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Cacti and Succulents

By Jean Smith

Master Gardener, Kathy Habib, presented an interesting and educational program on cacti and succulents at our



September meeting. We learned that all cacti are succulents, but not all succulents are cacti. Kathy has a large variety of cacti and succulents in her own garden and home, and her slide presentation featured many of her own plants. She also had several live plants with her to show the difference between cacti and succulents. Cacti and succulents are good houseplants that require little care, and can be taken outside to the garden during the summer.

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

I attended very informative meetings recently. The Affiliates meeting at the Botanical Garden highlighted changes that are taking place at the Garden – a few are the \$1.1 million renovation of the 1966 Wing, with a new modernized library, new Inspiration Gardens and an updated website at cbgarden.org. Upcoming programs were highlighted, including Affiliates Night at its “Glow” Winter Show. Meeting attendees shared information on how to gain and keep members and fundraising ideas. If you did not attend the GCO’s Fall Meeting, you missed a great program. The “Open Forum” segment highlighted happenings at other Garden Clubs and how to increase membership. There was much discussion on community gardens, which are growing in number. I particularly enjoyed Ron Zayac from Canterbury Creek Gardens, who spoke on chemical-free growing and the effects on humans of garden chemicals, hormones in animals and genetically altered foods. Our Club’s September general meeting had a speaker on cacti and succulents, topics not often addressed. The Community Reps meeting affords local organizations the opportunity to get their messages out to the public via the local television station. I learned, for example, that about 1.4 million items are checked out yearly at Porter Library; Tri-C offers culinary classes and is thinking of starting a community garden at its West Shore campus; the holiday food drive begins on 11/17 at the Community Center, with volunteers needed to sort food and make baskets; and the North Union Farmers Market will be offering an indoor market this winter at Crocker Park, with details still being worked out. Education, networking, new ideas – all available to our Garden Club members, if taken advantage of. *Coming soon:* a holiday tree decorating committee meeting and a 50th anniversary celebratory ideas committee meeting. I urge our newer members to become involved. Your ideas will be most welcome and I need your help to make our 50th a very special year. We look forward to seeing you and your guests at our 10/17 Potluck Dinner. Please be sure to let either Ruth Bertrand or Claire Evangelista know if you are attending. We’ll have a fun evening, with good food, great company and swing music too. 🎵

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Happy Birthday

October

18th Alberta Ricciardi

25th Lucy Kalbers



Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

New membership brochures are now available. If you know someone who is interested in membership, please give me their name and address and I will forward a membership brochure/application.

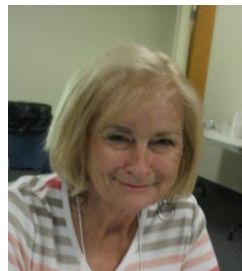
*The morns are meeker than they were, The nuts are getting brown;
The berry's cheek is plumper, The rose is out of town. The maple
wears a gayer scarf, The field a scarlet gown.*

Emily Dickinson- *Autumn*

Getting to Know You...

By Jean Smith

Maryann Brock



MaryAnn Brock joined the Westlake Garden Club in 1996, served as president from 1997-1999, and has been an active member since. Her knowledge and love of gardening was cultivated on a 220 acre dairy and vegetable farm in Pennsylvania. In fact, MaryAnn received her

Master Gardener certification as a teen in PA. Her family would grow 10,000 tomatoes for the H. J. Heinz Co. for producing ketchup. After high school, MaryAnn came to Ohio and worked at Ford Motor Co. until she married. MaryAnn served as a Girl Scout leader when her daughters were young. In 1963, she went to work for GE at Nela Park and was transferred to other divisions over time. MaryAnn was ambitious and, after many years attending school nights and weekends, achieved a degree in Engineering. She received many promotions, including National Customer Service Manager, and spent five years in Fort Wayne, IN before retiring in 1994. MaryAnn's husband, Ralph, spent his career in the food industry, the last 20 years as a Regional Manager. They spend some of their time at a home in South Carolina that they built in 1983, where MaryAnn is on the executive board of the complex. She found herself bored after retiring from work, so she started joining clubs, organizations, and volunteering. In addition to the Westlake Garden Club, MaryAnn is an active member and past president of the Herb Guild, and has volunteered for the North Coast Challenge (formerly known as Celebrate Westlake) for the past 20 years. MaryAnn has received Volunteer Recognition from the City of Westlake and the Department of Community Services yearly since 1998. Oh, and did I mention that she is a seasoned hostess, having entertained frequently over the years for business and family? We always look forward to the bakery that MaryAnn brings for meeting luncheons and donations to the bakery table at our fundraiser luncheons.

