

GARDEN SCOOP

Calendar 2018

Friday, August 17

Tour of American Greetings

Arrive at **9:30 a.m.**

Lunch at Stella Mia

R.S.V.P. by August 13

Wednesday, September 5

Board Meeting 10:30 a.m.

Porter Public Library

Tuesday, September 11

GCO District Meeting

See page 3.

Wednesday, September 19

Raffle Basket Assembly

Porter Public Library

Deadline for luncheon reservations.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Fundraiser Luncheon

Westwood Country Club

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Westlake Garden Club awards scholarships of \$500 to high school seniors planning to pursue a degree in horticulture or environmental sciences. This year's recipients are Elizabeth (Libby) Paul and Rachael Kaiser. Both are excellent students with an interest in nature and the environment. We wish them well at their respective colleges, OSU and Otterbein University.

Fête des Fleurs Luncheon

On Wednesday, September 26, you will have the honor of supporting your garden club by attending the biennial fundraiser luncheon at Westwood Country Club. This year's speaker is Jill Koski, president and CEO of Holden Forest and Gardens. There will be a delicious lunch, raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Our funds support scholarships to high school seniors and community and educational programs. Contact your friends, family and acquaintances and invite them to attend. Tickets are still just \$35 and include valet parking. Visit our website www.westlakegardenclub.org or call Jean Smith at 440-665-5463 to get a flyer with ticket order forms. Deadline for reservations is September 19, but don't wait, buy your tickets now. Thank you. *Jean Smith.*



AUGUST MEETING AMERICAN GREETINGS

The club will tour the American Greetings headquarters at Crocker Park on **Friday morning, August 17, 2018.**

Although the downstairs gallery is always open to the public, our tour is a very special opportunity to visit this unique, creative workspace.

American Greetings requires that **all participants** show **a photo i.d.** The tour is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Please arrive by 9:30** to be checked in. The tour is for members only but as a member you may invite guests. An elevator is available for those who need it. **Reservations** are to be made by e-mail to Shirley Lutts no later than **Monday, August 13.** Please also let Shirley know if you will be joining the group for lunch at Stella Mia restaurant on Center Ridge afterwards. Those without email may contact Claire Evangelista or Kathy Bruening. See directions to AG on last page.



The July Garden walks were superb!

Wonderful garden walk! Many thanks to the Lutts's for all of their planning and hard work. The gardens were outstanding and we are so grateful to the owners for inviting us to share the beauty of their outdoor spaces.

Also, we need to compliment our food committee for the lovely refreshments served at the last home on our garden walk in July. Cathie Karls, Marge Emblom, Judy Hullinger, Agnes Tark and Nancy Whelan all contributed to the refreshments that were served. There was a wonderful variety of finger foods: little hors-d'oeuvres, vegetables, fruit and dessert-- something for everyone. Great job!

Thank you!

A big thank you to Judy Hullinger who has been watering our Hilliard Rd flower bed. Judy brings the water in gallon jugs and parks on Kathryn St. to get the job done. She tried parking on that center strip but a very kind Westlake police officer "counseled" her that this was not a safe way to do it. So thank you, Judy. This job had more hazards than expected.

Baskets & Bakery

As I look over the list of baskets from previous years, I notice that some that were not as high-priced were very popular and therefore profitable. Please do not stress about how much a basket is worth. Do what is affordable for you. We, of course, want them to be very high-quality and attractive to our guests and we know that you are generous. Some of the theme baskets that members have already signed up for are Wine, Chocolate and Coffee, Penzey Spices, Night at the Theatre, Italian, Lavender, a Salad bowl of Fresh Greens (dollar bills), Ohio Products, Gardening, Bath & Beauty. Duplicates of the consumable baskets are fine—people love the wine, food, money, etc.

If you would like to partner with someone on a basket and have not yet found anyone, give me a call and I can perhaps match you up with another member.

Kathy Bruening

Calling All Bakers!

It's time to dust off those pans and plan what you are making for our Bakery Shoppe at the September *Fête des Fleurs* fundraiser luncheon. Think small quantities. Breakfast items like small loaves of variety breads and muffins sell well. A few full sized cakes and pies are good. Use doilies on plates to dress up your packages. If putting finished product in plastic bag tie it up with a pretty ribbon.



Please no plastic wrap taped to a paper plate as it will not make it home with our buyers. **Label** items. If it contains NUTS we must put an advisory label on it. Bring bakery on Tuesday or **early** Wednesday before our guests arrive. Thanks in advance as we are counting on all of you to fill our 3 tables again!

P.S. We need pretty mid-sized shopping bags for packaging. Bring any you may have to the **September meeting**.

Jackie Crosier, Bakery Shoppe Chairman

Garden Club of Ohio Fall District Meeting

September 11, 2018, St Michael's Woodside

Morning: Garden Renovation by Bobbie Schwartz followed by lunch

Afternoon: Meet Georgia O'Keefe by Ruth Pangrace

RSVP to Sally Knurek by Sept 6. \$25. payable to GCO Cleveland District.

Margaret's Project We all know that our receptionist, Margaret Schulz, is generous with her time and a big help in our garden group. Margaret also has an ongoing project that benefits the Westlake schools. She collects box top coupons from products like soups, cereals, plastic bags, cake mixes etc. There is a complete list of participating products at boxtops4education.com If you use any of these products that have this coupon (it resembles a UPC symbol) and would like to donate to the Westlake PTO, you may pass them on to Margaret.

A few photos from the July 2018 Garden Walk



Directions for Friday, Aug. 17

Arrive at AG at 9:30. From Crocker Rd., turn onto Studio Way. Studio Way is at a Stop Sign across from Devon Oaks. There is parking in the garage and in the surface lot to the South of the Studio.

We suggest the surface lot. Walk across Studio Way to the entrance.