
GARDEN SCOOP

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

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Goodbye to Summer

It seems like just yesterday that we were waiting for the heat and sunshine of summer to warm the ground so we could start working in our gardens or planting containers for our patios and balconies. Here it is September, school has started, we have put away our white shoes (or not) and are starting to think about making soup.

The garden club enjoyed a good summer starting in June with our annual evening picnic. This year we did not advertise a plant exchange but several members did bring some of their excess plants to share. We enjoyed fried chicken and a plethora of salads and desserts at the Kingswood Club at King James North. This is a great event because we keep business to a minimum and just enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow members. In July, we did a mini garden tour which started at 5 p.m. at the home of Herb Guild member, Glenda Lee Burns. Her back yard is packed full of a variety of plants and flowers. The lilies were still blooming and because of numerous trees, there are a lot of shade plants. Glenda Lee places interesting sculptures and garden art throughout the garden so there is something of interest around every turn. She also has an extensive herb garden whose plants are used for wreaths and dried for cooking and making vinegars and dips. This is truly a magical garden. We moved on member Robert Pearl's garden which is very colorful and carefully manicured. Robert has some interesting plants and garden art in his yard along with window boxes on the back cottage. Guests enjoyed the tour of the cottage, which Robert uses as his art studio, and his new luxurious master bathroom and closet in the house. Thanks Robert for the HGTV-worthy tours. Next stop was member Bill Hock's garden. This garden has a wonderfully comfortable, peaceful feeling with masses of color and texture, old trees and benches. It is easy to see that this garden is a labor of love. Bill also likes to send people away with plants. There are pots and trowels scattered around the garden ready to scoop up a small plant to share. The last garden has won the Westlake in Bloom program several times. Owners Terry and Rose Monnolly graciously invited us into their garden to enjoy the colors and textures and the variety of trees. Terry likes to plant large areas of one color instead of mixing colors. There are some lovely large containers on the deck and around the pool. The Monnollys invited us to have our reception on the deck so we spread out the finger-food, beer, wine, fruit, cookies and had a ball. They were great hosts and the setting was perfect for the end to a beautiful summer evening.

To continue our summer programs, we hosted a bus trip in August to the Fellowes Riverside Gardens in

Calendar for September-November 2017

WGC Programs and Events

September

20 General Meeting, 11 a.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library, Program, "*The Power of Pollinators*" presented by Master Gardener, Greg Cada. Learn the good bugs to have in your garden.

October

18 General Meeting, 11 a.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library. Program, "*Herbs, Teas and Medicinals*" presented by Beth Schreiber-Gehring, 2nd Vice Chair of the Western Reserve Herb Society.

November

15 General Meeting, 11 a.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library, Program, "*The Crooked River*" presented by Elaine Marsh, Project Director of Ohio Greenways and Founding Member of Friends of The Crooked River.

December

21 Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers at Westwood Country Club. Note date is a Thursday. Details and reservation information will be forthcoming.

Other Programs and Events of Interest:

October

3 Garden Club of Ohio Cleveland Fall District Meeting St. Michael's Woodside. Cost \$25 includes lunch. Regina will have more information and take reservations.

November

2 Garden Club of Ohio Cleveland Holiday Program St. Michael's Woodside. Cost \$25 includes lunch. Regina will have more information and take reservations.

Summer cont'd.

Youngstown, OH. This is a huge, lush garden in the Mill Creek Metroparks. We enjoyed volunteer-led tours of the gardens and learned of the history. After lunch and some free time to tour the gardens, we went to Lanterman's Mill. This is a restored working mill with a history on lovely grounds and a nice gift shop. Returning to Westlake by 5 p.m. was a perfect end to a great day.

Summer 2017 has been very busy and enjoyable.

2017 Mini Garden Tours



Above: Glenda Lee Burns' lovely garden including daylilies, a wishing well, and a small garden water feature and cherub tucked between the plants.



Above: Robert Pearl's garden with color, texture, garden art, and window boxes by the backyard cottage.



Above: Bill Hock's garden invites you to come in and sit awhile. The lovely trees and colorful plantings make this garden a special place.

Right: Terry and Rose Monnolly's lovely garden includes garden art, a shed that looks like a cottage, and colorful containers on the deck and around the pool.

