

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, July 18, 2017

4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Registration - Lobby
4:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M. Hospitality Room - Salon D, second floor in the Tower Building
6:00 P.M. – until done Executive Board Meeting, President's Suite

WEDNESDAY, July 19, 2017

7:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M. Hospitality Room – Salon D, second floor in the Tower Building
8:00 – 5:00 P.M. Late Registrations outside Great Lakes Ballroom
8:30 A.M. – Noon Horticulture Show – Medina Room; Entries 8:30 – 10:30 AM
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 AM E&I Meeting – Lorain Room
9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. Board Meeting - Cuyahoga Room; National Directors, Past Presidents and Officers. Members can attend but can't vote.
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 A.M. Kitchen Garden tour for those not attending the board meeting – AMP150 (We may repeat this tour at 11 AM.)
12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M. **Lunch in the Great Lakes Ballroom**

(SIGN UP FOR ONE SEMINAR PER TIME FRAME)

1:00– 2:00 P.M. (a) Horticulture Show Basic by Peggy Moody – Lorain Room
(b) Gardening & Garden Centers Trends by Jeff Griff -Cuyahoga Room
(c) Gardening Myths by Eric Barrett – Lorain Room
2:30 – 3:30 P.M. (a) Horticulture Show Basic by Peggy Moody – Lorain Room
(b) Gardening & Garden Centers Trends by Jeff Griff – Medina Room
(c) Hydrangeas by Eric Barrett – Great Lakes Ballroom
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. **Dinner (Great Lakes Ballroom); Horticulture Show Awards and National Photography Show**

THURSDAY TOUR SCHEDULE, July 20, 2017

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M. Hospitality Room – Salon D, second floor in the Tower Building
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 PM Late Registrations outside Great Lakes Ballroom
9:00 A.M. Depart Marriott for tour
9:30 A.M. Drive past the West Side Mkt., Great Lakes
10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. Drive through Downtown Cleveland, etc. to University Circle.
10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. Cleveland Botanical Garden visit. Glass houses, outside garden, library, etc. [Bathrooms]

12:00 noon – 1:30 P.M. To the Rockefeller Greenhouse for tour, visit to Iris Garden, **box lunch**, etc. [Bathrooms]
1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. At Lakeview Cemetery; pick up docents, tour plus Memorial Service at Wade Chapel. [Bathrooms?]
3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. To Eaton Sq. – Shopping, Garden displays, food, etc. [Bathrooms]
5:30 P.M. To Marriott
6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. **Dinner at Marriott – Great Lakes Ballroom – Presentation on 2018 National Convention.**

FRIDAY, July 21, 2017

3:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M. Hospitality Room – Salon D, second floor in the Tower Building
8:00 A.M. – 5:00 PM Late Registrations outside Great Lakes Ballroom
8:30 – 10:30 A.M. General Membership Meeting – Great Lakes Ballroom. Guests are welcome, but can't vote.

(SIGN UP FOR ONE SEMINAR PER TIME FRAME)

11:00 A.M. – NOON. (a) Plant Nutrition and Lighting by Mark Occhionero – Lorain Room
 (b) What is in a name by Ellen Speicher – Cuyahoga Room
 (c) Succulents by Jeff Havel – Medina Room

NOON. – 1:00 P.M. lunch – Great Lakes Ballroom

1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. (a) What is in a name? by Ellen Speicher – Lorain Room
 (b) Photography by Richard States – Lorain Room
 (c) Pollinators by Denise Elsworth – Medina Room

2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. (a) Succulents by Jeff Havel -Cuyahoga Room
 (b) Photography by Richard States – Lorain Room

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Central Great Lakes Gardeners Regional Meeting – Medina Room

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. **Cocktail reception (cash bar); passed hors d'Oeuvres; Receiving Line; Rockefeller Ballroom; 2nd Floor.**

7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. **Dinner – Rockefeller Ballroom; 2nd Floor.**

- National Awards
- Featured Speaker – Keith Kaiser, Pittsburgh Botanical Garden; "Community Partners – Garden Clubs and Community Gardens.
- National Officer Installation.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

9:30 A.M. – 2:30 PM **Central Great Lakes Gardeners tour and lunch. Everyone is welcome to join the Regional tour.**

HORTICULTURE SHOW SCHEDULE AND RULES

FOR THE TGOA/MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION - JULY 19, 2017

