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## President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

May certainly was a very busy month with many projects at various locations plus a wonderful monthly Program. I want to thank all the members who assisted and did such an outstanding job representing our Club. Here are just a few: our Memorial Day wreath made by Carolyn Steigman, which garnered many compliments, at the grandstand and at a memorial "stone" in Clague Park; two views of the hoop house at Lee Burneson Middle School, which I offered to water on Memorial Day (recall our donated hoop house was parlayed to a still larger one). I also visited Hilliard Elementary School's garden and they, too, are just getting started; as is the new Westlake Community Garden, which opens for planting Sunday, 6/01, on the St. John Medical Center premises. Shown is the new fence and gate, installed 5/31.



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*Please start saving small shopping bags for use at the Bakery Table at our luncheon in September. They are much nicer than the plastic grocery bags. You can give them to me at any time.*

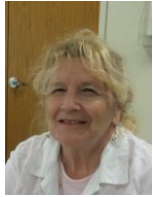
*Thank you.*

*Jackie Crosier*

# Happy Birthday

## Getting to Know You...

By Margaret Schulz



### Jackie Crosier

Jacquelyn Anne Stone grew up in Willoughby, went to senior prom with Elmer Crosier, and the rest is history. They married three years later. Jackie

was a service rep in Ohio Bell's commercial department for seven years. With the birth of daughter Lee Anne, Jackie became a stay-at-home Mom. Elmer worked for GM and was transferred to Elyria, triggering a move of the family to Westlake 47 years ago. Jackie's love of gardening started as a child with neighbor's large vegetable/flower gardens and cousin Paul Bosley's Rose Nursery. She joined the Westlake Garden Club, Junior Women's Club, Welcome Wagon, and the Herb Guild. Her club activities and involvement led to paying ventures as a hostess for Welcome Wagon, at a Hallmark shop, and 37 years (so far) as a Realtor. Through her avocation she became owner of The Strawberry Basket catering and floral design. She was a past president of the garden club and coordinator/liaison of the Hilliard Boulevard Beautification Project for over 20 years. Jackie and Elmer spend winters in Fort Myers, Florida where she is a member of the Royal Palm Garden Club. Her latest achievement was winning 10 blue ribbons, three red, and 3 honorable mentions in horticulture for plants and flowers in her yard and lanai, in their semi-annual flower show.

June

11<sup>th</sup> Brian Thompson  
14<sup>th</sup> Ruth Bertrand  
19<sup>th</sup> Carol Lewellen  
24<sup>th</sup> Claire Evangelista



## Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

Please welcome new member Nancy Whelan., who is a friend of Judy Hullinger and Agnes Tark. Nancy attended the May meeting and joined at that time. Please enter Nancy's information into your membership roster.

Nancy Whelan  
6568 Sutton Drive  
North Olmsted, OH 44070  
Telephone: 440-777-0294  
Birthday: November 2

Welcome Nancy!

## May Meeting Picnic Lunch



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## Planting for the Birds

James McCarty presented an educational and enlightening program on Planting for the Birds at the May meeting. Mr. McCarty is the Federal Court reporter for the Plain Dealer and birding is his passion. He writes a birding column for Monday's e-paper. He has traveled the world on birding trips, as well as leading bird walks right here at home. He talked about plants, trees and shrubs that will attract birds to your yard and will keep the non-migrating birds around in the winter. In addition to being very knowledgeable about his subject, Mr. McCarty is a genuinely nice, likeable person.



Pictured left:  
James McCarty,  
May program  
presenter

## 2014 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### WGC PROGRAMS

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014 – “SHOCK THERAPY – DESIGNING WITH BOLD ANNUALS”**

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

**TIME:** 11:00 A.M. MEETING , LUNCH AT NOON

**PROGRAM:** “SHOCK THERAPY-DESIGNING WITH BOLD ANNUALS”

PRESENTED BY JULIA SHUTT, WHO WITH HUSBAND, BYRON, OWNS MAPLE LEAF LANDSCAPING. JULIA IS ALSO AN ARTIST.

**HOSTESSES:** CAROLYN STEIGMAN, CLAIRE EVANGELISTA, MILLIE SHERNOCK, KATHY SHIMKO

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014 – BUS TRIP TO SCHEDEL GARDENS, 19255 PORTAGE RIVER SOUTH RD, ELMORE, OH**

**TIME:** 8 A.M. BUS DEPARTS FROM WEST BAY PLAZA, DETROIT AND CROCKER ROADS. BUS RETURNS APPROXIMATELY 4:30 P.M.

**COST:** \$48 WGC MEMBERS; \$58 NON-MEMBERS

SEE RUTH BERTRAND OR SHIRLEY LUTTS FOR RESERVATIONS

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014 – “DWARF VARIETIES AND MINIATURE CONIFERS”**

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

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

**PROGRAM:** “DWARF VARIETIES AND MINIATURE CONIFERS” PRESENTED BY MARK HOOVER, GROUNDS MANAGER AT CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDENS

**HOSTESSES:** ROSEMARIE EVANS, LUCY KALBERS, ALBERTA RICCIARDI

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014 – MAKE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CLAGUE HOUSE MUSEUM (RAIN DATE, SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014)**

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

**TIME:** 1 P.M.

BRING VASES AND FLOWERS AND GREENERY FROM YOUR YARD.

