair

Have you noticed the steady decline of our beloved maple trees in the last few years? If not, you are not alone since this process of dying is a slow, lingering and virtually unnoticed decline in our tree lines by many "regular folks." Not the loss of our maples by girdled roots, road salt run-off and nutritional elements, this is about the fungus Verticillium wilt that begins by showing a sparse dying branch or two and progresses into a full blown assault on one of our favorite shade trees!

Although not all maple varieties are dying at the same rate, this fungus leaves no victims behind preferring the Norway maple variety but the beloved sugar maple is high on the list. I am concerned about the direct effect on the Vermont sugar maple market for maple syrup!

Once the disease has established itself, it will be difficult to control unless you are the proud owner of a chain saw! You may selectively remove the affected limbs as the process begins but currently there aren’t any fungicides on the market to prevent this destructive soil-borne fungus. These selectively pruned limbs should be burned to kill the fungi.

Prevention is the best cure and begins with the proper mechanics of watering, feeding, pruning and repair of injuries while performing regular maintenance on our lawns and trees. If your landscape can survive without this tree the best cure is to remove and destroy it by burning immediately upon proper identification of the Verticillium wilt. Providing proper care, a tree is less likely to become diseased and infected and should thrive for many, many years!

We lost the American chestnut, the ash is on the decline, the maples are infected. So, which tree is going to be the next victim? You better run out and hug your tree! Think what the earth would be like without our trees.
2009 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
"ZOOM IN, ZOOM OUT"

Adult Classes and Junior Classes
1. DECIDUOUS TREES, Zoom In – flower, fruit or leaf
2. DECIDUOUS TREES, Zoom Out – entire tree
3. EVERGREEN TREES, Zoom In – flower/cone or needles/branch
4. EVERGREEN TREES, Zoom Out – entire tree
5. DECIDUOUS SHRUBS, Zoom In – flower, fruit or leaf
6. DECIDUOUS SHRUBS, Zoom Out – entire shrub
7. EVERGREEN SHRUBS, Zoom In – flower, fruit or needles/branch
8. EVERGREEN SHRUBS, Zoom Out – entire shrub
9. ZOOM IN, ZOOM OUT ... Black and White Photo – All above categories

RULES & GUIDELINES:
1. This issue of the rules supersedes all other issues of the rules, as approved by the OAGC Executive Board.
2. The contest is limited to photographs taken by members of OAGC.
3. An entry having won an award in prior OAGC photography contests is not eligible.
4. All winning photos become the property of OAGC and will not be returned. Non-winners can be picked up at convention or from your Regional Director.
5. Photographs are limited to 5 entries per class.
6. All contest entries are limited to those taken in the past two calendar years preceding the beginning of the contest year - meaning no photograph taken before the year 2007 is eligible.
7. A photograph may be entered in only one class.
8. Each photo must be marked with the contest class number, variety name (if appropriate), and the name, address, region and garden club of the photographer. Do not write on the back of the photo. It is best if you use a return address label with your garden club information added or attach a post-it.
9. All photos are to be 4" x 6".
10. No frames or mats may be used. This includes white margins.
11. Judging will be done by a competent, experienced photographer, not the Media Chairman.
12. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and HM in each class and overall.
13. Awards may be omitted in any class at the discretion of the judge.
14. Scorecard: Photography 50%
   Composition, Design and Interpretation 50%
15. Entrants of 20 photos will receive a certificate for a free slide/video/DVD rental.
16. Entries should be well packed (cardboard helps prevent bends) and marked PHOTOS – DO NOT BEND.
17. ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 15, 2009 AND sent to: SUSY SPENCE, 125 E. SHARON RD., CINCINNATI OH 45246.

Questions? Contact the Media Chairman Susy Spence, 513-772-2936 or sspence@oagc.org.

