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New Members “Break the Ice” at Ice Cream Social



New members and not-so-new members enjoying an ice cream treat at Mitchell's. Read more in Membership News on page 2.

President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

The Westlake Garden Club has technologically established a global presence 24 hours/day, 365 days/year with its new website, www.westlakegardenclub.org. Club information will now reach a much wider audience than our Newsletter ever could. Photos of member events can easily be shared with family and friends. Member information will be current versus the yearly handout. Access to Newsletters is a wonderful reference tool. All information can be printed directly from the site. New articles and photos will be added monthly. Upcoming events are posted, providing information to potential new members. If an individual is interested in joining our Club and would like further information, all that person need do is access our website and it's all there, including an easy way of contacting us. In sum, our new website is more cost effective and versatile than the traditional way of doing business. Our Club now has an environmentally friendly way of networking with our membership, other garden clubs and the interested public. Let's use it to our advantage.

Memories Are Made of This

By Gail Morse

In late spring I was very fortunate to be able to go to the fortieth reunion of my Junior Year Abroad program with the Institute for European Studies in Vienna, Austria. My adventure started in Middleburg, Virginia, beautiful horse country, visiting a dear friend who I hadn't seen since the seventies and couldn't go with me to Europe. A day later as I boarded the plane for Munich, Germany, the trip continued. Since I had such a limited amount of time I took a train to Vienna and enjoyed looking at the beautiful scenery unfolding before me. Once I arrived I had a day before the reunion so I went out to the outskirts of Vienna to see the Kagran and Hirschstetten Botanical Gardens and hundreds of thousands of magnificent flowers. In both of these beautiful gardens, or Blumengartens, and a little different from here in the states, the greenhouses were in the center of the gardens and the flowers and plants radiated out from the greenhouses. Kagran is the home of the horticultural school whose original building has been converted into a fascinating museum housing over 30,000 exhibits of gardening tools, historic photographs, and equipment dating back to the 1800's.

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Happy Birthday

August

2nd Maryann Brock
22nd Bill Hock
27th Marie McCarthy



Getting to Know You...

By Margaret Schulz

Holly Harvey



After a difficult start in life, Holly became a healthy child with a normal life until her parents divorced. After graduating high school, she had to find an occupation to support herself and her mother. She was hired as a receptionist/secretary at the American Gas Association, a

testing facility for gas appliances. She enjoyed the work and meeting engineers from all over the country. After working there 12 years, Holly was forced to take a leave of absence when her mother became ill. Her mother died almost a year later and Holly never went back to her job. She received her real estate license and started working for HGM Realty Co. until she met her husband, Paul J. Harvey, the best thing that ever happened to her, said Holly. They traveled a lot and even went to Germany to visit Paul's son, who was in the Air Force. Holly and Paul were only married nine years, but she feels they had more happiness than a lot of married couples who have 50 years together. After Paul's death, Holly felt she had to go on with life and keep busy, so she joined the Eastern Star organization, which she still enjoys today. About that time, she also joined the Westlake Garden Club, where she has learned a lot about all types of gardening, taken some outstanding garden tours, and made some wonderful friends. At one point, Holly owned two horses and will never forget the wonderful experiences she had with them. She had the experience of riding a 3-gaited horse and even rode it in a show where she won! Holly was involved in the Republican Club and was named Woman of the Year by the North Olmsted Republican Club. She also taught at the Children's Drama School at Lakewood Little Theatre, acted in theatre around the suburbs, and directed musicals. As if that wasn't enough, Holly has, and still does, put in many hours volunteering. Holly loves animals and lives with her two cats, Patty and Jaida. Holly says that God has helped her all through her life and she is happy and content.

Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

An Ice Cream Social was held on July 24 at Mitchell's Ice Cream in Westlake to welcome new members into the club. We have added 10 new members since the beginning of 2012 and six attended, as well as some long time members. Everyone enjoyed the warm weather from the shade of the outdoor patio, eating ice cream and getting to know each other.

Membership still stands at 38. Membership is open to anyone interested in plants or gardening, or who just wants to meet new people and make new friends. Guests are always welcome at regular meetings. Information about the club and membership is now available on our new website at www.westlakegardenclub.org.

