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Dayton, Ohio

**2023**

# **2023 TGOA National Convention Packet**

at Springhill Suites by Marriott in Dayton, Ohio

**July 26 - 28, 2023**

This packet contains details about Registration,  
Schedules, Seminars, Speaker Bios, Horticulture  
Show, Lodging and Travel

**Stay up-to-date with the latest details and register  
online on the TGOA national website at**

**[www.gardenersofamerica.club](http://www.gardenersofamerica.club)**

# 2023 TGOA National Convention July 26-28

Dayton, Ohio & Springhill Suites by Marriott

## REGISTRATION FORM

[Convention details on TGOA Website](#)

[www.gardenersofamerica.club](http://www.gardenersofamerica.club)

Please use separate form for each person

**Convention Fee (per person) \$175**

**Guest/2nd Family Member \$150 Daily Fee \$90**

**INCLUDED:** Barbeque Wednesday evening; lunches & dinners, bus, admission to special events, logo shirts

**First five registrants receive 10% discount; next five get 5%**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

TGOA Club \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Special Diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Lunch Steak Chicken

**MAKE CHECKS (\$175 per person/or see above) PAYABLE TO:  
TGOA National Convention and MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND  
CHECK TO: The Gardeners of America  
P.O. Box 40545 Bay Village, Ohio, 44140-0545**

**OR [CLICK ON THIS LINK TO MAKE A CREDIT CARD PAYMENT](https://link.clover.com/urlshortener/YwvshC)**

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Email this form to [larrykell01@gmail.com](mailto:larrykell01@gmail.com), or mail to above address.

### HOUSING

**Springhill Suites by Marriott** our Convention site, is reserving rooms for us at \$99/night with full breakfast. The rate is good for early arrivals and members who stay on after the Convention. Mention TGOA. 937-432-9506

#### Office Use Only

Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Date Processed \_\_\_\_\_



### Select your Seminars

Full Schedule, Profiles on GOA Website

#### Wednesday, July 26

**4 p.m. (check 1)**

- 1. Carnivorous Plants**  
Robert McMahon, retired OSU/ATI greenhouse
- 2. Woody Plants for Your Garden**  
Tom Davis, certified horticulture judge

#### Thursday, July 27

**9 a.m. (check 1)**

- 3. Holistic Turf Management in Shade**  
Arly Drake, Clark State College
- 4. Black Heritage Crops**  
Clare Thorn, Central State U Extension

**10 a.m.**

- 5. Garden Soil Testing and Soil Health**  
Leeoria Willis-Burritt, OSU Extension educator

**11 a.m.**

- 6. All About Cox Arboretum**  
Betty Hoevel, Five Rivers Metro Park educator

#### Friday, July 28

**10 a.m.**

- 7. All About Krohn Conservatory**  
Mark House, Krohn Conservatory director

**11 a.m.**

- 8. Gardens Great & Small**  
Laura Deeter, OSU/ATI Landscape Horticultural Science

### Tell Us Your Shirt Size

**Women's Shirt Sizes (loose fit)**

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- Extra Large

**Men's Shirt Sizes (pocket)**

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- Extra Large

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## **2023 TGOA National Convention Schedule**

**(Some times, locations may change as we get closer to the Convention)**

**Convention Headquarters:** Springhill Suites by Marriott at 417 Springboro Pike on the south side of Dayton, Ohio just off I-75. The Convention headquarters and most of the session rooms are in the newly renovated hotel.

### **Wednesday, July 26**

- 1 - 6 p.m.** Registration, hotel lobby
- 1 - 6 p.m.** Horticultural entries, Room B
- 1 - 6 p.m.** Silent Auction entries, Room A
- 2 p.m.** Board of Directors, Room B
- 3 p.m.** Endowment & Investment Committee, Room A
- 4 p.m.** Session I (pick one seminar)
1. *The Fascinating World of Carnivorous Plants* by Robert W. McMahon, associate professor emeritus, OSU/ATI, Room B
  2. *Woody Plants for Your Garden* by Tom Davis, certified horticulture judge, Room A
- 5 - 6 p.m.** Barbeque, Patio & Room A
- 6 - 7 p.m.** Executive Board, Room A
- 7 - 8 p.m.** Horticulture Show setup & judging, Room B
- 8 - 10 p.m.** Horticulture Show (Remove plants by 10 p.m.)
- 9 p.m.** Q & A with Bob McMahon: *Growing and Enjoying Plants*, Room B