State Junior Convention Contests – 2009

#1 - Botanical Plates
Do you like to pick flowers, foliage, or leaves and then press them? Just think of all the things you can get from your own yard! Preserve these pretty things and see them each time you eat lunch or dinner. Create a botanical plate that can also be functional (your plate has to be hand washed). An inexpensive wooden easel needs to accompany each plate. Make certain this easel will hold the plate as the plate will be staged upright.
Class A – 1 Ages 6 – 11
Class A – 2 Ages 12 – 18
***Note: Instructions below

#2 - Backyard Feeder
Feed the birds their favorite food, such as sunflower seeds, nyger seed, cracked corn, etc., from something you have already used. We need to take care of our environment by recycling as much as possible. Using a milk jug (1/2 gal or gal), 2 liter soda bottle, coffee creamer container, or anything recyclable, create a bird feeder that can be hung in your backyard. Be sure to include a perch for the birds to feed from and a hanger to show your feeder could be hung. Decorating of the container is left to the discretion of the exhibitor. The bird feeder needs to set flat and should show functionality. Do Not include bird feed.
Class B – 1 Ages 6 – 11
Class B – 2 Ages 12 – 18
Note: all entries will be received from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Entries received after 12:00 pm will be for display only. Judging will start promptly at 1:00 pm.

BOTANICAL PLATES

STEP 1: MATERIALS:
A smooth glass plate, white glue, pressed flowers (yellow and purple pansies work best), dried herbs (if you want to add more texture), water, paint brushes, craft sponge brushes, clear acrylic coating, acrylic gold paint (optional), rice paper or tissue paper.

STEP 2: USING THE GLUE WASH
Create a glue wash by mixing 3 parts glue to 1 part water. Using a sponge brush, coat only the BACK of the glass plate with the glue wash. Just cover the surface; you don’t need a thick coat.

STEP 3: ADDING FLOWERS
Place the flowers face down onto the back of the plate so you can view them from the front when you turn the plate over. If you wish, add some herbs as well for texture. Be careful when handling the flowers – they will be paper-thin and many break easily!

STEP 4: SEALING THE FLOWERS
Gently brush the glue wash over the flowers. This will seal them to the plate.

STEP 5: ADDING THE RICE/TISSUE PAPER
Rice paper can be found in craft stores. Cut a piece to fit and place it over the back of the plate. Be careful! Once the rice paper touches the glue, it is tough to remove so make sure you have it where you want it before placing it in the glue. Finally, add another coat of glue wash to secure the design to the glass. Brush any excess rice paper onto the back of the plate. Let it dry for two days.

STEP 6: ADDING TRIM (optional)
If you want to add some pizzazz to your plate, trim it with gold acrylic paint. Paint around the rim on the back of the plate over the hardened paper to create a gold trim. Don’t paint on the front!

STEP 7: ADDING THE ACRYLIC COATING
The final step is to spray on the clear acrylic coating which should be done outside or in a well-ventilated area. Add about 10 coats to the bottom of the plate to get a thick level of protection.
Patrons and Life Members of The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs
Compiled by Jean Walton, OAGC Foundation Treasurer

Patron of OAGC: A Patron of OAGC is an individual OAGC member who contributes $50 or more a year (tax deductible), all of which goes into the OAGC Foundation.

Supporting Patron: This classification is for non-members of OAGC, or for other organizations and businesses that wish to be supportive and contribute $50 or more a year (tax deductible), all of which goes into the OAGC Foundation.

Life Patron: A Life Patron is a member who contributes a one-time $500 (or more) 501 (c) 3 tax deductible amount, all of which goes into the OAGC Foundation. Should any Life Patron wish they may designate the activity to which they would like to give support and stipulate their contribution be applied in the amounts they wish to each active fund which currently are: OAGC General Fund; OAGC Scholarship Fund; Mohican School In the Out-of Doors Fund; Wahkeena Nature Preserve Fund; and the Beautification and Conservation Fund.

Life Member: A Life Member is any person who contributes $100 or more. Life Patrons and state presidents (upon completion of their term) will receive an Honorary Life Member card. This money is put into the general fund under membership. Life Members pay no additional state dues, but must pay their individual club, regional and county dues.

Life Membership dues purchases are paid to state treasurer Sue Hamlet. Technically they are a purchase or a pre-payment of dues, not a donation or contribution. Monies that go to the general fund 501 (c) 4 are not IRS tax deductible under federal law.

OAGC Life Patron List for 2008 - 2009

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ABSTRACT DESIGN
Juanita Wilkins, Design Study Chair

Creative Abstract designs are the use of the design elements, according to the design principles, reduced to their simplest form and do emphasize space, movement and creativity. Abstract design is a break from naturalism. It is the result of the artist's expression in which plant material and other components are used SOLELY AS LINE, COLOR, FORM, TEXTURE and do incorporate space to create new images. The designer uses the elements in a new manner, unnatural, unrealistic to communicate with the viewer.

