
GARDEN SCOOP

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

My Garden Musings. What strange weather. Plants and trees don't know what season it is. Some of the leaves on the Burning Bushes are already turning red and dropping. Coneflowers are half in bloom and half already done. Ditto my Bee Balm. I planted so late this year I really didn't expect much. With all the rain though, my Lilies are tall, one stood out at about 3½ feet; and have lasted much longer than usual. A very good thing. Another of my Gladiolas, which I do not remember transplanting, is 4'9" and still growing. But the dwarf Sunflowers at the Community Garden just curled-up and didn't do much. Probably didn't like its genes being fussed with. Hibiscuses are starting to bloom; first time I've planted them and I am thrilled. Every year is different for us gardeners as we deal with the challenges Mother Nature gives us. The results are certainly well worth it.

When overwhelmed and stressed and unable to think,
I go out and garden, it's cheaper than a shrink.
~Author Unknown

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Annual Fundraiser Luncheon Update

By Jean Smith

The Luncheon Committee met following the July general meeting to set a budget and determine responsibilities. Flyers with ticket order forms were available at the July meeting and I hope you all took one or more. It is really important that each member attends this luncheon and brings a guest or two; even better if members buy a complete table of eight. This luncheon will give you and your guests an opportunity to see the new Lakewood Country Club clubhouse and to meet and hear journalist and Bay Village native, Michael Heaton speak. And you will be helping your garden club to support and fund various community and educational programs. Proceeds from this luncheon are given back to the community in the form of donations to help support schools, civic and community horticulture and environmental programs. It takes a tremendous effort by the committee members to put on this luncheon every year so we really appreciate your support by attending the luncheon and bringing guests. The Westlake Garden Club has a reputation for providing entertaining and educational speakers at our luncheons, as well as outstanding raffle baskets, good food in a lovely setting, delicious bake shop items to take home, and a warm and friendly atmosphere. Who wouldn't want to have lunch with us? So while the committee is taking care of all of the minute details to make this luncheon happen, please do your part by making reservations NOW for yourself and your guests. If you need flyers/order forms, please let me know or see me at the August meeting. Thank you.

September 17 meeting

By Sally Knurek

At our September 17th meeting, we will be putting raffle baskets together. If you need a basket partner to help contribute, a basket to use or an idea, please call me at 440-331-8722. In addition to your basket and contents, you will need to bring: newspapers to fill the bottom of the baskets, scissors and scotch tape. We will have stations to complete all the steps needed to finish your baskets. For example, stations to pack baskets, wrap in cellophane and attach the bows. VERY IMPORTANT ! You will need a list of contents and retail value of complete basket. We will attach numbers to the baskets and the list of contents. If you need help please call ASAP. Note I will be on vacation August 9th through August 17th.

Getting to Know You...

By Margaret Schulz

Kaye Tilton

Prior to moving to Westlake, Kaye Tilton and husband of eight years, Chris, lived in Davenport, Iowa. Chris was recruited to the Cleveland area by architects Reed, Leskosky. Kaye and Chris have two Havenese dogs and, as many of you know, they purchased Lu and Dave Walters house last year. Kaye attended St. Ambrose University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communications and she is a Certified Meeting Professional. She has enjoyed gardening for some time and is now trying to bring new life to the gardens that Lu Walter created at the house on Allen Drive. Kaye had an admiral collection of Hostas in her garden in Iowa and was able to bring some of them with her to Westlake. In addition to her love of transforming a space into a beautiful garden, Kaye enjoys cooking, baking, sewing and numerous crafts. Kaye and Chris are members of the Westlake United Methodist Church and they volunteer at the church with hospitality and church events. Kaye also volunteers with the Westside Community House once a week. Kaye loves to travel and travelled a lot with her job in the past as well as for pleasure. She worked as Director of Sales for the River Central Adler Theatre. As a new member of the Westlake Garden Club, Kaye says that the members are very friendly and she enjoys the great programs. She has jumped right in and volunteered to help with marketing and in other areas of planning for the annual *Fête des Fleurs* fundraiser luncheon. I am sure the luncheon committee appreciates her help. Kaye's favorite flower is the Stargazer Lily and she has an identical twin sister, Carrie. Welcome to the garden club Kaye.

