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Deer Resistant Gardening

By Jean Smith



Stacey Allen, Manager of Canal Way Center of the Cleveland Metroparks, warned that she did not have a magical, sure-fire way to keep deer and other animals from feasting on our gardens. She did give us a lot of information about the lives of deer and some good ideas for **discouraging** them from

raiding our gardens. A deer will eat five to eight pounds of vegetation per day for each 100 pounds of body weight – a mature deer can weigh up to 300 pounds. A doe will give birth to one to three fawns a year for an average of 10 years of her life. The amount of food available determines the number of fawns a doe will have that year. ODNr's ideal deer count is 10-20 per square mile. In Cuyahoga County, the average population is 35-40 per square mile. Deer live in forested areas for protection, but they like to feed in open field areas. Some methods of keeping deer from your garden are barriers, plants not attractive to deer, concoctions to pour around perimeter of plants, noisemakers, and predators. A normal fence barrier is not too successful. It has been found that a double fence

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

What a wonderful start to our meeting year. The March 21 general meeting was very well attended, with several guests joining us. The lunch was excellent, with homemade food and desserts, and a floral centerpiece made by Marlene Parker. Ruth Bertrand and her Committee, including Marge Domitz, Judy Hullinger and Agnes Tark, did a wonderful job and our thanks go out to them. Nancy Chopp provided us with an excellent speaker who is a naturalist from the Metroparks and additional guests attended that portion of the program, having learned about it from the local print media. Great teamwork, resulting in two new members for our Club!

Westlake's first Rain & Garden Show was held on March 24 and our Club was invited to participate. Sally Knurek, Margaret Schulz and I attended, having set up a most inviting table display. Our table garnered much interest and gave us the opportunity to discuss the Club's upcoming luncheon, programs and events, as well as gardening in general. We may have recruited one or two potential new members too. I noted a common theme from those who hesitated about joining our Garden Club, and that is the perception that one must have "great knowledge" about gardening *before* joining, feeling somewhat intimidated. Indeed, just the opposite is true; we join to learn. Members need to get that educational message across.

Now we must concentrate on making our *Fête des Fleurs* fundraiser luncheon a success, which success enables our Club to continue with its Mission. Please promptly submit reservations as we are fast approaching our table number deadline. I look forward to seeing all members in attendance.

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Bakery Table Hints

Help make our bakery table a success by attractively wrapping the tasty delights you are donating for the Fête des Fleurs luncheon. Tie the wrapper with a colorful ribbon to add to the appeal of the item, and place items on a paper doily inside the plastic bag or wrapper if possible. Plastic bags and containers are available at Pat Catan's. Please price and label your bakery items before you bring them to Wagner's. Please note on package if item contains nuts. A package of six small/medium cookies might sell for \$2, a loaf of bread with nuts and/or fruit \$4-\$6, a whole cake or pie, \$10. This is just a gauge to help you price your items. Bring items to Wagner's on Wednesday, April 25 after 10:15 a.m. or on day of the event before 11 a.m. Call Gail Morse, 440-899-2647 with questions or if you need containers. With your help, this will be a success.

Getting to Know You.....

By Margaret Schulz

Lucy Kalbers



When I asked Lucy what her favorite flower is, she replied, "I like all flowers." Lucy joined the Westlake Garden Club in 1986 and served as President in 1989-90. She also served six years on the board of the Westside Botanical Garden. Lucy graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and continued her education at Baldwin Wallace College, majoring in Home Economics. At that time, most young women got married after college, and Lucy was no exception. She married Thomas Kalbers in 1942 and became a homemaker and mother of two sons. Lucy worked outside the home for awhile after her sons were grown but quit in 1979 when her husband retired. They traveled around the country looking for the ideal place to retire, and finally ended up settling in Westlake. As a young woman, Lucy was involved in PTA, bridge, golfing and ice skating. She later volunteered with VNA Hospice and, for 10 years was an usher at Cleveland Playhouse. Along with her two sons, Lucy's family includes two granddaughters and one great granddaughter. Because of back problems and other related health issues, Lucy is not able to do the gardening that she loved for many years. She does, however, still watch the numerous deer that visit her yard almost daily. Something you might not know about Lucy is that for 20+ years, she actively enjoyed country and western line dancing. Lucy is surely a Sharp Lady!

Our friend and fellow garden club member, Marge Paull, is still recuperating from her recent surgery. A cheery card or phone call would make her day and put a smile on her face.

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Happy Birthday!

April

4/2 Shirley Lutts

4/16 Agnes Tark



Membership News

By Jean Smith

Please welcome the following new members, April 2012, and add them to the membership roster in your yearbook:

Marilyn Gould
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Birthday: 1/19

Shirley Lutts
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Birthday: 4/2

Welcome to our new members. We look forward to learning more about you and sharing your knowledge and insight.