A design is or is not abstract. It should be clearly identifiable as abstract. If a container is used, it should be a non-traditional container. There is never a focal point and there is little or no radial placement. There must be a dominance of abstract characteristics.

IMPORTANT: An Abstract design is not a traditional design with some abstracted material or a flower placed upside down. The characteristics of abstract MUST be predominating.

NOT ALL COMPONENTS NEED TO BE ABSTRACTED, but the design itself must be an ABSTRACT CONCEPT. The dominant quality in a floral design determines classification as its type.

Space, depth and areas of tension are emphasized. Interest must be equated throughout the design. Exaggerated proportions are a "hallmark" of abstract design. No transition of size or color should be found. SPACE must be a major element of the design. Abstract design absorbs space as it contributes to it. Forms of space can be the most dominant feature in an abstract design. These shapes of space are no longer empty voids but are forms charged with interest and direction. SPACE can be utilized by enclosing it, absorbing it into the outline of the design, or having some part of the design penetrate space. SPACE receives its color from the background.

In writing schedules it is preferable to state "a design in an abstract manner" rather than to call for an "abstract design."

The following designs from our handbook are always abstract: Assemblage, Collage, Construction, and Vibratile, plus the 5 Kinetic Designs which are Motorized, Op Art, Mobile, Stabile, and Sta-mobile. Details of these designs can be found in the OAGC Exhibitors' and Judges' Handbook.

Insert a rusty nail into the soil around African violets. The blossoms will be larger, more profuse and brighter in color.
GETTING THE WORD OUT
Margie Graft
State Publicity Chair

Publicity is an important aspect of any company and organization. Whether we publicize our activities by word of mouth or as printed material, it is important to let people know what OAGC does at the local level.

How can individual clubs best publicize OAGC and their own clubs? A brochure can reach the most people with the least effort. Once the brochure has been written and printed, it can be distributed to libraries, flower shops, nurseries, schools, senior centers and the local YMCA.

What information should a brochure contain? Most people who pick up brochures want to know what the organization does. A paragraph or two describing general activities and beautification projects would be most important. The brochure should also contain general information about the membership describing their interests and backgrounds.

The history of the club also makes a brochure more interesting. The minutes of past meetings, scrapbooks and publicity books will have information about the founders of the club. These sources may also reveal the sites of trees, gardens and beautification projects which have been planted and maintained by the members.

Brochures do not have to be elaborate. They can be single or tri-fold printed on an eye catching color of paper. Clip art pictures can be inserted for more interest or to fill a void. It is also important to include a contact person with an email address or phone number. Try not to include information which will quickly be out of date such as the current year or a one-time project of the club. Be sure to have several members proof read the draft before making copies.

Just imagine the number of people who would learn more about OAGC if every club distributed brochures. It would be great way of promoting “Knowing, Growing, Showing and Sharing”!

PERENNIAL SALE

Here is another PERK for members of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs! We’re again teaming up with Bluestone Perennials for a great chance to improve your green thumb.

Bluestone Perennials, located in Madison, OH, is home to over 1200 varieties of plants with over 5 acres of greenhouses. They ship over 2 million plants each spring with over 150 new choices for 2009 alone.

Everyone should watch for the special Bluestone mailing in January with the OAGC promo code (s90agc234). Using this code when you place your order will ensure that you will receive 10% off your order and OAGC will earn 10% as well. It is a WIN-WIN for everyone!

You may shop the entire catalog online (or by phone) at www.bluestoneperennials.com or 1-800-852-5243. Use the Promo Code: s90agc234 which ends May 1. Every order will be shipped directly to you at the proper time for planting – or sent to you at your choice of date. Keep in mind, we only earn profits on orders using this promo code number. Spread the word – anyone, anywhere may order from the sale.

North, South, East, West: Pennsylvania’s Best!

The 2009 Grand Tour of Pennsylvania bus trip will venture to some amazing sights around the Keystone State, September 3-9, 2009. The tour includes 6 nights' accommodations, 16 meals, motorcoach transportation, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities. We'll begin the trip with tours at Sand Hill Berry Farm and the Winery at Greendance and spend the night at the wonderful Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The next day we will tour (and have lunch at) the National Historic Landmark, Fallingwater, a home built over a waterfall designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The day also includes Polymath Park Resort and three other homes Mr. Wright designed. We overnight at the famous Hotel Hershey.

