



# THE GARDENERS GAZETTE

The Official Newsletter of The Gardeners of America

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## 2024 Convention Special Report

*The Gardeners of America's national convention will be held at the Wooster campus of The Ohio State University's campus of the Agricultural Technical Institute September 12-14.* This is a great educational event for gardeners to reconnect with gardening friends from other clubs to learn from their experiences and to learn from eight outstanding speakers on a wide variety of topics! There also will be a fun horticulture show, a silent auction and a photography show featuring beautiful herbaceous and woody plant species.

In addition, there will be a trip on Friday, September 13 to visit the historic Roscoe Village and the Clary Gardens in Coshocton, Ohio, an hour south of Wooster. Clary Gardens is a 20-acre botanical garden that features herbaceous and woody plant species gardens in a beautiful setting. Dinner that evening will be at the Warehouse Restaurant located in the village.

Wooster has two institutions of higher learning: The College of Wooster and The Ohio State University. OSU has the Agricultural Technical Institute and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center.

To top off the convention, there will be a business casual dinner featuring cocktails, beer and wine during the social hour Saturday evening. This will be a fun way to end the convention with attendees sharing their experiences during the convention and continuing with their own gardening stories with fellow convention attendees.

This will be a fun time of gardening education and fellowship, and everyone is encouraged to attend this outstanding educational event. You also will make new gardening friends to share gardening stories along with old friends, so what better way than to spend three days among fellow gardening enthusiasts? Registration form is included in the newsletter, so please register and plan to attend!





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## 2024 Convention Hotel Information

### Comfort Suites

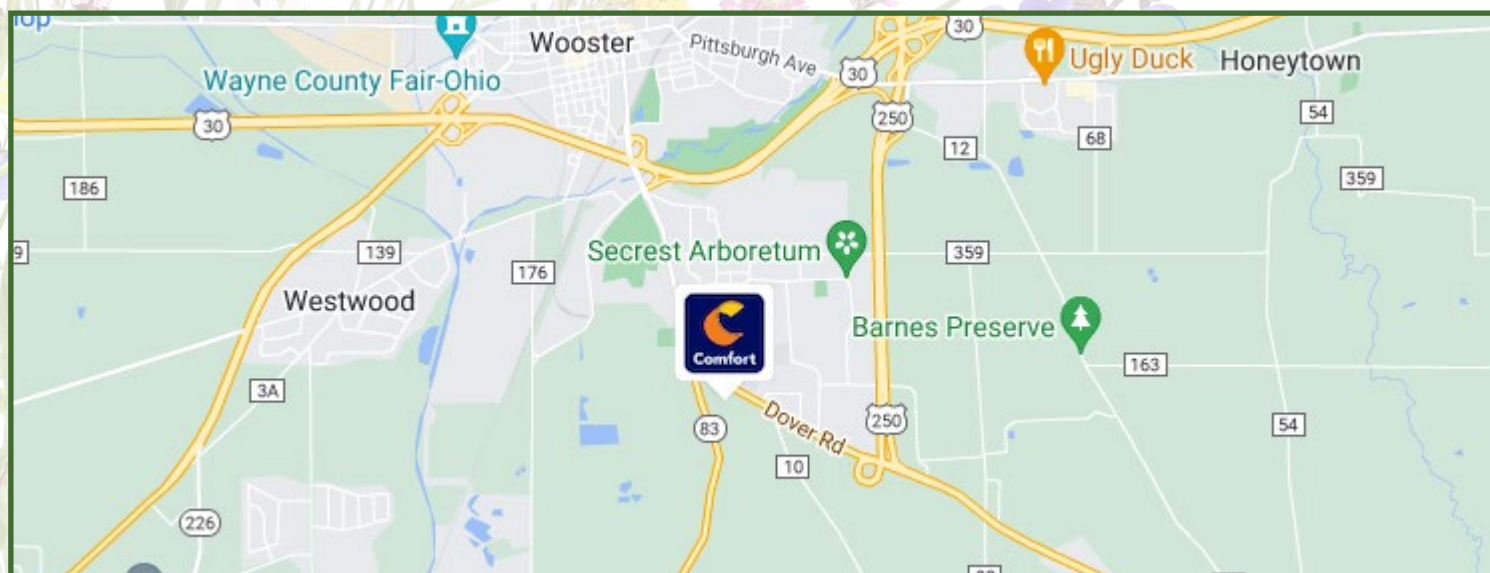
965 Dover Road  
Wooster, OH 44691  
330-439-0190

**Check-in is 3:00 PM**

**Check-out is 11:00 AM**

<https://www.choicehotels.com/ohio/wooster/comfort-suites-hotels/oh649?mc=llgoxxpx>

- Comfort Suites has set aside rooms with both one King Bed and 2 Queen Beds. The rate for either is \$129.00 per night which includes breakfast at Comfort Suites. Mention the Gardeners of America convention when making the reservation. This is the same hotel that was used for the 2022 Convention.
- Members who do not stay here can get breakfast at the Comfort Suites for \$10.
- Members are invited to donate items for the silent auction.
- TGOA's E&I Fund will pay for bus transportation, and host the business casual dinner and reception.





