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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

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Trip to Holden Arboretum

The bus was not completely sold out, but the trip to Holden Arboretum in June was a big success. The day started a little gray with threats of rain, but later the sun came out and it turned into a perfect day to be walking around the arboretum, Chagrin Falls and the Lowe's Greenhouse and Garden Center. Thanks to Sally Knurek and Ruth Bertrand for coordinating this wonderful trip.



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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

Our bus trip to Holden Arboretum gave me a keen appreciation of the beauty and importance of trees, especially their variety and proper placement. I am currently involved in a project at my condo community to replace trees lost due to a chemical that was supposed to kill weeds but instead harmed our trees, mainly our stately Evergreens. My Phase alone will be removing 26 trees due to this chemical. How tragic is that. Not that far back we lost Ash trees due to the ash borer; but that was Mother Nature's doing, not a chemical company. We are working with an arborist who spent 20 years at Holden. * The past weeks I've been tending to my garden. I do not allow the landscape company to work or spray chemicals in my area. Some day perhaps the entire community will be mostly organic, a goal toward which I am working. My flowers are lovely, particularly the Lilies. I've included a few close-up photos below. Elsewhere in this issue are photos of our hanging planters in the Hershey Children's Garden and our min-landscape fairy garden at the Miller Nature Preserve, as well as the sign at its Butterfly House listing our Club as one of its donors. I've become quite fond of Miller's and regularly visit. It is just the right size garden for me, beautiful and peaceful. Its staff has been most helpful and friendly. Sitting on its patio viewing the surroundings or mingling with the amazing butterflies has been medicine for this gardener's soul.



A Friend in Need

I don't know if all of you are aware that our former member and past president Gail Morse is currently in Rehab at Lakewood Hospital after having had surgery at University Hospital for a malignant brain tumor. She will be going home this Wednesday, July 1. In about 2 weeks she will be starting her chemo and other treatments and will also need out-patient therapy. Herb Guild is trying to get members to help with providing meals for Gail and Stephen. If you would like to help, please call me at 440-227-3456 so we can include you in our plans. I would like to have your help so the two groups could work together to be of service to Gail and Stephen. Thanks, Jackie Crosier. jecrosier@yahoo.com.

New Life in the Nest

By Jean Smith

I had the great pleasure of watching a Robin build its nest on a tree outside my bedroom window, then watched with joy as the eggs hatched into three very hungry little birds. The mother sat on the nest tirelessly for about two and a half weeks. Then she would stand above and look down into the nest, patiently waiting for the first egg to hatch. I saw two babies one day and a third one the following day. Mother and father seemed experienced at the task of bringing food to the nest for their offspring. After a week and half, the nest was getting crowded as the babies grew, so Mom spent less time at the nest, except to bring food. One day there were three in the nest and the next morning there were only two. I was so sorry to miss the first flight of my adopted birds. The remaining sibling would stand up and flap its wings vigorously before settling back into the nest. Mother was still bringing food, but I did not see the father again. Later that day, the nest was empty. I am sad that nothing exciting is happening outside my bedroom window now, but I am very happy that the cycle was completed and hopefully those three babies will grow into mature Robins and have babies of their own. I will keep an eye out for them.



*The date of the 2015 Fête des Fleurs Fundraiser Luncheon is **Wednesday, September 23, 2015** at Westwood Country Club. Flyers will be available at the July meeting.*

June Picnic and Plant Exchange

By Sally Knurek

A good time was had by all at our evening picnic on June 17th. The food was wonderful as always. It is just amazing what turns up at our potluck. We must have a club of gourmet cooks. The plant exchange was very successful with many interesting specimens for exchange. There were plenty so that everyone could take home some plants. Thanks to all who participated.

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Happy Birthday

No July birthdays



Membership News

By Kathy Bruening

Sadly, we are mourning the loss of a third member with the passing of Millie Shernock. No one is replaceable but we do hope to find more people like Mary Ann Brock, Marge Paull and Millie Shernock whose love of gardening made them such valued members of our club.

Please invite some friends to join us. Also anyone you meet as you are searching out plants etc in the gardening stores. We have some particularly interesting programs coming up in July (Genetically Modified Plants) and August (Shade Gardens).

Help us spread the word about the Westlake Garden Club. It is a good way to remember and pay tribute to those whom we have recently lost.

What is a Raffle Basket?

