

JUDGES CALL -- Fall 2016



Dear Fellow Judges,

The days are getting cooler, shorter and the heat is letting up slowly as summer slips away. It has been a challenging year to garden with high temperatures and no rain. Clubs holding flower shows worried about horticulture entries as plants flowered early and slipped away sooner than expected because of the heat.

As fall approaches, we, as judges, have many programs to choose from to further our knowledge of design and horticulture; Symposium, Day of Design, Day of Horticulture, Holiday Programs and your regional meetings. Take the time to indulge to stay current and knowledgeable.

I would like to thank the North Central Region for all of their hard work on this year's symposium.

The fall meeting programs look very interesting as we learn about adding vegetables to our flower beds and enjoy the design program from the Creative Arrangers Guild of Columbus on "Women Artists".

Please get your reservations and dues in early!

Dianna A. Gellers



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Tidbit from Symposium concerning collections:

A collection exhibit must be in the same genus. It may be a collection of different sizes and colors, as long as it is in the same genus. The hostas on the right are a "collection" while the herbs on the left are a "display".



REGION REPORTS

PHOTOS FROM
SPRING 2016 OJC
MEETING –

“Broadway Musicals”



“Sophisticated Lady”

NORTH CENTRAL – Linda Holzheimer, Chairman

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The fall meeting of the **North Central Region** will be held **Tuesday, October 11, 2016** at the Independence Library, 6361 Selig Blvd, Independence, Ohio.

Agenda for the day:

9:30-10:00 Coffee, pastries and conversation

10:00 Business meeting

11:00 Program **“Beef Up Your Comments”**

Barbara Schuh has attended the Newport Flower Show in Rhode Island for the past two years. She will give a power point presentation of the designs and constructive comments on the designs, and will lead a discussion pertaining to the comments. If time permits we will also review judging ethics and evaluations.

Many flower shows were held this spring and summer in the Cleveland area. Among them; Lake Shore Garden Club, Gates Mills Garden Club and Independence Garden Club. Avon-on-the Lake Garden Club and Emerald Necklace Garden Club have shows scheduled for September 17-18.



“Cats”

NORTH EAST – Celine Hallier, Chairman

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The fall NEOJC meeting was held on Wednesday, September 7th at the Fellows Riverside Gardens in Youngstown.

The morning speaker was Hugh Earnhart, whose topic was, “Hostas—How to grow, show, and judge them.” Earnhart is a history professor at Youngstown State University, an Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, and enthusiastically grows daffodils in the spring, hostas in the summer and dahlias in the fall.

After his presentation, Cleo Lehman presented a program on “Petunias and their Lookalikes”. She educated us as to what is new on the market and how to tell the “lookalikes” apart.

The afternoon program was a creative design for a fictional class, “My Personal Garden”. Attendees brought designs that included one or more hosta leaves. Judging panels of three critiqued the designs and then a full discuss was held on the results.

We are also proud to announce that our region’s entry into the GCO convention flower show earned a 98 point blue ribbon!

REGION REPORTS continued...

SOUTHERN — Virginia Clark, Chairman

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The SROJC members will gather on October 5th at the Station House in St Leonard Franciscan Community, in Centerville, for two (2) exciting programs!

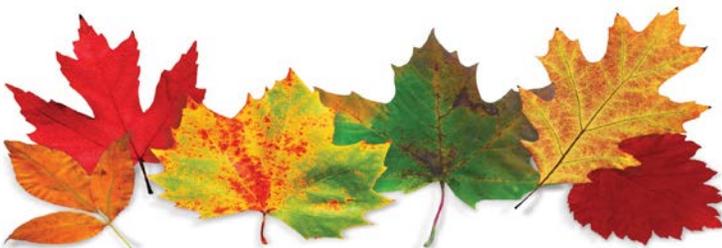
Following the morning meeting, our horticulture program, "Great Plants for Fall" will be given by Scott Beuerlein, Horticulturist from Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens. Fortunately, there are many great plant choices available for our late season gardens.

Design study topic will be Pot-Et-Fleur, which is not typically seen in flower shows. There will be three designers exhibiting for study, also a review of the elements of design for good discussion.

NORTH WEST — Sue Mullins, Chairman

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What a wonderful spring and summer we've had! I'm not talking about the hot & humid weather, but the excitement of area flower shows. Beginning in late June, the Garden Club Forum presented "Some Like it Hot". That standard flower show sizzled with beautiful colors and great enthusiasm from area garden club members. August brought two more flower shows from garden clubs that haven't presented a flower show for many, many years. These flower shows have created a new interest in flower design and that interest is encouraging to those of us involved in the 2017 GCO Convention and Judges Council Flower Show next June. Our council meeting for June was a tour of Simpson Gardens Park in Bowling Green, Ohio. After a short meeting, we toured the gardens of perennials and the shade area with several beds of hostas planted among and under trees. At our August meeting, held at Toledo Botanical Gardens, discussion centered on offering a scholarship for any local garden club member (also belonging to GCO) who would like to attend Flower Show School. We decided the scholarship would cover the expense of registration for each of the four courses. At this point, we have one woman who is very eager to attend Flower Show School in 2017.



