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## 2013 Luncheon and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Update

By Jean Smith

The Luncheon Committee met in April and started creating a budget for the luncheon. We had 200 flyers with order forms printed, but it was decided to wait until mid-May, after the Cultural Gardens bus tour to start distributing them. Robert Pearl will oversee publicity and hopes to get some newer members involved. We viewed a sample of a table centerpiece that was simple, but elegant. The centerpieces will be given away as door prizes. Sally Knurek is in charge of all aspects of the Chinese raffle and the 50/50 raffle. Pat Dailey and Alberta Ricciardi will be assisting, but more help will be needed. Jackie Crosier is in charge of the bakery table with Claire Evangelista assisting. This is a wonderful opportunity for new members to become involved in some area of the luncheon, either in the planning or on the day of the event. Please let me know if you are interested. We are still seeking any pieces of memorabilia you have that will provide a picture of what the club was like years ago. These items will be displayed on the memorabilia table with the cake, and will be returned to you after the luncheon.

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## President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

A warm welcome is again extended to the new members who have joined our Club since the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year: Kevin Brandstetter, Kathy Bruening, Anne Engel, Rosemarie Evans, Rose Mary Hovan, Brian Thompson and Alanna Verlei. Your contact information has been added to the Members' Section of the Club's website. If you have attended one or more of our programs since joining, I hope you have found them informative. If at any time you have questions or would like to pitch in and help us with any of our projects, and that includes those that joined us last year, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other Board or Club member. All of us will do our best to help you feel comfortable. We all share a common bond – our love of gardening and the preservation of the environment. You will discover, as I have, that as you participate in programs and projects and work beside your fellow members, you will gain real friends.

May 8 is the date of the Garden Club of Ohio's Spring meeting and luncheon. At this event, the WGC/Jean Smith, as was done at the GCO Convention, will be recognized from among all of Ohio's GCO member clubs, for winning the Third Place Award for our 2012 Publicity Press Book. Jean spent a lot of time and effort putting the Press Book together and we congratulate her on this well-deserved Award. Thank you, Jean, for bringing statewide recognition to the WGC.

As I write this, we are looking forward to Affiliate Day at the beautiful Botanical Garden and our tree planting ceremony on Arbor Day. No general meeting has been scheduled for May; however, on May 1, we will set up ½ of Porter Library's display case for a month-long celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and on May 7 we will tour the unique Cultural Gardens and Rockefeller Park Greenhouse. Our visit to Hilliard Elementary School's vegetable garden is scheduled for Wednesday morning, May 22 (*see separate article for details*). It is also important that we support, as time and money permits, garden clubs and civic groups that support us. As we move into our busy time of the year, we can have fun too. Tours and luncheons and plant sales and meeting new people and learning new things – that's what I'm talking about.

# Getting to Know You...

By Margaret Schulz

## Don Bowman



Don grew up in Westlake where he attended all three Westlake schools, graduating from Westlake High School in 1960. He attended Bowling Green

College for a year and a half, with plans to become a teacher, but lack of funds along with poor grades made him change his plans. While visiting Los Angeles and attending Pasadena City College, Don became interested in Earth Science and travel. He joined the Air Force in 1965 and did not return to college. While in the Air Force, Don was stationed at Vandenberg AFB, California, he was sent to Saigon, Vietnam and then Charleston AFB, South Carolina. His tour of duty ended in 1968 and Don went to work in the airline industry, retiring in 2004. Don has been past the Arctic Circle four times as a tourist in Alaska. He has traveled to six continents, but not yet the Antarctica. While with the airline industry, Don lived in Orlando, FL for 23 years. After he retired, Don lived in Vietnam for one year and the Czech Republic for one year. Don joined the garden club in 2009 and at about the same time, started watering and caring for plants in the Vivarium at Lee Burneson Middle School. He decorates the Vivarium with seasonal items and gets a lot of pleasure from students and visitors admiring the decorations and waving to him as they pass by. Don's love of gardening is not unusual since he comes from a gardening family. His parents owned a grape vineyard. In addition to gardening and traveling, Don has volunteered with Toys for Tots for three years, and helps with the annual plant sale at the VA Hospital. With all of Don's life experiences, that include traveling to Russia, Siberia, riding a camel in Egypt and riding an elephant in Thailand, Don says he still has a long "bucket list" for the future.



