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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

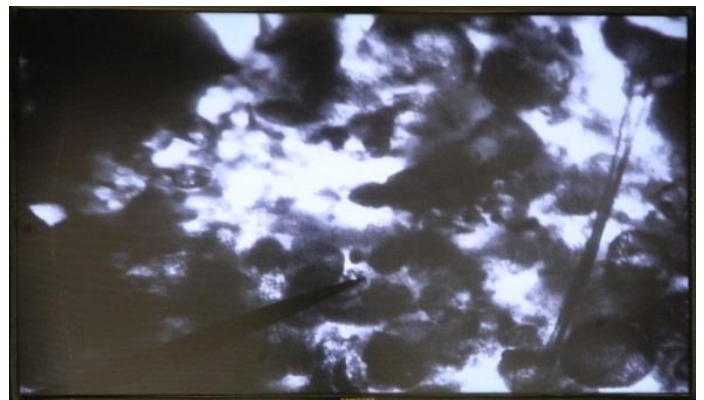


Photo above: Cooke Castle on Gibraltar Island, OH.
Photo taken by Regina McCarthy

I recently visited Gibraltar Island, a private 6.55 acre island just offshore of South Bass Island, part of Put-in-Bay Township. Gibraltar Island became a lookout point for Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry in the fight against the British during the War of 1812. Ohio native Jay Cooke bought the island in 1864 and immediately began construction of a 15 room-Gothic mansion (now known as Cooke Castle, photo left), listed on National Register of Historic Places. The Cooke family entertained a variety of notables, such as William Tecumseh Sherman, Salmon P. Chase, Rutherford B Hayes, Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison. In 1925, Julius Stone, a Trustee of The Ohio State University, acquired the land from descendants of Jay Cooke and immediately donated the island to Ohio State. *** OSU has had various research and teaching labs on Lake Erie since 1895; now they had a permanent home, the Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory, named after Julius' father, more commonly known as the Stone Lab. Dedicated on June 22, 1929, Stone Lab is the oldest freshwater field station in the United States. Since that time, Stone Lab has established itself as *the* premier research facility on Lake Erie, leading the way with its educational programs and outreach to the community. Ohio Sea Grant, based at OSU, and Stone Lab scientists conduct numerous research projects each year focusing on solving the algal bloom problem. Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab also bring together farmers, fertilizer companies, scientists and management agencies to find ways to prevent blooms through new management practices and public outreach. Below is a microscopic view of the toxin-producing algae.

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Getting to Know You...

By Margaret Schulz



Anne Engel

Anne was born in Santa Rosa, CA but grew up on a dairy farm in Ashtabula County, OH. The family also had a vegetable garden which helped spark Anne's love of gardening. Anne received degrees in Education and Library Science from Bowling Green College and a Master Degree in Education from Kent State University. She taught school for 33 years in East Cleveland and Lakewood. Anne and Tom were married in 1969 and have resided in Westlake for 43 years in the same house on Dover Center Road. Anne has travelled all continents except Antarctica. She was an exchange teacher in Ecuador, South America. Anne stays busy with many hobbies including gardening, needlepoint, reading, bowling and she loves playing card games, especially pinochle, bridge and Mah Jong. Anne's garden has evolved over the years with the deer eliminating a lot of the flowers. She now has vegetables and a lot of ferns of which her favorites are Rabbit Foot and Night Blooming Cereus. Anne has volunteered for the fundraiser luncheon committee and will be keeping track of all of the items/gift cards donated by area merchants. Thanks so much Anne for your help with the luncheon and at other meetings and events.

Transportation in Westlake

By Shirley Lutts

We'd love for all our garden club members to be able to attend our meetings. For all of our non-driving members who live in Westlake, if you call the Westlake Community Services Department at 440-899-3544, ask for the transportation department and they will register you and transport you to and from our meetings. The vans will go to private homes and apartments but not to nursing homes. The transportation department knows that our meetings are at 11:00 on the third Wednesday of each month. Hopefully, this will help you get to our garden club meetings and other appointments.

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Happy Birthday

August Birthdays

8/9 Kathy Bruening
8/22 Bill Hock
8/26 Thea Steinmetz
8/27 Marie McCarthy



Membership News

By Kathy Bruening

A warm welcome to our newest member, **Ron Hollis**. Ron also has a garden plot in the Westlake Community Garden. He is a world traveler and great photographer---as some of you may know from meeting him last month.