New Membership Chairman

A heartfelt "Thank You" to new member, Carolyn Steigman for taking on the responsibility of Membership Chairman. Carolyn's responsibilities include providing information to membership inquiries, processing new member paperwork, actively recruiting members through various resources, and presenting ideas and activities to the Board for increasing membership. We wish Carolyn much success in her new position. Remember, even though we have a Membership Chairman, every member is responsible for bringing in new members.

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barrier is more successful. This consists of two fences with three to four feet of space between them. The deer can jump the first fence, but finds itself in a tight, confined space, which it does not like. There are commercial sprays to deter deer, but you may not want to use on vegetables. Some of those sprays are: Liquid Fence, Deer Scram, Deer Away, and Deer Off. Some repellant plants include: thorns, marigolds, horseradish, garlic, spirea, daffodils, bleeding heart, larkspur, lily of the valley, burning bush, and ivy. Check your local garden center for a list of other plants that may not be favorites of deer. It also seems that they do not like fuzzy leaves or plants that come up in colors other than green. Some known predators are: dogs, man/hunters, owls, and snakes. A mother deer will often leave a young fawn in a protected area, possibly your yard, in the morning and not return until sundown. Stacey warned that you should not go to the fawn. Newborn fawns have no odor for several weeks and your footprints will leave an odor that could lead a predator to the fawn.

Correction to March newsletter: The correct date for the raffle basket assembly workshop at Sally Knurek's house is **Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 10 a.m.**

2012 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

***NOTE: THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012 – FARMER'S MARKET OPENS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012 – GCO CONVENTION

PLACE: EMBASSY SUITES, INDEPENDENCE, OH

TIME: REGISTRATION AT 7:30 A.M.; SEMINARS AT 10:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012 – RAFFLE BASKETS

PLACE: SALLY KNUREK'S HOUSE, 19270 S. SAGAMORE DR.
FAIRVIEW PARK

TIME: 10:00 A.M. – BRING BASKET AND ITEMS TO FILL

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012 – EARTH DAY

WATCH LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND MEDIA FOR LOCAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012 - FÊTE DES FLEURS

PLACE: WAGNER'S COUNTRY INN, 30855 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

TIME: DOORS OPEN 11 AM, LUNCH AT NOON, PROGRAM 1PM
\$30 Donation

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012 - ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

PLACE AND TIME: TBA

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012 – OLMSTED FALLS GC PLANT SALE

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 – GCO SPRING MEETING

PLACE: ST. MICHAEL'S WOODSIDE

TIME: 11:30 A.M.

COST: \$22 – GET CHECK TO REGINA MCCARTHY BY 4/12/12

FRIDAY, MAY 11 AND SATURDAY, MAY 12

NO. ROYALTON GC PLANT SALE

PLACE: CITY GREEN, RTE. 82 AND RIDGE RD.

TIME: FRI. 4-7 PM, SAT. 10 AM – 3 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012 – N. OLMSTED GC PLANT SALE

PLACE: N. OLMSTED COMMUNITY CABIN, 28114 LORAIN ROAD

TIME: 10 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012 – WGC GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 14100 FRANKLIN BLVD.

TIME: MEET AT 10 A.M. AT OLD REGO'S PARKING LOT ON COLUMBIA
RD TO CARPOOL. CONTACT BILL HOCK AT 440-892-0189, OR
BHOCK2248@AOL.COM FOR RESERVATIONS.

The Book Corner

By Kathie Carnall

On my top ten list of garden writers is Celia Thaxter and her Island Garden, published first in 1894.

Celia Thaxter was four years old when her father accepted a position as lighthouse keeper and moved his family to the Isles of Shoals, a group of small islands ten miles off the coasts of New Hampshire and Maine.

Rocky and barren, with nutrient lacking soil, Celia struggled to create her island garden. Settling upon labor intensive annuals, she raised almost one hundred different varieties, starting the seeds every year, planting the little shoots, and tending them for hours each and every day. Pests were a constant problem. The slug was at the top of her list. Someone suggested toads, so she sent away for a box of toads. "All summer I came upon them in different parts of the garden, waxing fatter and fatter till they were round as apples" - one problem partially solved.

Celia's beautiful garden attracted the attention of island visitors. They prevailed upon her to "tell us how you do it?" Celia was known in her own era for poetry and prose, but it is her last work, Island Garden, which has survived. Reprinted in 1988 with its original illustrations by impressionist painter, Childe Hassam, only 126 pages, this is a book to delight the modern-day gardener.

Restored in 1978 by a Cornell University professor, using Celia's own plan, the island garden is, once again, open for viewing during summer months.

"Petals to Pearls"

The North Royalton Garden Club is celebrating their 70th year with a "Petals to Pearls" event on Saturday, June 23 from 2-4:30 at the North Royalton Library. They are inviting all former members to join in the celebration. If you know someone who is a former member of that club, please ask them to call Dejana at 440-877-9189. Congratulations to the North Royalton Garden Club on their 70th anniversary.

