



Des Fleurs Garden Club

KNOWING GROWING SHOWING AND SHARING



Membership Application



About Us

Gardening in your community is a great way to fulfill our motto of “Knowing, Growing, Showing & Sharing” Des Fleurs Garden Club is a very active service organization located in Oxford, Ohio. The club was founded in 1959 and is a member of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs.

Objectives

To contribute to the beautification of the Oxford community, encourage the knowledge and love of native flora and fauna, maintain the theory and practice of horticulture and to practice environmental awareness and conservation.

Meetings

Meetings are the first Thursday of each month February through November. The majority of the meetings are at 1:00p.m. and consist of a guest speaker, Q & A; refreshments and a meeting.

Our Programs provide educational opportunities for members to expand their garden knowledge from experts in their field. Past topics we have covered: Conservation, flower arranging, herbs, public gardens, horticulture & landscape design, birding, native species, organic gardening and many other diverse topics.

Fundraising

In order to raise funds in support of community projects, Des Fleurs hosts a number of events that rely on the contribution of club members time and talents.

Annually, the May Plant Sale & Auction and Holiday Wreath Making Project are popular events open to the Oxford Community. Club members contribute plants and garden art to the Plant Sale and make wreaths that are sold to the community in the Holiday Wreath Making Project.

Garden Tours within the Oxford area are offered biannually when several local gardens are available. Garden owners share with the public their personal oasis and love of gardening. Club members assist with hosting, organizing, publicizing, and many other tasks.



Community Involvement

Civic and Community Projects

In support of the Oxford community and club objectives, Des Fleurs conducts several on-going community projects:

INLOES PARK

Located at the corner of High and Locust Streets, Inloes has been maintained by Des Fleurs since 1979. Members design, plant, and maintain the beds with amazing colors throughout the gardening seasons. It is enjoyed as a "drive by" or by sitting in a relaxed environment within the city. Many photographers have appreciated the different textures within the garden areas and it is a great place to take your special photo.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Des Fleurs uses the Community Awards program to recognize outstanding gardens created by residents and businesses who are not garden club members. May thru September we select a local resident garden or local business as a featured garden of the month designated by a sign and a certificate. All other award recipients are given a certificate and are publicized in the local newspapers as well as on social media and the Des Fleurs website.

OXFORD COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER LANDSCAPE

Oxford Community Arts Center (OCAC) is located at 10 S. College Avenue and is a non-profit organization that is the heart of the local community.

Since 2005, Des Fleurs has contributed considerable time and funding to the creation and maintenance of the planting beds on the OCAC grounds. Des Fleurs members design the beds, maintain the plantings, purchase new plants as needed, and provide upkeep via the application of mulch and leaf removal. Miami students assist with heavy work, such as mulch and leaf removal. Additionally, Des Fleurs plants the large containers that are at the entrance of OCAC and maintains them throughout the growing season.

In 2007, Des Fleurs funded and assisted with the creation of the Children's Garden, an enclosed area on the grounds of OCAC. The Children's Garden provides hands on gardening experience for children attending OCAC sponsored gardening camps as well as environmental education for elementary school children. Currently, the Children's Garden is maintained by OCAC with assistance, as needed, from Des Fleurs.



Membership Levels

Active Members:

Des Fleurs welcomes new members at every skill level who will be supportive of Des Fleurs projects and objectives. Before applying for membership, a prospective member is required to attend two business meetings and work with us on one project. We believe that this will give prospective members a good sense of whether they would like to continue with the club.

Once the pre-membership requirements are fulfilled, the membership application should be completed. The membership committee will assist new members with the requirements of membership: serving on 2 projects, participating in 1 club fundraiser, attending 4 business meetings within a 12 month period, and paying annual dues.

Our Committees Include:

- Auditing
- Club Historian
- Communications
- Community Awards
- Community Planting
- Flower Show
- Hospitality
- Legislative
- Membership
- Memorials
- Publicity
- Programs

Friends of the Garden Club:

“Friend” status is open to anyone who wishes to support the objectives of the club and work on at least one project per year. Friends are limited to attending 3 business meeting per year. Those wishing to more actively participate in the club should choose “Active Member” status.





Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip

Email _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ — _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ — _____

Birth Day _____ Month _____

How did you hear about us?

Please check if you are applying for:

☐ Active Member ☐ or Friend of Des Fleurs

Please check your interests below:

Publicity _____

Floral Design _____

Public Gardens _____

Computer Skills _____

Hospitality _____

Workshops _____

Communications _____

Programming _____

Other (Please Note) _____

Media _____

Please tell us a little bit about yourself, your interests, and special talents and share with us why you would like to join Des Fleurs Garden Club.

Please send your completed application via post or email to:

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