

GARDEN SCOOP

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

April-May 2016

Calendar for April-May 2016

WGC Programs and Events

April

- 20 General Meeting, 11 a.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library, Program, "*Sous Vide – Cooking with Updated Herbs and Spices*" presented by Thea Steinmetz. Lunch committee: Kathy Bruening, Lillian Bialosky, Jean Livingston, Marge Emblom
- 29 Arbor Day Celebration and Tree-Planting, 11 a.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library, outside specific spot to be determined.

May

- 4 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library.
- 18 General Meeting, 11 a.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library. Program, "*Importance of Wildflowers*" presented by Bev Walborn of the Metro Parks. Lunch Committee: Eileen Cernea, Regina McCarthy, Carolyn Steigman, Kathy Shimko, Julie Meno
- TBA Spring clean-up and planting at the Remembrance Garden. Bring your trowels, garden spades, plants from your garden, and your enthusiasm.
- 30 Memorial Day Celebration – WGC provides a wreath and bouquet for ceremony at Clague Park

Other Programs and Events of Interest:

April

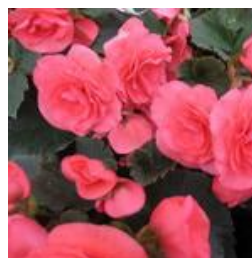
- 14 Affiliates Day at Cleveland Botanical Garden, 9-noon. Reservation deadline was April 8.
- 26 Garden Club of Ohio Cleveland District Spring Meeting St. Michael's Woodside. Registration 9:30, President's Meeting 9:45 a.m. Morning program: *Friends of the Crooked River*. Afternoon program: *Wake up to Spring*. Cost \$23. Get checks to Jean Smith before April 14.

May

- 1 Olmsted Falls Garden Club yearly Perennial Plant Sale, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Falls Gardens 7239 Main Street.
- 12, 13, 14 Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Annual Plant Sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Rockefeller Park Greenhouse

2016 Year of

Each year the National Garden Bureau designates plants of the year in four categories: Annual, Perennial, Edible and Bulb Crop. The plants designated for 2016 Year of are: Begonia, Delphinium, Carrot and Allium. Each is chosen because they are popular, easy-to-grow, widely adaptable, genetically diverse, and versatile.



Save the Date

for the Westlake Garden Club's annual fundraiser luncheon, *Fête des Fleurs*.

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
Westwood Country Club
22625 Detroit Road
Rocky River, OH

Speaker: Brian Zimmerman, CEO Cleveland MetroParks
Doors open at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon, program at 1 p.m.
Chinese Raffle Baskets, Bake Shoppe, Cash Wine Bar
Tickets: \$35 (includes valet parking)
Tickets go on sale in June

Hershey Children's Garden

The Westlake Garden Club will participate again this year in planting a container of flowers for the Hershey Children's Garden at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. The theme this year is the "Senses." Kathy Shimko and her daughter Julie Meno, who is also a new member, will be working on this project. Planting will be sometime in May. Be sure to check out the Hershey Children's Garden on your next visit.

Sunshine Report

Some of our members have had to cope with health issues this year. Regina McCarthy had a kidney removed earlier this year and seems to be doing well. Ruth Bertrand was hospitalized with colon cancer and had a section of her colon removed. She is getting somewhat back to her normal routine. Robert Pearl had a heart attack early April and was hospitalized with a stint being inserted. He is now resuming activities with a good prognosis. Marsha McEntee's brother Terry, who is a new member, was diagnosed early April with stage four cancer and the family is with him now. Please send your prayers and positive thoughts to Marsha and her family.

If you or a member of your immediate family, or you are aware of another member of the garden club who becomes ill or hospitalized, please let Marsha McEntee or Ruth Bertrand know and provide details. Members who have email will receive an email notification of the situation. Beginning now, we will have the telephone committee contacting by phone those members who do not have email and provide them with the details. Kathy Molner and someone yet to be determined another member will be making the calls.

Possible Bus Trip

We would like to schedule a bus trip this year in August. Shirley Lutts will be working on this and was asked by the Board to put together a committee to help with planning. Several locations were suggested, among them the Culinary Institute in Milan, OH. If you would like to work on this committee or have suggestions for destinations, please contact Shirley. Our bus trips have been quite successful in the past and we strive to choose interesting and educational places and keep the duration short enough so that everyone is not exhausted. We also attempt to keep the cost at a reasonable level. If you have not been on one of our bus trips, or are a new member, we hope you will join us this year. It is a great way to get to know other members better and have a really fun day. Spouses and friend are welcome.

Membership

As of April 1, 2016, our membership count is 47. Adding the "Couple" category to our membership has paid off with one new husband and wife couple and two mother/daughter couples (the mothers were previous members). So please continue to "talk up" the garden club to your friends and family, and be friendly and helpful to our new members at the next meeting. We want everyone to feel welcome.

Donations

The Board met at a special session in March to determine how to distribute the proceeds from the 2015 fundraiser luncheon. We have supported several Westlake Schools in the past with donations to support their garden projects. It was agreed that we no longer need to do this since the schools are getting a substantial amount of grant money for that purpose. We wanted to do something that would have a greater impact and it was decided to give a scholarship to a Westlake High School senior. Some time ago, proceeds from luncheons were used for scholarships but the program broke down for various reasons. We are a little late getting into the Westlake program for this year, but will be able to participate. We should have information on the scholarship recipient soon. Ruth Bertrand is working on this and will have more information for us as it becomes available. Scholarships are presented at an evening program on May 18. We have allocated \$1,000 for the scholarship.

A list of all of the recipients of our donations for 2015 will be distributed at a future meeting.

Glow at CBG

Glow, the holiday festival of trees at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, is a great opportunity for affiliate clubs to get involved. We decorated a tree several years ago for Glow and did not continue because we started decorating a tree at the library. We have decided to get involved in Glow again this year and will decorate a tree. The theme is "Timeless Traditions of the Winter Season" and includes any celebration between December 1 and March 1. We have not yet decided on a celebration theme so if you have suggestions, please contact Marsha. When we have determined a theme, we will schedule workshops to make decorations for our tree. We had a lot of fun making decorations for the last tree we did. If you are interested in working on the tree for Glow, please contact Marsha McEntee.

Garden Scoop

We may have someone who will do a newsletter for us, probably every other month – yeah! There is a lot going on in April and May and I did not want anyone to miss out on anything. So I decided to do another abbreviated newsletter, anticipating that the new editor can take over in June. I hope this helps.

Thank you.
Jean Smith