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## President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

I share with you the following, taken from Sandra H. Robinson's installation acceptance speech as the 2015-2017 President of the National Garden Club. "Gardening brings out the beauty, strengths and preferences in plants and people. We nurture our plants and we, as garden club members, need to nurture each other. Each of us has unique abilities and talents to bring to the table. Give praise when due, offer advice when necessary, recognize potential and ask them to accept a chairmanship or office. Also, be aware that some people need more encouragement and direction than others. Be patient. It takes time for a garden to grow and bloom and set seed. "It's okay not to know all the answers or even the questions. We learn as we grow. We don't have to be perfect, but willing to tackle the problems and have the desire to make a difference. Accept opportunities lest they pass you by and never come around again. Don't wait for the next chance but say, 'I will. I can. I'll try.' Decide to grow now. Grow with abandonment. Grow with a renewed sense of purpose. 'I don't have a college degree,' you say. Who cares? Life is the best educational system there is. 'I'm too old,' you say. When are we too old to call and offer praise, to encourage the next step in leadership progression, to ask someone to share the love of gardening? 'I'm too shy,' you say. Begin by chairing a project or committee, give reports at club meetings, and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Garden clubs challenge members to grow in gardening and life skills. Don't allow fear to keep you from achieving success. The first step is often the hardest. Members, when you see that first step, give support, build up, don't tear down, and cheer them on. 'I've done that, been there, heard and seen that,' you say. Don't hinder someone else's progress by raining on the parade. It is always a new experience when seen through the eyes of someone who has never been there, heard or seen that. 'I'm tired,' you say. We all grow weary, discouraged and fed up. But the job awaits our renewed passion, dedication and perseverance. Join a new committee, suggest and help implement a new project, invite a friend and be revitalized through their enthusiasm. 'I'm afraid of public speaking,' you say. Remember, no one came to see you fail. They came because of the subject. Experience is necessary. Let go of your fear. Let go of your ego.

"Leaders must continue to grow. Work to develop your speaking, managerial and people skills, as well as your gardening skills. Don't be afraid of failure. We learn from our mistakes. The only true failure is not trying at all. Leave room in your organization for those coming behind you. There is no growth if there isn't ample space for growth. New leaders have to have the opportunity to serve and positions to fill.

"We accept the challenge to protect our pollinators, amphibians, plant gardens and to remember our members. Gardening is alive and well. Consumers are demanding to know where their food comes from, how it was grown, treated, packaged and transported. Our leaders, governmental officials, local politicians, big box stores, growers and breeders are paying attention. Many have enacted measures to safeguard our health and wildlife as a result of pressure from the buying public. We do make a difference. Now is not the time to be weary or quit."

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### A Great Idea

Did you get a pepper plant at the Luncheon? If the peppers are now shriveling up, Don't Throw It Out! Cut off all those little peppers and let them continuing to dry completely. Then put them in a glass container to enjoy their beauty as I did. Try it!

Jackie Crosier

# Getting to Know You...

By Margaret Schulz



## Kathy Bruening

Kathy and husband Rich have been married for 45 years. They lived in St. Charles, IL for 39 years and returned to OH four years ago to reside in Westlake. They have three boys, the youngest of which will be married in February. Kathy attended Magnificat High School in Rocky River and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marygrove College in Detroit, MI. Years later, Kathy attended University of Illinois and received a Master's Degree in French. Kathy and Rich have traveled throughout Europe but most recent travels are between Cleveland and Chicago to visit relatives. Kathy keeps busy with interests and hobbies, including gardening, recently learning to crochet, reading, attending movies, and Kathy and Rich walk one hour daily. Kathy also loves to visit the Cleveland Museum of Art. Years ago when living in Chicago, a friend gave Kathy flowers for a shade garden. She has a shade garden at home now and one of her favorite flowers is the Iris. A big thank you to Kathy for helping with the annual fundraiser this year and for her hard work as Membership Chairman.

## My Moment with Nature

By Jackie Crosier

For those of you who weren't at our October meeting, be sure to look out the west door in Porter's meeting room this month to see the finished beautiful Butterfly Garden. It is my grandson Zachary Wise's Eagle Scout Project. In the spring there will be a dedication ceremony as the garden is in memory of Westlake student Christina Ryook who died in the 911 bombing. One of the scout fathers was a "first responder" and is hoping to get a piece of metal to be placed inside the library in the Children's Section which looks out at the garden. Currently there is a large glass cased memorial to her called "The Monkey Tree" there for your viewing. Christina loved purple hence Zachary planted purple flowers for her. We are so proud of him!