HAVE A QUESTION?

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FALL MEETING

Friday, November 11, 2016

Worthington Hills Country Club
920 Clubview Blvd. South
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9:30am Registration
10:00am Business Meeting

10:45am Morning Program
***"Be on the Cutting Edge in
Horticulture Trends"***

Presented by

**Justin Marotta – former owner of
Possum Run Greenhouse**

Have you considered incorporating some
vegetables in your landscape design?

Luncheon at Noon

Worthington Hills Grill Room House Salad
Grilled Salmon Fillet
(Served with Honey Dijon Sauce)
Wild Rice Medley and Julienne Vegetables
Assorted Rolls and Butter
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Tea, Lemonade or Iced Tea
Dessert: Chocolate Layer Cake

Alternative Vegetarian Meal

Eggplant Parmesan
Breaded Eggplant Slices, Topped with Marinara and
Mozzarella Cheese
Served with Pasta tossed in Marinara Sauce

\$22.00

1:00pm Afternoon Program
You will not want to miss the
***"Designing Women from
Creative Arrangers Guild!"***

Interpreting Women Artists
Including a Fashion Illustrator,
an Impressionist, a world renowned Vocalist,
a Native American Artist and others.

**RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016**

Fall Meeting Speakers

Justin Marotta

- Graduate of Ashland University
- Serves on Advisory Committees for OSU
Agriculture Technical Institute (ATI) and
OSU Ohio Agriculture Research and
Development Center (OARDC).

Creative Arrangers Guild (Columbus)

- Enjoy a creative design program - varied in
style, subject and design type.
- 10 Creative Designers will present
interpretations of artists from past centuries
to present contemporary favorites.

Mark your calendars for the spring
meeting...

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2016
**WORTHINGTON HILLS
COUNTRY CLUB**

Friday, November 11, 2016 Fall Meeting Registration

NAME _____

CLUB _____

REGION ___ North Central
 ___ North East
 ___ North West
 ___ Southern

Meal Selection
 ___ Salmon
 ___ Vegetarian

Meal Restrictions _____

**Make check payable to OJC for \$22.00 by
November 4, 2016.**

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OHIO JUDGES COUNCIL

We have lost quite a few master judges this past year, either with death or by going emeritus. The breakdown of our current judges is as follows:

Region	Master	Life	Accredited	Student	Emeritus	Total
NC	16	1	11		9	37
NE	11	4	3	3	3	24
NW	3	0	3		6	12
S	<u>21</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	51	6	27	4	25	113

There will be a few more judges that are going emeritus after this year and several that have asked for extensions. Urge your fellow club members to consider taking the new flower show school.

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GCO Convention Flower Show 2016

Lynn Fronk's 1st Place Educational Award

"Color Wheel of Fortune"

DATES TO REMEMBER

10/7/16 Exec. Board Meeting
 11/11/16 Fall General Meeting
 3/15/17 Newsletter Deadline
 4/19-21/17 FSS 1 Columbus
 5/12/17 Spring General Meeting
 6/28-29/17 Symposium -- Columbus
 9/1/17 Newsletter Deadline
 11/10/17 Fall General Meeting

Always in our Memories....



Beth Wagner passed away July 8, 2016.

She was a dedicated gardener and an OJC Master Flower Show Judge. Beth was a member of Chippewa Garden Club and Cleveland Flower Arrangers Guild

Rose Holecek passed away peacefully at home on July 28, 2016. Rose was a member of Independence Garden Club and West Shore Arrangers and an OJC Master Flower Show Judge.

Credentials.....

I want to remind judges that it is a privilege to be asked to judge a flower show. You should always be gracious and send a thank you note to the person that invited you to judge. I think many judges have been failing to do this bit of etiquette, but it is essential that judges do this.

Judging credits and exhibiting credits can only be used starting with the year of your last symposium as long as you did not use that show for your credentials for that symposium. If you are taking the symposium this year (2016) but you have judged or entered shows from January to December of 2016 you may use those entries for your next symposium, 2017,2018, 2019, depending on which symposium you take. If you take a symposium this year (2016) you cannot use any old entries before 2016 for the next symposium.

Please contact me at gchuck@fuse.net or 513-367-0483 with any questions regarding credentials.

Gail Chuck



“Circle of Life”

Coming attractions.....