By Kathy Bruening

It is a basket of goodies—all related to a chosen theme and beautifully presented so that our luncheon attendees will want to buy a chance on winning it. The items may be purchased, handmade, or bartered for by the maker of the basket. Some of the more popular themes are chocolate, night at the theatre, wine, beer, pasta, Italian or other ethnic theme, Ohio, Christmas, coffee, vanilla, lavender, gardening, relaxation, Halloween, birthday party, herbs and spices, ice cream social etc. We will also be soliciting items or certificates from businesses to help fill our baskets. Good places to shop are discount stores such as TJ Maxx and Tuesday Morning. We will have some empty baskets on hand but if you can donate one, we would appreciate it. Baskets can often be found at resale shops like Good Will and garage sales. Please keep a thorough list of all items in your basket because we type up a content list for each one. The cellophane wrapping & bows will be provided and added at the September meeting. More to follow next month.

The raffle baskets that each club member contributes are a major part of the success of our fundraiser luncheon. Be thinking ahead and looking for some appropriate items that you would like to include in your basket. You may want to join with other members to share in making a special basket.

Call with any questions: Sally Knurek, sdk4@icloud.com 440-331-8722 or Kathy Bruening kcbruen@att.net 440-385-7566

2015 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING

“GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS: PRESENTED BY ROBIN

LITTLE WITH THE TRUMBELL COUNTY HERB SOCIETY

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: KATHY BRUENING, KEVIN BRANDSTETTER, MARIE MCCARTHY, ANN VAN DYKE, JACKIE CROSIER

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015 – MAKE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

FOR THE WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANTIQUE AND CRAFT SHOW (RAIN DATE SATURDAY, JULY 25)

TIME: TO BE ANNOUNCED

PLACE: CLAGUE HOUSE MUSEUM (YARD), 1371 CLAGUE ROAD, WESTLAKE

BRING VASES AND FLOWERS AND GREENERY FROM YOUR YARD.

CONTACT TBD

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

HOSTESSES: MARGE EMBLOM, ANNE ENGEL, LAURA MESSING, NANCY WHELAN

OTHER EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015 – WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANTIQUE VINTAGE AND CRAFT SHOW (RAIN DATE SUNDAY, JULY 26)

TIME: 10 A.M.

PLACE: CLAGUE HOUSE MUSEUM, 1371 CLAGUE ROAD, WESTLAKE

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

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: LACENTRE, 25277 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE

EVERYONE INVITED

Here is What's Happening in the Neighborhood

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

Miller Nature Conservatory is still featuring the Fairy Garden Display. Photo and captions below of the Westlake Garden Club's Fairy Landscape were featured in the June 24th Garden E-newsletter from Lorain County Metro Parks.

Westlake Garden Club Fairy Garden Landscape



The gals from Westlake Garden Club designed the cute fairy landscape pictured here and in the masthead.

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.

St. John Medical Center Festival for the Arts

Friday, July 10, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, July 11, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, July 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. More than 200 artists and craft persons, live musical entertainment, food trucks, children's craft activities and free health screenings. Free admission. Attendees encouraged to donate non-perishable food items.

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.

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.

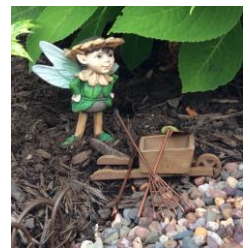
A One-Tank Trip.....

By Jean Smith

On a recent rainy Thursday, Roger and I hopped into the SUV and headed south on I-71 with the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden in Columbus as our destination. When purchasing our tickets, I was surprised and pleased to see a Chihuly Glass display above the ticket desk. There are also various pieces distributed throughout the Conservatory. The Conservatory includes a 12,500 square foot Palm House, a tropical rain forest, the Himalayan Mountains, an arid desert and a Pacific Island water garden. Other exhibits include a bonsai collection, an orchid collection and seasonal displays. There is currently a “Big Bug” exhibit which features huge, exquisitely carved and constructed bugs located throughout the Conservatory and the outdoor gardens. There is also a model train village with buildings and structures created from natural materials that is quite impressive. The 28-acre botanical garden includes a Japanese garden, and educational garden and sculptures. Unfortunately, it was quite wet so we did not tour the outdoor gardens. We enjoyed a tasty lunch at Lindey’s Restaurant in German Village. This was our first trip to German Village and I love it! It is the best of Ohio City and Tremont combined with all of the lovely brick houses, restaurants and shops. Lindey’s has an eclectic art collection that immediately caught my attention. This was a wonderful way to spend a rainy day and only a 2 ½ hour drive. If you have never visited the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden, I highly recommend it – and have lunch in German Village.



Left to right: Fountain in the Palm House; Chihuly glass exhibit in the butterfly exhibit; a praying mantis which is part of the Big Bug exhibit.



Above left: WGC’s Basket in tree house at Hershey Children’s Garden at Cleveland Botanical Garden. Above right: Tree house. Right: WGC’s Fairy Garden Landscape at Miller Nature Conservatory.



Above: Holden Arboretum
Near Right: Gamekeepers Tavern in Chagrin Falls where we had lunch
Far Right: Owner of Lowe’s Greenhouse talking to group