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Winter will never be my favorite season. In fact, I have said some unkind things about this dead, frosted season. However, this year, my perspective shifted a little. It has everything to do with Garden Clubs! I have to qualify my state of mind: Last Fall in the middle of the two weeks of District Meetings, my good friend, Barb Shepard and I left Columbus just after the Friday District Meeting for an adventure. We drove to Chicago to attend the Chicago Botanic Garden’s bulb sale. This is one of my favorite plant excursions: table after table laden high with every bulb you can imagine and some you never knew existed. We were given giant mesh shopping bags and grease pencils to identify our little paper sacks of bulbs. We walked through about 4 times filling our mesh bags, looking carefully at each offering. We sat on a bench to survey our selections. One of the administrators walked by and took our picture – she said we looked like pirates with our loot. We filled the backseat and hatchback of my car with bulbs. During the rest of the two weeks of Fall District Meetings, Lynn and I also stopped at favorite nurseries in Ohio and I acquired even more bulbs. Chuck Gleaves, Director at Kingwood Center, once said, “plants inadvertently follow me home” when he stops at nurseries and such. Well, over two thousand bulbs inadvertently followed me home last fall.

How does someone as busy as I am plant that many bulbs? I stole some minutes here and there; I planted in the rain, the cold and the near dark. I was amazed on the rainy December day that I finished planting. Then the rain turned into snow. The next morning I sat before my garden window and gazed out over a blanket of newly fallen snow. I didn’t focus on the cold or the white or the wet – but the miraculous activity beneath it all! In the stillness – there is hope and joy getting ready to explode in every color of the rainbow! There are nurturing roots seeking a solid foundation, stems elongating and leaves and buds starting their journey to Spring. I have a reminder on a plaque just outside my bedroom door, Be still and know that I am God ~Psalm 46:10. This is one of my favorite scriptures because it is short and I can draw it quickly to my heart to quiet anxiety or fear. As I sat and looked at the quietness, my heart brimmed with appreciation. I thought of the way our clubs work in the seasons. I had recently attended some tedious local garden club meetings. One was for programs, the other for awards. Don’t get me wrong – I love planning – but there is a lot of work we have to do to make the rest of our year fruitful. One day after one of these meetings, I sat before my garden window again and I thought of all of you, like those bulbs, quietly working in this season of (outward) stillness. We have flower shows, fashion shows, fancy teas and garden tours; all sorts of outward expressions of what we do in garden club but they mostly happen in the Spring, Summer and Fall.

I have confidence your ‘season of stillness’ was productive and that your ‘peacock seasons’ will bloom with satisfaction and pleasure. Keep me posted on what you are doing,
especially for the Monarch butterfly. Be certain to plan some projects that will make a difference in our world.

*But pleasures are like poppies spread: You seize the flower, its bloom is shed; or like the snow fall on the river, a moment white - then melts forever, ~Robert Burns*

One of our busiest GCO Committees is that of Convention, led by the fearless Pam Ellinger. Pam and her committee are planning a very exciting Convention. This Convention will equip you to enter your busy season with new ideas and enthusiasm to set your Spring on fire! We will reward clubs at our Awards Presentation on Wednesday. We will see a Flower Show that will highlight the talents of garden club members across the state of Ohio. We will welcome our National Garden Clubs President, Linda Nelson. I do hope you will be part of our ‘we’. We tailored this Convention for you. I have always attended Convention and it never fails that I make new friends there. Please consider attending! (Details start on the following page.)

I have enjoyed my time as your President. I will miss seeing you at District Meetings, but hope to see you at Conventions. I want to thank the 2013-2015 GCO Board Members, Officers and District Directors for being a joy to work beside and carry GCO through two more years. I have had plenty of challenges, but overall, the members of the Garden Club of Ohio are the best of the best; I was proud to be your President and I am confident in passing the gavel to Lynn.

I would like to give one final and special thanks to our Garden Greetings Editor, Winifred Garabis. Working with Winnie is a delight. She has mad skills, taking heaps of (sometimes hand-written) submissions and turns it into what you are holding. She polishes grammar, checks spelling and formats with proficiency. I sincerely thank you, Winnie.

Now I am off to planning more plant excursions – Barb and I already have reservations for another Chicago bulb experience and many more – in between those, I will be in my garden. Come see me there.

*I shall be telling this with a sigh. Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.” ~Robert Frost*

**On the Cover:**

*Clockwise from left: Gayle Scott of Town and Country Garden Club works with her granddaughter. Jessica Fornshell (*left*) and Raine Robertson (*right*) focus on their creations. Andrew Aurigemma is proud of his accomplishment. Chase Beckett with her masterpiece! Images by Mickie Marquis.*
**Garden Club of Ohio, Inc., Spring 2015**

**METAMORPHOSIS**
March 30 - April 1, 2015
Deer Creek State Park

**Monday, March 30, 2015**

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Board Dinner Program: Strategies to Use Your Outdoor Space Creatively, Sustainably and Wisely

We’re all well versed in traditional gardening, whether formal or eclectic design, so we will look at using other possibilities such as vertical containers or repurposed treasures to create interesting visual flora and fauna friendly vignettes. We’ll also talk about sustainable watering, sustainable lawns, and interesting edible gardening.

Susan Weber, Principal of Integrity Sustainable Planning and Design, has two decades of experience in sustainable design, business ownership, project development, oversight, and management. Her experience in land planning and design encompasses residential projects, schools, commercial projects, and community-wide land planning and design. She is permanently certified as a master landscape designer with the international Association of Professional Landscape Designers and has achieved LEED Green Associate accreditation with the U.S. Green Building Council.

Susan loves to cook with family and friends, and has a special knack for preparing dishes using fresh-from-the-garden ingredients. She is known for her passion for using unique salvaged materials in projects throughout her home, and has a deep and abiding love affair with her hometown, Columbus, Ohio!

Sandy Frey, Principal of Integrity Sustainable Planning and Design, has nearly three decades of project development and management experience in the commercial construction industry. Her expertise in construction focuses on the planning and management of retail, medical, office, and residential projects. Sandy has achieved LEED Green Associate accreditation with the U.S. Green Building Council.

Sandy loves music; attending the symphony, hosting house concerts for traveling musicians, performing with Columbus based hand drumming groups. She loves to travel to experience the cultural diversity in community, food, architecture and relationships to surroundings.