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# Happy Birthday

November Birthdays

11/2 Nancy Whelan  
11/8 Robert Pearl  
11/13 Jean Smith  
11/14 Marge Emblom  
11/14 Anne Engel



## Membership News

By Kathy Bruening

Please renew! 2015 is coming to an end and again, we can look back on many wonderful programs and events. We have learned about everything from butterflies to olive growing, enjoyed a bus trip to Holden Arboretum and Chagrin Falls and participated in and supported Westlake events such as Arbor Day, Memorial Day, the flower boxes on Hilliard and the new community gardens. Our fundraising luncheon was deemed to be the best one ever with a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker as well as an amazing array of raffle items and baked goods in a truly beautiful venue.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2016 and hope to see all of you and perhaps some of your friends who might like to join the group. With that in mind, here is a gentle reminder to pay your **\$25 annual dues**. Please mail them to:

Kathy Bruening  
30978 Walden Dr  
Westlake, OH 44145

You may also bring them to the December meeting. **Checks** should be made payable to *Westlake Garden Club*. **Please note any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail.** Call me with any questions: 440-385-7566.

To be included in the member roster in the yearbook, we must have the dues by February 1 but would prefer that all present members get theirs in by the end of the year. This will greatly facilitate planning. We appreciate your help in this regard.

Here's to another year of good friends working and learning together as we share our knowledge and love of gardening.

## November Meeting

By Sally Knurek

Come to our meeting on Nov. 18th and find out what is going on at the Natural History museum. There are big doings at University Circle. Garrett Ormiston will present a program on the new and improved museum.

## 2015 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### WGC PROGRAMS

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING  
“NEW HORIZONS FOR THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY”  
PRESENTED BY GARRETT ORMISTON**

**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 SHIMKO, CAROLYN STEIGMAN, JEAN SMITH, MARGE DOMITZ

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015 – HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016**

**TIME:** INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 11:30 A.M., LUNCH AT 12:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, DETAILS TO FOLLOW

### OTHER EVENTS

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015 – GCO HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**TIME:** 10 A.M.

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

**COST:** \$22 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

SEE REGINA MCCARTHY IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015 – CHIPPEWA GARDEN CLUB  
SPLENDOR OF THE SEASON, PRESENTED BY LARRY NOVAK,  
OWNER OF NOVAK'S FLOWER SHOPPE, INC., AND A 48-YEAR  
VETERAN OF THE FLORAL INDUSTRY, WILL CREATE AND  
PRESENT THE LATEST DESIGN TRENDS FOR 2015 AS WELL AS  
TRADITIONAL DESIGNS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON.**

**TIME:** 7 P.M. (DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.)

**PLACE:** BRECKSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 1 COMMUNITY DRIVE (SO. OF RT. 82)

**COST:** \$10 ADVANCE, \$12 AT DOOR

FOR INFORMATION, GO TO: [WWW.CHIPPEWAGARDENCLUB.COM](http://WWW.CHIPPEWAGARDENCLUB.COM)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015 – “GARDENWALK CLEVELAND:  
MAKING CLEVELAND BEAUTIFUL ONE GARDEN AT A TIME” -  
TALK AND SLIDE PRESENTATION**

**TIME:** 2-3 P.M.

**PLACE:** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

**SPEAKERS:** ZONIMIR MIRCETA AND CYRIL NALTY FROM THE DETROIT SHOREWAY NEIGHBORHOOS, AND TONY ZAJAC FROM SLAVIC VILLAGE

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1– AFFILIATE DAY AT GLOW**

**TIME:** 1-6 P.M.

**PLACE:** CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN

**COST:** FOR CLUBS WHO DID NOT DECORATE A TREE, \$8 ADMISSION

SNACKS AND SEATING WILL BE IN WOODLAND HALL

TO REGISTER, CALL 216-721-1600, EXT. 100. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

## Here is What's Happening in the Neighborhood

**Saturday, November 7 – Basket of Treasures 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Show.** Parkside Intermediate School, 24525 Hilliard Blvd., 9:30-3:30, Admission \$3.

**Wednesday, November 11 – Mrs. Claus' Closet,** LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility, 25777 Detroit Road, 10 am – 8 p.m. Admission \$5.

### **Gale's Garden Center**

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Open House, November 7 and 8. Kick off the start of the holiday season with Gale's Garden Center.

### **Schoepfle Garden**

Winter rose and garden prep, Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. House and garden tour, Saturday, November 14, 2 p.m.

### **Miller Nature Preserve**

Nov 19- "Light the Night" is a *members only* event to preview the holiday display. It is FREE for members but you must reserve your spot. Event is from 6-7:30 pm. Light refreshments and live musical entertainment.

### **Dean's Greenhouse**

Stone Soup Saturday, November 22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Feed your soul- enjoy a walk through our display garden. Read Marcia Brown's stone soup story along our "garden book walk." Feed your body- stop in our greenhouse and enjoy different soups homemade by our dean's staff. Feed your creativity- make a seasonal craft to help feed the birds in your yard.

