



## **TGOA/MGCA National Convention, July 18 - 21**

**Hosted by Gardeners of Greater Cleveland,  
Gardeners of Greater Akron & Mens Garden Club of Youngstown**

**Where:** Cleveland Airport Marriot (CAM), 4277 W. 150th St., Cleveland, 44135, 216-252-5333. Hotel is newly refurbished with large meeting space, bar and restaurant. Close to 'Kamm's Corners' restaurants and shops. 2016 Republican National Convention held at CAM. Rooms are \$94/night (well below government rate) for whole stay. Each room has Wi-Fi. There will also be a hospitality room. Underground parking for hotel guests & free parking for attendees.

**Registration:** Tuesday at CAM front desk & Wednesday by Great Lakes Ballroom (1st floor). You will receive a list of local restaurants, shops and area map.

**Meals:** In order to keep the cost of the convention down, attendees are on their own for breakfast. Lunch & Dinner will be provided. CAM has an excellent restaurant. There is a Denny's next door, and several other fast food restaurants 5 minutes away. Ask CAM desk about full service restaurants nearby. A coffee maker and mini-fridge is in each room.

**Other Cleveland Attractions:** Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Indians play Blue Jays Friday & Saturday, and shopping at nearby Crocker Park.

**Price:** If application & payment made: by Mar. 1 - \$240; by June 1 - \$260; afterward - \$290. Cancel: \$50 after June 1. Price by the day: Wed., July 19 - \$85; Thur., July 20 - \$90 + \$11 w/o AHS card; Sat., July 21, \$120.

### **Schedule of Events:**

**Tuesday, July 18:** Executive Board Meeting in president's suite. Registration in lobby by front desk.

**Wednesday, July 19:** Morning - National Directors and E & I meetings. Tours of CAM Kitchen and Hotel Culinary Garden. There will be a horticulture show with a limited number of entries per person due to limited space.

Noon - Lunch in Great Lakes Ballroom hosted by Pres. John Schinker and Past Pres. Tom Davis. Door prizes.

Afternoon - First & Second Seminar sets. Sign up early to get choice. Seating limited.

**Thursday, July 20:** Tour Day! University Circle including Cleveland Botanical Garden (save \$11 with American Horticultural Society or reciprocal membership card with your registration), and Rockefeller Greenhouse. Also Lakeview Cemetery for memorial service, graves of famous people, and outstanding horticulture and arboriculture collections. Also Eton Square for horticulture displays, shopping & snacks. Then dinner and door prizes at hotel.

**Friday, July 21:** Morning - Seminars. General membership meeting followed by lunch & door prizes. Afternoon - Seminars. Central Great Lakes Region meeting. Evening - President's Reception Dinner w/cash bar. Awards, installation of officers and after dinner speaker.

**Saturday, July 22:** Tours for CGLR members (different from Thursday tour). Limited bus seating so sign up early.

### **Seminars**

**Horticulture Show Basics - Peggy Moody - Wed., 1pm - 2:15pm & 2:30pm - 3:45pm.** Want to be a show judge or learn how to best present show entries? Peggy is a master level judge & chairs a flower show school.

**Gardening & Garden Center Trends - Jeff Griff - Wed. 1pm - 2:15pm & 2:30 - 3:45pm.** Jeff is president of a large greenhouse, landscape, florist and garden center.

**Hydrangeas - Eric Barrett - Wed., 1pm - 2:15pm & 2:30 - 3:45pm.** Since transferring to the Mahoning County OSU Extension a few years ago, Eric has shown a wide range of horticulture knowledge & expertly imparts it in lectures.

**Plant Nutrition & Lighting - Fri., Mark Occhionero - 10:45am - 11:45am.** Mark is pres./owner of Top Garden Products and can show how to grow indoors using hydroponics and the right lighting.

**What's In A Name - Fri., Ellen Speicher - 10:45am - 11:45am & 1:30pm - 2:30pm.** Ellen is the former Fellows Riverside Gardens asst. horticulture director & director of its Master Gardener program.

**Dragonflies - Judy Semroc - Fri., 10:45am - 11:45am & 2:30pm - 3:30pm.** Co-author of a book on N.E Ohio dragonflies & damselflies, Judy is a featured speaker at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

**Photography - Richard States - Fri., 1:30pm - 2:30pm & 2:30pm - 3:30pm.** Want to take horticulture pics suitable for framing? Learn from Photo Competition Sweepstakes winner many years running.

**Pollinators - Denise Elsworth - Fri., 1:30pm - 2:30pm.** Denise is Director of the Honey Bee and Native Pollinator Education Program, Ohio State University.