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Coming Events

April 13, 2019

'Wild Day Out'

Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical
Gardens, Cincinnati, Ohio

April 15, 2019

Deadline for submissions to
the July-August-September
issue of *The Garden Path*

June 2-7, 2019

Nature Study Retreat,
Mohican Outdoor School,
Butler, Ohio

June 17 & 18, 2019

Exhibitors' and Judges'
School #5, Deer Creek State
Park Lodge, Mt. Sterling, OH

July 1, 2019

Deadline to register for the
Ohio State Fair Competitions

July 15, 2019

Deadline for submissions to
the October-November-
December issue of
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July 18-20, 2019

OAGC Convention,
Roberts Centre,
Wilmington, Ohio

July 24-August 4, 2019

Ohio State Fair,
(Horticulture: Jul. 24; Artistic:
Jul. 25, 29 & Aug. 1)
Columbus, Ohio

October 15, 2019

Deadline for submissions to
the January-February-March
issue of *The Garden Path*

OAGC Convention July 18-20, 2019 Wild About OAGC, Exploring Wild Ohio



The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs will be staging the 89th convention July 18-20, at Roberts Centre, near Wilmington, Ohio. The convention will feature some new ideas, as well as some traditional and familiar parts. The executive committee has

worked to keep the best traditional activities while trying to bring a fresh outlook to the event. We are hoping you will be Wild About OAGC, and Explore Wild Ohio!

Roberts Centre offers a newly renovated Holiday Inn and has four huge ballroom sections, of which we have the largest, with plenty of space to hold most activities in one grand ballroom. Specially discounted hotel rooms have been blocked and are the same price for up to 4 in a room. Overnight lodging reservations must be made directly with the hotel. When at the hotel, you may buy a breakfast voucher for \$5 that will get you a full breakfast at Max and Erma's Restaurant in the lobby.

Thursday, the first day of convention, will highlight some of the ways we are trying to make our gathering even better. It is a setup day for putting the Convention's Flower Show's horticulture, floral designs and educational designs in place. The Horticulture Division will be judged in the standard fashion, but we will try something different in the Artistic Division: Oral Judging! Since it is educational for the viewers, people have asked why do we not employ oral judging for the state convention, so this year we will! Our accredited OAGC Judges will educate as we enjoy the creative efforts of our fellow designers, including juniors. Many of our local and state fair shows use oral judging, so that entrants and spectators can be hearing the positive points of each design and suggestions on how we may improve our entry. While the ribbons for floral designs will be placed on Thursday, special winners will not be announced till after Friday night's dinner and speaker. Visitors may use their "People's Choice" ballot to vote for the best design. (*Continued on page 3*)

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A note from our president:

\$\$\$ WILD BUCKS Donation Raffle \$\$\$

Suzy Parker, OAGC President

Do you love to win money? Most people do! OAGC will be offering 30 chances to win big WILD BUCKS! For only \$5 per ticket, donors will be eligible to win prizes from \$25 to \$250. Winners will be drawn at the OAGC Convention on July 19 and 20. And every ticket drawn for a prize will be put back in the container so each ticket is eligible to win every prize. You have the potential to win every prize.

Tickets will be given to each regional director to distribute to each OAGC club at their regional meeting. The packets will have at least 2 tickets per member with an envelope addressed to our OAGC Treasurer. When a club collects the money from sales, we ask the club to write a check for the total amount and return the check and paid ticket stubs in the envelope to the Treasurer. Any unsold tickets should be turned in before the convention. This is a very easy way to raise funds for OAGC projects.

Contact the state treasurer if more tickets are needed. The more we sell, the more money is raised for OAGC projects and the more chances for participants to win back at least 5 times their investment! Clubs may purchase all their tickets, put their club on the name line and use their winnings to finance club projects. Only tickets accompanied by the money will be entered in the drawing, so these must be turned in before July 19.

Tickets will be available for sale at the convention until the last drawing on July 20. Please offer these chances to win to your extended family, friends, people at any gathering. You have probably bought tickets, candy from school groups, Girl Scout cookies, Boy Scout popcorn to support activities to support church, school and community groups. Now is their opportunity to return the favor. Let's put our efforts in to support OAGC projects by selling all our tickets, giving people chances for 30 prizes per \$5 ticket!

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Another change this year is that we are offering class for those who have not won 2 blue ribbons at a state convention show. Some people may feel intimidated and hopeless if competing against those who are very experienced and repeatedly win blue ribbons. We hope to welcome first-time entrants to compete this year.

The vendors will offer a terrific assortment of goodies for shopping fun and we plan to offer more opportunities for shopping in a room near the ballroom. Be sure to raid your sugar bowl or kitty to bring plenty of mad money to start shopping for holidays, birthdays, secret pals, and even yourself! Gifts that are practical, fanciful and WILD will entice you.

And speaking of Wild and gifts, consider bringing a wrapped item for the Wild White Elephant Stampede. These items can be something nice, something you no longer want, something funny, anything goes. Having the items out of sight under the wrapping paper adds to the suspense. This fun exchange will be held Thursday evening. We are having a supper available, but this year there is no speaker or business or awards on the first evening. After all that hard work on flower shows and other set ups, we plan to have an evening of fun and relaxation with games, activities and socializing with prior and new friends. Enjoy a tall one and get to know someone better. You'll want to be rested for a full day of events on Friday.

Guest speakers will educate and entertain after our catered meals. Floral artist Terry Lanker's program follows Friday's lunch. Terry is Chair of the



Terry Lanker - Convention Speaker

Attention OAGC Members Amended bylaws to be approved at convention

The OAGC bylaws have been revised along with the entire *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs*. In accordance to the current bylaws, the proposed amendments must be published for review prior to the vote by club delegates. The amended bylaws may be found on the OAGC website homepage (www.oagc.org) and will be distributed to clubs at the spring regional meetings. Voting will take place at the 2019 Convention.

Division of Horticultural Technologies at The Ohio State University College of Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) and for over 33 years has served as Associate Professor and Coordinator of Floral Design and Marketing. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture and Master of Education degree from University of Illinois. She is credentialed by the American Floral Art School in Chicago. Terry teaches many courses, such as Commercial and Contemporary Floral Design, Flowers for Celebrations, and Post Harvest Flower Care. She advises the campus Artistes de Fleur floral design club and the Anderson Student Chapter of American Institute of Floral Designers. She has been a colleague of Dr. Gary Anderson who taught at OAGC events. Terry has won state and national awards, and authored articles about Christmas and Wedding Designs, a Centennial History of the American florist and Teleflora and Redbook Florist Educational Design. Terry has published *Flower Arranging: Step by Step Instructions for Modern Designs* and *Flower Arranging: Step by Step Instructions for Everyday Designs*. She may have her newest floral design book ready by the time she delivers an exciting program to us on July 19 right after lunch!

After Friday night's dinner, we will be treated to an encore appearance by Jeff Johnson, who spoke to us at last year's convention on the topic of Medicinal Plant Use in History. This time jovial Jeff will inform us about "Grow Native," a program



Jeff Johnson - Convention Speaker

that will endeavor to impress on homeowners, renters, businesses, cities and towns of all sizes to start planting more native species in their landscapes and removing invasive species. Much like the Arbor Day's "Tree City USA" campaign, this initiative would seek to beautify while improving our environment, reducing the need for water and fertilizer, and less lawn care and mowing. Jeff serves as the State Preserve Administrator for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, for Natural Areas and Preserves. He has lived on a farm in Fairfield County for most of his life. Married for 26 years, he achieved a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and Masters of Science in Evolution, Behavior and Ecology from Ohio University in Athens. Immediately after graduating, Jeff began his 26 year career with the ODNR, starting with seasonal maintenance. He served as manager at Crane Hollow State Nature Preserve, before his current position as Statewide Administrator.

