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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

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2013 Luncheon and 50th Anniversary Celebration Update

By Jean Smith

Plans for the Annual *Fête des Fleurs* Fundraiser Luncheon and 50th Anniversary Celebration are progressing. We have the date of Wednesday, September 18 reserved at Westwood Country Club, we have a member to sponsor us, and we have a speaker. Julie E. Washington, Cleveland Plain Dealer Home Editor, will present a program on the past 50 years of gardening and/or home decorating and how trends have changed. If you are not familiar with Julie Washington, you can read her interesting and insightful columns in the Thursday *Inside and Out* section of the PD.

Start thinking about things to put into the raffle basket that you will donate. See "What is a Raffle Basket," Sally's article on page 3 for ideas. A large percentage of the money we make on the annual luncheon comes from the raffle baskets.

Also, for those who have been members for a long time, please look through your garden club "stuff" to see if there is anything historical to the club, or that would be of interest to members.

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

Our March 20 meeting at Lee Burneson Middle School was both informative and well organized by Principal Paul Wilson. Principal Wilson was a wonderful host and his enthusiasm, and that of teachers Kurt Thonnings and Judy McMasters, was infectious as they spoke about their students and their plans for both a teaching and a rain garden. Kurt, who is the proud winner of the County-wide *Gardens That Teach Challenge*, surprised us by advising he was able to parlay our donated hoop house with the hoop house he won in the Challenge, to a still larger one. We were also surprised by a visit from Superintendent Dr. Daniel Keenan, who had good things to say about our Club. He joined us as we viewed our donated hoop house, which Kurt and the students had set up. Don Bowman was our guide as we toured the vivarium, which has grown significantly since our last visit. Don has accomplished taking that space from a desert-like area to the lush garden it is today – and saving it from the wrecking ball, as Superintendent Keenan announced. Congratulations, Don! We all enjoyed your Easter decorations among the plants.

Next up is our April program all about bees. I wonder if their numbers have returned and am looking forward to learning more about these valuable pollinators. I talk to them when I'm gardening. *** Our May 7 Cultural Gardens bus tour is fast approaching. Getting on and off the bus is optional. Learn the history of those 29 ethnic gardens. See the blooming daffodils and tulips. Spread the word. Reserve your seat now.



Far left is Judy McMaster from Lee Burneson School, with club members, listening to Kurt Thonnings speak at our March meeting.

Getting to Know You...

By Pat Dailey

Judy Hullinger



Judy graduated from Lima High School in 1956 and went to work at the Lennox Tool and Machine Company as a switchboard operator and receptionist. After high school, Judy married Bob Hullinger, not the boy next door, but the boy across the street. After graduation from the University of Cincinnati, Bob got a job with Ford Motor Company in Lima, OH, where he worked for 32 years. With their four children, they moved to Albany, NY and Brighton, MI, before moving back to Ohio. Bob passed away at age 56 and though he has been gone for 19 years, Judy has many wonderful memories of their life together. Judy is so proud of her 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Her daughter, Pam, passed away 16 years ago, leaving two sons. Judy has helped raise them and feels so lucky to have them. Judy attends John Knox Church and is active in a circle, has been a deacon and usher, and works on various committees. She also is in card groups and is a Red Hatter. Judy joined the Westlake Garden Club the beginning of 2012 and is so happy that she has met so many great people. Judy was on the committee that decorated a holiday tree at the library last year and graciously opened her home for the committee's ornament making session. Judy has high hopes of improving her garden with all her newly acquired information from garden club meetings.

50th Anniversary Trivia

The Peace Rose is the symbol of the garden club. When was the Peace Rose first cultivated?
(Answer at the April meeting.)

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Happy Birthday

April

2nd
16th

Shirley Lutts
Agnes Tark



Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

Although our 2013 binder inserts are fresh off the press, we are happy to welcome two new members for you to add to the membership roster. The new members are:

Brian Thompson
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Westlake, OH 44145-4319
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Birthday: June 11

Rose Mary Hovan
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Birthday: July 15

We are looking forward to getting to know them. This brings the total number of members to 38.

Where is Spring?

By Jean Smith

Even though the calendar tells us that spring arrived on Wednesday, March 20, there are doubters among us. I, for one, was feeling very weary of the cold, wind and snow of winter, and longed for the warmth of the sun. Then one day, I think it was a Sunday, the temperature was 67 degrees and I pulled out a chair and sat on the patio soaking up the warmth of the sun. But, that was short lived because the temperatures returned to the 30's and the wind blew and spitted snow and sleet. Now I notice the daffodils with fat buds ready to burst into bloom when the sun warms them and the robins have returned. I noticed the chives are coming up bright green in my garden. There is a different feel to the air now and even though it is cold, it feels like spring cold, not winter cold. I have planted basil, cosmos and chocolate cherry tomato seeds in egg cartons, anticipating spring. Have faith, it can't be far away now.

2013 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013 – GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE RD

TIME: 11 A.M. MEETING. LUNCH AT NOON, PROGRAM AT 1 P.M.

PROGRAM: "UPDATE ON THE BEES" PRESENTED BY WALTER JORGENSEN, BEEKEEPER FROM JORGENSEN'S APIARY IN OLMSTED FALLS

HOSTESSES: MARYANN BROCK, CAROL LEWELLEN, MARGE PAULL, ANN VAN DYKE, CAROL BONYKO

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013 – ARBOR DAY

PLACE: CLAGUE PARK AT FOUNDERS WALK

TIME: 11 A.M.