CONTACT SALLY KNUREK, 440-331-8722

### OTHER EVENTS

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2014 – WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANTIQUE VINTAGE AND CRAFT SHOW (RAIN DATE, SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014)**

**PLACE:** CLAGUE HOUSE MUSEUM, 1371 CLAGUE ROAD

**TIME:** 10 A.M.

## Hershey Children's Garden

By Kathy Bruening

The Cleveland Botanical Garden's 2014 theme for planters in the Hershey's Children Garden is Childhood memories. Westlake Garden Club is among the many in the area who answered the request to help with the plantings. The theme of our three pots next to the playhouse is the nursery rhyme, *Mary, Mary quite contrary*.

Dean's Greenhouse in Westlake helped with the selection of plants that will appeal to children. Each pot is stuffed full of bright and colorful flowers and each contains something pertaining to the theme: a small figure of Mary, a picket fence and a birdhouse as well as some cockle shells scattered about. Our gardeners for the event were Kathy Shimko, Sally Knurek and Kathy Bruening.



**Mary, Mary, quite contrary  
How does your garden grow?  
With silver bells and cockle shells  
And little maids all in a row.**

## My Moment with Nature

By Jackie Crosier

This month tips for gardening. Do not fertilize tomato plants until they blossom or you will only get more greenery. Grocery stores will no longer recycle styrofoam meat & egg cartons & it's hard to find styrofoam peanuts to be used in bottom of pots for better drainage. Recycle cut up pieces using those orange handled scissors as your tool. Save individual plastic "cups" from apple sauce & fruits as seed starter mini pots. Egg cartons are great to store golf balls & Christmas ornaments as well as start seeds. Happy Gardening!

# The Busy Month of May

## Clean-Up Day at the Remembrance Garden

By Kathy Bruening

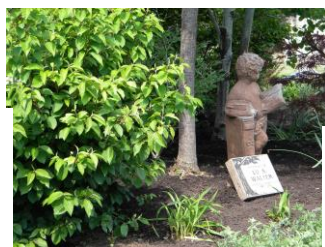
Our club's Remembrance Garden is looking great again after the long, hard winter. Clean-up day on the Saturday before Memorial Day turned out to be a perfect day for working outside.

Don Bowman and Bill Hoch provided the muscle and did much of the spreading of mulch and removing of dead material. Bill, Regina McCarthy and Jean Smith provided some new plants including two ferns that Jean had saved from the garden of one of our members, Lucy Kalbers, who moved from her Hilliard Boulevard home last year. Marie McCarthy and Kathy Bruening were on hand to help with the weeding, pruning and mulching.

The garden is located directly behind the Westlake Community Service Center on Center Ridge Road and backs onto the Meadowood Golf Course.

It is a very peaceful spot, an oasis of trees, bushes and perennials to which Regina has recently added some colorful annuals. When you have a moment, stop by to enjoy and perhaps to remember old friends.

Below: Bench donated by Kathy Molner in memory of her husband.



Above: Statue and plaque in memory of member, Lu Walter.

Below: Marker indicating Remembrance Garden was established in 2005.



Above: East end of Remembrance Garden

## Display Case at Westlake Porter Library

For the second year now, the library has invited the Garden Club to decorate one of the glass display cases in the lobby for the month of May. Marge Emblom headed up the project and with her team of helpers, created a beautiful display depicting some of the things the garden club does during the year. Robert Pearl created a lovely floral display in a watering can for the exhibit. Can't wait to see what they do next year.



Anne Engel, Regina McCarthy, Marge Emblom, Shirley Lutts and Kathy Bruening putting together the display case at Westlake Porter Library.

## Schoepfle Garden is in Bloom for Spring

Lots of new color as temperate weather takes hold. Check out new blooms in the garden including weigela Java Red, double file viburnum, iris, bleeding heart, Jacob's ladder, oriental poppies, horse chestnuts and columbine. Rhododendrons are just starting, check us out here, at [www.metroparks.cc](http://www.metroparks.cc) or call 965-7237 for info on blooms.

Excerpt from Lorain County Metro Parks Garden E Newsletter of May 27, 2014.