Following Saturday's lunch you will be treated to "The Language of Plants" by Carrie Elvey, who is the Senior Naturalist at the Wilderness Center at Wilmot, Ohio. The Wilderness Center includes an interpretive building, astronomy education building, an observation tower, pier, and picnic shelters. Carrie runs the Center's OAKS life-long learning program, just right for our OAGC members and guests. She leads adult nature tours and teaches the Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program. Some events at the center include beginning beekeeping, wood carvers, and making tracks. Carrie is a vibrant speaker with fabulous photos punctuating her points. Her program will highlight the message: "Your Plants Are Talking To You!" Have you heard what yours are saying? Maybe Carrie can interpret for you.



Carrie Elvey - Convention Speaker

There will be lots of awards given, and breakout sessions, clinics on various topics on floral design, horticulture and conservation, scrumptious food, and friendly, knowledgeable garden club members and guests, so bring some family or friends who are not club members. There are special activities planned for our junior members.

Also, the big winners for our **Wild Bucks!** prizes will be announced. Even if you don't win any of these prizes, you will go home richer because of all you will learn, all the fun you will have, the friends you will see and the new ones you will make! Come Explore Wild Ohio and emerge *Wild About OAGC!* The convention registration form can be found on page 15 and more information will be available at your regional meetings.

Convention Lodging Details
Roberts Centre Holiday Inn
123 Gano Rd., Wilmington, Ohio 45177
www.robertscentre.com

Book your convention lodging directly by calling Roberts Centre Holiday Inn (937-283-3200 or 800-654-7036) noting *Ohio Association of Garden Clubs*.

Room rate of \$120/room plus taxes is guaranteed until **June 27**. Breakfast Vouchers (\$5 per guest/per day/per breakfast) may be purchased at the Holiday Inn front desk at check-in and will be served in the Max and Erma's Restaurant located in the Roberts Centre Lobby.

2019 Convention Artistic Flower Show Schedule

“Wild and Wonderful Ohio”

SECTION I: ADULT ARTISTIC DESIGN

(See the 'OAGC Handbook for Exhibitors and Judges' for page number references.)

1. **Wild Things** - Miniature design, not to exceed 5" in any one direction, (page 24)
2. **Wild Edibles** - Small design, more than 5" but less than 12" in any one direction, (page 24)
3. **Wild About OAGC** - Traditional Mass design, (page 90)
4. **Pickin' Wildflowers** - Design incorporating roadside material. Class for any person who has not won 2 blue ribbons in a convention flower show)
5. **Wild Geese** - Stable design, (page 112)
6. **Wild Irish Rose** - Design featuring roses
7. **Wild Blue Yonder** - Stretch design. Class for any person who has not won 2 blue ribbons in a convention flower show, (page 112)
8. **Wine in the Wilds** - Alfresco table setting for two. (page 124). Designer must provide their own card table.
9. **Two Wild and Crazy Guys** - Duo design, (page 106)
- 9A. **Wild Guy** 9B. **Crazy Guy**
10. **The Wilds** - Floor design to be viewed from all sides. (page 107)

SECTION II: JUNIOR ARTISTIC DESIGNS

11. **Wild Day at Wahkeena** - Designers' choice
11A. ages 6-11 11B. ages 12-18
12. **Where the Wild Things Are** - Creative Design
12A. ages 6-11 12B. ages 12-18

18, 2019 at the Roberts Convention Centre. No entry may be removed until convention is adjourned. Oral judging begins at 2 pm, Thursday, July 18.

5. Entry tags and 3"x5" cards on which to list all plant materials will be furnished and must be placed with the entry. Juniors must complete their own tags, cards and mark their age on a 3"x5" card.
6. Designs must include plant material, fresh or dried. No artificial plant material allowed. Dried/preserved material may be natural color or painted/treated. Feathers on the list are not allowed, (page 23).
7. Plant material on the conservation list may not be used unless grown by the exhibitor and should be stated on a card accompanying the design.
8. Neither the show committee nor OAGC can assume responsibility for loss or damage. All possessions should be marked with the exhibitors name and address.
9. Cardboard backgrounds will be provided by the show committee. Exhibitors may, and are encouraged to, enhance cardboard backgrounds but do not pin, staple, paste, tape or paint. (etc.) Accessories and or/bases, may be used to enhance designs but not required.
10. Accredited judges of The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. will judge the show according to the standard system using the *OAGC Handbook for Exhibitors and Judges*. The Judges' decision is final.
11. Staging Notes: Class 1 will be staged on small white boxes 6 3/4" by 6 3/4". Class 2 will be staged on a table with white table covering and a white background. Classes 3-7 will be displayed in a space 30" wide by 30" deep with white table coverings and a 45" tall white cardboard backgrounds. Class 8 will be displayed on a regular size card table, furnished by the exhibitor. Class 9 will be staged on a free standing pedestal 36" high with a 24" square top, viewed from all sides. Class 10 is a floor design viewed from all sides. Junior classes 11-12 will be displayed in a space 30" wide by 30" deep with white table coverings and 45" tall white cardboard backgrounds.
12. Ribbon awards of first, second, third and fourth place will be given in all classes. More than one fourth place may be given in Junior classes. Rosette awards will be given for Adult Best of Show, Judges Award of Distinction and People's Choice. A rosette will also be given to the Junior Best of Show.
13. Adult and Junior exhibitors must preregister by contacting the convention show chair Doris Hager, 3213 Township Rd. 201, Bellefontaine, OH 43311 or dhager@oagc.org Classes will be filled in the order in which reservations are received.

Artistic Flower Show Rules

1. **Artistic classes are open to members of OAGC who are registered for convention. Only one (1) entry per person until June 30, 2019. Classes will be filled in the order in which reservations are received by registering with Doris Hager, Flower Show Chair. If classes are not filled by June 30, members may sign up for additional designs.**
2. Each adult class is limited to four entries. Junior classes have unlimited entries.
3. **Designers registering for a class must fulfill their commitment or provide a substitute and notify the artistic flower show chair of the change.**
4. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must be in place by the exhibitor between 9 am and 1 pm. July

Nature Study Retreat is for everyone!

By Mary Lee Minor



The traditions of a Nature Study Retreat week are woven with thoughts of getting away, accepting a slower pace and remaining in harmony with the natural world. As we planned to have headquarters at Mohican Outdoor School there was excitement. We are ready to issue an enthusiastic invitation to everyone who longs to be away from phones, meetings and paved roads. You do not have to be an OAGC member to attend!

We assemble on Sunday evening, June 2, and settle into sturdy bunks in dormitories. Monday morning, after grabbing coffee, we are off to listen for birds and any other woods' creatures before Monday's breakfast at 8. Mohican director Donna Dvoracek, will guide our introductory walk through the property. The enormous rock out-croppings take us back to an 88-foot waterfall known as Hemlock Falls. This scenic spot offers wildflowers. We will stop in on the Field Trip Center where composting toilets are a realistic application of saving resources.

After lunch, more on-site experiences will fill the afternoon and bring us to an evening meal and the plant auction. Each person coming brings a tempting or interesting plant, named. The auction is a pleasant way to raise funds to meet the costs of the retreat week. Our campfire singing will be directed by Mohican staff.