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## 2024 Convention Pricing

Convention Fee Per Person: **\$150.00**

Guest/2nd Family Member: **\$125.00**

Daily Fee: **\$75.00**

***Fee includes:***

Barbeque Thursday Evening

Lunch & Dinner Friday

Saturday will be a sit-down dinner and cocktails.

***To register online, click here:***

Registration Form is included in the newsletter, if you wish to register by mail. If you wish to pay online, please fill out the registration form and email Larry Kell at [larrykell01@gmail.com](mailto:larrykell01@gmail.com). Make checks payable to **TGOA National Convention** and mail the registration form and check to:

**THE GARDENERS OF AMERICA  
P.O. Box 40545  
BAY VILLAGE, OH 44140-0545**





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## Convention Schedule:

### Thursday, September 12th

- 1:00 pm Convention Registration, start Accepting for the Flower & Garden Show, and Silent Auction
- **2:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting**
- 3:00 pm - 3:50 pm Eddie Lagucki Presentation: Native Plants in a Changing Landscape and Climate
- 4:00 pm - 4:50 pm John McCumber & Barb Holtz Presentation: Tiny Forests
- 5:00 pm - 5:50 pm Bob McMahon Q&A: Small Plants, followed by a barbecue
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Judges only for Judging Flower and Garden Show
- 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm View the Flower and Garden Show
- 9:00 pm - Photography Show

### Friday, September 13th

- 8:30 am Announcements
- 9:00 am - 9:50 Denise Ellsworth Presentation: Gardening for Pollinators
- 10:00 am - 10:50 am Terry Lanker Presentation Garden to Vase: Floral Design Tips and Techniques
- 11:15 am Board bus
- 11:30 am Bus leaves for Coshocton
- Noon Eat lunch on bus
- 1:00 pm Arrive at [Clary Gardens](#) in Coshocton: self-guided tour for one hour
- 2:00 pm Arrive at [Roscoe Village](#): orientation video and guided tours and followed by a Memorial Service at Roscoe Village
- 5:00 pm Dinner at Roscoe Village at the [Warehouse Restaurant](#)
- 6:30 pm Board Bus
- 8:00 pm Return to Hotel

### Saturday September 14th

- 8:30 pm Announcements Last chance to bid on the silent auction
- **9:00 am Membership Meeting**
- 11:00 am Jim Chatfield Presentation: Garden Phenology
- Noon Lunch in Cafe Carmen at OSU ATI
- 1:00 pm Edgar Stehli Presentation: Orchids 101: An Introduction to Orchids
- 2:00 pm Laura Deeter Presentation: Gems of Chadwick Arboretum
- 3:00 pm Mark Yoders Presentation: Bonsai workshop (Fee is required). Deadline is August 15th.
- 5:00 pm Social hour / Business Casual
- 6:00 pm Dinner (To be determined)
- 7:00 pm Awards, presentations, etc.





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## SPEAKER BIOS:

**TERRY LANKER:** Terry holds the title of Faculty Emeritus from The Ohio State University. She recently retired from her position as Coordinator of the Floral Design and Marketing program at Ohio State ATI and served as Chair of the ATI Horticulture Division for 15 years. Terry's expertise includes the art of floral design as well as the science of post-harvest flower care and the business of retail floristry. She is the recipient of several teaching and service awards including being named Teacher of the Year by the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges. Terry is a member of the Smithers-Oasis Ambassador's Team and has authored several books including Flower Arranging published in 2020 by Wildflower Media. She has also written a monthly column in Florists' Review, presented floral design seminars and hands-on workshops throughout the US, and has served as a member of the Teleflora Educational Design team.

**JIM CHATFIELD:** Jim is an Associate Professor and Extension Specialist at OSU's ATI. He has a B.S in Botany from the Ohio University and a M.S in Plant Pathology from the Ohio State University. He worked from 1980 - 1982 on his PhD program in the Plant Pathology Department at OSU; completed course work and general examination. Jim has held extensive green industry Extension workshops throughout the United States, especially in Ohio and the Midwest. The workshops include plant problem diagnostics, plant materials, plant selection and plant pathology topics.

