

THE JUDGES' CALL Spring 2016



Dear Fellow Judges,

Changes are in the air! Spring is waiting to blossom after a surprisingly mild Ohio winter.

I hope you all have attended your District meetings and got your reservations in for the Convention Flower Show, ***“Did You Ever Wonder... What Happens When the Artist Meets the Gardner?”*** It promises to be an amazing show!

The Cleveland District is hosting the 50th Symposium at The Embassy Suites, September 13th and 14th in Independence, Ohio. Barbara May, past president of NGC and design instructor, will present **“Panels and Transparencies”**. Dot Yard, horticulture instructor, will present **“Fruits & Vegetables and Collections & Displays”**. Both instructors are on the panel for the Handbook revisions. Sign up for the symposium early and get your credentials in to Gail Chuck, Judges Credentials Chairman. This year’s Symposium will be presenting new topics and ideas.

As Chair of the Symposium, I thought topics that we haven’t studied yet would help us at the county fairs that so many of us judge now.

I want to thank Dot Blum for her two (2) years as OJC President, Joanne Searle for her services and Pat Rupiper for taking the minutes for OJC. Thank you for your time and talent ladies. Also, thank you to Barbara Okleson for the beautiful installation of the new officers. The violets were stunning. Welcome to the new Board Members! Looking forward to a productive two (2) years.

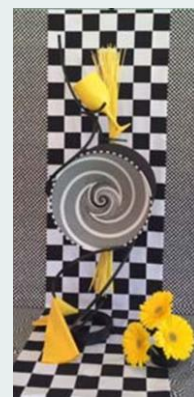
Barbara Schuh is working on the new membership roster and it will be available at the May 13th general meeting.

As I stated at the beginning of this message, change is in the air. As you have heard, a new handbook is in the works with many revisions. I want to make the transition as easy as possible. At your District meetings and the general meetings we will learn the new designs and revisions together.

Dianna A. Gullina



PHOTOS FROM FALL OJC MEETING



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REGION REPORTS

PHOTO FROM FALL
OJC MEETING -



NORTH CENTRAL — Linda Holzheimer, Chairman

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Spring is fast approaching and with it comes our semi-annual regional meeting. The North Central Region will meet on:

Tuesday, April 19, 2016, Independence Library

6361 Selig Drive, Independence, OH

9:30 coffee/pastries - 10:00 business meeting

11:00 Program

The speaker will be Kathy Habib, Master Gardener, with a presentation on— ***Cacti and Succulents - growing, exhibiting, judging***

We are looking forward to several flower shows this spring and summer. You may want to jot down their dates.

- Lake Shore Garden Club - May 20- 21.
- Independence Garden Club - June 24-25
- Gates Mills Garden Club - July 29-30
- Avon-on-the -Lake Garden Club - Sept. 16-17
- Emerald Necklace Garden Club - Sept. 17-18

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

4/15/16 Executive Board Mtg.

5/13/16 General Mtg.

9/1/2016 Newsletter Deadline

10/07/16 Executive Board Mtg.

11/11/16 General Mtg.

3/15/17 Newsletter Deadline

3/24/17 Executive Board Mtg.

5/12/17 General Meeting

9/1/17 Newsletter Deadline

11/10/17 General Meeting



NORTH EAST — Celine Hallier, Chairman

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Our Spring NEOJC Meeting was held on March 17 at the Canton Garden Center.

For the morning program, attendees were asked to bring one or more small (8") designs. Class title was "Going Wild!" Each member presented her design, discussing what and how components were used. Each design was then critiqued by the group, emphasizing proportion and scale. The take-away was that each attendee learned some tidbit of information about technique or floral choice with regard to small designs.

In the afternoon, the program was titled "What Did You See? And What Did You Do?" This was an open discussion. Veteran judges shared their experiences of odd/difficult/awkward/funny situations (no names please) during flower shows. It was an interesting discussion and gave us insight on how to tactfully handle some difficult situations and how to privately enjoy and appreciate the more humorous ones!