OUR CLAGUE HOUSE FLOWER ARRANGERS

By Jackie Crosier "Substitute Coordinator"

Eleven WGC members met on Saturday under the trees, and in two hours, made 23 arrangements for decorating Clague House in preparation for the Antique and Craft Show on Sunday. Their theme this year was a marvelous display of wedding gowns from various periods in history. Most of our designs were as old fashioned as the gowns--tall field and garden varieties which worked well for the Historical Society's placement on the floor among the gowns which were on dress forms so viewers got the full effect of each style. My "Thanks" to all who came and/or brought materials. It was a good mix of new and 'seasoned' members who were "practicing up" for our next more formal session of arranging for Westlake in Bloom as we enjoyed camaraderie and refreshments. Photos are on the website photo gallery.

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50th Anniversary Planning Committee

Contact Regina McCarthy if you would like to be a part of the planning of events to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary in 2013. A lot of work goes into planning a first-class event, so we need to start now. It is a big anniversary for the club, so let's plan something appropriate for the milestone. We need everyone's ideas, input and participation on this event.

2012 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012 – WESTLAKE IN BLOOM AWARD CEREMONY

PLACE: LACENTRE, 25277 DETROIT RD., WESTLAKE

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

***WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB WILL MAKE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TABLES. MEET AT LACENTRE AT 1 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2012 – WGC GENERAL MEETING BACK TO THE CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN – DOCENT GUIDED TOUR OF THE DESERT OF MADAGASCAR AND THE COSTA RICAN RAINFOREST

PLACE: CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, 11030 EAST BLVD.

TIME: 11 A.M. MEET IN THE SMITH ROOM FOR TOUR, MEETING AND BOX LUNCH FROM BON APPETITE.

RESERVATIONS: BILL HOCK, bhock2248@aol.com OR 440-892-0189

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 – WGC GENERAL MEETING - “CACTI AND SUCCULENTS” WITH KATHY HABIB, MASTER GARDENER

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE RD.

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

HOSTESSES: ALBERTA RICCIARDI, MARGE PAULL, MARYANN BROCK,
LUCY KALBERS

OTHER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012 – THE HERB GUILD 28TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

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

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 10 A.M.

TICKETS: \$30

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012 – GREEN CORPS LEARNING FARMS TOUR

PLACE: MEET AT CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDENS TO JOIN GUIDED
BUS TOUR OF SOME LEARNING FARMS AROUND THE CITY

TIME: 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

TICKETS: MEMBERS \$5; NON-MEMBERS \$12

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 – GCO FALL DISTRICT MEETING

PLACE: ST. MICHAEL'S WOODSIDE, 5025 E. MILL RD., BROADVIEW
HTS., OH

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

COST: \$22 – SEE REGINA MCCARTHY FOR RESERVATIONS

Not Your Grandmother's Purple Coneflower

By Marge Emblom



For the last half dozen years or so, breeders of Echinacea have gone mad supplying us with new, and sometimes hardly recognizable, Echinacea. While the old fashioned purple coneflowers are still the backbone of many gardens, they have really morphed into an amazing variety of shapes and even colors, from soft yellow greens as in “Green Jewel,” to pale green-white as in “Coconut Lime,” or, if you can imagine “Coconut Lime” on steroids, there is the wonderful “Milkshake” that can grow to 36” tall. These last two varieties are representative of an entirely new shape to the flower with a single layer of petals surrounding a pom-pom in the center. My personal favorite of this kind is “Pink Double Delight,” with a deep pink center circled by pale pink petals. I am trying “Secret Passion” for the first time, and so far, it is proving to be a gorgeous coral-pink fringed with almost red petals. The new Echinacea palette moves even further into the bright red-orange with “Raspberry Truffle,” “Hot Papaya,” “Tomato Soup,” and “Firebird.” Lovely pastels without the pom-pom centers are the beautiful “Sundown” and “Summer Sky” in the Big Sky series or the slightly more exuberant “Tiki Torch.” Then there are the new varieties such as “Marmalade” and “Pink Poodle” that resemble dahlias or very full zinnias. Great flowers that not only perk up the summer garden but go into autumn. Clearly to call them cone flowers is a disservice. Your grandmother would hardly recognize these gorgeous plants. (Pictured is “Tomato Soup” with bright red-orange flowers)

August 15th meeting

Meeting, lunch and docent led tour of the glass house at the
Cleveland Botanical Garden

--- carpool from the old Rego's on Columbia Rd / leave at 10:30 am

--- CBG admission / \$11.00 for non-CBG members / \$3.50 for members

--- 11:00 am – meeting in the Smith Room of the CBG

--- 12:00 noon - lunch from Bon Appetite provided by WGC

--- 1:00 pm – Tour

Lunch Choices - served with chips, dessert, and soft beverages

- Deli Italian
- Smoked Turkey & Aged Cheddar
- Santa Fe Chicken Wrap
- Grilled Vegetable Salad

If you have not yet signed up and choose to do so, please notify Bill Hock ASAP. Send lunch selection to...
bhock2248@aol.com or call at 440-892-0189.

