

TGOA/MGCA National Convention, July 18 – 21, 2017

Hosted by Gardeners of Greater Cleveland, Gardeners of Greater Akron & Men's Garden Club of Youngstown

Where: Cleveland Airport Marriot, 4277 W. 150th St., Cleveland, 44135, 216-252-5333. The Hotel is newly refurbished with large meeting space, bar and restaurant. It is reasonably close to 'Kamm's Corners' restaurants and shops. Rooms are \$94/night (well below government rate) for the whole stay. Each room has Wi-Fi. There will also be a hospitality room. Underground parking for hotel guests & free parking for attendees. [Click Here for Map.](#)

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

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

Other Cleveland Attractions: The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Science Center, The Cleveland Aquarium are all located in the downtown Cleveland area, and the Indians play Blue Jays Friday & Saturday. The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland Botanical Gardens and Western Reserve Historical Society are within easy access in University Circle. Shopping is nearby at [Westgate Plaza](#), [Great Northern Mall](#) and [Crocker Park](#). And if you would like to visit our beautiful Lake Erie shores, Edgewater Park is very inviting and is easily accessible from Downtown. Also visit [Destination Cleveland's](#) website for more information.

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.

Tuesday, July 18: The 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 the Hotel 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 Schinke 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 the 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.

- ***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 Assistant Horticulture Director & Director of its Master Gardener program.
- ***Dragonflies* - Judy Serco - 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 Ellsworth - Fri., 1:30pm - 2:30pm.** Denise is Director of the Honey Bee and Native Pollinator Education Program, Ohio State University.