Afterward, we came together to discuss the upcoming GCO Convention flower show and our vignette entry. A committee was formed to design and implement a vignette for the show.

The next meeting will be the Fall Regional Meeting and is tentatively scheduled for September 7th in Youngstown.

REGION REPORTS continued...

SOUTHERN — Virginia Clark, Chairman

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The SROJC spring meeting was held in Centerville at the Station House, on the grounds of St. Leonard Franciscan Community, Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Programs for the day were “Plaques”, made by members, and “Gourds”, by Katie Marsh. She demonstrated how to create beautiful and functional gourds. Lunch was in the Station House Café.

The annual Cincinnati Flower Show will open April 13th for five (5) days at Yeatman’s Cove on the Ohio river. There will be a global flair with a theme of “International Extravaganza.” Events, entries and exhibits will pay tribute to our 9 ‘Sister Cities’. The Cincinnati Horticulture Society will sponsor a number of afternoon and evening events such as; Brides and Bloom Fashion Show, An Evening in Munich, English Afternoon Tea and Spring Fling to name a few.

For more information on show visit:
www.cincinnatihorticulturesociety.com

NORTH WEST — Sue Mullins, Chairman

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The Northwest Region of the Ohio Judges Council had a lovely Christmas luncheon in December and look forward to starting our meetings again in April with a business meeting. We've planned two tours of local gardens over the summer and fall. Hurry up spring!! We're ready to begin the flower shows.

PHOTOS FROM OJC FALL MEETING



HAVE A QUESTION?

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OJC SPRING MEETING

MAY 13, 2016

SIGN UP FORM

DUE BY MAY 6TH

\$22.00

___ Regular Meal

___ Vegetarian Meal

Member Name -

Garden Club -

Region—

___ Northcentral

___ Northeast

___ Northwest

___ Southern

Make check payable to:

OJC

Mail payment and meal

selection to:

OJC Treasurer -

Aggie Goss

8677 Hollis Lane

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Are your OJC dues due?

Contact Aggie Goss, Treasurer, if you have any questions.



MARGARET BERTIN—A TRIBUTE



Margaret C. Bertin
October 10, 1922 -- February 3, 2016

Margaret may have been small in stature but she was mighty beyond words in spirit. To raise 8 children---7 boys and 1 girl---you know she had stamina beyond compare. Everyone of those 8 children are college graduates and beyond, whether it is Masters Degrees, CPA, 2 going to medical school and 1 to dental school,----education was most important.

Margaret was a very long time and proud volunteer for GCO. She was Scholarship Chairman for approximately 16 years according to her daughter (also Margaret). Education has always been 'near and dear' to Margaret's heart---with her 8 children as a perfect example. Following that very successful job of receiving 15-20 or more applications for scholarships each year--she moved on to the Awards Committee as Yearbook Chairman until 2013. She retired from GCO work and became a member of the newly formed GCO Golden Circle, for faithful Board Members who have served 20 or more years---by this time Margaret was 90 years old. Her 90th birthday was a Big Celebration with her very large family and friends.

Margaret started Flower Show School around 1999 and became a Master Judge in 2009. She loved doing the small designs and was quite accomplished at it. She had a display of various miniature and small designs as an invitational for a CAR Conference---it was beautifully done.

Margaret was the only surviving Founding Member of the Seven Hills Garden Club in the Cleveland District and she was active until the end. When her health would permit she would attend every GCO Meeting and Convention, Cleveland District Meetings, CAR Conferences and NGC Conventions that came along.

Although her health was failing physically, her spirit and positive attitude was not failing. She never complained, everything was always 'pretty good'--regardless how it actually was. She was always a delight to be around, she had a great sense of humor and loved life.

When Margaret went to meet her Maker, February 3, 2016, her family requested that in lieu of flowers---donations should be made to the GCO Scholarship Fund. This has been a wonderful testament to Margaret. This gesture has brought us full circle from how Margaret started her volunteer service for Garden Club of Ohio as Scholarship Chairman, a very worthy cause that had been extremely important to Margaret and close to her heart.