- Entries will be accepted on Wednesday July 19, 2017 beginning at 8:30 AM and close at 10:30 AM with judging immediately thereafter. Judging will be from 10:30 AM till 12 noon. Entry cards will be available at sign up or you can provide your own TGOA/MGCA entry card.
- Entries will be limited to **five (5)** person. All entries should be identified as to variety or cultivar (or botanical name) to receive a top award. The plants should be in your possession for one month before the show (purchased no later than June 15, 2017).
- Ribbons will be awarded for first, second, and third places. Ribbons will be awarded for Best of Section, People's Choice (chosen from section winners), and Best of Show. **There will also be an award for the plant from the furthest point.** Attendees will vote for People's Choice from the Section Winners after lunch till 4:00 PM on July 19, 2017.
- The Show Chairman will subdivide the sections into classes at the time of entry (two or more entries of the same variety will constitute a class). The Show Chairman has the right to add as many classes and/sections as deemed necessary.
- All entries must be removed from the room by Friday Dinner.
- Containers and wedging for cut flowers, leaves and stems, as well as paper plates, will be provided or you can bring your own (these must be free of designs. Bottles can be clear or colored).
- If you have entries that will not travel well, or you don't want to carry them, you may overnight them to:

Top Garden Products
C/o Mark Occhionero
8600 East Ave
Mentor OH 44060
Tele# 1-440-290-8773

Any questions?

Call the Horticulture Show Chairman, Jim Bell at 1-330-644-6867

or try his Email; Bell8676@aol.com

Show Schedule

Section 1. Cut Annual Flowers with at least one leaf. Three specimens of small flowers such as Petunias and miniature Marigolds; one of larger flowers such as Zinnias.

Section 2. Cut Perennial Flowers with at least one leaf. Three specimens of smaller flowers; one of larger flowers

Section 3. Small Vegetables: 6 beans or similar specimens; 10 cherry or grape tomatoes; 3 of all other vegetables.

Section 4. Large Vegetables: 3 of the smaller specimens such as tomatoes or onions; one of larger vegetables such as eggplant and squash.

Section 5. Potted Plants (Pots may have designs.)

Class 5-A Pots under 6 inches.

Class 5-B Pots 6 inches and over.

Section 6. Herbs

Class 6-A Potted Herbs. One or more plants to a pot. (Pots may have designs.)

Class 6-B Cut Herbs: One of larger Herbs such as Mint; 3 of smaller herbs such as Thyme or Chives. These can be wrapped in a wet paper towel and foil, and displayed on a paper plate.

Section 7. Large Fruits: One each of fruits such as apples or pears.

Section 8. Small Fruits. Six each of fruits such as berries.

Section 9. Orchids. (Pots may have designs.)

Section 10. Hanging Baskets 10 inch pots or smaller. (Pots may have designs.)

Class 10-A Flowering with foliage.

Class 10-B Foliage.

Section 11. Cacti and Succulents. (Pots may have designs.)

Class 11 A One Cactus in a pot

Class 11-B One Succulent in a pot

Class 11-C More than one cacti and/or succulents in a pot not over 15".

Section 12. Foliage - One leaf

Section 13. Trees and Shrubs - One branch 12" to 24" long including container.

Section 14. Miniature Gardens with accessories not over 15" in diameter.

Section 15. Arrangements under 15" in height and width.



Cleveland Airport Marriott

The Gardeners of American National Convention

July 19, 20, and 21, 2017

The Cleveland Airport Marriott is proud to be hosting The Gardeners of America National Convention. All affiliates attending this convention will receive a special rate of \$94 per night (plus tax) effective July 19 through July 22. This Includes free parking and free WiFi. Cutoff date to receive the room discount is June 27 To reserve a room, please call (216) - 252 - 5333 and identify that you are with The Gardeners of America.