Wildflowers

By Jean Smith

When I hear "wildflowers" I automatically think of Spring, maybe because the appearance of some wildflowers is the first sign of warmer weather to come. But wildflowers bloom almost all year, different varieties at different times, just like the ones we plant in our gardens. On a recent late July bike ride, I spotted Water Hemlock, Daisy Fleabane, Orange Day-lily, Wild Parsnip, Three-lobed coneflower, Crown-vetch, Everlasting Pea, and Common Milkweed. I purchased a wonderful wildflower book earlier this year that helps me identify the plants that I spot when out biking or hiking. The book is titled Wildflowers of Ohio by Robert L. Henn, and the flowers are arranged by color which makes it very easy to find the ones you have spotted.

Happy Birthday

August

2nd Mary Ann Brock
9th Kathy Bruening
22nd Bill Hock
27th Marie McCarthy
30th Georgene Goddard



Membership News

By Jean Smith

We are so pleased to welcome three new members to the club. They all joined at the July meeting so please make them feel welcome. Please enter the new members' information in the membership roster in your yearbook.

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As a club, we have much to offer in the way of interesting programs and events, as well as diversified community involvement, and friendly, knowledgeable members. Please consider bringing a friend to the next meeting and introduce them to our club.

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2014 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014 – MAKE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR WESTLAKE IN BLOOM

PLACE: LACENTRE, 25277 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE

TIME: 1 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

TIME: 11 A.M. MEETING, LUNCH AT NOON

PROGRAM: "FALL PLANTING FOR SPRING HARVEST" PRESENTED BY MASTER GARDENER, CHRISTINE HARRIS.

HOSTESSES: JACKIE CROSIER, ROSEMARIE EVANS, BILL HOCK, JEAN SMITH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

TIME: 11 A.M. MEETING, LUNCH AT NOON

PROGRAM: NO PROGRAM – WE WILL ASSEMBLE RAFFLE BASKETS FOR THE LUNCHEON. BRING YOUR BASKET AND CONTENTS TO THE MEETING.

HOSTESSES: SHIRLEY LUTTS, CAROL BONYKO, PAT DAILEY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 – FÊTE DES FLEURS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

PLACE: LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, 2613 BRADLEY ROAD, WESTLAKE

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

PROGRAM: REPORTER, COLUMNIST AND AUTHOR, MICHAEL HEATON

TICKETS: \$35 INCLUDES VALET PARKING – CALL 440-892-1861

OTHER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014 – WESTLAKE IN BLOOM AWARDS CEREMONY

PLACE: LACENTRE, 25277 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

EVERYONE INVITED

*Westlake Garden Club's annual Fête des Fleurs Luncheon
on September 24, 2014 at Lakewood Country Club*

Menu

*Pasta with Chicken and Grilled Vegetables in a Lemon White
Wine Sauce*

Small Side Salad, Bread, Butter

Non-alcoholic Beverage

Mini Brownies and Cheesecake Squares

Low Maintenance Gardening

By Carolyn Steigman

I recently lost all of my front yard foundation garden to exterior waterproofing. Actually, I wasn't sad to see most of the plants go. They had been planted many years ago by former owners of our house or maybe the builder and were now overgrown monsters taller than I am. It was a battle every year to keep them from covering up the windows

My joy at being free of the constraints of the existing plants was short lived as I realized that I now had to plan a whole new garden and I had no idea how to do that. My two goals for this garden was that it be beautiful and low maintenance.

As luck would have it the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County were offering a free presentation on low maintenance gardening at the North Olmsted Public Library in April, which I attended. They shared information on plants that were slow growing, deer resistant and drought tolerant. What more could you ask of a plant? Here are some of the plants they suggested.