While in Hershey, we'll visit Chocolate World, Founders Hall, have High Tea at the Hotel Hershey and visit the Hershey Gardens and Butterfly House. The next morning we’ll visit Winterthur, an American country estate, former home of Henry Francis du Pont then spend the rest of the day at Longwood Gardens! As if a visit to Longwood isn't enough, you'll be treated to a barbeque dinner and watch as the fabulous famous Longwood Fountains light up the night with a huge fireworks display and music!

The next day we'll head for the center of the state and enjoy a cruise aboard the Hiawatha Riverboat, tour Millionaires Row in Williamsport visiting the Worley House Mansion and dine in the evening at the Peter Hurdic Mansion.

Heading north we'll board a horse-drawn wagon and ride into the base of the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon! After viewing the canyon from the rim we'll head toward State College and dine at the Garden Restaurant at Penn State University. As we head back to Ohio, we'll visit the National Aviary, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh. Plan NOW to join your OAGC friends on this fantastic trip over Labor Day.

The seven day tour costs are: $1399/double; $1299/triple; $1259/quad; and $1899/single occupancy. A $100 deposit should accompany your reservation and be sent to Trip Coordinator, Babs Sabick, 1128 Darlington Dr., Beavercreek OH, 45434, (937-429-0987) or email: bsabick@oagc.org. Balance will be due July 15.

As always, the timeliness of your full payment will dictate your bus seat location. Trip Insurance ($80) is available and must be paid for when trip deposit is made.

Reservation form is on page 15.
VIA THE GRAPEVINE

Compiled by Margie Graft, Publicity Chair

REGION 3

College Hill GC, January 8, meeting begins at 7:00 pm at Rose Leonard's Clubhouse. Club members will make bird wreaths for a local nursing home as a community project. On February 5, 7 pm at the home of Ruth Hypes, Charlie Cressell will speak on "Tips for Organic Gardening and Old-Fashioned Remedies." Marian Moekel will discuss the "Disappearance of Birds/Local Birds" at the March 5th meeting at Lynne Hamilton's home at 7:00 pm. Please contact club president, Mary Sucher, evenings at 937-836-7227 or Lynne Hamilton, vice-president, at 937-274-6675 for more information. New members are welcome.

New Neighbors GC, while we always welcome guests, January is guest month when each member is encouraged to bring a guest. The program is: "All About Hydrangeas." Roll call is to name your favorite flowering shrub. This is also the kick off for the annual Posy Power Compost sale. Call Jan Vomacka at 937-885-0636 to order. February program is: "A Year of Color Using Bulbs" by Babs Sabick of Knollwood Garden Center. Roll call is: Name and describe a favorite bulb. March marks the 60th anniversary of our garden club which was founded in March 1949. A special celebration will be held. Please contact Denise Stout at 937-307-3961 or Jan Vomacka at 937-885-0636 for more details. Donna Walls, of Mother Earth Sundries, will present "Green Cleaning" for the March program.

Our Homes GC meets at the home of Carole Cobb in January. Judy Wagner will present a recycle project for the club. The outing for the month will be Morning Discovery Walk at Aullwood. The February meeting is at the home of Maureen Aukerman with a program entitled: "A Hosta Fever" presented by Gene and Glenda Wogaman. The outing for the month will be a winter hike at Brukner Nature Center. In March, the club meets at the home of Laura Deffet. Mary Desch, Vicki Loll, and Stella Williams will present a program on "Propagating Plants." The outings for the month will be a full moon walk at Aullwood and the Philadelphia Flower Show. For further information, contact Maureen Aukerman at 937-836-6393.

REGION 4

Monroe GC program on February 17 is "A Time to Garden and A Master Gardener's Garden." On March 17, Dick Lawton of Beem's Landscaping will present "Landscape and Water Features." Meetings are at 7 pm at Monroe City Building.


REGION 5


REGION 6

Attica Community GC meets February 3rd, 7:30 pm. Program is "Care of Violets." The March 3rd meeting at 7:30 pm features "Florigraph" - a road trip to Richard's Greenhouse to make hypertufa planters.

