

HISTORY OF ORGANIC GARDENING CLUB OF CENTRAL OHIO

The Club was founded in the Fall of 1964 by Merrell Schulz who served as first president. First secretary-treasurer was Joe Martin. The third original member was Dale Klinger. Meeting place was Asbury Methodist Church, 4760 Winchester Pike. Newton Asbury was the second president. During this time Evald and Vilma Ambatz, Ray Saelinbinder and Warner and Leora Climer became members. The Climers are current members (1985).

The second meeting place was the Columbus Public Library on South Grant Ave. Then in 1975 the Club moved to the Bexley Library on Main Street where we had better parking facilities and meeting room. Several meetings were held at the Jeffrey Mansion in Bexley arranged by member Margaret Dell; this was during the energy crisis. Two of the December pot luck dinners were held at the Mansion also.

In 1977 the Club moved to our present meeting place, the Franklin Park Conservatory, as it was more centrally located and there was no fee for the meeting room.

We had our first booth at the Flower and Garden Show in 1976 which helped to add members to the Club and during this time we began having regular picnics at member's gardens during the summer months.

In 1982 we began having our November meeting at Blacklick Woods with a Harvest Dinner.