



*The Holly Society of America, Inc.*  
GREAT RIVERS CHAPTER

Notice of Fall meeting of the Great Rivers Region

October 5, 2019 - Columbus, Ohio

It has been quite some time since we met in the far eastern part of our region and we're excited for the opportunity to return to Dawes Arboretum this fall. We have hired a charter bus for travel, which makes for great botanizing between stops!

First up Saturday morning we'll go to Groovy Plants Ranch at Marengo, Ohio. This is a family owned greenhouse growing intriguing and unique plants. Our visit will include a guided tour and the opportunity to buy plants. <https://www.groovyplantsranch.com/>

The afternoon will begin with lunch at Dawes Arboretum, followed by a tour guided by Arboretum staff. Dawes was founded in 1929 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2016. The collections at Dawes comprise about 400 acres of the nearly 2,000 acre property, and include hollies, maples, witch hazel, buckeyes, oaks, European beech, azaleas and Ohio natives, among others. After the tour, the Arboretum will host a local beer tasting for us and there will be plants available for purchase. <https://dawesarb.org/>

Our Saturday evening dinner will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Polaris. Please do remember to bring plants for the auction. The auction is always lively and entertaining and is a great way to acquire new plants for your garden while supporting our group and underwriting our meetings. Also, we encourage everyone to participate in the Fall Sprig Contest. An information sheet with rules is enclosed.

Rooms have been reserved at Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Polaris for both Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5. Reservation information is enclosed. **PLEASE NOTE that the rooms will be held only until September 21, 2019.** Please make your reservations as soon as possible. The hotel has a full service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Guests are always welcome at our meetings! Note guest names on the enclosed registration form and include payment. Please assist us with planning by returning your registration forms as quickly as possible. We look forward to seeing you in October in Ohio!

Fred Vallowe  
President, Great Rivers Chapter, HSA

**Great Rivers Region Meeting - October 5, 2019  
Columbus, Ohio**

*Times listed are Eastern Time*

- 8:30 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby for registration packets and bus boarding
- 9:00 a.m. Depart to travel to Groovy Plants Ranch, Marengo, Ohio (about 25 minutes travel time)
- 10:45 a.m. Depart to travel to Dawes Arboretum, Newark, Ohio (about an hour travel time)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch at the Arboretum
- 1:00 p.m. Guided tour on the bus of the Arboretum grounds
- 3:15 p.m. Local beer tasting hosted by Dawes Arboretum
- 4:15 p.m. Return to Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Polaris (about 45 minutes travel time)
- 5:30 p.m. Social time in banquet room. This is a chance to botanize and view offerings for the plant auction and the sprig contest.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Business meeting, including discussion of nomination of new Great Rivers president. Fred Vallowe has served in that capacity since May, 2013 and is ready to turn over the reins!
- 7:30 p.m. Plant auction
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**Hotel Reservations - Great Rivers Region Meeting  
Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Polaris  
Columbus, Ohio**

Rooms have been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights, October 4 and 5, 2019. The rate is \$139.00 per night, plus tax.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**  
**THE ROOMS WILL ONLY BE HELD UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21, 2019.**

***Please contact the hotel directly at (614)846-8884 and mention "Great Rivers Holly" when you make your reservations.***

Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Polaris      Phone (614)846-8884  
8535 Lyra Drive  
Columbus OH 43240

**Meeting Reservations - Great Rivers Region Meeting  
Columbus, Ohio - October 5, 2019**

***Please complete and return this registration form with your check to the address below as soon as possible. We must have an accurate count for the meals no later than Friday, September 25, 2019.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
and address \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration fee includes lunch at Dawes Arboretum (\$15.00) and dinner at the hotel (\$35.00).

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ lunch and dinner meals at \$50.00 each

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Karen Vallowe, Secretary/Treasurer  
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Phone: 618/599-3005 *Please leave a message if I do not answer.*

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## ANNUAL HOLLY SPRIG CONTEST

Competition will be open to both amateur and professional entrants. Both a division of amateur entries and a division of professional entries will be judged. To have a truly worthwhile display, we need your sprigs!

### Amateur and Professional Division Classes

Class I	<i>Ilex opaca</i> sprigs (American)
Class II	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i> sprigs (English)
Class III	<i>Ilex crenata</i> sprigs
Class IV	Deciduous holly - <i>Ilex verticillata</i> only
Class V	Deciduous holly - all others ( <i>Ilex decidua</i> , etc.)
Class VI	Inter-specific hybrids (named varieties and unnamed selections) 'Blue Boy', 'Foster', 'Dr. Kassab', 'Aquiperni', etc.
Class VII	Others - <i>Ilex latifolia</i> , <i>Ilex pedunculosa</i> , etc.

Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third places. A Best of Show ribbon will be awarded if any sprig merits this honor.

### General Rules

1. Sprigs must be from plants grown for at least one year by entrant and must be properly identified. (If you are unsure of proper class please consult a judge.)
2. Evergreen sprigs must not exceed 18 inches in length. Deciduous sprigs must not exceed 24 inches in length.
3. All judging will be based on the official point score card of HSA.
4. Competition is open to anyone wishing to enter
5. Judging will take place as specified in the program.

POINT SCORE CARD FOR JUDGING BERRIED, NON BERRIED AND DECIDUOUS BRANCHES OF THE GENUS <i>ILEX</i>					
BERRIED HOLLY		NON BERRIED HOLLY		DECIDUOUS HOLLY	
Vigor of spray	10	Vigor of spray	15	Vigor of spray	20
Spacing of foliage	10	Spacing of foliage	15	Freedom from blemish	20
Color of foliage	15	Color of foliage	25	Size of fruit	15
Freedom from blemish	15	Freedom from blemish	20	Color of fruit	20
Texture of foliage	10	Texture of foliage	15	Spacing of fruit	15
Size of fruit	10	Correct labeling	10	Correct labeling	10
Color of fruit	10				
Spacing of fruit	10				
Correct labeling	10				
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>