Scholarship Breakfast Program: Parsley, Peas and Popcorn Shoots: Microgreens, Vegetables and Herbs

Learn how to combine vegetables, microgreens and herbs for a healthy and fun food experience.

Born and raised in Central Ohio, Susan Liechty is the current president of The Herb Society of America. She is an Advanced Master Gardener in Delaware County and served on the State Advisory Committee for the State of Ohio Master Gardener Association. Susan recently completed the Backyard and Local Food Specialization program through the Ohio Master Gardener Association. Formally educated as an Interior Designer, she has molded her training and experience into a new career as a gardener, herbalist and professional speaker and also contributes to the Dig In garden column for The Delaware Gazette and Edible Columbus magazine. Her love for all things Italian, travel, food, photography, gardening, herbs and art have all helped in the creation of her new blog; www.palettesofitaly.com.

Morning Educational Program: Soils: Out of Sight; Out of Mind

Soil is the foundation upon which we build plants which means soil problems lead directly to plant problems. This is particularly true for urban soils which are often severely damaged during home construction or by well-intended changes made by home owners. Since soils are mostly out of sight, these problems can drive gardeners out of their minds! This presentation will dig beneath the surface to shine a guiding light on how you can recognize and repair soil problems.

Joe Boggs is an Assistant Professor with Ohio State University Extension and Ohio State University Department of Entomology. He specializes in landscape plant problem diagnostics. He averages over 80 professional presentations per year and has a weekly radio segment (Buggy Joe Boggs Report) on the Saturday morning show, “In the Garden with Ron Wilson,” (WKRC, Cincinnati) that is syndicated to 30 radio stations in 12 states. Joe has written magazine articles on “Soil Basics” and he authored the “Soils” chapter in the new version of the OSU Master Gardener Volunteer Manual.
Educational Program: A Flight for Life: Midwest Monarchs

Ohio’s most recognizable butterfly, the Monarch (Danaus plexippus), is in dramatic decline. In 1998, renowned lepidopterist Lincoln Brower first projected monarch populations would be decimated within this decade.

Many factors contribute to the demise of the Monarch population which migrates through the Midwestern United States. Scientists and citizens alike are exploring strategies to increase milkweed acreage, reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides and to encourage private property owners and state agencies to provide Monarch habitat.

The extirpation of Ohio’s reigning butterfly, the insect best suited for fostering scientific curiosity, would be a significant loss. The Monarchs’ impact is far greater than their four inch wingspan suggests.

Cheryl Harner is interested in all forms of flora and fauna and fascinated by the connections between botany and wildlife. She is an avid gardener and wildflower and butterfly enthusiast. She is an active member of the Greater Mohican Audubon Society and Richland County Master Gardeners. She currently serves on the board of directors of the Greater Mohican Audubon Society and Richland County Master Gardeners. Cheryl is a frequent speaker on the topics of native plants, birds, and butterflies.

Cheryl Harner can be contacted through her website, Weedpicker’s Journal (www.cherylharner.blogspot.com).

Educational Program: Simplifying Your Garden without Diminishing Your Joy

There are many reasons to simplify your garden: moving to a smaller home and yard, physically not being able to maintain a larger garden or just making the choice to define what you want from your garden instead of trying to have it all. True success in simplifying your life and subsequently your garden, depends on understanding its parts, and how they fit within the bigger picture. And, the way to find joy in your garden is to know what you want from it and not going crazy trying to achieve it.

Debra Knapke, known as “The Garden Sage”, has loved plants as long as she can remember, from helping in her father’s vegetable garden as a child, to filling her college apartment with plants, and now gardening at her own home on almost an acre of land.

Debra enjoys sharing knowledge through her books, magazine and newsletter articles, guest appearances on the radio program, All Sides with Ann Fisher, and teaching in the Landscape Design and Management Program at Columbus State Community College.

Debra boasts an eclectic garden, three adult children, two granddaughters, two garden cats and an exceptionally tolerant husband.

Design Program: Inspired By Travel

The program will be a tropical journey into repurposing/ up-cycling materials, which inspires “Floral Art”. Surprising uses for everyday things created by thinking out-of-the-box.

With over 30 years experience in the floral industry, Madelyn Hucker has experienced the many phases of floral design evolution. Living in Japan for three years gave the opportunity to study Ikebana and embark on special event planning allowing her to diversify in the design field.

In addition to being a NGC Accredited Flower Show Schools Instructor for Design, Madelyn is actively designing for local, state, regional and national meetings. She participated in WAFAs first American-hosted world competition in Boston (2011) and the 11th World Flower Show in Dublin, Ireland (2014). She has been the recipient of many local and regional top designer awards.

Member of: St. Louis Judge’s Council; The Garden Guild design study group; Sprig & Twig Garden Club; Designer’s Guild; FGCM East Central District of Mo.; National Association of Floral Arrangers; World Association of Floral Artists ; and NGC Landscape Design Consultant.

Madelyn and her husband Dave, have 2 children and 5 grandkids that keep them busy. Hobbies include landscape gardening, photography, scuba diving and travel absolutely anywhere.
2015 GCO Convention: METAMORPHOSIS

CONVENTION LOCATION: DEER CREEK STATE PARK
22300 State Park Road, Mt. Sterling, Ohio 43143
www.deercreekstateparklodge.com
Telephone – Lodge – 740-869-2020
Telephone – Reservations – 800-282-7275

Please make reservations for overnight accommodations directly with the lodge. Ask for the Garden Club of Ohio $95 rate. Guaranteed availability cut-off is March 1, 2015.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:
From Cleveland and Columbus
Take I-71 South to Exit 84; London/Mt. Sterling exit. You will see signs pointing the way to the park. Follow State Route 56 into Mt. Sterling. Go to the second traffic light and turn right onto Columbus Street. Follow for a short distance to the fork before the gas station. Follow Route 207 for approximately 4 miles. You will see signs pointing the way to the park. Follow Yankeetown Road to the park entrance. Follow the signs to Deer Creek Lodge.

From Cincinnati
Follow I-71 North to Exit 84; London & Mount Sterling exit. You will see signs pointing the way to the park. Follow State Route 56 into Mt. Sterling. Go to the second traffic light and turn right onto Columbus Street. Follow for a short distance to the fork before the gas station. Follow Route 207 for approximately 4 miles. You will see signs pointing the way to the park. Follow Yankeetown Road to the park entrance. Follow the signs to Deer Creek Lodge.