The Message of the Iris

by June Gebhardt, 2nd Vice President

Looking in my library for flower show information, I came across a lovely book I acquired through my travels last year, *The Language of Flowers* by Sheila Pickles. My search for something was intended to bring in the sunshine on a cold winter day. I found poetry by many authors along with explanation on the inferences (language) from history of what each flower suggests.

I found that not just the flower but how it is presented has a meaning! Upside down, the flower has the opposite meaning! Depending on which side the ribbon is tied shows the reference to whom. Where the flower is worn also implies feeling. Heart-love,

head-caution. I am wondering what it means on a wrist?

One of my favorite flowers is the Iris. Quickly going to that page in the book, I find that it means "message". How fitting as I was considering articles for *The Garden Path*! According to the ancient Greek myth, Iris the god came to earth as a rainbow. This glorious arc was a message to all. How this follows the Biblical story of Noah and the Arc! Iris has many different shades just as the rainbow! We are a diverse bunch but with similar interests. I want to experience every shade of the rainbow over my term!

Another use of the iris in history was as the Fleur-de-lis emblem. This emblem is also referred to as the "Three-in-One" in the Christian religion. The page goes on to say Iris the god

Tuesday, June 4, the group will head to Black Fork Wetlands where Ashland University research students along with Merrill Tawse, Biology instructor at Ashland University, have studied rails (birds) and placed transmitters on them. Eagles have nested here and we will watch for sandhill cranes. On this day a box lunch will be planned. After dinner, bats will be our evening program with Don and Diana Plant, who are very dedicated to all bats. They are avid blue birders, too.

Our Wednesday begins and ends with Steve McKee who retired from Gorman Nature Center in Mansfield. That afternoon we will travel with him to Malabar Farm and trek the Doris Duke Trail. He plans to remain through his evening program. Steve's naturalist skills make him worth his weight in gold.

Thursday's morning bird hike begins with Lori Totman, who spent years at the Dawes Arboretum as a naturalist, and now serves as director of Knox County Parks. After breakfast Lori will wander with us identifying wildflowers. Following lunch, Groovy Plants Ranch owner, Liz Hughes is bringing a small hypertufa planter, soil and an assortment of tiny succulents for each of us. With a little time before dinner, we can regroup. That evening live salamanders and a hellbender (Ohio's largest salamander) are coming with Josh Dyer, Crawford County Parks director. In the midst of all this activity we will also experience some craft projects.

Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors has served as school for many Ohio children. In fact, pioneer cooking and some living history drama may be included in our week. You may want to make this your vacation. The registration form is on page 15.

"was as fleet of foot as the bloom of the flower is short".

I refer this to my travels as executive officer for OAGC. I will be meeting many of you for the first time and maybe the only time. I hope not but there is much to do in this position in just a short time! Also, the iris blooms along streams. I may infer the stream as our members, flowing by my path over the next six years.

Diversity keeps life fresh and new! I want to have new understandings, meet new interesting people, explore new places and have new admiration for OAGC and its history. My goal is to send the message to everyone "Knowing, Growing, Showing and Sharing can be as fulfilling as a gaze on a beautiful Iris bloom." What will be your message for the new year?

Department News

Design Study Department

Jo Ann Graham, Chair

Exhibitors' and Judges' School #5 will be June 17 and 18 at the Deer Creek State Park Lodge. The Design Study session will take place in the evening of Monday, June 17.

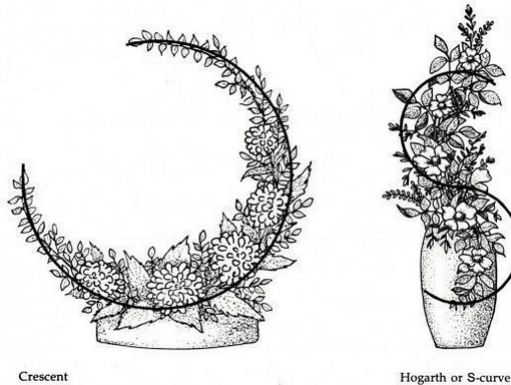
Joy Sprang will lead the workshop on the traditional Hogarth Curve and Crescent designs. Though there is no charge for the workshop session, participants are required to bring their own containers, line material and plant material for each design – Hogarth and/or Crescent. The session is open to the first twenty registered. There will be very limited seating for observers on a first come basis. After the designs are made, Joy Sprang and Jo Ann Graham will critique the designs.

The hardest part of both of these designs is finding the correct line material to make a Hogarth or Crescent Curve. Ideas for the line material need to be shared – either what is being used in the design participants are making or ideas and samples of different line material that could be used. Participants are invited to bring lots of ideas and/or samples to show so all can learn. See page 95 of the *OAGC Handbook for Exhibitors and Judges* for diagrams of the Hogarth curve and the crescent designs.

A traditional Hogarth Curve, sometimes called an S-curve design, is a reverse curve or a stretched out letter "S". It was named after the English painter, who introduced it over two hundred years ago and called it the "Line of Beauty." It is one of the most beautiful and graceful of all forms. The Hogarth Curve may be used as a single line with a small center of interest or it can be developed into a line mass.

The line direction may be vertical (which is the most common), diagonal and sometimes horizontal. It is best used in tall vases with curves that can be repeated in the curve of the plant material. The tip of the first line is placed over the container's center. The tip of the next line is placed to the outside of the first, but is shorter. At the bottom of the design, the tip of first line is centered lining up with the top tip.

A traditional crescent is shaped like a new moon. It is a curved line that is less than a half circle with ends curving up or down. The upward curve is more interesting if the top line



is longer than the lower and the focal point is placed near the lower end. Though both lines may be of equal length with the focal point in the center. Crescents are limited to plant materials that will bend and hold the desired curve or are naturally curved.

The top center line is placed at 12 o'clock position and the lower line is placed at the 4 o'clock position. Each successive or sporting line is placed to the outside of the previous one – lower and along the arc. Containers are usually round or oval, low or tall.

Exhibitors' And Judges' School Department

Juanita Wilkins, Chair

Whew! I'm glad winter is about over. Time to get on to bigger and better activities. Everybody should be ready to get out there in that fresh air and hopefully that beautiful sunshine. We are now preparing for our first Exhibitors' and Judges' School of 2019 on Monday-Tuesday, June 17 and 18, 2019. The school schedule and registration form can be found at www.OAGC.org

This school will include **Creative Designs II**. Naomi Ormes will guide us through the following design styles: Angular, Armature, Botanic, Eclectic, Duo, Fantasy Flow, Framed Spatial, Hanging, Illuminary, Multi-rhythmic, Panel, Parallel and Reflective. Naomi will be reviewing design principles, scorecards and discussing appropriate backgrounds.

After the design session, Jan Stein will present **Lilies and Other Summer Bulbs**. Bob Iames will speak on **Hosta, Caladiums and Elephant Ears**. **Daylilies**, taught by Michele Bishop, will round out the horticultural teachings on Monday.

If all this is not enough, Juanita Wilkins will cover **Plant Identification** on Tuesday and there will be a panel discussion of **Judging Problems** by seasoned judges. This will give our judges time to ask questions. Any attendee can ask pertinent questions.

The Monday evening sessions are **Creative Design II** and **Lilies** (required for student judges) and for non-student judges, there is a design study session on **Crescent and Hogarth Curve Designs** by Joy Sprang. Registration is required and is limited to the first 20 to sign up. There is no fee. The registration form is on page 14 of this issue of *The Garden Path*. I hope everybody will attend and join with your gardening friends.