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# Happy Birthday

May

2<sup>nd</sup>  
16<sup>th</sup>

Shirley Lutts  
Agnes Tark



## Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

We welcomed three new members in April. Please add their information to the Membership Roster section of your yearbook.

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NOTE: Correction to Brian Thompson's email address in the April issue of Garden Scoop. Correct email address is: [askbriant@gmail.com](mailto:askbriant@gmail.com).

### \*\*\*\*\* Calling all writers \*\*\*\*\*

I would like to invite any and all members to get involved with this newsletter by submitting articles and photos of interesting places you have visited, new plants you have discovered, an interesting book you have read or a speaker you have heard. It doesn't even have to be about gardening. Just email article and photos to me, or hand the hard copies to me at a meeting. Your input will be greatly appreciated and I am sure other members will enjoy something new. Thanks in advance for your help.

Jean Smith, Editor

## 2013 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### WGC PROGRAMS

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013 BUS TRIP TO THE CLEVELAND CULTURAL GARDENS AND ROCKEFELLER GREENHOUSE**

**PLACE:** MEET AT PARKING LOT AT DETROIT AND COLUMBIA ROAD AT FORMER REGO'S SITE

**TIME:** BUS DEPARTS AT 8:30 A.M., RETURNS AT 4 P.M.

LUNCH AT NIDO ITALIA IN LITTLE ITALY

CONTACT: NANCY CHOPP 440-899-1969

#### **MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013 – MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION AND PLACING OF WREATH**

**PLACE:** CLAGUE PARK

**TIME:** FOLLOWING PARADE

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013 – MEETING AND TOUR PRIVATE BUCOLIC GARDEN**

**PLACE:** GARDENVIEW HORTICULTURAL PARK, 16700 PEARL ROAD, STRONGSVILLE. MEET AT STRONGSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 18700 WESTWOOD DR., STRONGSVILLE FOR MEETING AND LUNCH

**TIME:** 11 A.M. MEETING AND LUNCH

**HOSTESSES:** NANCY CHOPP, GAIL MORSE, LILLIAN BIALOSKY WILL PROVIDE DESSERT AND BEVERAGES – BRING BAGGED LUNCH

### OTHER EVENTS

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013 – GCO SPRING DISTRICT MEETING AND LUNCHEON**

**PLACE:** ST. MICHAEL'S WOODSIDE, 5025 MILL ST., BROADVIEW HTS.

**TIME:** 10 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

\$22 INCLUDES LUNCH – CONTACT REGINA MCCARTHY

#### **SATURDAY, MAY, 18, 2013 – PLANTING DAY FOR HILLIARD BLVD. FLOWER BOXES**

**PLACE:** HILLIARD BOULEVARD

**TIME:** 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trivia**

1. In what year was the Remembrance Garden established?
2. What member donated a bench for the Remembrance Garden in memory of her husband?

(Answers at the June meeting.)

## Plant a Tree

By Kathy Molner

For the homeowner, Arbor Day is an excellent opportunity to take stock of the trees on your property and plan for the future. Inspect your trees. Remove broken branches and note any evidence of disease or insect infestations. Think about how new trees might improve the look of your property or provide wind or heat protection. Take a trip to your local nursery to see what is available and to get new ideas. Plant a tree.



Left, Alberta Ricciardi and Marge Emblom with Mayor Clough at the tree planting ceremony on Arbor Day 2013. See article page 4.