From Dayton
Follow State Route 35 to Washington Court House. Follow State Route 62 to Washington-Waterloo Road. Follow Washington-Waterloo Road to Route 207. Follow Route 207 to Yankeetown Road. You will see signs pointing the way to the park. Follow Yankeetown Road to the park entrance. Follow the signs to Deer Creek Lodge.

CONVENTION FLOWER SHOW
METAMORPHOSIS

The Convention Flower Show Class Schedule was included on pages 14-16 of the Fall 2014 issue of Garden Greetings. Please reserve space in your desired design, photography and combination planting classes soon to have the best chance of securing a spot in your preferred class(es).

To make your reservations, or for any questions you may have about the Flower Show, please contact:

Flower Show Chairman: Winnie Garabis, wgarabis@yahoo.com, (614) 486-1324
Horticulture Consultant: Gail Chuck, gchuck@fuse.net, (513) 367-0483
Design Consultant: Antonio Garabis, aagarabis@yahoo.com, (614) 486-1324
Photography Consultant: Janet Hannaway, janethannaway3@yahoo.com, (614) 442-1043

Convention logo artwork by 8 year-old Lexie Shope of Central Ohio.
2015 GCO Convention Registration Form

Reservation Due Date - March 10, 2015

Last Name: ___________________________________________ First Name: ___________________________________________

Name for Badge: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: __________________ Zip: __________________

Phone: __________________________ E-mail *: __________________________

Garden Club: __________________________ District: __________________________

* Your reservation acknowledgement will be e-mailed.

Full-time Attendee package includes: Welcome Bag, all March 31 Programs & Buffet Lunch, March 31 Reception, Design Banquet and April 1 Awards Brunch

$ 160

Part-time Attendee Events:

Programs & Buffet Lunch - March 31 $ 75

Reception & Design Banquet - March 31 $ 60

Awards Brunch - April 1 $ 40

Special Events:

Board Dinner - March 30 $ 45

Scholarship Breakfast - March 31 - Open to all attendees $ 35

Postmarked After March 10, 2015 - ADD Registration Late Fee

$ 50

Total Due $ __________

Vegetarian Meal Yes____ No____

Life Member Yes____ No____

No Refunds after March 17, 2015

No Walk-ins will be accepted

Mail check and Registration form to: Dotty Haney, 14 Claire Court, Circleville, OH 43113-8811.
Make check payable to Garden Club of Ohio.

Please contact the hotel directly for room reservations.

For Registrar’s Use:

Date Received ___________ Check No. ___________ Check Amount $ ___________

Garden Club of Ohio, Inc., Spring 2015
GCO Nominating Committee Presents 2015-2017 Slate of Officers
Aggie Goss, Nominating Committee Chairman, GCO Immediate Past President

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for the 2015-17 GCO term. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the GCO Convention.

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Aggie Goss, Nominating Committee Chair

BYLAW RECOMMENDATION
By Debbie Sickmiller, Bylaws Chairman

At the September 17, 2014 GCO Board meeting, the Bylaws Committee made the following recommendation. This will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting at Convention on April 1, 2015.

1. BYLAWS: Article V Officers, Section 2, Eligibility for Office,
A.3. Strike years
Add: terms
Add: Must be a current member of the Board of Directors.

TO READ: To be eligible for nomination as second vice-president, a candidate shall have served as a GCO elected officer, appointed officer, or standing committee chairman for two years. Must be a current member of the Board of Directors.
Make Plans Now For National Garden Week 2015: June 7-13th
National Garden Week Chairman Marilyn Wingett

Plan ahead to encourage pride and cooperation within your community. Choosing to educate and stimulate the public with gardening or design tips will make a difference in someone's world.

Flower Show School, Course IV
May 27, 28, 29, 2015
Canton Garden Center, Canton OH

Design Instructor: Judy Monnot
Functional and Exhibition Table designs with emphasis on pattern, light, proportion and scale. The role of color and texture in table designs will be studied as well as Miniature and Small designs.

Horticulture Instructor: Sandra Joyce
Succulents, fruit and vegetables in addition to displays and collections. There will be an emphasis on applicable environmental factors, nomenclature and classification for plants.

Flower Show Procedure: Sandra Joyce

Garden Club of Ohio
Cleveland District
Recognized for Blue Star Memorials
By Ohio Governor John Kasich
Submitted by District Director Helen Vladic.
GCO Presents a Four Star Spring Tour Program

Deanna Stearns, GCO 2nd Vice-President

Back by popular demand, Mary Lou Smith will present her “Changing Seasons, Changing Self” program to the Cincinnati, Dayton and Mansfield districts.

Mary Lou grew up on a farm in the rolling hills of Indiana and her young experiences made an impact on her as to the beauty of nature. She just simply fell in love with the change of seasons. She plans to share that love with you. Mary Lou is an Accredited NGC Flower Show Judge and has served on the GCO Board in several capacities. She is our 2nd Vice President-elect.

Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich will present her program “Desert Dreams – Travels in the American Southwest” to the Jackson and Columbus districts respectively. Her program is inspired by the dark and mysterious depths of the Carlsbad Caverns to the shimmering gypsum of white sands. She wants you to experience the colors, contrasts, textures and light that make the Southwest uniquely beautiful. Mary Ann is a Master Judge and former GCO President. She was honored to receive a silver cup for an outstanding design at the Newport, Rhode Island Flower Show in 2014.

Toledo, Cleveland, Akron, Canton and Youngstown districts will have the opportunity to attend a program presented by Barbara Schuh and Aggie Goss. Their program is “It’s not my type!”

Aggie and Barbara have been friends for many years. They share a love of self expression and creativity through floral art. Aggie is a retired elementary school and music teacher who enjoys many other interests including singing with the Akron Symphony Chorus and organizing and baking for her church’s summer Greek Festival.

Barbara is a former computer programmer analyst for GE who changed career paths after 18 years to follow her passion of becoming a free lance food stylist. She includes Vitamix, Shearer’s, McDonald’s and Homer Laughlin among her list of clients. She also pursues her enjoyment of the arts by designing floral arrangements for the Cleveland Museum of Art lobby on a regular basis.