Please note the following correction to the OAGC Judges List printed last issue: Debbie Hurlbert's email is dhurlbert7@gmail.com

Flower Shows Department

Doris Hager, Chair

Take a look out your window today. See all those flowers and trees returning after their winter hiatus? It's a sure sign that not too far ahead are the 2019 Flower Shows! Shows are scheduled at all levels – club, regional, county fair or state. Now is the time to look at the show schedules and plan your garden so you'll have beautiful entries for the show of your choosing.

OAGC's state convention will be held in July; be sure to check out the flower show artistic schedule publicized in this issue. What class are you interested in entering? There are two classes which should challenge entrants to try their artistic ideas at the state level. These classes are open to anyone who hasn't received two blue ribbons in a state flower show.

Whether you are entering for the first time or the fifteenth, it's a great feeling to receive a blue on something you planned out and created yourself! And when you receive the big rosette, that's a special class of emotion. Good luck to all flower show entrants in 2019!

When your club gets involved in a flower show, consider recording the event in pictures and documenting important information about the show in writing. Books created to commemorate a flower show can be entered in the state flower show book contest. All the information you need to enter is in the *OAGC Handbook for Garden Clubs* on page 64; be sure to note the requirements for time frame, what to include in your book and what pictures are needed. Last year I had the privilege of evaluating 9 of these contest books. The shows displayed by the entrants were fascinating. I welcome your flower show contest book submission this year!

Horticulture Department

Deborah Graham, Chair



Do you love gardening? Most of us hope to scratch around in the dirt for many years to come. Gardening benefits both the mind and the body. It is an excellent gentle exercise that benefits our cardiovascular system and helps to keep our

muscles strong and flexible. The pleasure of seeing that rose blooming or butterflies visiting our garden is good for our mental health. But as we age we may find that we just can't garden the way that we did when we were younger. Here are some tips to consider.

Extreme temperatures are not safe for anyone. Try to get your work done in the garden early in the morning or later in the evening when the temperatures are cooler. Take

frequent breaks and stay hydrated. Sip on that lemonade and watch the birds and pollinators that come to your garden in between weedings.

Maybe it is time to focus on having smaller beds. Instead of having those large in ground vegetable and flower beds consider patio or container gardening. Having raised flower beds means less weeding and can be easier on one's back and knees.

Lower maintenance in the garden might be what you are aiming for as you age. Plant fewer high maintenance plants. Maybe you could get by with only six geraniums in your landscape as opposed to twelve. Think hard about planting a shrub that takes lots of pruning or bulbs that need to be dug or replaced every year. Hanging baskets rigged on pulley systems can be lowered for easy access so they can be watered or worked on.

Where you once had large annual and perennial beds consider planting low maintenance shrubs. Shrub roses and hydrangeas provide beautiful blooms and color in your landscape with relative minimal care.

Gardeners of all ages should wear a hat and sun screen protection. To reduce cuts and abrasions which could lead to infections always wear gloves when doing your garden chores. As we age it might also be wise to enlist some help with those heavy garden jobs that we once managed with ease. So growing older doesn't mean that you have to stop gardening. It just means that you may need to grow smarter! Happy gardening!

Junior Gardeners Department

Robin Rick, Chair

A young person, ages 6-18, that has an interest in gardening and because of location or scheduling conflicts is unable to join a junior garden club can become a Member-at-Large (MAL). They must be sponsored by an OAGC member or an OAGC garden club, pay a \$5 membership fee and complete a membership form. Once this process is completed they can participate in the activities below. Contact me for assistance and a membership form.

The Junior Gardeners spring project is to grow from seed three native plants of different varieties that will benefit pollinators. For more info on starting seeds indoors visit www.kidsagardening.org or www.everythingbackyard.net/teachingkids-seed-starting

Junior Garden Club members and members-at-large are being included in the WILD fun and education of convention on Friday, July 19 at the Caesar Creek State Park Nature Center (4006 Pioneer Village Rd., Waynesville, Ohio 45068.) The Nature Center is approximately 16 minutes from the convention site at the Roberts Centre.

The day will be divided into two sessions: (9:30am to 11:30am) when Rick Gardener, Chief Botanist for the Ohio

Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, will be sharing his passion for native plants. The nature center has acres of trails where we can discover native plants in their habitat and through a variety of other hands on activities. A picnic lunch will be provided for participants.

The afternoon session (1-3pm) will be provided by Nature Center Naturalist Erin Shaw who will present "Raptors and Reptiles." Erin has a Masters Degree in Science Education and Outdoor Leadership. She was born and raised on the banks of the Little Miami River and Caesar Creek where her office is now. We can look forward to learning about the WILD creatures at Caesar Creek Park.

Juniors must be accompanied by a parent or other adult. One adult for multiple juniors is fine. We want to have enough supplies and lunch for all participants. Please complete a registration form for each junior who will be attending programs at Caesar Creek on July 19.

Juniors Convention Activities Registration

Friday, July 19, 2019 9:30am to 3:00pm

Jr. Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Allergies or other conditions we should be aware of: _____

Deadline to register is Monday, July 8.

Mail to: Robin Rick, Junior Gardeners Chair,
792 Christopher Dr. Marion, Ohio 43302

Membership Department

Jan Moody, Chair

I am sure many of you, like my husband, spent time during the last few months pondering what you will be planting in your garden and will be putting your plans into action soon! Best wishes for successful gardening in 2019!

Now that I have completed processing all club and membership renewals, I have a greater appreciation for the leaders of OAGC. They are a great group of ladies constantly supporting each other, the other chairs and regional directors. I tip my hat to you all!!

We begin the year with over 2,800 members in 155 clubs. Maintaining that much data can be challenging, and I am hoping to innovate the way we maintain, update and share this data. With information security being so important these days, I want to assure you the personal information we collect is not provided to anyone outside of the leadership of OAGC. We do not and will not provide your address, email, or phone number for financial gain.

After the last mailing of *The Garden Path* (printed and electronic), I realized that there are some members whose address is incomplete or incorrect in our database. Also, 6 members who have asked for the electronic copy do not have valid emails. At your next club meeting, have a discussion about *The Garden Path* and make sure everyone is receiving a copy. If someone isn't getting their copy, have them contact me (information on page 2) with their current address (mailing and email, if applicable).

Nature and Conservation Department

Eva Wollery, Chair

Imagine hiking through a forest. Tall, green trees provide shade from the sun. Squirrels and other animals chatter as you continue. Onward you go through a lovely stream and shiver when cool water runs between your toes. Now, imagine not being able to experience this walk through a forest because none exist.

Deforestation is the clearing of large parts of our forests. Much of Europe, Asia and North and South America were once heavily forested. We have been cutting down these forests for centuries. Only in the past 50 years have we have been able to see the result clear cutting of forests is having on the planet.

Deforestation happens more in the tropics, where it is estimated that 100,000 square kilometers of forest are cleared every year! Scientists estimated that we will lose all the tropical rain forest within 100 years at the current rate of deforestation. Tropical rain forests alone are home to more than half the world's plant and animal species. Huge sections of forest are cut down to make room for livestock or plant crops. When part of a rain forest is cut down the humidity in the area drops, causing the remaining forest to dry.

Scientists are starting to understand how cutting down the rain forest is affecting rainfall not just in the forest but around the world. Forests are the lungs of our planet. All plants take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen. Trees convert carbon dioxide and release water vapor along with the oxygen, increasing the atmospheres moisture content. With the recent wildfires in California, rainfall is a great concern.

Here's what you can do about deforestation: plant a tree; go paperless; recycle and buy recycled products; look for Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification on wood and wood products; eat vegetarian meals as often as possible; educate yourself and promote solutions.

