
GARDEN SCOOP

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

All members should be gearing-up for our fundraiser luncheon. How are you coming along on your baskets? Most importantly, are you selling lots of tickets? Invite everyone you know – male and female – and ask them to invite everyone they know. Leave flyers at gathering places. Please do absolutely everything you can to get as many attendees as possible; our success depends on it.

If anyone had predicted even six months ago that I would be attending an opera concert in the Cultural Gardens, I would have said they were crazy – and I would have been wrong. My membership in the WGC has expanded my horizons. Thanks to our bus tour and past conversations with Michelle Hathway, whose love of opera is infectious, Michelle, Gail Morse and I attended *Opera in the Italian Cultural Garden* the evening of July 21. The weather was beautiful and the setting gorgeous. Well over 1,000 people of all ages gathered to hear arias by Rossini, Delibes, Puccini, Verdi and more performed by *Opera Per Tutti*. We truly enjoyed our evening and supporting the Cultural Gardens. NOTE: All members interested in attending the CBG Saturday, August 17, Green Corps Garden Tour from 10 a. - 1 p., are to send their \$5.00 fee to me not later than Monday, 8/12. Thank you.



Left: Michelle Hathway, Regina McCarthy and Gail Morse with Virgil.

Above and right: Members of *Opera Per Tutti*

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Raffle Baskets for Luncheon

By Sally Knurek

So far we have 25 baskets promised. If you haven't decided on a theme, here are some suggestions: chocolate, roses theme, Christmas, herbs and spices, Ohio, bulbs, yard accents, birds, Octoberfest, pasta, wine, nationality (Asian, Italian, French, etc.), color theme, scrap booking, Mary Engelbreit, Martha Stewart, Shabby chic, girl or boy baskets, Thanksgiving, car theme. I'll be glad to help. Please list the contents and the approximate retail cost and send to me as soon as you know. This will give me time to print a list. Let me know if you will need a basket. Don't worry about wrapping; I will take care of it. Call me with questions or the list of items for your basket, or if you need someone to pick up your basket. Sally Knurek - 440-331-8722. Remember, this is our only fundraiser of the year and the raffle baskets bring in a lot of money for the club.

Order your tickets NOW for the Annual Fête des Fleurs Fundraiser Luncheon and 50th Anniversary Celebration. Order form enclosed.

2013 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013 – MAKE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR WESTLAKE IN BLOOM CEREMONY

PLACE: LACENTRE, 25777 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE

TIME: 1 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2013 – MEETING, “ALL ABOUT SOIL: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE DIRTY” – A HANDS-ON LOOK AND PRESENTATION ABOUT WHICH TODAY, TO HIS DISAPPOINTMENT, IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THRIVING AND GROWING STRONGSVILLE! OUT WHY OUR LOCAL SOILS ARE WHAT THEY ARE, AS WELL AS THE WORLD’S SOILS. PRESENTED BY MEMBER, BILL HOCK.

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE RD.

TIME: 11 A.M. MEETING, LUNCH AT NOON, PROGRAM AT 1 P.M.

HOSTESSES: JEAN SMITH, JACKIE CROSIER, MARIE MCCARTHY, LUCY KALBERS, MARGE DOMITZ

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013 – ANNUAL FETE DES FLEURS LUNCHEON AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

PLACE: WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, 22625 DETROIT ROAD, ROCKY RIVER, OH

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 11 AM, LUNCH AT NOON, PROGRAM AT 1 PM

SPEAKER: JULIE E. WASHINGTON, PLAIN DEALER HOME EDITOR

TICKETS: \$30 - CALL 440-892-1861 FOR TICKETS OR INFORMATION

OTHER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013 – WESTLAKE IN BLOOM AWARDS CEREMONY

PLACE: LACENTRE, 25777 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE

TIME: 6:30 P.M. REFRESHMENTS, 6:45 P.M. AWARDS CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013 – THE HERB GUILD ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

PLACE: WAGNER’S COUNTY INN, 30855 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 10 A.M.

TICKETS: \$30 – CONTACT JAN YOUNG 440-327-8025

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013 – CBG GREEN CORPS GARDEN TOUR