## *Save the Date:* **The WGC is Invited to Visit Hilliard Elementary School's Vegetable Garden on Wednesday Morning, May 22**

By Regina McCarthy

Members were previously advised that a portion of the WGC's 2011 donation to the Westlake Schools for horticultural projects found its way to Hilliard Elementary School ("HES") for use toward the creation of a 2012 school vegetable garden. Donna DiFranco, who spearheaded the garden, and Principal Kim Conley, will meet us in the HES lobby, 24365 Hilliard Boulevard, at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, rain or shine. As we view the garden, Donna, the HES Cook, who is as handy with a hammer and saw and she is with cooking utensils, will tell us how the garden got started, how students and teachers are involved and the plans for this year and next. An added bonus: Donna told me that both she and her mother will be joining our Club. Members are asked to please join us for this ½-1 hour visit and show our support for the HES garden team.

# WGC Wins an Award from Garden Club of Ohio

By Jean Smith



Jean Smith with the Third Place award for Publicity Press Book from the GCO

The Garden Club of Ohio held its 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in April and Regina McCarthy attended. At this convention, awards are presented in various categories for submissions by the member garden clubs. Westlake Garden Club was awarded a Third Place in the Publicity Press Book category. I collected copies of everything about the garden club that appeared in print during 2012 and put together the press book for submission. This is the first time we have entered this category in recent years and are pleased with the award. We received an Honorable Mention in 2012 for our 2011 Yearbook. Yearbooks are automatically entered and judged. Our goal is to enter more categories and win bigger awards. Who knows, maybe someday we will win the coveted “Garden Club of the Year award.” I plan to enter the newsletter, *Garden Scoop*, this year and the Publicity Press Book again. We need members to help with this project; perhaps some long-time members who were around when we used to enter every year. There are categories for projects that we do every year and we need to enter these categories. It is a wonderful feeling to have your club name called at the luncheon to receive an award. Please contact Regina McCarthy if you want to help with this project.

## April Meeting – Update on the Bees

It was a pleasure to have Walter Jorgenson and his wife back to give us an update on the bees. Walter is a long-time beekeeper who maintains around 48 hives in several locations. He explained how you put together the box with the bees and the queen, and how the bees work to make the combs for depositing the honey, how they feed the queen, and many other interesting tasks performed by the bees. He talked about the social makeup of the colony and the bees’ interaction with one another. Mr. Jorgenson is very passionate about the bees, not only as a business, but also for the critical role they play in our food supply. Almost everything we eat is pollinated by the bees; if we lose the bees, we lose our food source. Research has proven that the collapse of the hives is caused in large part by pesticides, particularly those produced by Monsanto and Bayer. It seems that our government is aware of this problem, but to-date, has done nothing about it. Mr. Jorgenson told us about swarming, and showed photos of himself with bees swarming on his face, creating a living “beard.” He and his wife had honey and other products they produce for sale. They also have a store, Jorgenson’s Apiary, in Grand Pacific Junction in Olmsted Falls. Eating local honey is very beneficial to our immune systems, so eat a little honey every day.

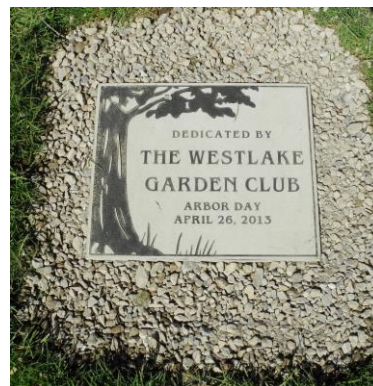


Walter Jorgenson, local beekeeper and owner of Jorgenson’s Apiary, talking to us about the bees at the April meeting.

## Arbor Day Celebration

For over 25 years, the Westlake Garden Club has planted a tree in celebration of Arbor Day, and Kathy Molner once again officiated at this year’s ceremony. Mayor Clough opened the ceremony thanking the garden club for helping to maintain Westlake’s designation as a Tree City. A concolor fir was planted on the north side of the Founders’ Walk at Clague Park, mirroring the one planted on the south side last year. Garden club members and City Hall officials were in attendance and the weather cooperated with a sunny day. A big THANK YOU goes to Cahoon Nursery for once again donating the tree.

Pictured right, Kathy Molner with Mayor Clough.



Left, plaque for the tree planted on Arbor Day 2013 by the Westlake Garden Club.