Many facts and figures are available on the internet. Many groups can provide information to help stop deforestation. Some examples are Arbor Day Foundation, Greenpeace, Mother Nature Network and Rainforest Alliance. Get "Knowing, Growing, Showing and Sharing". (Source: *Student's Guide to Environmental Impact of Deforestation*)

Via the Grapevine

(Please send submissions directly to the editor of *The Garden Path*. Info on page 2 or on the OAGC website: www.oagc.org)

Region 1

Women's Club of Bowling Green GC: Apr. 16, 'Herbs Used on the Civil War Battlefields' by Becky White-Schooner of Schooner Farms; May 21, planting at Welcome Sign; Jun. 18, NW Cooperative Kitchen - Using Our Garden Produce. Contact Linda Kuhn at linda.kuhn1@frontier.com

Fostoria GC: Apr. 10, 'Bridal Bouquets Through the Ages' by Sue Gehring; May 8, Guest Night, 'Are Native Trees Always the Best?' by Stephanie Miller, Regional Urban Forester; May 4 and 18, Fostoria Farmers' Market; May 20, downtown planting day; Jun. 12, Rose Breakfast and tour of Schooner Farms; Jun. 15, Fostoria Farmers' Market; Jun. 26, Ice Cream Social. Contact Carol Kinn at b.kinn@sbcglobal.net

Region 2

Deep Roots GC: Apr. 1, Sunshine Therapy, making nursing home treats; May 6, artistic design class; Jun. 3, flower show. Contact Donna Lewis at 937-935-5464.

Findlay GC: Apr. 2, 'Irrigation Systems' by Rob Young, 2014 OAGC Outstanding Amateur Gardener; May 7, 'Judging Tips: What is the Judge Looking For?' by Michele Bishop; Jun. TBA, plant sale and exchange to benefit Findlay Walk to End Alzheimers at Sunrise Senior Living. Contact Linda Finsel at lindamf@earthlink.net

Happy Hours GC: Apr. 4, 'Weed Identification' by Curtis Young; May 2, Wildflower Walk at Kendricks Woods; Jun. 6, tour members' gardens. Contact Diane Vaden at

dkv1953@hotmail.com

Lima GC: Apr. 10, Spring Guest Luncheon 'What is New for Spring' by Bob Ebieskotte; May 8, 'Iris - Divide, Groom, Replant, Grow and Show' also flower shows will be discussed by Bobbie Stauffer and Juanita Wilkins; Jun. 6, trip to Meadow View Growers garden center in New Carlisle. Contact Judy Pepple at judie.k@icloud.com

Region 3

Here and There GC: Apr. 2, 'Pruning and Maintaining Trees' by Rich Pearson; May 7, Cox Arboretum tour; 'Good Bugs, Bad Bugs' by Vicki Ferguson. Contact Marian Kettering at 937-435-5565.

Leaf and Blossom GC: Apr. 2, flower arranging by Mary from Englewood Florist; May 3, club breakfast and tour at Knollwood Garden Center in Beavercreek; Jun. 4, garden tour. Contact Nancy Grimes at 937-833-5520.

New Neighbors GC: Apr. 16, 'Spring Garden Prep' by Betty Hoevel; May 21, 'What Do You Know About Bald Eagles?' by Jim Weller; Jun. 18, plant exchange and luncheon. Contact Bridget Miner at nngcpublicity@gmail.com

Our Homes GC: Apr. 9, tour Harmon Rockland Garden in Springfield; May 14, Open Meeting with Furst Florist. Contact Sandy Stefanko at sandystefanko@gmail.com

Saville Hilltoppers GC: Apr. 2, 'Springtime' by John Scott at Knollwood Garden Center in Beavercreek; Apr. 19, view John Gray's daffodils in Oakwood; May 18, 8a-3p, Plant Sale (5501 Marblehead Dr., Riverside, OH 45431); May 7, 'How to Avoid Probate' by attorney Nancy Roberson; Jun. 4, Riverside Attorney speaking on the Marijuana situation; Jun. TBA, tour Hartman Rock Garden in Springfield. Contact Carol Evers at ercmevers@aol.com

Region 4

Des Fleurs GC: Apr. 4, plant sale and auction prep; May 23, Plant Sale and Auction, 'Save the Bees' Quick

Sale at 8 am, Silent Auction opens at 8 am; 10 am, Live Auction (with lunch to follow) at Oxford Community Arts Center in Oxford; Jun. 6, 'Inspired Planting - Private and Public' and 'Art of Montreal and Quebec' by Kim Peterka. Contact Gwen at 513-310-5301 or gpietzuch@gmail.com; Jun. 29, 'Oxford in Bloom' a tour of Oxford gardens, visit www.desfleurs.org for price, locations, times and additional information.

Four Seasons GC: Apr. 9, Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser, Fairfield Community Arts Center (411 Wessel Dr., Fairfield, OH 45014), 'Success With Succulents' by Kerry Goode of Delhi Flower & Garden Center Nursery, \$25 p/p. For reservations, contact Mary Gamstetter at 513-892-6806 or gams@isoc.net; www.fourseasonsgardenclub-fairfield.org; May 11, Plant Sale (Village Green Amphitheater, 301 Wessel Dr., Fairfield, OH 45014.) Contact Mary Gamstetter at 513-892-6806 or gams@isoc.net. www.fourseasonsgardenclub-fairfield.org

Springdale GC: May 13, garden trough workshop; Jun. TBA, tour Cinci Civic Garden Center; Sep. 9, 'Dahlia's' by Dahlia Society member. All are welcome but email RSVP to Joan Knox at joanknox99@fuse.net

Region 5

Alpha GC: Apr. 9, Container Gardening at Lisa's Perennials & Flowers in Troy; May 14, stepping stone workshop; Jun. 11, 'Yard Art' by Susie Barhorst. Contact Tracy Yingst at yingstantiques@aol.com

DeGraff GC: Apr. 15, 'Extending the Growing Season With Beardless Iris' by Jody Nolan; May 20, Celebrating DeGraff Garden Club's 80 Years; Jun. 17, tour of Nine Mile Lavender Farm in Urbana, 'Cultivation, Harvesting and Use' with Angie Pumphrey. Contact Doris Hager at MLFarms@embarqmail.com

Fleurettes GC: Apr. 9, 'Architectural Annuals' by Sue Chanay, trip to Franklin Park Conservatory; May 14, plant sale (109 Bell Pines Ct., Bellefontaine, OH); Jun. 11, 'L-Shape' Design Study by Marian Moeckel. Contact 937-894-0198 to RSVP.

Four Seasons GC: Apr. TBA, cleanup of Das and Veterans Memorial Park; May 10-11, Mother's Day Flower Sale at the Upper Valley Mall in Piqua; Jun. 20, trip to Nine Mile Lavender Farm in Urbana. Contact Joyce Ashton at joyce.ashton2@aol.com

Four Seasons of Champaign Co. GC: Apr. 8, 'Plant a Waterlily Garden' by Michelle Yocom; May 13, Wildflower Tour at Cedar Bog with Jill Michael; Jun. 10, tour garden of Cyndi Dibert. Contact Deborah Graham at dgraham@centurylink.net

Green Leaf GC: Apr. 15, cleanup at French Park; May 20: Visit Lisa's Perennials and Flowers in Troy for beautification plants; Jun. 18, attend Miami Valley Rose Society Meeting, 'Enjoy Growing Roses' by Barb and Jim Zimmerman from Wegezyn Gardens MetroPark in Dayton. Contact Judy Quinter at 937-773-6815.