Both Aggie and Barb are NGC Accredited Flower Show Judges and members of Cleveland Flower Arrangers Guild. Aggie and Barb are active in their respective garden clubs, Chippewa and Gates Mills. They were inspired by the book, Designing by Types, when creating this program. This is reflected in the traditional and creative designs which will be presented.

The 2015 spring programs are being presented by very talented GCO members. I am sure you will not want to miss a single program. Remember, all are welcome to any and all the programs.
Jackson, April 6
Location: Jackson Presbyterian Church
Programs: “GCO Trip to Chelsea” by Lynn Fronk
Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich Designs
Contact: District Director Steve Speakman

Cincinnati, April 7
Location: Western Hills Country Club
Programs: “Out of the Box” Birdwatching by Mary Lou Smith Designs
Checks to: District Director Jeri Timon

Dayton, April 8
Location: NCR Country Club, Kettering
Programs: Betty Hoebel, Wegerzyn Gardens
Mary Lou Smith Designs
Cost: $22
Checks to: District Director Kathy Wagner

Columbus, April 9
Location: Worthington Hills Country Club
Programs: “Mini Hostas- Showoffs in the Garden” by Beth Velday
Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich Designs
Checks to: District Director Dotty Haney

Mansfield, April 10
Location: Ontario Event Center
3985 Park Avenue West
Programs: “A Walk in the Woods” by Joshua Dyer Naturalist for Crawford Park District
Mary Lou Smith Designs
Cost: $15
Checks to: District Director Barbara Ruhe

Toledo, April 13
Location: Toledo Botanical Garden Conference Center
5403 Elmer Drive
Programs: Growing and Crafting with Gourds by Anna Miller of Quarry Gourd
Aggie Goss & Barbara Schuh Designs
Cost: $20
Checks to: Marilyn Welborn
6542 Kingsbridge Drive
Sylvania, OH 43560

Cleveland, April 14
Location: St. Michaels Woodside
Programs: Morning Program, TBA
Aggie Goss & Barbara Schuh Designs
Cost: $22 for members, $25 for guests
Checks to: District Director Helen Vladic

Akron, April 15
Location: Day’s Inn and Suites
Programs: “Wake Up to Spring”, Cleo Lehman
Aggie Goss & Barbara Schuh Designs
Cost: $23
Checks to: Marie Modugno
454 Notre Dame Avenue
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

Canton, April 16
Location: First Christian Church
6900 Market Ave N
Programs: “Solid Waste Management & Recycling” by Wendy Bullock, Stark-Wayne County
Aggie Goss & Barbara Schuh Designs
Cost: $15
Checks to: Darlene Kaczmarek
PO Box 345
Ravenna, OH 44266

Youngstown, April 17
Location: Piccadilly Parlour
114 S Broad St, Canfield
Programs: Morning Program TBA
Aggie Goss & Barbara Schuh Designs
Cost: $20 for members, $25 for non-members
Checks to: District Director Mary Lou Fleur

For more information about the meeting in your District, please contact your District Director. Contact information is located in the directory at the back of this issue of Garden Greetings.
Getting Youth Interested In Gardening
Compiled by Winnie Garabis, Garden Greetings Editor

The future of garden clubs is clearly dependent on our continued growth and involving youth in our activities is a great way to educate them about horticulture, design and the importance of our mission. Here are a few ways that GCO members have shared gardening with youth that may inspire you and your club to design activities to share with youth in your area.

Make it fun!
Last summer, youth in Warren County created “Veggie Critters” in several workshops sponsored by the garden clubs in Lebanon. More than 40 seats were filled for these events. 2014 Warren County Flower Show Chairman Kathy Aurigemma of Cedar City Garden Club, organized the workshops and the “Critters” were exhibited as part of the Show.

Share your knowledge
Nancy Heber, GCO Horticulture Chairman and Emeritus NGC Horticulture Instructor of Flower Show Schools and Symposiums, as well as a retired elementary educator, spoke to 4th graders at Bluffsview Elementary School in the Columbus area. The title of her presentation was: The Life Cycle of Plants: Metamorphosis.

Nancy shared that it was a joy to teach these students words and concepts that reached beyond the basic school curriculum. She challenged them to think about plants differently. Here are just a few of the priceless and precious comments in their “thank you” letters:

“All of the words that you taught us like herbaceous, deadheading and rhizomes - my classmates and I are still DROOLING over that vocabulary.”

“You really made us want to learn more about plants and their parts. It was great to touch and look at the plants that were passed around.”

“When I went home I took pictures in our front yard. I never knew that I had such a passion for flowers and plants.”

“Thank you for coming to teach us everything you know about plants. Trust me, you know basically everything there is to know about flowers and plants. You should come out of retirement and teach about plants at a college.”
Start at home
Carolyn Doerflein, who has served as Youth Chairman in the past, is so glad that she had the chance to enjoy nature and design with her grandchildren as the years have gone by. She shared some personal insights into how they have been included in garden club activities.

This summer, her 15 year old grandson, under his grandfather Tom’s supervision, cut and assembled large lattice staging panels for use at the Hamilton County Fair Flower Show. He was proud of his accomplishment and may even be able to use the project toward his Eagle Scout status.

When the grandkids were younger, they wanted to play “Flower Show” when they visited. All of them, boys and girls alike, would get into Carolyn’s most creative containers, dried material, gather some things from the yard, and create the most incredible designs. To this day, they are always on the lookout for weird “stuff” for her hobby. She has received everything from outgrown bicycles that have become sculptures, to car parts, weird rocks and sticks, and lotus pods from a pond near their home.

Recently, 13 year old granddaughter Myra was staying the weekend and Carolyn had not “put her toys away” after a Flower Show. Myra created functional and exhibition tables using the components for table settings that were out, taking pictures of them, and deciding what looked best.

Carolyn shared, “It never fails to amaze me how much they enjoy planting, growing, and designing. Kids are so creative, and it is wonderful to see them enjoy nature and art.”

Hope these ideas inspire you to create opportunities to involve youth in your area.

Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma’s Youth Activities
By Fay Maldari

On April 29, 2014 several members of the Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma went to Renwood Elementary School to educate twelve Student Council students on how to plant herbs from seed and to show how their efforts can give back to the community by sharing their plantings with others. They worked side by side with the students planting the seeds in peat pots, identifying each one with tags and explaining the beneficial uses of the herbs both for culinary and medicinal purposes. The seed pots were left with the students in their respective classrooms so they could water them and watch them grow. Each student was given seeds and peat pots to take home, an individual certificate of appreciation for the herb planting project and they were treated with snacks and drinks. After a month, the seed
pots were collected and nurtured by the club members until they were planted on June 11th at a newly created herb and flower garden located at Hollywood Park in Parma. The garden was maintained by three club members who weeded and watered using water from rain barrels that the Parma City Parks Department installed. The harvested herbs were donated to the senior citizens and the Parma Food Bank.

On May 16, 2014 the Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma participated in the Cuyahoga County Public Library’s annual summer program for children. The theme was “Ready, Set, Summer!” Our table displayed the following items:

- A Pizza Pot containing herbs (basil, oregano, rosemary, thyme, sage, mint, garlic, chives), tomato and pepper plants.
- A Salad Bar in a rectangular container filled with a variety of colorful lettuce, green onions and cherry tomatoes.
- A Dish Garden depicting Noah’s Ark with miniature ceramic animals surrounding the ark, some succulent plants, decorative stones and seashells.
- A Terrarium containing mini plants with three figurines of gnomes portraying gardeners; (1) the first one pushing a lawnmower; (2) the second one carrying a watering can; and (3) the third one holding a sunflower.
- A floral design created by Barbara Okleson featuring garden tools (rake, gloves, trowel, etc.)
- A variety of giveaway potted plants (aloë vera, lamb’s ears, purple basil, flowering annuals). Each one was identified with a label that included proper care instruction.
- A pictorial display of our club’s activities

Two club members who manned the table answered questions and distributed handouts. The club flyers contained information regarding the club’s mission, a list of monthly programs and activities, plus a blank form for membership application.

On May 31, 2014, the Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma completed its two-year beautification project of planting around the 19 park signs, the Veterans Memorial Park and the State Road tree boxes with the assistance of Scout Master Danette Burk, Cub Scouts Pack 263 and their families. Members gave them planting instructions. They expressed their delight in the joy of gardening especially when they found some earthworms and learned that those creatures were nature’s soil enhancers. They were also given handouts with descriptions of deer resistant and drought-tolerant plants that were used for the plantings, plus certificates of appreciation and seed packets to take home. Then they were treated with snacks and drinks. The club members continued to maintain the sites by weeding, replenishing plants, and doing fall clean-up. Special thank you to the club’s Community Involvement Chairperson Kathy Cancasci, who was the energetic organizer and facilitator of this project.
HONOR YOUR LONG-TIME MEMBERS IN 2015!
PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARDS
Victoria Bergesen, GCO Awards Chairman

Our Garden Clubs have been privileged to have long-time members who, like the faithful perennials in our gardens, have made our clubs grow and bloom with their continuous support of our goals and objectives. Serving as officers and chairmen over the years, their love of gardening has planted many a seed for garden club programs and events, while their enthusiastic leadership has inspired members to nurture these seeds into successful bloom. In grateful appreciation for their years of support, you may present them with a Perennial Bloom Award and plant a tree or shrub in their honor. You may present more than one award, but may only send one candidate for the Golden Perennial Bloom Award presented by the Central Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

If you wish to nominate your Perennial Bloom candidate for the Golden Perennial Bloom Award you must choose your candidate by July 1, 2015 and send the application to your District Director by August 1, 2015. District Directors will send one applicant to the GCO Awards Chairman by September 1, 2015.

For details visit the National Garden Clubs’ Central Atlantic Region website: http://www.ngccar.org/awards&contests.html.

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Seeds of Friendship
Margie Williams, Seeds of Friendship Chairman

We are again collecting seeds for the Seeds of Friendship Program. As you may recall these seeds are taken to Rwanda by Dr. Charlene Jendry, a gorilla expert at the Columbus Zoo. She travels there each May to visit the mountain gorilla site and she takes these seeds with her to distribute to the villagers who live near the gorilla area. They are still recovering from the genocide which occurred there twenty years ago.

We need specific seeds which will grow well in this area. The list includes Tomatoes, cabbage, carrots, peppers, green beans, onions, cosmos and zinnias. The flowers are used by the villagers to surround their vegetable gardens. These are the only seeds she will take. All other kinds will be donated to the Franklin Park Conservatory. If you cannot send seeds, you may send checks made out to Garden Club of Ohio and the money will be used to buy additional seeds, or sent with Dr. Jendry to use for supplies for the villagers.

The seeds and checks may be sent to Margie Williams, 1947 Marble Cliff Crossing Court, Columbus, OH 43204. Note change of address. They may also be brought to District Meetings or to the State Convention. Dr. Jendry leaves early in May, so all seeds must be received by the end of April.

Thank you for continuing to support this worthwhile project.
Schedel Arboretum and Gardens  
*Carol Ann Bowling, Historic Trails Chairman*

The Schedel Arboretum and Gardens are located in Elmore, Ohio near Lake Erie. Joe Schedel purchased the estate in 1969. He and his wife Marie were well-versed in architecture and horticulture. Joe was an award-winning ornithologist who raised many rare birds on the property. The Schedels planted beautiful gardens and even had a Japanese garden on the floodplain.

The Schedel Foundation took over the estate in 1989 following the deaths of the couple. The gardens were re-established and opened to the public in 1991.

The themed areas are conducive to nature study for visitors. They include the perennial gardens, the annual gardens (featuring over 10,000 plants), the rose gardens, the iris and peony gardens, the topical gardens and the Leo Palka Bonsai Shelter. The home is also open to visitors.

This was the most beautiful garden of all that I have visited. I look forward to going back next summer.

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Governor’s Residence Gardens  
*Donna Timmons, Governors Residence Gardens*

More than one hundred volunteer gardeners provided many hours to plant and maintain the gardens at the Governor’s Residence this year.

Pictured here are Garden Club members who served as Governor’s Gardeners for the 2014 season at the Ohio Heritage Garden.

Left to right: Joan Kirschner, Muirfield Village Garden Club; Paul Schrader, German Village Garden Club; Teresa Sullivan, Annehurst Village Garden Club; Donna Timmons, Hilliard Area Garden Club.