TIME: 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

CONTACT REGINA MCCARTHY BY AUGUST 12 FOR TICKETS

A Lovely Afternoon

By Jean Smith

On a recent Friday, my husband Roger and I took a ride to Akron to visit Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, home of F.A. Seiberling and his family from 1915 to 1955. F.A. Seiberling, with his brother, C.W., co-founded The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The success of the rubber industry transformed Akron into a boomtown, making it known as “the rubber capital of the world.” The Seiberlings built their country estate to escape the industrial city. Stan Hywet is Old English for stone quarry – the property’s most prominent natural feature. In addition to the grand manor house designed by architect Charles Schneider, landscape architect Warren Manning was contracted to incorporate the family’s love of the outdoors into the location and design of Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. The estate’s 70 acres (originally 3,000) include the Japanese Garden, the Great Garden, the Rose Garden, the Grape Arbor, the 550 foot long Birch Tree Allee, the London Plane Tree Allee, the Breakfast Room Garden, the Elliptical Garden, the Great Meadow, the Dell, the Bowling Lawn/North Meadow, the Lagoon and Tea Houses. Ellen Biddle Shipman, the preeminent American woman landscape architect, redesigned the walled English Garden in 1928 at the request of Gertrude Seiberling. It is the only fully-restored Shipman garden open to the public. (Note: the English Garden is maintained by the Akron Garden Club) The gardens are beautifully lush this year with a plethora of colors, and the staff and multitude of volunteers are to be commended for the excellent maintenance of the plantings. Also on the grounds is the Corbin Conservatory, an example of curved eave greenhouse design, resembling the Gothic style. A visit to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens is well worth the 45 minute drive and the modest entrance fee. Summer is a great time to visit for the gardens, but Christmas is also a special time to visit the manor house when it is decorated in a different theme each year and the grounds have an impressive light display. Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens is located at 714 North Portage Trail in Akron. Visit their website at: www.stanhywet.org.

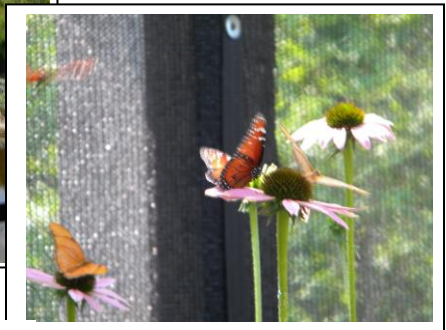
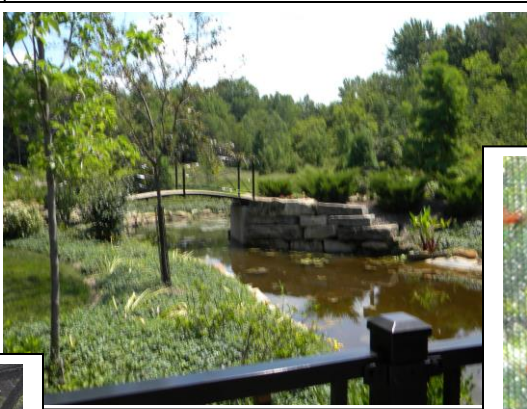


Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens Manor House

A Day Out at Miller Nature Preserve

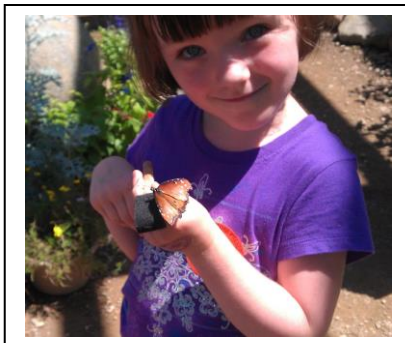
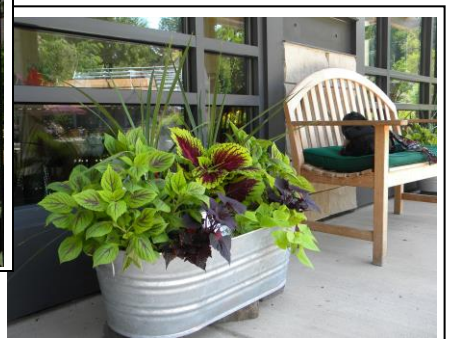
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On a hot Wednesday in July, the garden club met at the Orchid Café at Miller Nature Preserve. The acoustics are not good and it was difficult to hear anything being said by our members. Lunch customers were being seated near us, which added to the noise factor. That said, I think everyone would agree that the lunch was very good and reasonably priced. Following our meeting and lunch, most members toured the conservatory with a park guide. I chose not to tour the inside and headed outside to see what was in bloom. The Lorain County MetroParks have made good progress since opening with the outdoor gardens and the butterfly house. I like the variety of plant materials used and found most of the plantings to be healthy in spite of the heat. I spent a good deal of time in the butterfly house taking photos when the butterflies landed on the flowers. I hope we return to Miller Nature Preserve periodically for our meetings and to see what is new in the conservatory and the outdoor gardens. Perhaps next time, it will be cool enough to have lunch outside on the patio.



Above left: Container at entrance to Conservatory. Left: Butterfly House. Above: Part of the lake between Conservatory and Butterfly House.

Above: Butterflies on Coneflowers in the Butterfly House. Below: Planters outside of Conservatory. Left: Fountain in lake outside of Conservatory. Far left: Butterfly in Butterfly House.



Left: Photo taken by Jackie Crosier of a butterfly landing on the hand of a little girl in the Butterfly House.