NOTE: Please save the empty pots and containers from the plants you buy at the nurseries and bring them in to Don Bowman. They will be used when the VA Hospital has a plant sale on Friday, May 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VA Wade Park Hospital, 10701 East Boulevard.

Correction to 2012 Yearbook: Our representative to the Cleveland Botanical Garden for 2012 is **Sally Knurek**, not Gail Morse.

Westlake Garden Club General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 21, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 11:15 in the Porter Public Library. The roll was called and there were 23 members present plus guests. Approval of minutes of 11/16/11 and 12/15/11 general meetings, motion – Holly Harvey, second – Jean Smith.

Treasurer's report was given by Marie McCarthy. Auditors report given by Carol Lewellen. Everything was fine and Marie is doing an excellent job. Marie introduced the budget and answered questions. Pat Dailey made a motion to accept the budget, 2nd – Margaret Schulz. Budget for 2012 was approved.

Correspondence – Ruth received thank yous from the Westlake Schools for our donation, from Ann Van Dyke for flowers and card upon death of her husband, and Porter Library for our donation.

Membership – We now have 33 members. Our new members are Patt Long, Carolyn Steigman and Agnes Tark. Several more joined at our meeting which will be announced in our newsletter. Carolyn Steigman has agreed to be our membership chair.

Program – There will be no meeting in April due to our luncheon. In May we will be carpooling to Lakewood High to tour the horticulture dept. Lunch will be served by the students from some of the produce that is grown in their greenhouse. Contact Bill Hock to attend. Dean's Nursery is the site of our June meeting. Please bring a bag lunch.

Luncheon – Please send the money for the luncheon tickets as you collect it to Nancy. It was noted that Pat Catans has plastic bags for bakery and Party Center has containers. Package small cookies in lots of six and be sure to price your items. The boutique needs dry herb mixes, crafts, bird houses, wreaths, note cards, etc.

Web site – A provider has been chosen by the board and work is proceeding.

Events – Rain & Garden show at the Recreation Center 3/24, GCO convention 4/18, Our Luncheon 4/26, Arbor Day 4/27, GCO Spring luncheon at St. Michael's 5/08, North Olmsted Garden Club plant sale 5/12 at the Community Cabin, Herb Guild Luncheon 8/01. We will be making a Memorial Day wreath and working with the Kiwanis to celebrate that day.

Donor Wall – Our name will be included on a donor wall to be installed by the Porter Library. As our donations are made, we will be placed in different levels. Look for the display to the left of the entrance when it is finished.

Next Board Meeting – Thursday April 5 at Porter Library at 10 a.m..

Meeting adjourned at 12:20.

Westlake Rain and Garden Show by Sally Knurek

Abundant information was to be had at the Westlake Rain and Garden show. Three nurseries, Canterbury, Cahoon and Deans, had representatives there. Dean's and Canterbury had wonderful, just picked produce for sale. Information on rain gardens, invasive plants, hydroponic gardening, and organic products was available through displays, pamphlets and knowledgeable experts. The Westlake in Bloom booth was manned by our own Jean Smith who had entry forms. Even the Health Dept. was there with an interactive model to explain how and why our sewage is disposed of. A very impressive rain garden plan for Burneson Middle School was explained by articulate middle school students led by Mrs. McMasters. Our Westlake Garden Club booth had a variety of material including a drawing for a planter. Bob Parry, City of Westlake, added beautiful photos of gardens to our display. Margaret Schulz, Sally Knurek, and Regina McCarthy collected names of a lot of people who might be interested in our club. There was even an educational toy display. It was a very worth-while morning and we should definitely participate if this show is held again in the future.



Time is running out – have you bought your tickets yet for the ***Fête des Fleurs*** on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at Wagner's Country Inn? Why not purchase a table of eight and bring your friends or family. You do not want to miss Channel 5 Chief Meteorologist, Mark Johnson's enlightening and entertaining program. And, wait until you see the raffle baskets and silent auction items. The luncheon committee has been working tirelessly to bring in exciting items donated for door prizes. See Nancy Chopp (440-899-1969 for tickets.

Calling all writers – I would like to invite every member to help with this newsletter by submitting articles and photos of interesting places that you might visit, a new or different plant that you discover, any personal experiences you have with gardening – good or bad, or maybe an interesting speaker that you have heard. You can email me the information and photos, or mail them to me, or just hand them to me at a meeting. I will take it from there. Thanks in advance for your help. Jean Smith, Editor.

Boutique Table Items – If you have items for the boutique table at the April 26 luncheon, garden books, craft items, seedlings and plants, garden tools, candles, etc., and need help getting them to Wagner's, please call Jean Smith at 440-665-5463. I will be happy to pick them up any time before, or on Wednesday, April 25. Thank you.