Memories (continued from page 1)

That evening twenty-two former classmates met at a wine cellar we all frequented forty years ago; and so began the reminiscing which continued until the end of the reunion. We went to the new school location; we took a walking tour of parts of the city which many of us did not see when we lived there; we went to museums and concerts and once again took in the elaborate roccoco and neo-classical architecture; and in the evening we all converged in the hotel's lounge and talked until the wee hours of the morning! Four days later four of us went to Kaprun, a picturesque ski village in the Tyrolean Alps and enjoyed the surrounding mountains, the rich blue glistening lake waters, and the gurgling mountain streams. And all too quickly I was home; but with the knowledge that I recalled many wonderful memories and had created many more.



Hirschstetten Botanical Garden, also known as the *Florarium*



Butterfly from Kagran Botanical Garden

Westlake Garden Club General Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

This meeting held at Porter Public Library was called to order by President Regina McCarthy at 11:12 a.m. with 22 members and 2 guests in attendance. On motion by Margaret Schulz, seconded by Ruth Bertrand, the Minutes of the 6/20/2012 General Meeting were unanimously approved. Today's program is the rollout of the Club's new website.

Treasurer – Marie McCarthy reported expenses in July included the Memorial Day wreath and flowers for both the Club's Hilliard Rd. flower box and its Memorial Garden. **First V.P.** – Bill Hock spoke to August's program. The cost of the easy-walking docent tour at the Cleveland Botanical Garden is \$11 for non-CBG members and \$3 for its members. No cost to Club members for box lunch; need to advise Bill of lunch selection. Carpoolers meet at the former Rego's parking lot on Columbia Rd. at 10:15 a.m. on Wed. 8/15. **Correspondence** – Regina read aloud a note from Carol Lewellen, currently in N. Michigan, and a thank you card from Lillian Bialosky. Attending the Lake Shore GC's 80th anniversary flower show, Regina gave its members a congratulatory card on behalf of our Club. **Membership** – Carolyn Steigman advised our Club has 38 members. An Ice Cream Social to welcome new members will take place on Tues. 7/24, starting at 2 p.m. at Mitchell's Ice Cream, 26161 Detroit. No cost to new members; Board and other members pay for own treat. RSVP Carolyn if attending. **Civic Projects** – Jackie Crosier reported on flower arranging on Sat. 7/14 at the Clague House in preparation for the Historical Society's Antique Vintage & Craft Show. Jackie thanked the 11 members who brought flowers, vases and assisted with the arrangements. Regina thanked Jackie for chairing this successful project. **Publicity** – Gail Morse reported that *The Plain Dealer* will no longer run nonprofit items for free. Placing a notice of a Club meeting will now cost \$39 in a weekday or \$49 in a weekend issue. The Garden Club of Ohio (GCO), Master Gardeners and others have written to object. **Social** – Ruth thanked today's hostesses. She reminded future hosts/hostesses that each grouping should get together well before their assigned meeting date and decide among themselves their theme and who will provide what. Keep it simple, Ruth recommends. **Ways & Means** – Regina circulated a sign-up sheet for members to form a committee to plan for the Club's 50th anniversary next year. **New Business** – (1) Members will meet at LaCentre, 25777 Detroit, on Thurs. 8/02 at 1 p.m. to make flower arrangements for 30 tables for that evening's Westlake in Bloom Awards Ceremony. The City will provide the flowers and vases. Bring own scissors. Jean spoke to the large arrangement for the lobby which, in the past, was designed by former member, Thea Steinmetz. Jean will contact Thea to see if she is interested in doing the arrangement this year. (2) The GCO's Fall District Mtg. at St. Michael's Woodside is scheduled for Tues. 9/18. Details to come. **Other Matters** – (1) Mary Ann Brock advised she has tickets for the Herb Guild's Scholarship Luncheon to be held at Wagner's on Wed. 8/01 if interested at \$30. (2) Gail reminded Members that our Club will be providing and decorating a holiday tree in the lobby of Porter Library. Gardening is the theme and now is a good time (sales!) to start searching garden centers for decorations. Gail, chair of this project, will circulate a sign-up sheet at the Sept. General Mtg. (3) Ruth mentioned the Fairview GC will be holding a fundraiser luncheon next April; our Club should keep this in mind should we hold a luncheon next year. On motion by Margaret, seconded by Ruth, this meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Holly Harvey, Recording Secretary *pro tem*