Rainbow Gardeners of Shelby Co. GC: May 25, Plant Sale, 8a to 12p, Courthouse Square in downtown Sidney. Contact Marlene Crusey at 937-492-8116 or Ginny Shaw at 937-492-8179.

Region 6

Whispering Meadows GC: Apr. 11, Guest Night, 'Daffy About Daffodils' by Chris Michaels. RSVP to Helen Duquette at 567-201-7825.

Region 7

Apple Valley GC: Apr. 17, trip to Ohio Bird Sanctuary in Mansfield and lunch at Der Dutchman; take daffodils to nursing home; May 15, 'Nature's Art' by Jon and Debbie Minard; Jun. 19, 'Herbs' by Bailiwick Farms of Danville. Contact Barb Bentz at pebentz@outlook.com

Earth, Wind and Flowers GC: May 6, tour Dianna Zaebst's yard and homemade rain barrel; Jun. 10, 'What

Swirls in June's Head (heuchera foliage)' by June Gebhardt; Jun. 22-23, flower show at Bucyrus Historical Society, celebrating the society's 50th year; Jul. 1, plant exchange and county fair prep. Contact Mary Lee Minor at chickadee@columbus.rr.com

Harlem Twp. GC: Apr. 16, Perennial and Seed Exchange, 'Jump on the Bus for the Philly Flower Show' by Nancy Singer; May 21, 'Planting Perennials From Seed' by Linda Roof; Jun. 18, 'Making Stepping Stones for Your Garden' by Paula McDonald. Contact Toni Link at tonilink51@gmail.com

North End GC: Apr. 15, 'Good Insects' by Mary Ellen Heacock; May 11, May Market at East Market in Galion; May 20, 'History and Gardens of Magnolia Plantation' by Linda Scott; Jun. 1, Gardening Scavenger Hunt by Mary Skomrock. Contact Mary Skomrock at skomrockmary7@gmail.com

Weeds Beware GC: May 21, guided tour of local greenhouses (many Amish), carpool, lunch and shop. Contact Geri Rea at wrea@neo.rr.com

Region 8

Granville GC: Apr. 13-14, Daffodil Show at Bryn Mansion in Granville; Jun. 29, members' garden tour, 'Daylily Hybridizing' by Jill Yost, 'Starting a New Garden' by Phil Koons. Contact Joyce Morris at joycemorris37@gmail.com

Grow and Show GC: Apr. 24, spring garden tour of Dawes Arboretum in Newark; May 11, Garden Faire Plant Sale, 9am at Cambridge City Park's large pavilion; May 22, 'Lots of Hosta' by Kat Bennett; Jun. 26, tour of Colleen Oess', Marti Reed's and Kat Bennett's gardens. Contact Kat Bennett at 740-439-5489 or klb8752@gmail.com

Newark GC: Apr. 12, 'In Your Easter Bonnet' wearing hat creations; May 11, annual plant sale, Central Christian Church in Newark; Jun. 14, 'Growing Roses' by Dan Lipton and tour of rose garden. Contact Margie Graft at 740-281-4660 or mgraft@roadrunner.com

Town and Country GC: Apr. 11, Public Meeting, 'Secret Arboretum' by Jason Veil; May 9, 'Vegetable and Fruit Carving for Garnishes' by Joan Picklesimer; 1st or 2nd Saturday of May, Plant Sale at Coshocton Court Square; Jun. 13, 'Yoga and Gardening' by Lynn Russell. Contact Ed Kiefer at 740-622-3993 or kiefer@clover.net

Region 9

Basil GC: Apr. 15, 'Wahkeena Nature Preserve' by Tom Shisler; May 20, Plant Auction; Jun. 17, Porch Tour, tour the porches of Allene Eley, Marsha Smith and Nancy Roshon. Contact Sharon Anderson at 740-756-7265.

Groveport GC: May 7, Annual Plant Auction, 6p, snack bar, 6:30p, Auction, Groveport Zion Lutheran Church (Rt. 317/Main St. in Groveport). Contact Virginia Myers at vamyers30@aol.com

Pickerington GC: Apr. 17, Inniswood Gardens and lunch; May 15, 'Invasive Plants and Substitutes' by Linda Johnson; Jun. 19, trip to Groovy Plants Ranch and Natives in Harmony in Marengo. Contact Beverly Zurhorst at 614-864-6012 or Patty Sykes at 614-309-8210.

Story Place GC: Apr. 10, Walter Smith from the Chillicothe Tree Commission; planting a tree for Arbor Day, details TBD; Apr. 17, pottery making at Nellie Dog Pottery and Paints in Chillicothe; May 8, 'New Plant Introductions for 2019' at Rhoads Garden Center in Circleville. Contact Joyce Staub at 740-701-3385.

Region 10

Portsmouth GC: May 20, cleaning/planting beautification project in Greenlawn Cemetery; TBA, visit Imel's Greenhouse in Greenup, KY and Four Mile Greenhouse in Jackson. Contact Jane Stevens at gramstevens@hotmail.com

Slocum GC: Apr. 11, '2019's New Horticultural Varieties' by Teresa Book; 'Small and Mini Traditional Artistic Designs' by Beverly Norman;

Apr. 26, Arbor Day Ceremonies at Tracy Park in Portsmouth; May 9, 'Wild Designs' workshop, scavenger hunt at Shawnee State Park Nature Center; Jun. 13, tour Human Rights Garden at Portsmouth High School, tea party at 2nd Street Diner in Vanceburg, KY, 'Sharing History' exhibit of early American period designs; Gardener's Days Out: May 1, Jackson County's greenhouses; May 2, Portsmouth's and South Shore, KY's garden centers; May 16, Wahkeena Nature Preserve; Jun. 7, Blennerhasset Island, Parkersburg, WV; Garden Therapy at River Bend House Assisted Living Center, Wheelersburg: Apr. 9, May 14 and Jun. 11. Contact Diane Reese at 740-259-4432 or dianereese3@yahoo.com

Region 11

Washington County Garden

Clubs: Jun. 17, Annual Gardener's Fun Day Luncheon at 339 Auction Gallery in Vincent, 'Asian Botanical Arts.' Contact Margaret Boyer at 740-678-2194.

Barlow Bluebells GC: Apr. 18, Antique Flower Coupons Educational Exhibit; May 16, Spring Club Plant Exchange; May 19, Barlow Library Public Plant Exchange; Jun. 17, Home Garden Tour. Contact Margaret Boyer at 740-678-2194 or Tammy Stackpole at fabian.dawn@gmail.com

Region 12

Flushing GC:

May 20, Philadelphia Flower Show video by Kathy Gibeaut; Jun. 17, 'Food for Thought' by Michelle Meyer. Contact Barb Cencula at barbcencula@frontier.com

Four Seasons GC: Apr. 24, 'Dawes Arboretum Preview' by Sharon Gump; May 22, Village Beautification by all club members; Jun. TBA, tour of Dawes Arboretum. Contact Sharon Gump at sharonlgump@yahoo.com

Mt. Pleasant GC: Apr. 1, 'Sunflowers' by Adel Mason; May TBA, Belmont County Master Gardeners Plant Swap; Jun. 3, 'Tomatoes' by Jennifer Moysenko. Contact Jane Elliot at

Jaelliott68@comcast.net

Woodland GC: Apr. 4, 'Divide and Conquer' by Carole Patton; May 2, 'What's Your Garden Style?' by Amanda Roach; Jun. 6, Annual Club Picnic and Show and Tell. Contact Carole Patton at 740-264-9524 or jonpatton7@comcast.net