Catawba Island GC, January 27th 12 noon, luncheon at Mon Ami. This 'N That," all share favorite garden tips. March 24th, 1:00 pm, "It's Just That Easy Being Green."

Weed Wacker GC, February 19th 7:00 pm, "Herbs in a Bottle." March 19, 7:00 pm, "Making a Bird Feeder."

Whispering Meadow GC February 12th, 1:00 pm, "Meet the Succulent Family."

REGION 7

Grow and Show GC meetings: January 28, 6:00 pm, "Butterflies and Hummingbirds," February 25, 6:30 pm "Worm Casting Compost;" March 25, 6:30 pm, "Herbarium at Muskingum College."

Green Valley GC meetings: February 9, "Making a Gardener's Journal," Emmanual Lutheran Church, 7 pm; March 9, "Herbs & Potpourri," Garden Patch speaker, Tom Vblesoki 7pm.


Newark GC meets February 13, 12:00 noon, "Roses and Rose Care," Betty Fargerstrom, Buckeye District Consulting Rosarian. On March 13, 12:00 Noon, "Growing Healthy Plants That Produce Great Vegetables," by Paula Mc Donald, LCMGV.

Roseville GC, February 12th meeting, 1:00 pm, "Ground Cover – Care of Pachysandra." March 12 meeting, 1:00 pm, "Herbs for Containers."

The Pickerington GC will meet Wednesday, February 18, program entitled "Lens and Leaves - Photographing Your Garden" will be presented. "The Art of Pruning" will be the topic of the Wednesday, March 18th meeting. Meetings are held at 1:00 pm at the Pickerington Public Library, 201 Opportunity Way. Guests are always welcomed. For more information and reservations call Libby Stearns at 614-837-4455 or Barbara Kochick at 614-837-3951.


REGION 12

Flushing GC will tour Belmont County Museum in January with date and time TBA. In February they will go to the Cleveland Home and Garden Show with date and time TBA. March 16, at home of Martha Groves with Mary Betts as co-hostess, Gina Marinucci will present a book review. Roll call is to name a favorite gardening book and Joyce Butts will exhibit a mass arrangement "Burst of Spring."

Moreland GC, January 13th, Church of the Saviour, "Pressed Flower Cards," a workshop led by Diane Leigh and Rella King. February 10th at Jeanne Durkalski’s home, speaker is Laura Deeter, "Residential Landscaping Ideas & Tips." March 10th, at Church of the Saviour, "Mosaic Pots" workshop led by Melody Kirby and Michelle Smith. Contact Neva Rutt, nrutt@oagc.org for information.

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2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

2008 has been a time when Americans have seen a strain on everything we once considered infallible. The answer to most problems and the one thing that we can still depend on.... is EDUCATION. Investments into education are always a safety net, and the spring board to new opportunities. Even in these trying times, the OAGC Foundation is willing to sponsor students for further studies in horticulture, conservation, nature and beautification, landscape design or contracting, commercial florist or the floral arts which are not just "nice", but vital to our country's development. Innovation and education is still the way of the future.

The OAGC Foundation offers three annual scholarships to students who are considering an accredited college or technical school for study in these fields:

Scholarship I: Applications from college freshman only;
Scholarship II: Applications from college students beyond the freshman year;
Scholarship III: Applications from any student attending Ohio State University/Agricultural Technical Institute, Wooster, Ohio.

Further qualifications are: Application must be accompanied by proof of acceptance or enrollment to an Ohio college, a transcript of grades and a letter of recommendation (from someone other than family). Applicant is required to write a two-page letter regarding his/her ambition in the eligible field. Student does not have to be a resident of Ohio, and scholarship will not exceed $1,000.00, but OAGC requires proof of expenditures toward tuition, fees, books, and/or related materials. Deadline for submitting an application is March 15. No application postmarked after the deadline will be considered. Further information, copies of this article and applications forms may be obtained from: www.oagc.org / or Janet Evans, 2804 Sherman RD., Portsmouth, OH, 45662 or jevans@oagc.org.

OAGC members, please share this article with anyone who could use a scholarship in horticulture related studies.