We are delighted to have Ron and hope that all of you will continue to pass on the word about our club to anyone you know who has an interest in learning about gardening. Emphasis on the word: learning. We are not experts but we love to share our experiences as we continue to learn and spread the word about the joys of gardening.

We are presently in the midst of planning a membership campaign for the fall. So if you know someone who might be interested in checking out what we have to offer, think about inviting them to the meetings right after the September luncheon. More to follow on that.

The date of the 2015 Fête des Fleurs Fundraiser Luncheon is Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at Westwood Country Club. Flyers are now available. Please see Jean Smith if you need flyers or merchant letters. Items donated by merchants are used to enhance raffle baskets or may be used as silent auction items.

August Gardening Tips

- If you have annuals planted in containers or beds that have seen better days, cut them back hard. Apply a good dose of water soluble fertilizer. They will bounce back and start re-blooming for you. Petunias, alyssum and geraniums all need a good rejuvenation this time of year.
- Cut back your blooming perennials by half.
- Planting herbs in late summer is a great way to maintain sustainability. And, the cool weather coming improves the flavor of many vegetables such as broccoli, kale, lettuce, turnips, cabbage, parsley, basil and more.

(excerpt from Gale's Garden Center e-newsletter)

2015 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015 – MAKE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR WESTLAKE IN BLOOM

TIME: 1 P.M.

PLACE: LACENTRE, 25277 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING “SHADE GARDENING SOLUTIONS” PRESENTED BY FRAN BLANK.

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

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD, WESTLAKE

HOST, 2015ESSES: LAURA MESSING, BILL HOCK, MARSHA MCENTEE, JEAN SMITH, RUTH BERTRAND, KATHY BRUENING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING NO PROGRAM – WRAP UP LAST MINUTE DETAILS FOR FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 23.

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

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD, WESTLAKE

HOSTESSES: CLAIRE EVANGELISTA, CATHIE KARLS, JEAN LIVINGSTON, NANCY CHOPP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 – ANNUAL FETE DES FLEURS FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 A.M., LUNCH AT NOON, PROGRAM AT 1 P.M.

FOLLOWED BY RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZES

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

TICKETS: \$35 (INCLUDES VALET PARKING)

OTHER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015 - WESTLAKE IN BLOOM AWARDS CEREMONY

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: LACENTRE, 25277 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE
EVERYONE INVITED

Luncheon Raffle Baskets

The raffle basket committee will have bows, shredded paper and cellophane at the August meeting for those who can wrap their own baskets. We will collect the unwrapped baskets at the September meeting and take them to Kathy Bruening's house. EVERYONE MUST TURN IN A LIST OF BASKET CONTENTS AND PRICE BY THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. No exceptions!
Kathy Bruening and Sally

Here is What's Happening in the Neighborhood

Dean's Greenhouse will be closed from June 29 through August 20, 2015.

Miller Nature Conservatory

You can also enjoy music on the patio at Miller the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

BAYarts on Lake Road in Bay Village now has a Farm + Art Market every Thursday from 5 – 8 p.m. with vendors and live music. Don't miss the spectacular gardens on the property.

Cuyahoga Arts and Culture presents Red Stage Summer Music Series

Last Wednesday of each month, June – September, 6:30 p.m. at Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood.

Community of Fine Arts Show

A Juried Art Show presented by
Westlake-Westshore Arts Council

August 3-29, 2015 at
Westlake Porter Public Library
27333 Center Ridge Road
Westlake, OH 44145

“Meet the Artist” Reception
Saturday, August 29, 2015
2 – 3:30 p.m.

Cleveland Clinic presents: Ask the Experts: Aging Well

Tuesday, August 18 at LaCentre, 25777 Detroit Road, Westlake. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Registration and health screenings. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner and expert panel Q & A session. Cost \$15 (includes meal) Call 877-390-1832 to register.

Upcoming GCO Programs

GCO Day of Design

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Brecksville Community Center

Cost \$5.00

Bring your own lunch, snacks and beverages

Judy Guinn 440-526-6871 Flower-fairy@att.net

Upcoming Flower Shows

Chippewa Garden Club “Artists in Our Garden”
Standard Flower Show

Saturday, September 12, 2015 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, September 13, 2015 12 p.m.-3 p.m.