On the funeral bulletin her family wrote, "We are never prepared for the loss of a loved one, but God is always prepared to help us through the loss". We will miss Margaret's presence in our lives, but her positive attitude will live on in the memories of everyone who knew and loved her.

Submitted with Much Love,

Shirley Basista





OHIO JUDGES COUNCIL SPRING MEETING

Friday, May 13, 2016

Worthington Hills Country Club

920 Clubview Blvd. S

Worthington, OH 43235

9:30am Registration

10:00am Business Meeting

10:30am Morning Program—Horticulture

“Castle Gardens and Dahlias of Scotland”

PowerPoint Presentation by

Linda (The Dahlia Lady) and Jeff Laine, Members of the Executive Board of the Greater Columbus Dahlia Society, the Laines' gardens have been featured in a dozen publications including Better Homes and Garden, Birds and Blooms and Midwest Living. Linda and Jeff will share their experiences and photographs from their three-week tour in beautiful Scotland highlighting some incredible dahlias.

Luncheon at Noon

Worthington Hills Grill Room House Salad

Grilled Salmon Fillet - (Served with Dill Cream Sauce)

Wild Rice Medley and Haricot Verts - Assorted Rolls and Butter

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Tea, Lemonade or Iced Tea

Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

****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

Design

“Razzle, Dazzle Designs from Broadway!”

by **Mary Jane Martucci, Accredited Flower Show Judge**

Diane Hughes & Angela Raitano, Master Flower Show Judges

The Pennsylvania Floral Rhythms

- Their creative and inspiring designs will incorporate Music, Poetry and Interpretive Floral Design
- Razzle Dazzle Grand Finale – All Three Design Artists Create Simultaneously

RESERVATIONS DUE BY MAY 6TH

PLEASE RETURN ATTACHED FORM ON PAGE 4





GARDEN CLUB OF OHIO, INC. and
OHIO JUDGES COUCIL
50TH OJC SYMPOSIUM
September 13 & 14, 2016



Embassy Suites
5800 Rockside Woods Blvd.
Independence, OH 44131

Local Chairmen: Aggie Goss & Barbara Schuh
Registrar: Janice Koster email: Jkoster7227@yahoo.com

This is a continuing educational opportunity specializing in -

- Transparency and Panel Design Types,
- Fruits & Vegetables,
- Displays and Collections,
- How to compile a flower show book of evidence, and more.

Our instructors will include -

- Past NGC President Barbara May
- NGC Flower Show Schools Chairman Dorothy Yard.

Special vendors will be offering metal sculptures, floral design mechanics, beautiful exotic horticulture, home & garden art, etc.

*Please make reservations for overnight accommodations directly with the hotel. Call 216-986-9900. Ask for the "Garden Club of Ohio" room rate **prior to the cut-off date of August 13, 2016.** Room rate is \$119.00 plus tax.*

Please check the GCO website for further information:
www.gardenclubofohio.org

Registration form on next page.



**OJC 50th Symposium Registration Form
September 13 & 14, 2016**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip: _____

Email: _____

Garden Club: _____

Judging Level: Check one

Student Judge _____ Accredited Life _____
 Accredited _____ Accredited Master _____
 Emeritus _____ Garden Club Member _____

**Registration Deadline
August 27, 2016
NO REFUNDS AFTER THAT DATE**

Discounted Price If Postmarked **BY** 08/27/16:

Full Course for credit:\$150 _____
 Full Course (audit):\$145 _____
 Tuesday Only (includes lunch & dinner):\$ 80 _____
 Wednesday Only (includes lunch):\$ 60 _____

Price if Postmarked **AFTER** 08/27/16:

Full Course for credit: \$170
 Full Course (audit).....\$165
 Tuesday Only (includes lunch & dinner):\$100
 Wednesday Only (includes lunch)\$ 80 _____

Makes checks payable to:
 'OJC Symposium 2016'

Mail to: Janice Koster, Registrar
 P.O. Box 802
 Burton, Ohio 44021-0802