Proposed Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws and Slate of Officers for 2013

The proposed amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws will be distributed at the October meeting for your review. The proposed amendments will be voted on at the November meeting.

The slate of officers for 2013 will also be distributed at the October meeting, and listed again in the November newsletter, and will be voted on at the November meeting.

Please make every effort to attend the important November meeting.

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Time is running out – join the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee today!

A lot of work goes into planning a first-class event, so we need to start now. Contact Regina McCarthy to join in the planning.

2012 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012 – ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

PLACE: CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, 23500 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

TIME: 6 P.M. SOCIAL, DINNER AT 6:30 P.M., PROGRAM AT 7 P.M.

PROGRAM: "SWING SISTERS" MUSIC AND SONGS FROM THE 1940'S

HOSTESSES: MARIE MCCARTHY, DON BOWMAN, CLAIRE EVANGELISTA, MARGARET SCHULZ, JEAN SMITH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012 – GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

TIME: 11 A.M. MEETING, LUNCH AT NOON, 1 P.M. PROGRAM

"DRIED FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS" BRING A VASE OR OTHER CONTAINER TO MAKE A DRIED FLOWER ARRANGEMENT TO TAKE HOME. BILL HOCK WILL BRING A HUGE ASSORTMENT OF DRIED MATERIALS AND YOU CAN BRING DRIED, CUT FLOWERS FROM YOUR OWN GARDEN. ALSO BRING SCISSORS OR PRUNERS.

HOSTESSES: SALLY KNUREK, CAROL LEWELLEN, HOLLY HARVEY, ANN VAN DYKE

OTHER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2012 – GCO HOLIDAY PROGRAM

PLACE: ST. MICHAEL WOODSIDE, 5025 MILL ROAD, BROADVIEW HTS.

TIME: 10:30 A.M. MORNING SOCIAL, LUNCH AT NOON, 1 P.M. PROGRAM

COST: \$22 GCO MEMBERS

Book Corner

By Kathie Carnall

Generally regarded as the father of landscape architecture, a title some feel must be given to Andrew Jackson Downing, Frederick Law Olmsted delved at first into journalism. Along the way he met, was befriended by, and finally mentored by Downing. Upon Downing's sudden death, Olmsted took it upon himself to undertake his mentor's current project: entering the design competition for Central Park in New York City. Five years later, in 1858, Olmsted and his collaborator, English architect, Charles Vaux, won the competition and their landscape business was launched. From early days, Olmsted's firm belief was that "parks (were) for the people" not just the wealthy. He adhered to that principle throughout all subsequent work. Among countless landscape designs completed before his death in 1903, were public parks in Chicago, Denver, San Francisco, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Buffalo, Seattle and the National Zoological Park in Washington, D.C.; academic campuses at Cornell University in New York, Wellesley College in Massachusetts, and Stanford University in California; with helping to preserve the Yosemite Valley for future generations. Our own Cuyahoga County Emerald Necklace felt his touch when his son, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., followed his father's design for Biltmore, the Vanderbilt estate in North Carolina, to create the rambling, scenic flow of the Valley Parkway.

There are several volumes detailing the life and work of this multi-talented man. The best illustrated is FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED: DESIGNING THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE by Charles Beveridge and Paul Rocheleau.

Pictured at right are Lucy Kalbers, MaryAnn Brock, Marge Paull and Alberta Ricciardi, the hostess committee for September. Thanks ladies for providing us with a delicious lunch and desserts.