Brecksville Community Center, 1 Community Dr., Brecksville

Free admission. Call Kathy for information 440-582-2453

GCO Cleveland District Meeting

October 21, 2015 at St. Michael's Woodside

Morning program: Through the Viewfinder/Photography

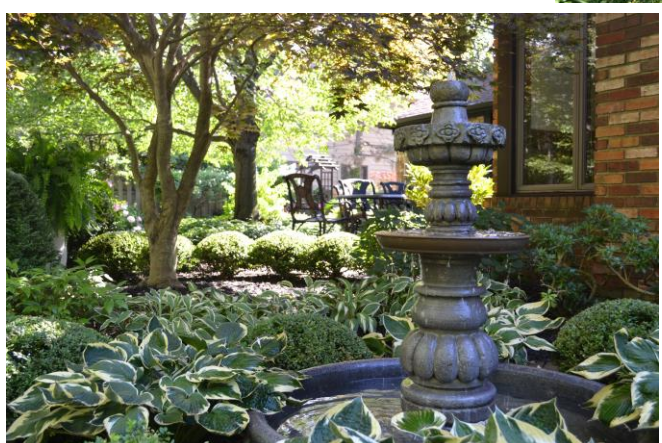
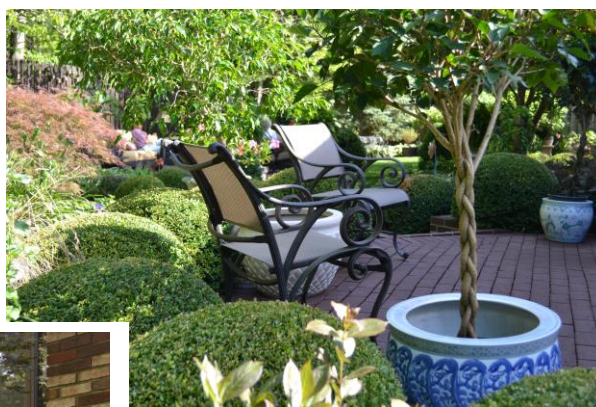
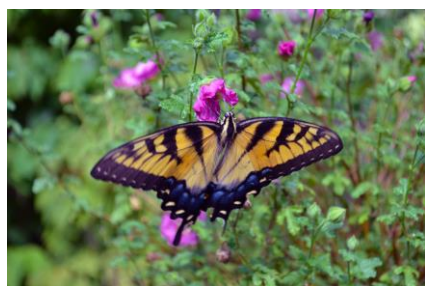
Afternoon program: Designs by Novak Floral Shoppe

The following is a new feature of the *Garden Scoop*. Each month, we will feature the garden of a member with a story and photos.

Gardener of the Month: Shirley Lutts

By Marsha McEntee

When one enters Shirley's garden, she is immediately aware of the relaxing and calming influence of the plantings. Shirley has created different garden rooms—such as a living room, sunroom patio, and dining room—with lots of variation of light. The entrance to the garden features an arbor surrounded by tree hydrangeas, red hibiscus, rooms—each one more inviting than the next. Shirley has a love of tropicals, and also likes to try new and unusual plant additions. On our trip to the Holden Arboretum, Shirley was introduced to spiny bear's breeches and has added it to her potted garden selection. At the WGC plant exchange, she acquired a red husker, which is now situated in her butterfly garden. While we were photographing this garden, we sighted several butterflies and were able to get a beautiful snap of a monarch butterfly having an afternoon drink. The garden has many unique sculptures, pots, and sun-catchers. Shirley acquired a beautiful blue garden sun-catcher from a woman in Shaker Heights who uses recycled vintage glassware to create her garden art. The garden photos showcase the skillfully sculpted hydrangeas and boxwood—two much-loved plants of both Shirley and her husband. In her own words, Shirley states: “I love gardens of the South, especially Charleston, South Carolina. I enjoy tropicals and try wintering in the basement with a grow-light some of my hibiscus, jasmine, ficus, mandevilla, and bougainvillea”.



Visit our website at www.westlakegardenclub.org to enjoy full-color photos of Shirley's beautiful garden