
GARDEN SCOOP

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

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Officers for 2016

The elected officers for 2016 were installed at the December Holiday luncheon held at Westwood Country Club.

President:	Marsha McEntee
1 st Vice President:	Jean Smith
2 nd Vice President:	Shirley Lutts
Treasurer:	Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary:	Kathy Shimko and Brian Thompson
Corresponding Secretary:	Regina McCarthy

The installation ceremony was conducted by Alberta Ricciardi. This is the first time in four years that the gavel has been passed on to a new President. Several members' spouses attended and Emily Rose played piano with some favorite holiday music for a sing-a-long. It was a lovely setting and it seemed that everyone enjoyed their lunch.



March 16 Kicks off 2016 Meeting Schedule

The first meeting of 2016 will be on Wednesday, March 16 at 11 a.m. at Westlake Porter Library with lunch at noon and the program at 1 p.m. The speaker will be from Ohio Geese Control. This meeting is important because it brings us back together after a two-month hiatus and yearbooks for 2016 will be distributed. The new yearbooks will include the program listing, a new membership roster and new Constitution and Bylaws as amended in December 2015. Please review all information contained in the yearbook so that you stay informed and do not miss any important dates. Programs for this year are still being finalized but we promise an interesting lineup with everything from geese to cooking with herbs. We will continue with the picnic and plant exchange in June since it was a very popular event last year. Instead of formal meetings in July and August, we are working on local garden tours for our club. If you would like to offer your garden for a tour, please contact Jean Smith at 440-665-5463.

Sunshine

Several members have suffered illnesses or gone through surgeries during the past few months and would certainly be cheered up with cards or notes. Most recent past president Regina McCarthy has endured several surgical procedures and apart from being tired and sore, seems to be doing well. Pat Dailey was hospitalized for high blood pressure and is recovering at Westlake Village, and is scheduled to return home by month end. Ruth Bertrand underwent surgery this week and will be at St. John's Medical Center for several days. You can send cards and/or notes to Pat and Ruth at their home addresses since we don't know how long they will be at current facilities, and send to Regina at her home address. Our members are the club's lifeblood so let's keep them close and in our thoughts and prayers. Some of our elderly members live alone so it is a good idea to check on them periodically with a phone call or perhaps a visit to brighten their day.

Looking for something new for your garden? Consider a Stacked Stone Garden Sphere

“A ball of living energy, made from multiple colors of stone swirling about,” is how Devin Devine describes his latest garden art creation, a large 4-foot sphere made of fragments of stone arranged in a circular eddy of waves. His company, [Devine Escapes](#) in Effort, Pa., specializes in using natural stone to design unique and inspiring outdoor landscapes. Artistic projects such as this one make up about half of his work, with the rest of his time devoted to building flagstone patios, walls, and other types of hardscaping.



This 4-foot-diameter garden sculpture was created with various colors of stone stacked and woven together in a spherical pattern. “The sphere is about as universal of a shape as it gets. There’s a primal response to it, some fascination I can’t really describe,” says stone artisan Devin Devine. Photo by: Devin Devine. (From *Garden Design* E-newsletter)

Things to do this Winter

Orchid Mania at the **Cleveland Botanical Garden**, 11030 East Blvd. **January 30 through March 6, 2016**. Come see thousands of orchids on display.

Make an Old Fashioned Valentine at **Schoepfle Garden** on **February 5** at 10 a.m. Learn about 19th Century Valentine cards and make some of your own. Register by February 4.

Saturday seminars at **Gale’s Garden Center** are free and start at 11 a.m.

- Feb. 6** “Backyard Bird Feeding” presented by Jim McCarty, Plain Dealer Bird Columnist
- Feb. 13** “Bee Keeping” presented by Dennis Eck, President Greater Cleveland Beekeeper Assn.
- Feb. 20** “Orchid Care” presented by Alan Lund, West Shore Orchid Society

Garden Scoop

This January/February modified newsletter is my gift to you. I do hope someone will see that an abbreviated version can be done and volunteer to take over. I sat down on this Thursday morning and put this together so it did not take a lot of time. Please consider becoming involved with your club and take on the responsibility of the newsletter. Thank you.
Jean Smith

Monthly Lunch Food Committee

Cathie Karls is the Social Chairman this year in charge of assigning members to provide lunch for our monthly meetings. Please be considerate and let Cathie know if you will not be able to serve on the food committee the month you are assigned and you will be reassigned or you can pay \$15 toward cost of food for that month. Every member is required to serve on the food committee one month, or pay the \$15. The club provides coffee, tea, sugar, cream and paper products for the meetings. The members assigned to a month should elect a chairman to lead the group to decide on a menu and make sure everything is covered.