Evergreen shrubs include blue rug juniper, creeping juniper, procumbus nana juniper and pisifera filifers. The deciduous shrub category includes dwarf butterfly bush and purple smoke bush.

Perennials include European ginger, purple coneflower, sedum, and pennisetum dwarf ornamental grass. Annuals include zinnia and lantana. In my yard I have also found knock out roses thrive when most any other rose would have quickly died.

The program provided a good starting place that I supplemented with Internet research. So what did I plant? I did buy some of the plants the master gardeners advised and I was able to dig out and save an azalea and daffodils before the back hoe arrived. But the rest of the plants were ones I found were winter hardy, liked full sun, stayed small and looked beautiful - plants I love because in the last analysis gardening is a labor of love.

My new plants included weeping dwarf cherry tree, Harry Lauder's walking stick, Miss Kim lilac tree, dwarf butterfly bushes, snow in summer ground cover and dwarf ornamental grasses. Mums will be added later in fall when they become available.

Happy gardening.

August Meeting Program

By Sally Knurek

Want a head start on next spring's garden? Come to our August 20th meeting at the Westlake Porter Library. Master Gardner, Christine Harris, will inform us on what veggies and flower seeds can be planted in the fall for spring enjoyment. I have also found that some veggies can still be planted now. I didn't have time to plant Swiss chard until July 20th, but I read on the package that they could be planted now. I suspect that dill and cilantro can also be sown now, since successive crops are needed if you want an all season supply. I would love to hear from all you seasoned gardeners on this subject.

My Moment with Nature

By: Jackie Crosier

It's for the birds! After enjoying our speaker on birds here's our own "encounters." Someone at our condo tossed out a nice "silk" tree. We took it to our summer home front porch. Apparently we weren't the only ones who thought it was realistic as a robin built a durable (it's still there) nest in it. She returned for 2 seasons. This year 2 wrens built 2 nests in the awning ceiling above the tree. We feed a feral cat on the back porch. A bluejay comes all day to take one piece of dry cat food at a time! When the bluejays see me arrive, not Elmer, the "scout" starts calling as he knows I am going to fill the feeder. Walmart sells a foot long seed filled finch feeder for only \$5. (Buy one!). Warning: do NOT put it where squirrels can literally destroy it by biting through its hard plastic like our resident seed thief did. We have cardinals, finches, and hummers who make it to our 2nd floor condo balcony because of all our plants even though we have (not allowed) no feeders. Their arrival entertains us and our 2 indoor cats. What's your bird story?

Miller Nature Preserve News

Butterfly House

Learn about butterflies close up at the Butterfly House at Miller Nature Preserve. The house is open 10 am - 5:30 pm now thru Labor Day. It is FREE to visit. *Butterfly house visiting tips:* come on warm sunny days and wear bright clothing! Discover their life cycle, plants they like, and some simple things you can do in your backyard to help attract them. There are also butterfly programs offered so check out the calendar of events at: www.metroparks.cc

Membership

Last chance to use the coupon in the July/August Arrowhead (page 2) It is for **four yearly memberships for \$35**. Redeem by August 15, 2014 to receive all the regular member benefits. OR use it to renew your current ones.

(Excerpts from the Lorain County Metro Parks Garden ENewsletter, August 5, 2014)

Clague House Museum is "Abloom"

A good time was had by all who participated in making flower arrangements for the Historical Society's Antique and Craft Show. We received many compliments from people who toured the Clague House Museum. It is amazing to me how everyone shows up with a multitude of plant material to work with. Our arrangers included: Regina McCarthy, Kathy Bruening, Kaye Tilton, Marie McCarthy, Jean Smith, Maryann Brock, Alberta Ricciardi, Anne Engle, Shirley Lutts, Laura Messing, Jacquelyn Crosier and Brian Thompson. What a great turnout. Thanks to all. Sally Knurek