 Via the Grapevine
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Tuslaw GC, January 15th meeting, Lawrence Township Hall, 7:30 pm, "Tea Party and Lecture on Herbs to Grow for Tea and Cooking." February 19th meeting, 7:30 pm, "Flower Arranging –Your Tool Kit and Basic Design" by Helen Horst and Peggy Thorpe. The March 19th meeting features "Wings Over the Meadow," presented by Marvin Smith of Stark Wilderness Center, Botanizers' Club. Contact Helen Horst, hhorst@oagc.org.

Montville GC will have a Valentine luncheon February 19 at Miss Molly’s Medina Tea Room. On March 19, they will meet at Joan Bekina’s home, 1 pm, for a DVD on "Care of House Plants." Contact Joan Bekina, 330-225-4160.

Briarwood Beach GC meets January 19, 7 pm, Chippewa Lake Methodist Church, "Flowers of the Bible," by Sherri Herbers. The February 16th program will feature "The Making of Candles" with Brian Hewit, 7 pm. On March 16, 7 pm, Roberta Humbel will present "Making Spring Corsages." Contact Sherri Herbers, 330-769-5410.

An increase of birds around your place means fewer insects, fewer weed seeds and more beauty.

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When you clean up sunflower hulls from under feeders, add them to your compost pile.

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If you had a live Christmas tree, cut the branches off and use the boughs as mulch over young iris or daylilies.

BIRD TREATS

Winter provides us with opportunities to feed the birds in our backyards now that natural foods are harder to come by. Try making your own bird treats to attract the birds.

Bird Balls
3 ½ cups oatmeal, 1 quart water, 1 pound lard or suet, 1-12oz. jar peanut butter, 3 ½ cups cornmeal, 3 ½ cups cream of wheat.

Cook oatmeal in water for 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in lard or suet and peanut butter until melted. Add cornmeal and cream of wheat. Cool and then shape into balls. Hang the balls in mesh bags, such as an onion bag.

Bird Muffins
1 cup cornmeal, 1 cup flour, 1 cup grated bread crumbs, 1 ½ teaspoons baking soda, ¼ cup currants or raisins, ½ cup bacon drippings, ¼ teaspoon sand, 1 cup water.

Combine cornmeal, flour, bread crumbs and baking soda in a medium bowl. Add currants or raisins, bacon drippings, sand and water, mix well and spoon into muffin cups. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Serve on a feeder tray or attach to tree branches.

Did you know that birds rely on each other because they find food by sight rather than by smell? The more eyes, the more food found and the safer they are from predators.
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Did you clean your tools last fall before you put them away? Clean and sharpen them now to be prepared for spring!

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Kathy Martino, Nature and Beautification Chairperson

Have you been appointed as your club Nature and Beautification chairperson? Every job has responsibilities; do you know what you should be doing for your club and community?

1. Promote Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors and Wahkeena Nature Preserve, OAGC state projects, by taking a field trip or having a speaker from these state projects.
2. Promote local projects in beautifying your community.
3. Encourage anti-liter campaigns by working with your schools and civic organizations. Remember, "Every Day is Earth Day," our state president’s theme.
4. Plan a field trip to study soil and water conservation, wildflower preservation, bees, or wildlife.
5. Urge club members to study and practice conservation in the home garden by use of mulches, cover crops, erosion control, terracing, food and shelter for the birds, contour planting and careful use of herbicides and pesticides. Share a conservation tip at each meeting.
6. Encourage club membership to do beautification work within the community and enter the state contest. Applications for contest will be found on pages 86 – 92 in your OAGC Handbook For Garden Clubs or call your Regional or State Nature and Beautification contact with any questions.
7. Promote attendance to Nature Study Camp, held each June for adults and youth.

Plan a trip to Wahkeena, an American Indian word meaning "most beautiful." The beautiful 150 acre Wahkeena Nature Preserve, is located on the edge of Hocking Hills. A diversity of habitats including deciduous and evergreen forests, ponds and wetlands makes Wahkeena an excellent birding area. Did you know Wahkeena has twenty-six fern varieties and eight native orchids? OAGC members are always welcome any time.

Come visit and see your donations at work. Plan your meeting in the nature center, and Tom Shisler will be happy to give you a talk and nature tour free of charge to OAGC members. Tom has local school children field days during October, November, April and May on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mondays and Tuesdays are available these months or schedule a meeting any other month. You will find Wahkeena’s contact information on page 3 of The Garden Path. Why not make a full day of nature and shopping in nearby Logan, Ohio?