Carolyn Doerflein, Book Chairman

Yes, there is a new NGC “Handbook for Flower Shows” being published!

We have been told that the new handbook will be available July 1st. We will try to place a group order to help with the cost of shipping.

Watch your email/mail for further announcements!

What Makes a Good Judge? Part 1 (from 2016 Symposium)

The Judging Process as described by Sylvia Hirsch:

a. Judging can be fun, even though it is a sobering and serious business. It will help you, as conscientious as you may be, if you can maintain your perspective and your sense of humor.

Accordingly, I am sure this will enable you to see things in their true light – objectively, and to appreciate the beauty, spirit, and dilemmas in the exhibits and in so many situations.

b. To judge means to evaluate, appreciate, review. It means also to give criticism, to give an opinion to arrive at a decision, to award a verdict.

c. “I tolerate with the utmost latitude the right of others to differ from me in opinion.” Thomas Jefferson.

d. A good flower show judge is one who is recognized for her work and who is accepted as an authority in her field; one who is modest and able to judge with understanding and without prejudice. It is necessary also for a judge, to be able to state her views and opinions clearly and to justify her decision intelligently and unemotionally.

e. Should the judges ever be uncertain about a minor technicality, they should err on the side of leniency and not penalize the exhibitor. Should they detect a slight irregularity which does not detract from the over-all beauty of the arrangement or the setting, they should not stress it out of all proportion.

THINK BACK – Why did you become a judge?



“Phantom of the Opera”



Design by Barbara Helaney
Table Artistry, Design Excellence,
and Dorothy Lang Awards.
2016 GCO Convention

“Did You Ever Wonder . . . What Happens When the Artist Meets the Gardener?”

2016 Convention Flower Show Chairman, Pat Kuczak

OJC sponsored a Standard Flower Show in conjunction with the GCO annual meeting/convention held April 6th and 7th at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center in Dayton. The title was “Did You Ever Wonder . . . What Happens When the Artist Meets the Gardener?”

The schedule itself was a work of art! The theme was incorporated throughout the show; e.g. the Horticulture Division title was “Natural Scenery”, the Design Division was “A Still Life”, and Special Exhibits was “The Masters.” Innovative staging included the use of easels, artists paint brushes to separate horticulture, and constructed wall panels to display collages and plaques.

Garden club members brought in exceptional horticultural specimens and exhibits. Colorful artists’ paintings provided members inspiration for their very beautiful designs.

Special thanks go out to Mickie and Skip Marquis, Ruthie Kinder, Nancy Heber, Gail Chuck, Lynn Fronk, Cindy Kozakowich, Carolyn Doerflein, Mary Gardner, Dianna Mullins, Barb Schuh, Janet Bowling, Kathy Wagner, Ginger Deaton, Debra Turner, Jan Brasier, Barbara Helaney, Cincinnati Flower Show Judges, and members of Lebanon Garden Club, Centerville Garden Club, and Rolling Hills Garden Club, for their tremendous help with the flower show and convention.



1st place – Region Competition
North East Region



2nd place – Region Competition
North West Region



3rd place – Southern Region

Honorable Mention –
North Central Region



A "Display of Herbs". In colored bottles arranged in an artistic way. Bottles could also be ceramic or wood. Each herb is judged on its own merits.

A "Panel Design". The "background" is incorporated into the design and is not just a background.



A "Transparency". You can see the plant material in front of and behind the round disk.

A "Display of Apples". Each basket is judged on its own merits.



Congratulations to one of our own for being selected the 2017 NGC Flower Arranger of the Year! This is the second time Barbara Schuh, of the North Central Region, has been honored. Her design is titled, "Art Deco Retro". The design is in gold and silver. She used dried and painted artichokes and clipped palm fronds. You can see her design in a much better photo in the 2017 "Vision of Beauty" calendar.

SYMPOSIUM 2016 – WOW!
 By Debbie Sickmiller
 63 in attendance on Tuesday, September 13th and 68 in attendance on Wednesday, September 14th. 16 attendees point scored. Attendees came from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and more.
 The venue was lovely, food was great, many items for the bargain hunter, fantastic weather and two (2) of the top NGC instructors dispensing their vast knowledge in "Judging Vegetables", "Displays vs Collections", "Panel vs Transparency Designs", "How to be a Better Show Evaluator", and "How to Complete the Show Evaluation Form". By the way, they are also on the national committee that has reviewed and improved the "2017 Handbook for Flower Shows." They were very careful not to let anything slip, but did tell us the new handbook would be more "user friendly".

The North Central Region put together a great symposium! Kudos to the committee!

2017 Symposium will be held in the Southern Region, with a tentative date of the last week of June. So mark your brand new calendar now!