*Photo by Susanne H. Kondracke.*
Highlights from the 2014 GCO Holiday Program, “Celebrations”
Presented by Cleveland Flower Arrangers Guild

‘Holiday Baking’
by Barbara Okleson

‘All Hallow’s Eve’
by Doreen French

‘Japanese Chrysanthemum Festival’
by Barbara Schuh

‘Over the River & Thru the Woods’
by Jo/C. Walker

‘Irish Traditions’
By Jill Duffin

‘A German Celebration’
by Jean Gilbert

‘A Scottish Yuletide’
by Lorinda Plank

‘Hungarian Toast to Christmas’
by Jane Bodnar

‘Christmas in Poland’
by Elaine Perample

‘New York New Year’s Eve’
by Margaret DeWolf

‘Hanukkah-Festival of Lights’
by Barbara Schuh

‘Greek New Year’
by Aggie Goss

Images by Eva Pawlak & Barbara Schuh

‘Celebrations’ took the audience on a holiday tour around the world and right here at home.
Ohio State Land Trust 2014-2015 Campaign Donations
Darlene Ruzicka, Ohio State Land Trust Chairman

We have now collected $2,090 with 35 clubs and 5 individuals participating! I am waiting to hear from many other garden clubs. My goal is 100% participation of all GCO CLUBS! Has your club met this month? Presidents, please help me reach our goal!

Let’s show our support for the organization, The Ohio Nature Conservancy, which is trying to preserve our air, water, and land for our wellbeing, for our families and for generations to come.

No amount is too small! Please, let your Garden Club be counted and recognized for supporting this vital effort to preserve our quality of life.

THANK YOU to the following clubs for taking the lead in this worthy campaign:

AKRON DISTRICT
Leaf and Blossom Garden Club

CANTON DISTRICT
Afternoon Garden Club
Carrollton Garden Club
Greentown Garden Club
Herb Society at HHC
Mohawk Trail Garden Club
Town & Country Garden Club

CINCINNATI DISTRICT
Forest Park Gardeners
Log Cabin Garden Club
Mt. Healthy Garden Club
Village Green Garden Club
Western Hills Garden Club

CLEVELAND DISTRICT
Avon-On-The-Lake Garden Club
Bay Village Garden Club
East Shore Garden Club
Emerald Necklace Garden Club
Garden Trails Garden Club
Garfield Garden Club of Mentor
Highland Heights Garden Club
Lake Shore Garden Club
West Shore Arrangers Guild

DAYTON DISTRICT
Centerville Garden Club
Green Twig Garden Club
Lebanon Garden Club
Rolling Hills Garden Club
Town & Country Garden Club

MANSFIELD DISTRICT
Crestline Garden Club
Gloriosa Garden Club
Shelby Garden Club

COLUMBUS DISTRICT
Creative Arrangers Guild
Franklin Garden Club
Knolls Garden Club
Oakhaven Garden Club
Shawnee Arrangers Guild
Westerville Garden Club

INDIVIDUALS
Arlene Kraeutle
Eleanor Kohlmann
Darlene Ruzicka
Janet Paige
Joyce Roth

GCO Scholarship Fund Donations
Marie Modugno, Scholarship Contribution Chairman

Many thanks to all donors making contributions to the Scholarship Fund from July 2014 through November 2014. Your generosity and support for a worthy cause is appreciated.

2014 APPEAL UPDATE
The following clubs were omitted from the Fall list:
Beachcliff Garden Club *
Forest Park Gardeners *
Town & Country GC of Louisville *

Cleveland District
Highland Heights Garden Club and Lyndhurst Garden Club were listed in the Canton District in error. They are clubs within the Cleveland District. I apologize for the errors.
Marie

MEMORIAL DONATIONS
Millie Asper
Columbia Garden Club
Yolanda Baeslack
Margaret Bertin
Seven Hills Garden Club
Margey Brauchsick
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Gail Lythos
Lyndhurst Garden Club
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Doris Salyers
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Phyllis Sabolsky
West Shore Garden Club

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Nancy Heber
Serendipity Garden Club
Westerville Garden Club
Barb Shepard
Serendipity Garden Club

* $100 Contribution
COVER UP, YOU’RE EXPOSED!

Wes Duren, Soil Conservation Chairman

Are your gardens bare, exposed to the harsh elements, vulnerable to degradation during fall and winter? Don’t allow your gardens to be caught naked and defenseless again, cover them up with green manure to optimize your gardening success next year. What is green manure? Despite the unusual name, it refers to the planting of cover crops such as winter rye, clover, hairy vetch and winter pea, all offering a wide range of benefits to both soil and the plants grown in your gardens. Most cover crops are purchased as seed, and sown into vegetable beds largely during the fall, but also in early spring. While most gardeners are ready for a well deserved breather after a season of arduous gardening, the payback for planting green manure far outweighs the effort required to do so. The ritual of planting cover crops was crucial for early Roman agriculture, where the Roman Empire developed a more sustainable crop production system to support its ever growing population of citizens. Sowing cover crops in your vegetable beds will enrich your gardening experience by: lessening your need for fertilizer, minimizing weeds, aerating the soil, warding off pest insects and disease, controlling soil erosion and reducing nutrient leaching in your gardens, ultimately saving you time and money! You need not have a green thumb to work with cover crops, but simply the desire to maximize your food production and promote healthier, more balanced gardens.

The most beneficial cover crops are those which have the natural ability to capture nitrogen from the atmosphere in a process known as nitrogen fixation. These nitrogen fixing plants are classified as legumes (like soybeans), and have the ability to hold nitrogen in root nodules, which act as slow release organic fertilizer for your fruits, vegetables, herbs and even landscape plants! Legume cover crops are team players, and have a mutually advantageous relationship with soil bacteria known as Rhizobia. These bacteria creates nodules on legume roots that act as holding tanks for air borne nitrogen, and in return, the bacteria survives off of the simple carbohydrates produced as a waste product exuded through the roots. Once your cover crop dies, either by natural means (winter weather) or through mechanical action, such as by shallow tilling, the root nodules release their stored nitrogen, making it available to your cultivated crops. This virtually free source of nitrogen is slow release, so your crops will have the ability to use it over several months, reducing your need for nitrogen fertilizer. Other cover crops work by creating a network of roots that construct a sort of net, helping to hold your soil in place, preventing soil loss and nutrient leaching that would typically occur on bare soils. Yet other green manure crops deeply penetrate the soil with large root systems, and act as a siphon to pump nutrients from deep within the soil, transporting them to the soil surface where more shallow rooted fruits and vegetables can take advantage of those hard-to-reach nutrients and minerals. Simultaneously, these deep rooted cover crops aerate the soil by creating channels that improve air movement and drainage. Cover crops are also considered companion plants, because many are known to attract beneficial insects and soil microbes to your gardens, where they will stand guard against rivaling pest insects and disease. Lastly, cover crops act as a living mulch to shade out weeds, reducing the chance for weed invaders that may otherwise compete with your valuable crops for moisture and nutrients.

