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## Calendar for August/ September and beyond 2016

### August

- 17 **General Meeting** at Westlake Porter Public Library  
Program: ***"Frogs and Toads in the Garden"***  
presented by Bethany Majeski, Naturalist with the  
Cleveland Metro Parks.  
**Meeting at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, program at 1  
p.m.**  
**Lunch committee:** Marsha McEntee, Cathie  
Karls, others TBD

### September

- 21 **General Meeting** at Westlake Porter Public Library  
No program – please bring your raffle baskets to  
this meeting to have them wrapped. Also bring any  
donations you have received from area merchants  
**Meeting at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon**  
**Lunch committee:** Claire Evangelista, Shirley  
Lutts, Lucy Kalbers, Nancy Whelan
- 28 Annual Fundraiser Luncheon, ***Fete des Fleurs*** at  
Westwood Country Club. Doors open at 10 a.m.,  
lunch at noon, program at 1 p.m. Speaker is  
Brian Zimmerman, CEO of the Cleveland.  
Tickets \$35 includes valet parking.

### October

- 19 General Meeting at Westlake Porter Public Library  
Program: ***"Cultivating History at Lakeview  
Cemetery."*** Meeting at 11 a.m., lunch at noon and  
program at 1 p.m.

### November

- 16 General Meeting at Westlake Porter Public Library  
Program: ***"Explore Cuyahoga Valley National  
Park."*** Meeting at 11 a.m., lunch at noon and  
program at 1 p.m.

### December

- 15 Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers at  
Westwood Country Club. Spouses welcome.  
Individual checks. **Please note date is a  
Thursday.**

## President's Message

By Marsha McEntee

Hello Fellow Gardeners, We are starting to enter the home stretch before our big fundraiser the Fete de Fleurs luncheon on September 28th. As we have a meeting coming up this Wednesday August 17, it will be a time to see how everyone is doing with selling tickets, raising donations, collecting items for their raffle basket, or donating monies in lieu of a basket. Also this year we will be holding a silent auction for large ticket items so please consider either donating or finding businesses who are willing to donate. We have many areas where help can be given leading up to the luncheon and also on the day. Raffle ticket sales, organizing the wine pull, baking for the bake shoppe, filling out name tags, helping with table seating and organization, greeting guests as they arrive and helping Kathy Bruening with getting raffle baskets organized and to Westwood country club the evening before. On Wednesday letters to businesses and letters of invitation will be made available from Shirley Lutts. We would like members to pay for their tickets on this Wednesday August 17 so we can start getting table seating organized.

The agenda for the meeting will be emailed on Monday 15th so all committee chairs please have a look to see what needs to be discussed. Several members have come up with some excellent ideas for raffle baskets and we will try to group some donations together under a theme such as "Cleveland", "Galucci's", "Garden Art", to name a few. Please let the co chairs for the luncheon - Shirley Lutts or Marsha McEntee know your ideas and how you would like to help.

If you have received donations or have a raffle basket already to go bring it to the meeting. As we are having a luncheon following the meeting, I am asking those members who feel so inclined, to bring either a dessert or salad to share. We have the main course and a green salad, baked beans, rolls and dessert cookie plate already organized.

Following lunch the program will be presented by a Metroparks naturalist on The Importance of Frogs and Toads. Hope to see as many members at this meeting as possible so that this fundraiser will run smoothly and live up to our guests' expectations from previous years.

I would like to personally thank all those club members who give so much of their time to making Westlake Garden Club a successful and social club. The mini garden tours were a huge success and I'm sure next year will see even more members and guests attending.

As this summer starts to wind down, let's think of that cooler Fall weather which is just around the corner. Stay cool and enjoy each season! Look forward to enjoying our luncheon.

# What is a Raffle Basket?

By Kathy Bruening

It is a basket of goodies—all related to a chosen theme and beautifully presented so that our luncheon attendees will want to buy a chance on winning it. The items may be purchased, handmade, or bartered for by the maker of the basket. Some of the more popular themes are chocolate, night at the theatre, wine, beer, pasta, Italian or other ethnic theme, Ohio, Christmas, coffee, vanilla, lavender, gardening, relaxation, Halloween, birthday party, herbs and spices, ice cream social etc.

We will also be soliciting items or certificates from businesses to help fill our baskets. Good places to shop are discount stores such as TJMaxx and Tuesday morning. We will have some empty baskets on hand but if you can donate one, we would appreciate it. Baskets can often be found at resale shops like Good Will and garage sales. Please keep a **thorough list of all items** in your basket because we type up a content list for each one. The cellophane wrapping & bows will be provided and added at the September meeting.

*The raffle baskets that each club member contributes are a major part of the success of our fundraiser luncheon. Be thinking ahead and looking for some appropriate items that you would like to include in your basket. You may want to join with other members to share in making a special basket.*



ALL BASKETS and a LIST OF BASKET CONTENTS AND PRICE must be turned in BY THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

Call with any questions: Kathy Bruening [kcbruen@att.net](mailto:kcbruen@att.net) 440-385-7566.

Please no perishables. A big thank you to those of you who can wrap your own or provide some stuffing for the bottom of the basket.



Above: The Porter's garden on July 6 tour.

Right Top: Phil DiCarlo's garden on July 20 tour.

Right Bottom: Debbie Chinchar's garden on July 20 tour.

## Mini Garden Tours Great Success

The mini garden tours held in July were wonderful events. The weather was perfect both days and the gardens were exceptional. On July 6, the final garden was Bill Hock's, where we enjoyed a delicious lunch in his lovely garden. Tours on July 20 were in the evening with Phil DiCarlo's garden as the last stop. We enjoyed a lovely evening of food, wine/beverages and good conversation in Phil's park-like garden. We will try to do something similar next year and hope that those who did not attend this year will be able to attend. There are many photos from both days on our website – please take a look.



## Bake Shoppe

Alert All Bakers! Dust off those baking pans so you can bring your favorite items for our Bakery Tables at the fundraiser luncheon. What sells best? Small portions/quantities, breakfast items, tasty bars and cookies, small cakes and pies. A few full-size specialties are okay. Packaging is important. No paper plates with Saran Wrap to fall apart please. Plastic containers with doilies or pretty plate. If using plastic bags over things tie with ribbons. We keep prices at \$8 or under unless really special. Thanks!!

Jackie Crosier

## A Welcome Note to New Members

By Jean Smith

We have welcomed several new members this year and I want to speak to you now. The best way to feel a part of any organization is to become involved. We, like many other clubs, expect our members to serve on committees and even at some point hold an elected office. I am sure you all have great ideas and experience to share. Like other clubs, we have a very small core of members who do all of the work and who can eventually get burned out. So, please, consider volunteering for a committee – you can start next year – but let one of our officers know now of your interest. Being part of the decision making and execution of projects can be very rewarding. Thank you.