### **Thursday, July 27**

- 8 - 8:50 a.m.** Breakfast at the hotel
- 9. a.m.** Session II (pick one seminar)
3. *Holistic Turf Management in Shade* by Arly Drake, Clark State College program coordinator, Room A
  4. *Black Heritage Crops* by Clare Thorn, Central State University Extension associate, Room B
- 10. a.m.** Session III
5. *Garden Soil Testing and Soil Health* by Leeoria Willis-Burritt, OSU Extension educator, Room B

## Thursday, July 27 (continued)

**11 a.m.** Board Bus to Five Rivers Metro Park

**11:15 a.m.** Session IV

6. *All About Cox Arboretum* by Betty Hoevel, Five Rivers Metro Park educator

**12:15 p.m.** Lunch, TBA

**1 p.m.** Garden Tours

**1:45 p.m.** Board Bus to Memorial Service

**2 p.m.** Memorial Service, Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum, 118 Woodland Ave.

**2:45 p.m.** Board Bus for Mystery Tour

**6 p.m.** Dinner, TBA

**8-10 p.m.** Social Time, Photo Show

## Friday, July 28

**7:30 a.m.** Breakfast at hotel

**8:30 a.m.** Silent Auction closes

**9 a.m.** Membership Meeting, Room B

**10 a.m.** Session V

7. *About Krohn Conservatory*, Mark House, director of Krohn Conservatory, Room B

**11 a.m.** Session VI

8. *Gardens Great & Small* by Laura Deeter, OSU/ATI coordinator of Landscape Horticulture & Horticultural Science, Room A

**Noon** Lunch, hotel

**1 p.m.** Central Great Lakes Gardeners region meeting, Room A

**Questions?** [tgoa.org@gmail.com](mailto:tgoa.org@gmail.com)



## Our Seminar Speakers 2023 TGOA National Convention



### ***Seminar No. 1: The Fascinating World of Carnivorous Plants***

4 p.m. Wednesday, July 26 Room B

#### **Robert W. McMahon**

**OSU Associate Professor Emeritus, retired OSU/ATI coordinator of Greenhouse Production and Management Technology**

A plant geek since second grade, McMahon was coordinator of Greenhouse Production and Management Technology for OSU/ATI for 29 years, retiring in 2015. McMahon earned his Ph.D. in horticulture and botany and his master's degree in horticulture from Iowa State University. He is president of Gardeners of Greater Cleveland and works seasonally part-time at Lakewood Garden

Center in Cleveland. McMahon also coordinated our speaker series for this TGOA National Convention.

### ***Seminar No. 2: Woody Plants for Your Garden***

4 p.m. Wednesday, July 26 Room A

#### **Tom Davis**

**Certified Horticulture Judge**

This certified horticulture judge has large, mostly natural gardens and woods covering 2 acres. Davis joined The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland in 2004 and has served as its director, president and is currently the Cleveland club's national TGOA director. He's also a past president of the Central Great Lakes Gardeners Region. Currently,

Davis chairs the TGOA Endowment and Investments (E&I) Committee. He is married to Julie Shaw, also a member of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland.



### ***Seminar No. 3: Holistic Turf Management in Shade***

9 a.m. Thursday, July 27 Room A

#### **Arly Drake**

**Clark State College Assistant Professor of Agriculture**

Drake does research with the nine-state Community College Alliance for Agriculture Advancement to provide producers and students with best practices to conserve valuable resources. She currently is an assistant professor and program coordinator in agriculture and horticulture for Clark State College. She formerly was student assistant to the sportsturf extension specialist at OSU, where she earned her master's and PhD focusing on putting green management and the effects of plant growth regulators on stressed turfgrass.



### ***Seminar No. 4: Creating A Community with Black Heritage Crops***

9 a.m. Thursday, July 27 Room B

#### **Clare Thorn**

**Central State University Extension Associate for Agriculture and Natural Resources**

Thorn develops and coordinates youth and adult agricultural and natural resources educational programs for Central State University's Seed to Bloom Botanical and Community Garden. She formerly worked at Bok Tower in Lake Wales, Florida; The Go Fish Education Center in Perry, Georgia and with OSU Extension in Montgomery County managing the Master Gardener and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist programs. Thorn earned her master's and bachelor's degrees in parks and recreation from Ohio University.