Our favorite annual cover crops are: Winter Rye, Buckwheat, Cow Peas, Winter Peas and Crimson Clover. The best perennial cover crops are: Hairy Vetch, Red Clover, White Dutch Clover, Lespedeza, Purple False Indigo and Lupine. Try mixing several cover crop varieties into a single bed area, as they all work together synergistically to improve soil and crop health. An alternative to cover crops is the practice of mulching, and many choices are available such as pine straw, wood chips, and pine bark, all promoting plant and soil protection through the harshest months of the year. Don’t allow your gardens to be caught in the nude this fall, clothe them lovingly with beneficial cover crops, and your gardens will thank you with more abundant harvests, reduced work and less cost.
Twinsburg Garden Club Partners with Habitat for Humanity

This year, the Twinsburg Garden Club (TGC) partnered with the Habitat for Humanity of Summit County to provide trees, shrubs and perennials for two new houses. Dedication ceremonies were held in the fall.

During the uplifting ceremonies, the first-time owners, received the keys to their brand new homes, and volunteers and corporate donors were recognized.

TGC Co-President Sue Davis said the idea for the project came up at the February meeting when a member mentioned that she had heard that Habitat was building two houses in Twinsburg Township. Members agreed that this was a project worth exploring. By March 4, a Planning Committee was formed and met with Jim Sukys, Director of Development for Habitat. He liked the idea and suggested that the design be simple and low maintenance. Sukys indicated that Habitat would pick up the trees and shrubs, supply the labor for the plantings and provide mulch as well as water when they are on site. The team also talked about Habitat’s partnership with National Garden Clubs, Inc.

“Habitat’s mission is to eliminate poverty housing from the face of the earth. NGC’s goal is to encourage garden clubs across the nation to participate in the landscaping of Habitat homes.”

Davis shared that the Club’s Planning Committee then focused on selecting appropriate plant material that would do well in our climate with minimal upkeep.

Next, the committee contacted potential donors requesting plant materials and/or monetary donations. Donors included: East of Eden Nursery, Inc, Klyn Nurseries, Lowe’s, Robinson Lawn & Garden Center, Suncrest Gardens in Peninsula, The Home Depot in Bainbridge, Macedonia and Streetsboro. Gift certificates were used to purchase hoses, rakes, collapsible leaf bags, snow shovels, etc. The Garden Club donated perennials and a planter of annuals for each home.

Davis coordinated the planting date with the main donors. By September 18, the plants and top soil were delivered, and approximately 20 volunteers from Fomo Products, Inc. in Norton were at the sites with shovels and wheelbarrows. Five TGC members planted and watered all the perennials.

Davis said, “As the project moved forward, what kept me going was the thought that we all had a chance to make a difference in the lives of two families, and giving back to others is a wonderful feeling.”
Lordstown Garden Guild Flower Show

The Lordstown Garden Guild recently held a flower show during the Lordstown Apple Cider Festival. The following were selected as Best in Show by Judge Dianna Mullins. Charlotte Ash crocheted and donated an afghan that was raffled off and won by Debra Gabriel.

From left to right are:
Jo Ellen Chaney, a Public Entry for Horticulture Class 6, House Plants for Bloom, Violet;
Charlotte Ash for Artistic Class I(a) Spring, Pastels Featured
Joyce Leamer for Horticulture Class 9, Succulents, Cactus, Crown of Thorns.
Submitted by Marthie Cecil.

River Road Garden Club Celebrates 85th Anniversary

River Road Garden Club was founded by Mrs. W.O. Holst, of Maumee, Ohio. It was organized with 27 members in 1929 and Mrs. J.M. MacDowall was its first president.

Working to help others was a very important part of the club’s activities. They centered their attention around relief work, chiefly among the pupils at Libby High School and needy residents of the south side. For example, garments for children two years to high school were made and distributed through the Toledo District Nurse Association. They sponsored many charity bridge parties with the proceeds going toward the purchase of supplies for their charitable projects.

Early on, they established a junior garden club at Harvard school. There was a bird sanctuary at the school and feeding boxes were set up. The boys at the school built the bird houses, tended to the feeding, with the club donating the feed.

Later came the improvements at Walbridge Park. In 1941, they had an exhibit that gave students an opportunity to watch various flowers and twigs being forced to develop. During World War II, they were very active working with the Red Cross, sewing, rolling bandages, etc.

In 1955, they received the Dora A. Gill award for making over 1,200 tray favors in one year for patients at the William Roche Memorial Hospital.

The River Road Garden Club is still very active in many community functions including planting seeds for plants that enhance the growth of butterflies, bees, and other endangered species, as well as supporting the Toledo Botanical Garden, Toledo GROWS, garden therapy for the Elderly, and other horticultural projects and organizations.

There are currently 16 active and 5 honorary members.
Standing left to right: Sylvia Meiring, Rosemary Lones, Sara Moomaw
Seated left to right: Jan Lowe, Cornelia Wagener, Nancy Cole, Susan Noss, Nancy Mooney
Submitted by Nancy Cole.
Recent Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedications

The Blue Star is the exclusive project of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Garden Club of Ohio, and local garden clubs. Each marker is dedicated to military men and women who have served, are serving, and will serve our country in the future. The following is a brief summary of the most recent dedications.

Hoover Historical Center By-Way Marker Dedication – September 7, 2014

The Herb Society at the Hoover Historical Center dedicated their By-Way Marker at the Historical Center in a special garden where all would see it. This was our way to honor our veterans and to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. We were very happy to have GCO President Mickie Marquis and GCO Blue Star Co-Chairman Celine Hallier be part of this great day. The club members cleaned and prepped the gardens, so they were lovely!! North Canton Mayor Held, American Legion #44 and Chester Willey’s music added to the Dedication. All in all, it was a memorable day for all and especially our veterans. Refreshments, made by club members, were served afterward in the Historical Tannery.

Submitted by Lucy Woods.