Region 14

Briarwood Beach GC: Apr. 15, 'Flowering Shrubs' by Noel of Pettiti Gardens; May 20, 'Container Gardening and New Flowers for Spring' by Boyert's Garden Center; Jun. 17, Mystery Night, everybody departs at the same time with GPS coordinates. Contact Kathy Schmitz at schmitzyk@gmail.com

Firelands GC: Apr. 8, Pot Luck dinner, plant sale planning; May 20, plant sale; Jun. 8, tour Luvin Lavender Farm in Madison. Contact Mary McConnell at fmconnell@zoominternet.net

Moreland GC: Apr. 9, tour and Wine Tasting at Marsh Vineyards and

Ugly Bunny Winery in Loudenville; Apr. 30, 'Container Planting Demonstration' by Vicky Puster; Jun. 11, indoor and outdoor miniature garden tour at Carole Gast's home. Contact Michele Oliver at michele_oliver@rocketmail.com

Tuslaw GC: Apr. 18, 'Musical Gardening' by Delia Vulcan and a Daffodil 'Share and Tell', May 16, eat at Dragonfly Tea Room in Canal Fulton after plant sale; May 16-18, plant sale in Navarre; Jun. 22, flower show: 'Knee Deep in June' at Chapel of the Cross in North Lawrence. Contact Delia Vulcan at kdconsr@juno.com

Region 16

Wilmington GC: Apr. 8, 'Floral Arrangements' by Joan Hinman, May 4, 9a-1p; Spring Plant Sale at Clinton County Historical Center Carriage House in Wilmington; Jun. 10, floral design demonstration by Barbara Meyers; Jun. 20, Design Workshop ('Introduction to Creative Design Workshop' by OAGC Judge Barbara Meyers) and Carry-In; Jun. 26, Summer Flower Show at Wilmington United Methodist Church (50 E. Locust St. in Wilmington); Jul. 8, tour Kerry Houston's Gardens in Springboro. Contact Ann Kuehn at anngkuehn@gmail.com

In Memoriam

Region 4

Betsy Minor, 9/2018,
Springdale Garden Club

Region 5

Steve Walters, 57, 10/25/2018,
member of Goshen Garden Club

Region 7

Jane V. Duston, 96, 1/30/2019,
38-year member of
Fredericktown Garden Club
Valjean A. Knerr, 92, 1/27/2019,
Town and Country Garden Club
Lea Woodward, 91, 1/15/2019,
member of Tan and Toil Garden Club

Region 8

Laura J. Lund, 87, 1/24/2019, Grow
and Show Garden Club

Region 10

Peggy Caughlan, 99, 12/24/2018,
member of Waverly Garden Club
Sue Williams, 85, 1/7/2019, former
Regional Director and member of
Waverly Garden Club

STEPPING STONES

The Pickerington Garden Club, (Region 9) will celebrate its 70th Anniversary on July 17, 2019. Twenty five ladies first met at the Carnegie Library, now known as the Pickerington Public Library, to form the Pickerington Garden Club. The club was organized by Mrs. Richard Troup and Mrs. O. L. Sims and now has 29 active members.

The club's purpose is to "Bring into mutual helpfulness the amateur gardens of Pickerington and surrounding communities." Monthly meetings are the 3rd Wednesday (except January) at 1pm at the Pickerington Public Library main branch. The public is always invited. Contact Beverly Zurhorst at 614-864-6012. Remember, 'Old gardeners never die; they just spade away.'



OAGC Foundation Notes

The OAGC Foundation wishes to thank Mr. Clinton Shepard for his most recent donation to the OAGC Foundation Scholarship Fund. This generous contribution is in honor of his mother Naomi who is a past Ohio Association of Garden Clubs President and served 1972-1974. The OAGC Foundation Board of Trustees approved the renaming of the Incoming Freshman Scholarship to the: Naomi Shepard Incoming Freshman Scholarship. Mrs. Shepard, 101 years young, resides in Gainesville, Florida.

The OAGC Foundation is grateful for the following donations:

(Received October 9 through December 31, 2018)

Donation envelope not required, though be sure to designate the fund to receive the money and the correct spelling of the name if the contribution in honor/memory of someone.

Wahkeena Nature Preserve Fund

Marabar Heights GC; Moreland GC - *Life Patron honoring Nancy Marthey*; Open Gate GC - *birdfood*

General Fund

Earth, Wind and Flowers GC; Ladybug GC; Moreland GC - *Life Patron honoring Nancy Marthey*; OAGC Region 5; Anita Roller; Sharon Ware - *in memory of Lois Kingsley*

Mohican Outdoor School Fund

Creston GC; June Gebhardt - *in memory of Linda Morgan*; Marabar Heights GC; Mary Lee Minor - *in memory of Marilee George*; Moreland GC - *Life Patron honoring to Nancy Marthey*

Nature and Conservation Fund

Here and There GC; Vicki Ferguson - *in memory of Linda Morgan*; Mary Lee Minor - *in memory of Gladys Cummins*; Moreland GC - *Life Patron honoring Nancy Marthey*; Babs Sabick and Vicki Ferguson - *in memory of Gladys Cummins*

Scholarship Fund

Marabar Heights GC - (*Dottie Bates Scholarship*); Moreland GC - *Life Patron honoring to Nancy Marthey*; OAGC Region 4 - *in memory of Gail Blevins*; Clint Shepard - *in honor of Naomi Shepard (Naomi Shepard Scholarship for Incoming Freshman)*; Jean Walton; Weeds Beware GC - *in honor of Geri Rea*



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Wild Ohio Adventure

by Jean Jankowski, OAGC
First Vice President

When Suzy Parker began her OAGC presidency, she vowed to expose us to many of the wild wonders that Ohio has to offer. The United States has eight physiographic regions. Because Ohio boasts having five of them within our borders, there is a wide range of unique opportunities available to us without having to get on an airplane.

To get us started, we went to TheWILDS in September 2018 for our first adventure. Those of you getting this issue of *The Garden Path* electronically can see from the vivid blue sky in the photo, that the day was perfect as we encountered a variety of wild animals. One of the closest encounters was with Tafari, which means Toughie, an extremely social giraffe.

The second adventure takes place this month as we explore the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens April 13. The zoo's captive breeding program is fascinating and can give us hope about saving endangered species.

Each of our fourteen regions has been challenged to organize a WILD Adventure somewhere within their region, which they open to the entire OAGC membership. That way, these opportunities will be available for all of us to enjoy. Full details and registration information will be posted on our website. Grow and Show Garden Club in Region 8 has already met the challenge. They are planning an event for November 15-16, 2019. Of course, the Dickens characters that line the main street in Cambridge will be on the list to get us geared up for the Christmas season. Full details will be given to the Regional Directors so that clubs will have the information well in advance to plan a field trip for their 2019-2020 program.

Suzy is just getting us started on our quest to explore the natural and historic sites we are blessed with in Ohio. I want us to continue to discover WILD Ohio during my term, and when my term is complete we will have just scratched the surface of all that is available, and June will continue our adventures. There is so much to see and enjoy close to our homes, if we continue with only one Gardeners' Day Out each year, we will be missing most of them. OAGC is going to be spending at least the next six years being WILD ABOUT OHIO!

Plan to be a member of the OAGC WILD ABOUT OHIO CLUB and attend as many as you possibly can. Use them as a way to introduce friends and neighbors to your garden club. Better yet, get involved by helping to plan one of these events that showcases some of the unique places within your region.



