
GARDEN SCOOP

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

February-March 2017

Officers for 2017

The elected officers for 2017 were installed at the December Holiday luncheon held at Westwood Country Club.

President:	Regina McCarthy
1 st Vice President:	Jean Smith
2 nd Vice President:	Shirley Lutts
Treasurer:	Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary:	Sally Knurek and Brian Thompson
Corresponding Secretary:	Eileen Cernea, Marsha McEntee Carolyn Steigman - Publicity

The installation ceremony was conducted by Alberta Ricciardi. The weather did not cooperate and six members/guests cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, but 28 members/guests braved the elements and made it to Westwood Country Club. Several members' spouses attended and Emily Rose played piano again with some favorite holiday music. It was a lovely setting and it seemed that everyone enjoyed their lunch and the warmth and company of friends.

First Meeting of 2017 is Wednesday, March 15

The first meeting of 2017 will be on **Wednesday, March 15 at 11 a.m.** at Westlake Porter Library with lunch at noon and the program at 1 p.m. The speaker will be Christine Cain, Wildlife Program Specialist, from Lake Erie Nature Center. Christine will bring five live animals to show us and tell about their habits and habitats. This meeting is important because it brings us back together after a two-month hiatus and yearbooks for 2017 will be distributed. The new yearbooks will include the program listing and a new membership roster. Please review all information contained in the yearbook so that you stay informed and do not miss any important dates. Important information will also be shared regarding the club's annual fundraiser events. We promise an interesting lineup of programs this year with everything from wildlife to the history of a crooked river. The picnic and plant exchange will be in June and we are looking at a possible bus trip in the summer. The mini-garden tours were extremely popular last year and we will try to have one or two days of garden tours again this year. If you would like to offer your garden for a tour, and I hope you do, please contact Jean Smith at 440-665-5463. Look forward to seeing you in March.

Calendar for February, March and April 2017

February

1 – March 5

Orchid Mania, Cleveland Botanical Garden, 11030 East Boulevard
Tues, Thurs, Fri Sat - 10 am – 5 pm
Wed – 10 am – 9 pm
Sun – noon – 5 pm

March

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Wildlife of Ohio presented by Lake Erie Nature Center, Christine Cain, Wildlife Program Specialist
Westlake Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road
Meeting at 11 am, lunch at noon, program at 1 pm

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City of Westlake and Westlake Watershed Group Annual Rain and Garden Show
10 am – 1 pm at the new Market Square Pavilion at Crocker Park

April

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Gardens/Landscaping at Crocker Park
Presented by Barnes' Nursery. What goes into planning the gardens and landscaping at Crocker Park and learn about trends in landscaping.
Westlake Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road
Meeting at 11 am, lunch at noon, program at 1 pm

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Garden Club of Ohio Spring District Meeting and Lunch
St. Michael's Woodside, \$25
More information at March meeting

We are still looking for someone to take over producing the newsletter. It can be whatever you want it to be – get creative. It can be published monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly. Please think about it and let me know if you are interested. Jean Smith



Beautiful Holiday Trees

The garden club decorated two holiday trees in 2016 – one for the library and one for the GLOW Festival at the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

The committee working on the GLOW tree met at the library and hand-crafted ornaments made from dried botanical materials. The theme for this tree was Mother Nature's Winter Wonderland with colors of white, silver and blue. Ornaments included small wreaths decorated with dried flowers and leaves and hung with blue ribbon; seed pods spray painted silver that looked like icicles, bouquets made from dried materials that were spray painted silver, hydrangeas, and many others. Owls and snowflakes were added. A big thanks to Marsha McEntee and the committee for making the tree at GLOW happen. It was beautiful!

Robert Pearl chaired the committee that decorated the tree at the library. The theme was "Frosted Holiday Fruits" with colors of gold, red, green and burgundy. Robert provided all of the ornaments and the committee helped decorate the tree. Gold lights were added to the white ones already on the tree. Needless to say, this tree was quite elegant, festive and bright.

It is so important for the club to participate in projects like the holiday trees. It is a fun and easy way to let people know that we are a garden club and show them what we can do. If you did not participate in decorating either tree last year, please consider doing so this year. It is an experience you will treasure.



Around the Neighborhood....

Gale's Westlake Garden Center Free Winter Seminars, Saturdays 11 am

2/11 – Orchids with Al Lund, West Shore Orchid Society

2/18 – Spring Yard Cleanup, Emily Cummings, Gale's Nursery Associate

2/25 – Native Ohio Perennials, Emily Cummings, Gale's Nursery Associate

Miller's Nature Preserve

March 20-May 29 "Upside Down and Inside Out" Explore the botanical world from crown to roots. Discover how plants are important in our daily lives.

Membership – we are always looking for new, active members. If you have a friend, family member or neighbor whom you think would enjoy our programs, events and camaraderie, please invite them to a meeting. They just may want to come back the next month and join!

Monthly Lunch Food Committee

Results from the survey distributed last year indicate that you all want to continue with lunch at our meetings. A lot of our members no longer cook and found it difficult when it was their turn to serve on the lunch committee. At the February Board meeting, the Board voted to change the procedure for providing lunch. **The club will now purchase sandwiches for meeting lunches and the lunch committee will provide salads, sides and desserts.** If you no longer cook, you can pick up salads, sides and desserts at most grocery stores today. Cathie Karls will again serve as Social Committee Chairman and as such, she will purchase and bring the sandwiches to each meeting. She will also coordinate the lunch committee each month. Please work with Cathie to make our meeting lunches enjoyable and worry free. If you just simply cannot cook or get to the store to purchase anything for the lunch for the month that you are on the committee, please give Cathie \$15 to cover the purchase of the salad/side dish or dessert that you cannot bring. This seems the best solution for continuing to provide a nice lunch for our members at the monthly meetings.



Top: Tree at Westlake Porter Library
Bottom: Tree at GLOW Festival at the Cleveland Botanical Garden