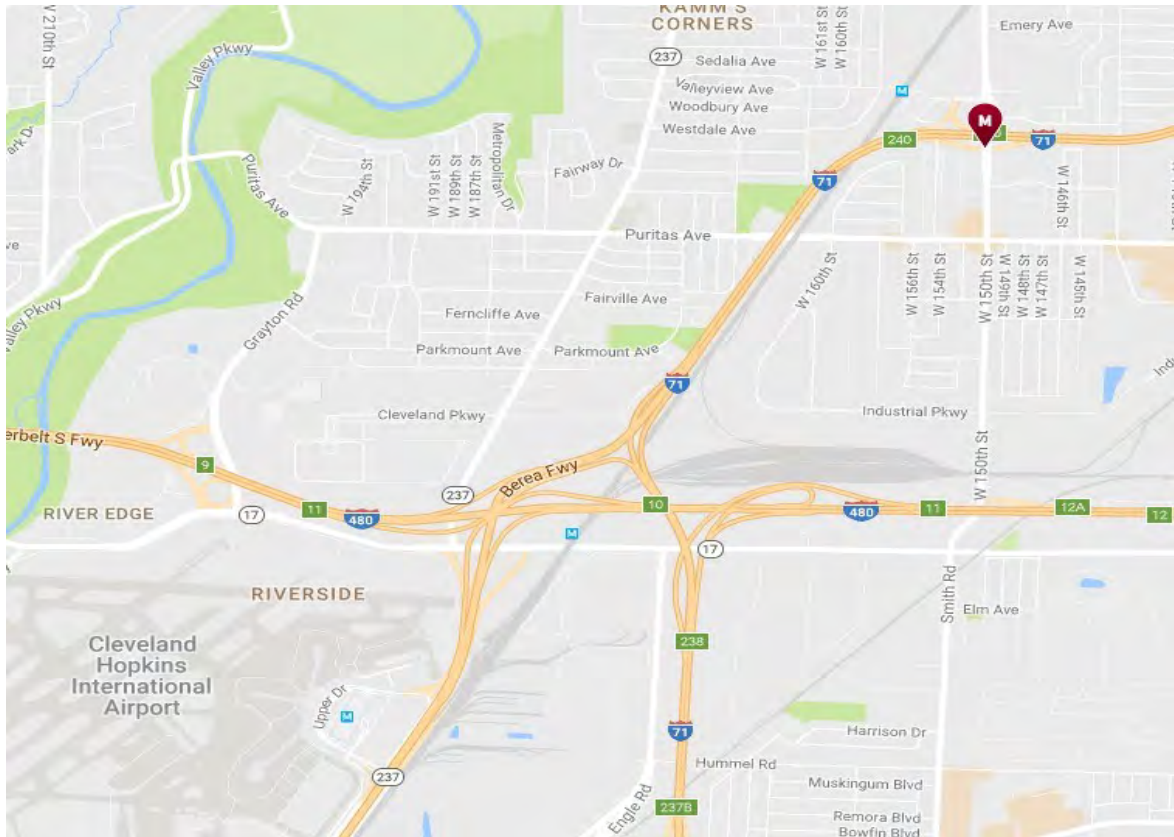
Cleveland Airport Marriott

4277 West 150th Street
Cleveland Ohio 44135

Phone (216) 252-5333

<http://www.clevelandairportmarriott.com>

The Cleveland Airport Marriott has a shuttle between Airport and Hotel. It is located 3.6 miles from the Cleveland Hopkins Airport and one block off I-71 (exit 240) <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/cleap-cleveland-airport-marriott/>



**THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF TGOA/MGCA JULY 18 – 21, 2017
THE SUMMER CONFERENCE FOR THE CENTRAL GREAT LAKES GARDENERS
WILL FOLLOW ON JULY 22**

**THE CLEVELAND AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL
HOSTED BY THE GARDENERS OF GREATER AKRON,
THE GARDENERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND AND
THE MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF YOUNGSTOWN, OH**

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONVENTION, TOURS AND THE HOTEL

- 1. Where is the hotel?** The Cleveland Airport Marriott (CAM) is located at 4277 W. 150th St. Cleveland, OH 44135. It is at the intersection of W. 150th St. and I-71. Cleveland Hopkins airport is about 5 miles away and there is a free hotel shuttle to and from the airport. The CAM is convenient to public transportation to downtown Cleveland – about 15 minutes away. The CAM phone: 216-252-5333.
- 2. Why this hotel?** The CAM is the best hotel close to the airport and I-71. Members of the sponsoring clubs can get to it easily. It is a Marriott owned hotel – not a franchise.

They have 368 newly refurbished guest rooms, 15,500 sq. ft. of meeting space, a bar and restaurant on site, and they are close to “Kamm’s Corners” restaurants and shops. They were a host hotel for the 2016 Republican National Convention. The food is excellent!

