
GARDEN SCOOP

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

June 2016

Calendar for June & July 2016

June

Celebrating National Garden Week – the Westlake Garden Club will host the following events:

- 6 10:30 a.m. Container Vegetable Gardening at Dean's Greenhouse, 3984 Porter Road
- 8 10:30 a.m. Kids can pick up a kit to grow a plant from seeds at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road
- 10 11 a.m. Talk to the Gardeners at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road
- 15 6 p.m. Picnic and Plant Exchange at Kingswood Club Party Room, 831 Brick Mill Run, Westlake (King James North Development off Detroit, east of Clague)

July

- 6 & 20 Mini Garden Tours for members (and guests) only. We will tour three or four gardens on both days. July 6 tours will start at 10:30 a.m. and July 20 tours will start at 5:00 p.m. There will be a lemonade and cookies reception on the 6th and a wine and cheese reception on the 20th at the last gardens visited. Locations of gardens to be advised.
- 17 Westlake Historical Society Antique and Craft Show 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Rain date: July 24)
The Westlake Garden Club will have a table at the show to distribute membership brochures and fundraiser luncheon flyers.

Save the Date

for the Westlake Garden Club's annual fundraiser luncheon, *Fête des Fleurs*.

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
Westwood Country Club
22625 Detroit Road
Rocky River, OH

Speaker: Brian Zimmerman, CEO Cleveland MetroParks
Doors open at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon, program at 1 p.m.
Chinese Raffle Baskets, Bake Shoppe, Cash Wine Bar
Tickets: \$35 (includes valet parking)
Tickets go on sale in June

Flyers with order form available at June picnic

President's Message

By Marsha McEntee

Greetings Fellow Gardeners,

I hope you are all finally enjoying the warm weather and able to get out in your gardens and start planting. We have the plant exchange/picnic on June 15 @ 6:00 pm so don't forget to pot up some plants and bring a salad or dessert. Last year's exchange was lots of fun and I'm sure this year will be too. It seems almost comical that we Ohioans have learned to adapt to our extremely long Winters and short planting season. So along those lines I'm including a poem about Ohioans I found on Facebook.

Ohioan

An Ohioan:

- Knows all 4 seasons by heart: Winter, Still Winter, Almost Winter and construction.
- Knows if other Ohioans are from Southern or Northern Ohio as soon as they open their mouths
- Can spell words like Cuyahoga, Olentangy, Bellefontaine, Tuscarawas, Wapakoneta and knows which letter is doubled in Cincinnati.
- Measures distance in minutes.
- Has ever had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.
- Ends sentences with an unnecessary preposition. Example: "Where's my coat at?"
- Knows what "pop" is
- Designs his/ her kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
- Knows driving is better in the Winter because the pot holes are filled with snow.

Watch out for potholes!

Change in August Meeting

We had planned to have a bus trip in August but no plans have been made yet. Since we are not having a formal meeting in June or July, the Board felt that a meeting should be held in August. We are working on a program and will advise you as soon as it is confirmed. The meeting will be at Westlake Porter Public Library starting at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon and the program at 1 p.m.

The Club has been Busy

*Following a long tradition, the **Westlake Garden Club** planted a tree on **Arbor Day, April 29, 2016**. This year's tree is an Ivory Silk Tree Lilac and was planted at Westlake Porter Public Library in the Reading Garden. Club members Jean Smith and Brian Thompson performed the ceremony. Paul Quinn, Service Director for the City of Westlake attended and presented the club with a proclamation. Please visit the Reading Garden on your next trip to the library and maybe sit for a while and enjoy the shade of this lovely tree.

***May 21, 2016 was Hilliard Flower Box planting day.** Marge Emblom and her helpers were there to plant the Westlake Garden Club's box. Watch the flowers grow as you drive down Hilliard Boulevard.



*A group of garden club members gathered at the **Remembrance Garden on May 28, 2016** to do some cleanup, planting and trimming. Marigolds were added to form a path to the trellis planted last year in memory of Mary Ann Brock. Coneflowers, Ladies Mantle, Salvia, Yarrow and some annuals were planted, as well as Canna bulbs. Thanks to Don Bowman, Kathy Bruening, Bill Hock, Shirley Lutts, Marsha McEntee and Jean Smith for their hard work and Alberta Ricciardi for taking photos. The garden looks great! Please make a trip to the Community Services Center and check out the Remembrance Garden.



*The garden club once again provided the wreath and a bouquet for the **Memorial Day Ceremony at Clague Park**. Member Carolyn Steigman put together the wreath and bouquet and Marsha McEntee delivered it to the park. The Westlake Kiwanis conducts the ceremony each year. This is another civic activity the club has been involved in for many years.

Annual *Fête des Fleurs* Fundraiser Luncheon

It may only be June but not too early to think about your raffle basket for the fundraiser luncheon on September 28. Each member should donate a basket or go in partnership with another member on a basket. The raffle is where we make money at the luncheon. This year we donated over \$3,000 to various organizations, including a scholarship to a Westlake HS grad, with proceeds from last year's luncheon. Select a theme for your basket which will make it easier to purchase items to fill it. Wine and food baskets seem to be very popular with people attending the luncheon. Also, please plan to bake something for the Bake Shoppe. Luncheon attendees look forward to purchasing delicious home baked-products. Merchant solicitation letters will be available at the June picnic. Please take a few and give one to your hairdresser, your favorite restaurant, etc. We have found area merchants to be very generous with donating gift cards for our raffle. Help will also be needed the day of the luncheon. We will provide more information on the luncheon plans at future meetings.

June 15 Plant Exchange

This is a great time to split the perennials that are outgrowing the space in your yard. Bring them, potted and labeled, to our June meeting where you can exchange them for something new from someone else's yard. Please bring healthy plants in a 4" or larger pot. Let's avoid any that are highly invasive. Three or 4 plants per participant would be good. We will take turns choosing from the offerings with each person allowed as many plants as they brought. Also, if you really have a lot of something, you can always bring extra and set them aside as "freebies" for anyone who wants them.

Plants should be marked with their

- name
- type of light they do well in
- size
- bloom time and color
- water and/or soil requirements
- any tips that you might have for growing them

Your excess plants will be finding a good home in someone else's yard and by exchanging them, you can enjoy something new and different in your own garden.

NOTE: Pull in front of Kingswood Club to unload plants onto patio then drive around corner to park in Party Room lot.

Busy (cont'd.)

*Marsha McEntee and her sister planted two containers at the **Hershey Children's Garden at the Botanical Garden** in May. The theme this year was plants that activate the senses. One container is for the sense of smell and the other for touch.