Exhibitors' and Judges' School #5 Registration Form

Monday and Tuesday, June 17-18, 2019

Deer Creek State Park Lodge and Conference Center
22300 State Park Rd. #20, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143
(Exit 84 off I-71) 740-869-2020

Registration Deadline: May 24, 2019

I wish to register for two days @ \$80 \$ _____

I wish to register for one day @ \$40 \$ _____
_____ Mon. _____ Tues.

Optional Monday Evening Choices:

_____ Student Judge Session (required for students)

_____ Design Study (Hogarth and Crescent Curve designs)
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Check One: _____ Exhibitor _____ Judge
_____ Student Taking Test _____ Judge Emeritus

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Mail by May 24, 2019. \$5.00 late fee if postmarked after
May 24. No refunds after May 24.**

Mail to: Juanita Wilkins, E and J Chair
13664 Kohler Rd., Wapakoneta, OH 45895
Phone: 567-356-9721 Email: jwilkins@oagc.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Club Code: _____ Region: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

**PLEASE make hotel reservations directly with Deer
Creek State Park by calling 800-282-7275. Mention 'The
Ohio Association of Garden Clubs.' The rate of
\$89/night (may change) single or double occupancy is
guaranteed until May 24, 2019.**

**Nature Study Retreat Registration Form
June 2-7, 2019**

Mohican Outdoor School
5370 Bunkerhill North Rd., Butler, Ohio 44822
419-938-6671 www.mohicanoutdoorschool.org

Name: _____ Region: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () _____
Email: _____

Full-time adult (age 18 or above): _____ \$245
(\$250 if registered after May 7, 2019)

Part-time adult: # of days: _____ Daily rate: \$49/day

Full-time junior: _____ \$200

Part-time junior: # of days: _____ Daily rate: \$45/day

(Part-time rates include 1 night and 3 meals, but can be separated to arrive on one day for meals and bed and leave before specified meals and bedtime on the last day. Complete chart below to indicate desired meals and bed.)

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
BKFST	x					
LUNCH	x					x
DINNER						x
BED						x

Indicate special dietary needs:
_____ diabetic _____ gluten free _____

Junior Information:

Complete the following information for juniors. Juniors must provide an NSR Emergency Medical Form (found on www.oagc.org) and must be accompanied by an adult.

Name of accompanying adult: _____
Relationship to junior: _____

NOTE: For first-time junior campers, a partial payment Junior Scholarship is available to children through age 17. Contact Mary Lee Minor, NSR Coordinator at 419-562-6377 for details.

To insure your place, a deposit of \$25 is required by May 7, 2019. **YOU MUST BE PREREGISTERED AND PAID BY MAY 28th**. Make check payable to: OAGC and designated for "Nature Study Retreat." Note: if reservations exceed the number of beds available, they will be accepted on a first come basis.

Mail check and all registration forms to:
Sharon Deno, OAGC NSR Registrar
9484 Hooper Rd., Athens, OH 45701
740-593-8780 sharondeno@hotmail.com

**89th OAGC Convention Registration Form
July 18-20, 2019**

Roberts Centre, Holiday Inn, exit 50 off I-71
(123 Gano Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177)
800-654-7036/937-283-3200

Registration Deadline: June 16, 2019

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Zip: _____
Phone: () _____ Region: _____
Email: _____

Friday Junior Activities: (See Jr. Gardener Chair article for details) Jr. Name: _____

STATUS: (circle what applies)

OAGC Past President Counselor OAGC Liaison
OAGC Active Judge OAGC State Executive Officer
OAGC State Chair Regional Director

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Junior, 18 and under are FREE but must register

Adult, full convention \$50 _____
Late Fee after 6/16/2019 \$ 5 _____
Junior, full convention FREE _____
Adult, one day \$35 per/day _____
Junior, one day FREE _____
Circle the days you are attending: Thur. Fri. Sat.

MEAL SELECTIONS:

(Note: Walk-ins are not seated for meals)

Thursday, July 18, evening Supper \$18 _____
Friday, July 19, Lunch \$19 _____
Friday, July 19, evening Banquet \$30 _____
Saturday, July 20, Luncheon \$19 _____

Please list dietary needs and ambulatory concerns:

Circle meals needed for Juniors (11 y/o and under):

Thursday Supper Friday Lunch
Friday Banquet Saturday Luncheon
Total count of Junior meals ____ @ \$12 _____

Total enclosed for registration and meals: _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 16, 2019

Make checks payable to: OAGC. Mail this form to:
Margaret Murrey, Convention Registrar
7733 Country Club Rd., Athens, OH 45701-8845
mfmurrey48@gmail.com 740-517-3603

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2019 SPRING REGIONAL MEETINGS

Consider visiting a neighboring regional meeting. Just contact the appropriate Regional Director. Contact info on Page 2.

Reg. 1	May 2	Wesley UM Church	Bryan	AM: 'Designs With Mom' by Sue Hamlet and Carol Lemle PM: 'Easy Care Flower Favorites' by Marlene Purdy
Reg. 2	Apr. 23	Van Wert 1 st Presb. Ch.	Van Wert	AM: Flower Show; Curtis Young OSU Extension PM: 'Container Gardening' by Bill Collins of Kingwood Gardens
Reg. 3	Apr. 29	Greenville Masonic Lodge	Greenville	AM: 'New Varieties for 2019' by a Proven Winners Representative PM: 'Celebrating the Grand Era' by Loann Burke of Furst Florist
Reg. 4	Apr. 26	Receptions Banquet Center	Loveland	AM: 'Rothenberg School Rooftop Garden' by Bryna Bass PM: 'Spring Ephemeral Flowers' by Greg Torres, Civic Garden Center
Reg. 5	Apr. 25	Moose Lodge	Sidney	AM: 'Attracting and Nurturing Our Feathered Friends' by Gary Reed PM: 'Cottage Garden Beauties' by Pam Bennett, Master Gardener Dir.
Reg. 6	May 3	Our Lady of Hope Church	Attica	AM: 'Perfection Gardening - Miniatures' PM: 'Miniatures Hands On'
Reg. 7	Apr. 24	Richland Co. Fairgrounds	Mansfield	AM: 'Beautiful Peonies' by Christine Libby PM: 'Spring Down the Aisle...Wedding Designs' by Joy Strine-Sprang
Reg. 8	May 15	St. Peter & Paul Retreat Ctr.	Newark	AM: 'Raising Your Own Chickens' by Sue Cowden PM: 'Bees in Your Backyard' by Denise Ellsworth, OSU Program Dir.
Reg. 9	May 1	Flora and Field	Mt. Sterling	AM: 'Growing Clematis' by Juanita Wilkins PM: 'Discover Great Succulents' by Michele Bishop
Reg. 10	Apr. 18	Dickess Christmas Tree Farm,	Kitts Hill	AM: 'Living History' by Cassandra Skaggs PM: Hay Ride tour, 'Christmas Tree Farm' by Keith Dickess
Reg. 11	Apr. 27	The Plains UM Church	The Plains	AM: 'Ohio Wildlife' by Teresa Caldwell, of Athens Soil and Water PM: TBA
Reg. 12	May 4	Puskarich Public Library	Cadiz	AM: 'Over the Fence Fertilization' by Bev Riddler PM: 'Creative Design Show' presented by each club of Region 12
Reg. 14	May 8	Grace Lutheran Church	Wadsworth	AM: 'Gardening for Pollinators' by Denise Ellsworth PM: 'Design Solutions' by Dr. Laura Deeter
Reg. 16	May 9	Christ's Church	Bellbrook	AM: 'Attracting Pollinators to Your Yard' by Pam Bennett PM: 'Our Yard is for the Birds' by Nan and Mark Plunkett