WGC WILL PLANT A TREE TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

OTHER EVENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 16-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013 – GCO 85TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

PLACE: SHERATON SUITES, 1989 FRONT STREET, CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH

(SEE SPRING 2013 *GARDEN GREETINGS* FOR DETAILS AND COSTS)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013 – "RAINBOW OF COLORS"

FAIRVIEW PARK GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL LUNCHEON

PLACE: GEMINI RECREATION CENTER, 21225 LORAIN RD., FAIRVIEW PARK, OH (OFF W. 213TH STREET)

TIME: 11:30 A.M.-3 P.M.

COST: \$28 (ADVANCE SALE ONLY)

CONTACT: 440-734-2467 OR 440-356-1789

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013 – CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDENS AFFILIATE DAY

PLACE: CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDENS, 11030 EAST BOULEVARD

TIME: REGISTRATION AT 9 A.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013 – PLANTING DAY FOR HILLIARD BLVD. FLOWER BOXES

PLACE: HILLIARD BOULEVARD

TIME: 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

The Remembrance Garden

By Kathie Carnall

The Remembrance Garden (this is the name on the stone that has been placed in the garden) at the Westlake Community Center was established in 2005 when I was President of WGC. Lu and Dave Walters helped plant daffodil bulbs and I chose the shrubs and had them planted. I also planted the perennials and other bulbs. The garden started just at the west end, but within a year we took over the whole bed. My sister and I have weeded, mulched and added new plantings in the garden each year and Don Bowman has helped with watering. The Golf Club has also helped with the bed. The bench was placed in memory of Kathy Molnar's husband and the statue and the pear tree were placed in memory of Lu Walters. Other club members have been remembered with other plantings, including a cherry tree. I have also been maintaining a scrap book of all the plantings that have been done. When working in the garden, I remember all those members who are no longer with us, including the founders of our club.

What is a Raffle Basket?

What is a raffle basket? It is a collection of related items forming a theme. These items are purchased, handmade or bartered for by the maker of the basket. Some of the more popular themes are: chocolate lovers, night at the theater, pasta basket, Italian or other ethnic theme, state theme (Ohio, Michigan etc.) appealing to young girls or boys, Christmas, Coffee, Vanilla, Lavender, Spa day, Thanksgiving, Fall festival, Garden adventure, relaxation basket, Halloween, basket of bulbs, eat out, tea for two, rain barrel or rain garden, wine and dine, herbs and spices, suds and snacks, winter & birds, holiday ornaments, ice cream social, Asian, garden ornaments, art supplies, scrapbooking, birthday, nautical theme, family membership. If you need help in choosing a theme or selecting items please call Sally Knurek at 440-331-8722. We are trying to assemble 50 baskets in honor of our 50th anniversary. We will also be soliciting items or certificates from businesses to help fill our baskets. Try to aim for \$50 retail value. Good places to shop are sales, Tuesday Morning, T J Maxx or even at nursery stores at the end of summer. My committee will be putting the baskets together before the luncheon. I will have some empty baskets on hand but if you can donate one I would appreciate it. A good source of baskets is Good Will. Please keep a list of all items in your basket to be turned in when you drop off your donations. More to follow next month. Start to collect your items now!

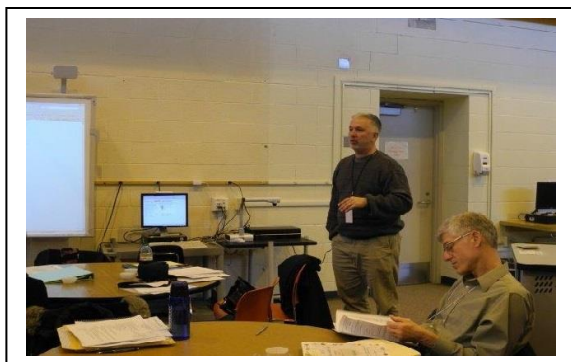
Second Annual Rain & Garden Show

The City of Westlake Engineering Department and the Westlake Watershed Group hosted the second annual Rain & Garden Show on Saturday, March 9, 2014. The garden club had a table again this year with Sally Knurek, Regina McCarthy, Margaret Schulz and Jean Smith on hand to answer questions about the club and about gardening in general. It appeared that attendance was up this year and our table saw a lot of traffic, especially between 10 a.m. and noon. We asked attendees to sign up for a drawing for a planter basket and we got around 25 names. We also got a new member from the show, Brian Thompson. Welcome Brian! Many local businesses had tables and there were seminars throughout the morning. Some of the other vendors were Dean's Greenhouse, Cahoon Nursery, Canterbury Creek Gardens (Ron Zayac also conducted a seminar), Rain Barrels 'N More, Westlake in Bloom, Cuyahoga County Department of Environmental Health, ZymeAway, Good Nature Organic Lawn Care, and Ohio Prairie Nursery. Sally brought a lot of gardening books to display and I saw several people writing down the names of the books after perusing for awhile. She also brought several plants, including a beautiful flowering orchid. Thanks Sally for, again, creating a lovely table for the garden club.



Left to right, Jean Smith, Sally Knurek, Regina McCarthy and Margaret Schulz

March Meeting at Lee Burneson Middle School



Above left: Kurt Thonnings, Technology teacher at Lee Burneson Middle School. Right: The Cold Frame hoop house purchased with money donated by the Westlake Garden Club.

Below left: Westlake Schools Superintendent, Dr. Keenan, stopped by during our meeting. Right: Don Bowman in the Vivarium with his spring decorations.