**EDGAR STEHLI:** Edgar's interest in orchids began when he was just six or seven years old. Edgar found a plant growing in the roadside ditch near our house in Northeast Ohio. When his father got home from work, he dragged him over to see his discovery. He said "Oh! That's an orchid." His first orchid find was a *Spiranthes* (probably *cernua*). A few years later his family drove to Alaska and back. On that trip, he found a *Calypso bulbosa* in Wyoming and several other orchids in Alaska and Canada. While in high school, Edgar began growing some tropical orchids, and soon had a small collection. While in his final year at Case Western Reserve University, his orchid collection moved to Florida with my parents. Sadly, he never saw them again (the orchids that is!). Also in his last year, Edgar met Kim Sante who was working at the Cleveland Garden Center, now known as the Cleveland Botanical Gardens. Eventually Kim and Edgar were married in Kenya, Africa. Shortly after they were married, they built a sunroom on the corner of their house. This of course allowed Edgar's orchid collection to get a little out of hand. Finally in 1999 they began selling their plants to area florists, then through the orchid shows. They called their business – Windswept in Time Orchids. They now attend close to fifteen shows a year, where their plants and exhibits have won many awards.





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## SPEAKER BIOS:

**LAURA DEETER:** Laura Deeter received her PhD in horticulture from The Ohio State University after studying road-salt tolerance in herbaceous perennials under Dr. Steve Still. She is currently a Professor of Horticulture at The Ohio State University in Horticulture and Crop Science and the Sandy and Andy Ross Endowed Director of the Chadwick Arboretum. She has taught a multitude of horticulture classes including: Woody and Herbaceous Plant Identification, Landscape Design, Sustainable Landscaping, Plant Health Management, Landscape Construction, and Ecology, to name a few. She was awarded the ATI Distinguished Teaching Award three times, the OSU Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, the Perennial Plant Association Teaching Award the American Horticulture Society Teaching Award, Perennial Plant Association Service Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ohio Landscape Association and Professor of the Year from Instructure. She travels extensively speaking on a variety of topics ranging from taxonomy and nomenclature to shade gardens, design, color, and specialty gardens and plants. Her new home is an open canvas for spring planting with 3 large dogs!

**MARK YODERS:** Mark graduated cum laude with a Nursery Management degree from OSU's Agricultural Technical Institute. As the nursery/horticulture technician at ATI, Mark became a certified arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture and maintained that certification for 25 of those 30 years. Part of his job responsibilities included assisting various faculty in teaching the arboriculture classes as well as maintaining the trees and grounds on ATI's campus. After 30 years of dedicated service, he retired from OSU/ATI. Upon leaving, he worked for six years with the Wayne County Public Library as a CDL bookmobile driver and retired completely three years ago.

Mark married his high school sweetheart, and they will be celebrating their 47th their anniversary in early October. They have four children and five beautiful grandchildren. Mark looks forward to be sharing my bonsai knowledge and experience with the participants of the hands-on workshop where they will create, design and take home their personal, hardy bonsai.



# 2024 The Gardeners of America National Convention

**September 12th - 14th, 2024**

**Ohio State University / Agricultural Technical  
Institute, Wooster, OH**

## Registration Form

*One form per person attending.*

Convention Fee (Per Person) **\$150.00**  
Guest/2nd Family Member **\$125.00**  
Daily Fee **\$ 75.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

TGoA Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Special Diet: Vegetarian \_\_\_\_ Gluten Free \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

**TGOA National Convention**

Mail Registration Form and check to:

**The Gardeners of America**

**P.O. Box 40545 Bay Village, OH 44140-0545**

Email registration forms to [larrykell01@gmail.com](mailto:larrykell01@gmail.com),  
or via USPS to the above address.

Hotel Accommodations:

Comfort Suites (Across from the Convention Site)

**\$129.00 per night**

Mention the TGOA convention for the discount.

Other Major hotel chains are also in Wooster.

## **Select Your Seminar:**

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 3PM, Native Plants in a Changing  
Landscape and Climate, Eddie Lagucki

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:PM Tiny Forests, John  
McCumber & Barb Holtz

\_\_\_\_\_ 5PM Q&A Small Plants, Bob  
McMahon

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 9AM, Gardening for Pollinators,  
Denise Ellsworth

\_\_\_\_\_ 10AM Garden to Vase: Floral  
Design Tips & Techniquet, Terry Lanker

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 11AM Garden Phenology, Jim  
Chatfield

\_\_\_\_\_ 1PM Orchids 101, An  
Introduction to Orchids, Edgar Stehli

\_\_\_\_\_ 2PM Gems of Chadwick  
Arboretum, Laura Deeter, Sandy & Andy  
Ross

\_\_\_\_\_ 3PM, Bonsai Workshop: Limited  
to 20 people, \$30 fee includes a potted  
Bonsai Juniper, Mark Yoders. Deadline is  
August 15th.

*Tell us your shirt size:*

Women's

☐ Small

☐ Medium

☐ Large

☐ Extra Large

Men's

☐ Small

☐ Medium

☐ Large

☐ Extra Large

### Office Use Only

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

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