Berlin Township Fire Station Memorial Marker – September 14, 2014

The Berlin Heights Garden Club had perfect weather and blue skies as Club President Cheryl Demuth welcomed over 150 guests on September 14th for the Blue Star Marker Dedication at the Berlin Township Fire Station. The event was part of the club’s 85th anniversary celebration.

Fire Chief Andrew Smith started the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Presentation of Colors by the Honor Guard of American Legion Post #659. The Edison High School band played patriotic music and the Palkovic sisters performed patriotic songs. The Invocation was read by Reverend Casey Cain. GCO President Mickie Marquis made an inspirational speech about how garden clubs can serve their communities while Celine Hallier, GCO Blue Star Memorial Chairman, shared history of the Blue Star program.

The marker was then unveiled by Berlin Heights members Wanita Adelman and Amy Hunter. Amy also designed and maintained the Blue Star garden at the Fire Station.

Club member Dorothy Daniels dedicated the marker and her grandson, Bryan Bittner, Captain USMC, spoke. Other military members were in attendance as well as a group of Blue Star mothers. Members of Boy Scout Troop #236 helped with parking and placed a wreath made by members Donna Gercke and Cat Rogers by the marker. The Benediction was read by Reverend Donald Lautzenheiser.

To the delight of the audience, Daisy Troop #253 released 70 red, white and blue balloons. Everyone was thanked for attending and told how the memo-
rial will serve as a lasting tribute to the men and women of our armed forces. A reception followed inside with refreshments supplied by garden club members assisted by Girl Scout Troop #385. The garden club would like to thank everyone that contributed to the event. The plaque was mounted on a native stone from the Lowry Farm on Mason Road.

Jackson District Memorial Marker – November 8, 2014

Chillicothe, Frankfort, Liberty, North Fork, and Rolling Hills Garden Clubs, in collaboration with the Chillicothe VA Medical Center, held their Blue Star Memorial dedication on the grounds of the VA just prior to the Veterans Day Parade.

The present VA campus was the site of Camp Sherman, named in honor of Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman, who was from Lancaster, Ohio. Camp Sherman was a WWI training camp in 1917. The dedication was held at the “Mace House”, a historic home overlooking the Forest Everhart Memorial Golf Course. The Mace House contains memorabilia from WWI, WWII, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam Era, Desert Storm, and Persian Gulf. The site is also the future home of a Healing Garden which will overlook the baseball stadium donated by the Blue Star Mothers in 1955.

Sharon McCorkle, Co-chair of the Jackson District Blue Star Memorial Committee, greeted guests. Don Mundy, a Vietnam War veteran and Chaplain of the local VFW Post, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and gave the Invocation and Benediction. Lynn Fronk, GCO 1st Vice President, and Ginny Clark, GCO Blue Star Memorial Co-chair unveiled the marker. GCO President Mickie Marquis read the dedication and the marker was accepted by Wendy Hepker, Medical Center Director. Mariellen Good, Katie Rourke, and Pat Rupiper, members of Jackson District who were all instrumental in our initial fundraising efforts, presented the beautiful floral wreath. Among the guests were Bob Kelley, a WWII veteran and POW and Deanna Stearns, GCO 2nd Vice President. A reception and tours of the Mace House followed the ceremony. Jackson District Garden Clubs are very proud to honor the veterans of our community.

Pictured left to right: Sharon McCorkle: Co-Chair Jackson District Blue Star Committee, Mickie Marquis: GCO President, Mariellen Good: Co-Chair Jackson District Blue Star Committee, Ginny Clark: GCO Blue Star Memorial Marker Co-Chair.

Submitted by Sharon McCorkle.
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Thank you faithful board members!

Members of the Golden Circle have served 20 or more years on the GCO Board of Directors.

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Visit the Garden Club of Ohio Facebook page to access posts from our membership on a variety of gardening topics, interesting discussion threads and to view photos posted by members. Better yet, consider posting new information and photos of your own to share with the group.

Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.
Mission Statement

Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. supports endeavors in every aspect of gardening through educational programs, horticulture and floriculture. We will show by means of example a responsible stewardship of our land.
Garden Club Of Ohio, Inc. Calendar

Dates to Remember for 2015

March 16-18 ..................... GCO Board Meeting
March 30 .......................... GCO Board Meeting and Annual Dinner
March 31-April 1............. GCO 87th Annual Convention at Deer Creek State Park
April 1 ............................ Garden Greetings Deadline
April 6-17 ........................ Spring District Meetings
• Jackson .......... April 6
• Cincinnati ......... April 7
• Dayton ............ April 8
• Columbus ......... April 9
• Mansfield ......... April 10
• Toledo .......... April 13
• Cleveland ......... April 14
• Akron .......... April 15
• Canton .......... April 16
• Youngstown .... April 17

May 12-18 ................. NGC Convention in Louisville, KY
May 27-29 ................. Flower Show School Course IV, Canton
June 3-5 .................... Garden Study School Course I, Cincinnati
June 9-10 ...................... GCO Board Meeting
June 16-22 ................. GCO Newport Flower Show Bus Trip
July 1 ............................ Garden Greetings Deadline
August 13-14 .............. OJC Symposium, Atwood Lake
September 15-18 ........ NGC Fall Board Meeting in St Louis
September 22-23 ........ GCO Board Meeting
October 12-22 ............ Fall District Meetings
• Mansfield ......... October 12
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October 25-27 ............... CAR Conference in Pennsylvania
November 5 ............. Holiday Program South (Columbus)
November 6 ............. Holiday Program North (Cleveland)
December 1 ............ Garden Greetings Deadline

Dates to Remember for 2016

March 17-18 ..................... GCO Board Meeting
April 1 ............................ Garden Greetings Deadline
April 4-6 ........................ GCO 88th Annual Convention

All dates are subject to change. Please consult the GCO Website: http://www.gardenclubofohio.org for the latest updates.

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2015 GCO Newport Flower Show Bus Trip

Mark your calendars for the GCO trip to the Newport Flower Show which will be held on June 16-22, 2015. Join garden club friends as we visit one of the premier flower shows in the country.

Held at historic Rosecliff Mansion, this flower show features horticulture, design, special exhibits, a gardening market place overlooking the water and many featured speakers and events.

There is still some availability if you are interested in a delightful trip. Look for more information on the GCO website or contact GCO 1st Vice-President Lynn Fronk at (614) 885-4177.