### OTHER EVENTS (CONTD.)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 –  
BAY VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB, GREENING OF BAY**

**PLACE:** BAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON LAKE ROAD

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [WWW.BAYVILLAGEGARDENCLUB.COM](http://WWW.BAYVILLAGEGARDENCLUB.COM)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015 – MAYFIELD VILLAGE  
GARDEN CLUB'S “MISTLETOE MARKET”**

**TIME:** 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

**PLACE:** MAYFIELD VILLAGE CIVIC CENTER, 6622 WILSON MILLS RD.

**COST:** \$2 PER PERSON

CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE DESIGNING FRESH HOLIDAY TABLE ARRANGEMENTS AND WREATHS. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED, INCLUDING DELICIOUS HOMEMADE BAKERY ITEMS AND CANDIES FOR SALE MADE BY MEMBERS. PROCEEDS ARE DEDICATED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE MAYFIELD SCHOOLS.

# Autumn

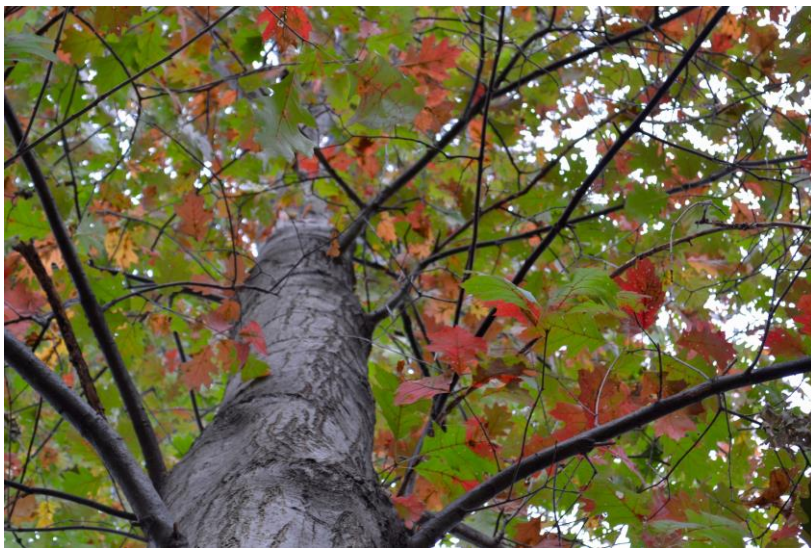
As the gardening season draws to a close we Ohioans are busy putting our gardens to bed. Fall is a special time of year when we get to enjoy all the beautiful colors of Autumn leaves, the grasses turning a variety of golds and greens, the local foliage of native plants, berries, and fields of pumpkins. We don't need to travel very far to see some spectacular displays. The photos are of trees and Fall displays in and around Westlake. As Fall is my favorite season and Emily Dickinson a favorite American poet I've included one of her poems entitled "Autumn"

Enjoy, Marsha McEntee

## Autumn

The morns are meeker than they were.  
The nuts are getting brown;  
The berry's cheek is plumper  
The rose is out of town.  
The maple wears a gayer scarf,  
The field a scarlet gown.  
Lest I should be old-fashioned,  
I'll put a trinket on.

(Emily Elizabeth Dickinson (1830- 1886) was an American poet.)



## Gettysburg in Autumn

By Jean Smith

Roger and I took a road trip to Gettysburg, PA recently. It was a beautiful drive with the trees being a little more colorful than here on the north coast. And of course, the mountains are spectacular. It rained our first day there so we visited the Battlefield Museum, watched the movie, and were awed by the cyclorama of the battlefield (a 360° painting of the battlefield painted in 1882 by French artist, Paul Philippoteaux). The next day was sunny and dry so we took the bus tour of the battlefield. Our guide was very passionate about the battle and hence, a good narrator. We got off the bus at several strategic points, including Cemetery Ridge and Little Round Top. This trip was Roger's idea and I admit that I was not very excited about it, however, I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and learned more about that important battle of the Civil War. For me, just being there, standing on the ground where the battle took place, made everything more real and put the human touch to those horrible three days in July. I am so glad that we did this trip and that I learned more about the history of our country. An interesting note, the National Garden Club, Central Atlantic Region was holding its annual convention at the Wyndham Hotel where we stayed.

## What's in store for the winter climate?

The NOAA predicts a significant El Nino effect this winter with some improvement of drought conditions in the South, but persistent drought in the Northwest of the U.S. They have a video, maps and data on [the NOAA website](#) for the 2015-16 winter outlook.

## Don't trash those leaves

After raking your yard, use the leaves to make "leaf mold" by composting the leaves. Use leaf mold as a winter mulch to cover bare soil and to protect perennial plants from cold winter temperatures.

Above articles from the *Gardener to Gardener* e-newsletter