3. **When we get there, where do we register?** – On Tuesday, July 18, registration will be by the CAM front desk. You will also get a list of shops and restaurants and a local map. On Wednesday, July 19, registration will be by the meeting and dining rooms.
4. **What’s the convention program?** Here’s the first draft of the 2017 convention program. We will add to it and improve it as time goes on:
 - **Tuesday, July 18;** Executive Board Meeting in the President’s suite. Registration in the lobby by the front desk. Dinner on your own.
 - **Wednesday morning, July 19;** Registration by the Great Lakes Ballroom, 1st floor. E&I and National Directors Meetings held. **New Tours!** CAM Kitchen and Hotel Culinary Garden tours for those not in meetings. **New Event!** There will be a judged Horticulture Show for the first time at a National Convention. The Show Schedule will be issued later. Due to space concerns the number of entries per person will be limited.
 - **Wednesday Noon, July 19;** Lunch in the Great Lakes Ballroom. Welcome to the Convention and to Cleveland by John Schinker and Tom Davis. Door prizes.
 - **Wednesday Afternoon, July 19;** First and second set of seminars in the County Break out rooms. Sign up early for the best choice!
 - **Wednesday Evening, July 19;** Dinner in the Great Lakes Ballroom. Photo Contest and Horticulture Show winners announced. Door prizes.
 - **Thursday, July 20;** Tour Day! We will see some of the main features of Cleveland, visit University Circle, see the Cleveland Botanical Garden (save \$11 with your AHS or reciprocal membership card with your registration), stop at the Rockefeller (yes, that Rockefeller) Greenhouse. There will be a box lunch. Tour Lakeview Cemetery and hold a memorial service in the beautiful Wade Chapel with a huge Tiffany Window, see President Garfield’s tomb, see famous Clevelanders’ graves (Rockefeller, Elliot Ness, Roy Chapman, Marcus Hanna, Charles Brush and Carl Stokes), and the cemetery’s outstanding horticulture and arboriculture collection. Then we’re on to Eton Square for wonderful horticulture displays, great shopping (everything from Tiffany’s to Trader Joe’s) and tasty snack options. Dinner and door prizes back at the hotel.
 - **Friday, July 21;** The general membership meeting will be chaired by John Schinker. There will be one set of seminars that morning. Sign up early for the best choice! After lunch and door prizes, there will be two sets of seminars in the afternoon. Sign up early for the best choice!
 - **Friday afternoon;** There will be free time for some, and members of the Central Great Lakes Gardeners region will hold their annual meeting. Guests are welcome.
 - **Friday evening;** There will be a president’s reception with a cash bar and passed hors d’oeuvres before the banquet. The dinner choices will be Grilled Chicken Breast with tomato jam OR Sirloin Medallions. Awards, installation of officers and an after-dinner speaker are planned.

- **Saturday, July 22;** Tour day for the Central Great Lakes Gardeners. It will be completely different route from the Thursday tour. Guests are welcome, but sign up early to get a place in the 56 passenger bus.
5. **What about vegetarians?** There will be vegetarian option at all the meals.
 6. **Will there be vendors?** We are working on having vendors with garden related products attractively priced.
 7. **Will there be a hospitality suite?** Yes, it will be located close to the meeting and seminar rooms.
 8. **What about breakfast?** The least expensive breakfast package from the hotel would have added \$51 to the cost of the convention. The planning group decided to hold the price down and ask people to supply their own breakfast. There is a minifridge and coffee maker in every room. There is a restaurant in the lobby of the hotel. There is a Denny's restaurant right next door that gives a 10% discount to hotel guests. There are restaurant and fast food options 5 minutes away. We hope everyone understands this decision to keep the convention costs down.
 9. **What about arriving early or staying over to see places in Cleveland?** The hotel will give you the convention rate of \$94/night for your whole stay. That includes free Wi-Fi and parking garage access. Just identify yourself as a convention guest when you make your reservation.
 10. **What to see in Cleveland?** The Cleveland Indians will be playing the Blue Jays July 21 – 23. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is a top attraction. The Cleveland Art Museum is open and FREE every day except Monday. There are outstanding shopping opportunities at Crocker Park 18 minutes from the hotel. We will have local experts to direct you to any thing you'd like to see!
 11. **When should I register?** The sooner you register, the lower the cost! You will also get first choice on seminars. It would be a great help to the committee if you sent your reservation in before March 1!
 12. **Will there be a "day rate" for the convention?** Yes, but it will save you money to sign up for the whole three days. Besides, there will be a lot going on that you don't want to miss!