Westlake Garden Club General Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

This meeting held at Porter Public Library was called to order by President Regina McCarthy at 11:11 a.m. with 23 members and 1 guest in attendance. On motion by Nancy Chopp, seconded by Marie McCarthy, the Minutes of the 7/18/2012 General Meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer – Marie provided an update of the Club's finances through 9/01/12. **President** – Regina reported on the 9/13 Affiliates Meeting held at the Botanical Garden and the 9/18 Garden Club of Ohio Fall Meeting. **First V.P./Programs** – (a) Nancy advised that our program today is on "Cacti and Succulents" to be presented by Master Gardener Kathy Habib. (b) Claire Evangelista is Hostess Chair for the 10/17 Potluck Dinner. (c) Bill Hock spoke to the 11/28 program, "Dried Flower Arrangements." **Constitution, Bylaws & Standing Rules** – Jean Smith advised this Committee will be recommending changes for the review and approval of the membership. The proposed changes will be included either with the October Newsletter or distributed at the October Potluck Dinner. It is very important that members attend the November meeting as we will vote on the proposed changes. **Correspondence** – Regina read aloud a note from Jean thanking those members who assisted with the flower arrangements for the Westlake In Bloom ceremony. **Civic Projects** – (a) Gail Morse circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist with decorating a holiday tree in the lobby of Porter Library. Its theme will be "nature" and "gardening." (b) At the request of the Director of Community Services for Westlake, our Club (Regina and Don Bowman) will attend a meeting next month to discuss the possibility of a community garden located on the St. John Medical Center property. Details to follow. (c) The next Community Representatives Meeting is 9/21 at Porter Library. **Membership** – Carolyn Steigman advised membership flyers have been updated and printed and are now available for distribution. **Nominating** – Alberta Ricciardi chairs this Committee. She advised most members of the Board will stand for reelection. If a member is interested in serving in any capacity, please contact Alberta. We need a Social Chair; please contact Regina if interested. Elections will take place at the November meeting. **Publicity** – As reported at the GCO meeting, all is not yet totally lost at *The Plain Dealer*. Still too expensive to list upcoming meeting programs. **Social** – Ruth Bertrand thanked today's hostesses. The Potluck Dinner was again discussed. To ensure enough food is available, please let Ruth or Claire know if you are attending and if you are bringing a guest(s). **Sunshine** – *Pat Dailey* is doing better and is here with us today. *Sally Knurek* had knee surgery on Monday and will be undergoing physical therapy. *Kathy Molner* remains in Lakewood Hospital, is back in physical therapy and is improving daily. As relayed by Lucy Kalbers, Kathy thanks the members for all their cards and prayers. **Ways & Means** – Regina circulated a sign-up sheet for members to form a committee to plan for the Club's 50th anniversary next year. She will soon convene a meeting of this committee. **New Business** – Save the dates: (a) November 9, GCO Holiday Program at St. Michael's Woodside. Cost is \$22. Send check made payable to "GCO Cleveland District" to Regina by 10/19. (b) December 5, Affiliates Night at the Botanical Garden, 5-8 p.m. View holiday trees, gingerbread houses and other decorations. Free entry to Garden; free refreshments; pay for parking, which will be limited. On motion by Margaret Schulz, seconded by Nancy, this meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Regina McCarthy, Recording Secretary *pro tem*

GCO Fall Meeting Highlights

By Jean Smith

Ron Zayac from Canterbury Creek Gardens gave a very enlightening talk on organic gardening. Canterbury Creek Gardens is the area's only chemical-free garden center. They sell only chemical-free alternatives for lawns and gardens. Their vegetable transplants are grown in biologically active, or "living" soils, nourished with organic, trace mineral-rich fertilizer. They grow and sell organic produce, including an Immunity Builder Salad Mix. Ron believes that good health starts with a diet rich in chemical-free leafy greens – our most nutritious foods. On the Saturday after the meeting, I visited the garden center and purchased a one pound bag of the Immunity Builder Salad Mix, which I split with my sister. I used the mix in a salad, sautéed some with fresh tomato and garlic and served on pasta, and added several handfuls to minestrone soup. It is a wonderfully easy and nutritious way to prepare healthy meals. A little pricy at \$15 for a one pound bag, but it goes a long way. Canterbury Creek Gardens sells organic Salad Bowl Planters that let even the novice gardener grow their own leafy greens in a small space. These salad bowls are a treat for your eyes and a treat for your taste buds. If you, like me, have not visited Canterbury Creek Gardens for some time, take a ride there and check out what they have. You might be pleasantly surprised.

WGC Christmas Tree at Westlake Porter Library



If you did not attend the last general WGC meeting and you would still like to be on the decorating committee for the garden club's Christmas tree at Westlake Porter Library, please

let me know. We will be having an initial meeting as soon as I have the final tally of committee members. We will be putting up the tree at the library shortly after Thanksgiving and taking it down after the new year. This promises to be a fun project!

Gail Morse