### ***Seminar No. 5: Garden Soil Testing and Soil Health***

10 a.m. Thursday, July 27 Room B

#### **Leeoria Willis-Burritt**

**OSU Extension Educator for Agriculture, Natural Resources & Horticulture**

Willis-Burritt serves as the county coordinator for the Montgomery County Master Gardener program. She earned her bachelor's degree in agricultural education at Central State University with a minor in sustainable agriculture. She has worked in the Central State University Seed to Bloom Botanical Garden as well as the Agricultural Natural Resource Information Management Lab. She volunteers with the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association and Pheasants and Quail Forever.

## ***Seminar No. 6: All About Cox Arboretum***

11:15 a.m. Thursday, July 27 Cox Arboretum

### **Betty Hoevel**

**Education Coordinator, Five Rivers MetroParks**

As Education Coordinator for Five Rivers MetroParks, Hoevel presents classes in sustainable horticulture and gardening practices as well as workshops and presentations for clubs, private groups and media. She provides in-depth public tours of several parks and is in charge of the Children's Discovery Garden at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks. She also collects and coordinates historical information on the parks – social, geologic and biological.



## ***Seminar No. 7: All About Krohn Conservatory***

10 a.m. Friday, July 28 Room B

### **Mark House**

**Manager, Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, Ohio**



As a teenager living in Paris, France, House would revel in the Palace of Versailles and its orangerie. In 2003, he joined the Krohn Conservatory staff in Cincinnati to care for its citrus collection. With a bachelor's degree in agronomy from The Ohio State University and an associate degree in landscape horticulture from Cincinnati State College, House today is manager of Krohn Conservatory and an adjunct professor of horticulture for Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

## ***Seminar No. 8: All Gardens Great & Small***

11 a.m. Friday, July 28 Room A

### **Laura Deeter**

**OSU Professor and OSU Coordinator of Landscape Horticulture & Horticultural Science**

Effective Aug. 25, Deeter becomes director of Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens on OSU's Columbus, Ohio campus. As a professor, she has taught horticultural technologies for OSU's Agricultural Technical Institute on its College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences campus in Wooster. Deeter received her Ph.D. in horticulture from OSU. She teaches woody and herbaceous plant identification, landscape design, sustainable landscaping, plant health management, landscape construction and ecology.



# 2023 TGOA Convention Lodging

## Springhill Suites by Marriott

Several of our events and meetings are at Springhill Suites by Marriott at 417 Springboro Pike on the south edge of Dayton, Ohio. The newly renovated hotel is just down the street from Five Rivers MetroPark and Cox Arboretum.



Springhill Suites is holding a limited number of rooms for us at \$99 a night, including a full breakfast. You must mention TGOA to get the rate, which is good for early arrivals and members who wish to stay after the Convention.

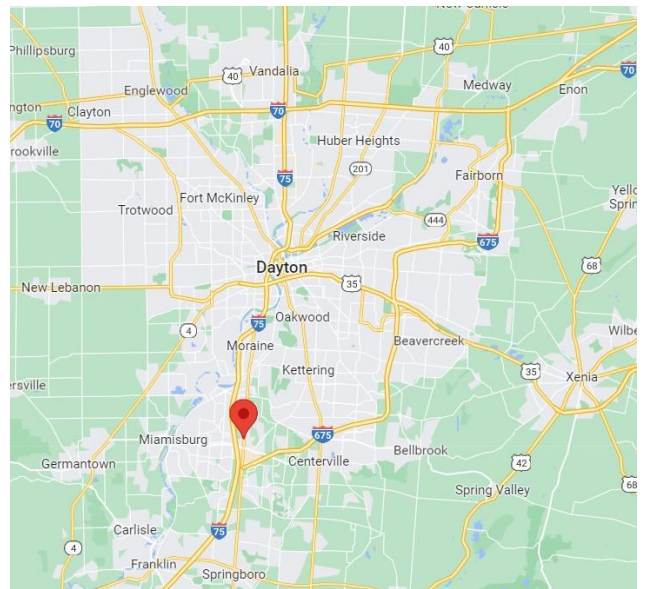
The hotel phone number is 937-432-9506.

[Springhill Suites by Marriott website](#)

## Travel Guide

The 2023 National Convention is ...

- About 205 miles (3 hours) southwest of Akron, Ohio
- About 136 miles (2.5 hours) southeast of Fort Wayne, Indiana
- About 220 miles (3.5 hours) southwest of Cleveland, Ohio
- About 82 miles (1.25 hours) west of Columbus, Ohio
- About 260 miles (4 hours) west of Youngstown, Ohio



If coming from a distance, your best bet likely is to fly into Dayton International Airport and lease a car. [Here's a link to that airport](#), which is on the north side of Dayton.