Tom Davis

January 28, 2017

Tour Schedule; July 20, 2017

9:00 Depart Marriott

9:30 Drive past the West Side Mkt., Great Lakes (location of Saturday tour)

10:00 – 10:30 Drive through Downtown Cleveland, etc. to University Circle.

10:30 Cleveland Botanical Garden visit. Glass houses, outside garden, library, etc. [Bathrooms]

12:00 to the Rockefeller Greenhouse for tour, visit to Iris Garden, box lunch, etc. [Bathrooms]

1:30 At Lakeview Cemetery; pick up docents, tour plus Memorial Service at Wade Chapel. [Bathrooms?]

3:30 to Eaton Sq. – Shopping, Garden displays, food, etc. [Bathrooms]

5:30 to Marriott

Dinner at Marriott about 6:30



TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 19-21, 2017

Emergency Contact Information

Your Name _____

Home Address _____

List any known or existing medical conditions _____

List all medications taken _____

List any known allergies _____

_____ Person

to Contact in case of Emergency

Name _____ Phone
numbers (with area codes)

Home _____ Cell phone _____

Office _____ Other _____

Relationship to you _____

Other pertinent information _____

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Central Great Lakes Gardeners Summer Conference
July 21 & 22, 2017

Held in Conjunction with the 2017 National Convention in Cleveland, OH

The Central Great Lakes Gardeners (CGLG) is one of the regions of TGOA/MGCA. Our member clubs are located in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. Every summer we hold a Summer Conference with a business meeting, a tour and time to socialize over meals.

In 2017 we will hold our meeting in conjunction with the National Convention of the TGOA/MGCA. It will be a great opportunity for our region's members to experience a National Convention, and a chance for people from other parts of the country to meet gardeners from our region. In October Billy Clark, National President, had a chance to enjoy a few days with folks from the region. I think he'd recommend it highly.

The CGLG annual business meeting will be on Friday afternoon, July 21, 2017. On Saturday, July 22 we will do a tour of garden related sites in and around Cleveland. This tour will be completely different from the tour for the national convention on Thursday, July 20. You would be welcome to attend either or both events.

The CGLG extends a cordial invitation to anyone at the national convention to join us July 21 and/or July 22. There is a place on the registration form to mark for "Optional Tour on July 22." We hope that many national members will join us!

For more information, contact Larry Kell lakellandassociates@gmail.com or Tom Davis tsd123@roadrunner.com

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For those members who cannot attend the entire convention, we will offer the following day rates:
Wednesday, July 19th, \$85.00. Thursday, July 20th, \$90.00 plus \$11.00 if you do not have an AHS Card.
Friday, July 21st, \$120.00.

We are also offering an additional tour day on Saturday, July 22nd. Information and price will be available as soon as possible.



TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION
JULY 19- 21, 2017



GARDEN SCENE IN SEVENTEEN

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE USE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON

CONVENTION Fee: Per Person

Early Bird Until March 1, 2017 \$240.00

March 2 - June 1, 2017 \$260.00
After June 2, 2017 \$290.00

Cancellation Fee after (June 1, 2017) - \$50.00
Enclose a copy of current AHS card - AHS Card Reduce Fee by \$11.00

If interested in Optional extra tour day July 22, Cost TBD

**DAY RATES AVAILABLE: JULY 19TH: \$85; JULY 20TH, \$90
plus \$11 if you do not have an AHS card; JULY 21ST, \$120.**

Name (Please Print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Name on Badge: _____

TGOA/MGCA Club: _____

Location: _____

Handicap or Other Special Needs: _____

SEMINARS

Wednesday Seminars

1:00 PM - 2:15PM

- Horticulture Show Basic by Peggy Moody
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- Hydrangeas by Eric Barrett

2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

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- Hydrangeas by Eric Barrett

Friday Seminars

10:45 AM- 11:45 AM

- Plant Nutrition and Lighting by Mark Occhionero
- What is in a name by Ellen Speicher
- Succulents by Jeff Havel

1:30 PM- 2:30 Pm

- What is in a name by Ellen Speicher
- Photography by Richard States
- Pollinators by Denise Elsworth

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

- Succulents by Jeff Havel
- Photography by Richard States

MEALS

Friday Night Dinner Chose One Chicken Steak

Vegetarian Meals if preferred.

Medically Required Diet: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

MAIL REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:

**The Gardeners of America / Men's Garden Clubs of America
PO Box 241
Johnston, Iowa 50131-6245**

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Registration Number _____

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