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# GARDEN SCOOP

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## President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

This year's very cold and snowy winter got me worrying about the birds. New to birding and as a test, last winter I put out one suet cake. The birds were not interested. Not willing to give up, this year I purchased a wooden feeder, which is like a mini-condo. I hoped the birds would notice – and did they ever. My cat and I watch them from my bedroom window. Since the tree it's in is sparse, some birds get their seed and bring it to the shelter of the shrubs at my patio to eat. Fascinating for me but my cat wants to go outside and chase them. I won't let him, of course, and he is not too happy with me. There's the stately Cardinal, the fun Chickadees and Juncos (I think) and the messy Sparrows. Not knowing the names of all the species that visit, I must attend more birding seminars this year. Gale's will be holding two in February and our Club one in the Spring.

HELP WANTED: I'm looking for a member(s) to chair (1) the May month-long display case and (2) our holiday tree, both at Porter Library. All that's required is choosing a theme and coordinating with other members to fulfillment. Your efforts will be viewed by the many people who use the Library. Won't you please help?

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## Officers for 2014

The elected officers for 2014 were installed at the December Holiday luncheon held at Mahle's Restaurant.

President:	Regina McCarthy
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Sally Knurek
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Jean Smith
Treasurer:	Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary:	Marge Domitz and Brian Thompson
Corresponding Secretary:	Claire Evangelista

The installation ceremony was conducted by Alberta Ricciardi.

We were entertained with holiday music provided by the Westlake High School choir. The conductor accompanied the choir on guitar on several songs. Following a delicious lunch, President Regina McCarthy presented Lillian Bialosky with the Outstanding Achievement Award for 2013. This year for the first time, an award was presented to Cahoon Nursery recognizing their generosity and involvement with the garden club and the community. For many years, Cahoon Nursery has donated the tree that the garden club plants on Arbor Day. Congratulations to Lillian Bialosky and Cahoon Nursery for the very much deserved awards.



## Getting to Know You...

By Jean Smith

### *Margaret Schulz*



Margaret's first memory of a garden was daffodils along a back fence at her childhood home in Rocky River. There was also a side garden with flowers and tomatoes. Margaret was

born in Indianapolis, IN and also lived in Parma Hts. Growing up, she had a good friend, Chrissie Hynde, who is in the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame. Margaret and her husband visited Chrissie's parents in Akron and attended a concert at the Agora with Chrissie Hynde and the Pretenders. This is Margaret's claim-to-fame. Margaret's parents met at William and Mary College where her father was co-captain of the basketball team. She has a younger brother, Coleman, who is an electrical engineer. Margaret attended Rocky River schools, graduating from Rocky River High School, and attended Ashland University. Margaret has been married to Chuck for 36 years. Years ago, they fell in love with Charleston, SC and continued visiting there twice a year for many years. Margaret has a good friend, Chris, who lives in TX and also belongs to a garden club. Chris came to OH last year to visit Margaret and Chuck met her for the first time. They enjoyed a wonderful lunch and reunion on the patio at The Woods in Rocky River. They enjoy sharing wonderful garden club activities and events throughout the year. Margaret has always been interested in art and has done decoupage, counted cross stitch, ceramics, made Christmas ornaments and cork wreaths, and several years ago, she started volunteering with VNA Hospice, making cards and bookmarks with pressed flowers. Margaret also used to play the piano. She avidly supports the Westlake Schools by collecting "Box Tops for Education" and encourages fellow club members to also collect them. In 2013, Dover Elementary School received \$800 from the box tops which was used to pay for equipment and assemblies. Margaret has made many friends and has some wonderful memories of the Westlake Garden Club. One of her fondest memories is the 2013 Fundraiser Luncheon and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Westwood Country Club. She was thrilled to win a lavender basket in the raffle. She also enjoyed helping decorate the 2013 Holiday Tree at the library. A "gold" theme was chosen for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Margaret is looking forward to making more wonderful memories in 2014 with the Westlake Garden Club.

## Happy Birthday

January

2<sup>nd</sup> Marge Domitz  
7<sup>th</sup> Kevin Brandstetter  
31<sup>st</sup> Cathrin Peter

February

24<sup>th</sup> Judy Hullinger  
24<sup>th</sup> Marge Paull  
24<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Steigman



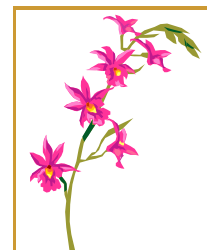
## Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

Thanks to all members who have paid dues for 2014. If you have not sent your check for \$25, please do so now.

## Orchid Mania

We are planning an informal trip to the Cleveland Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, February 26 to view Orchid Mania. We will car pool and there will be a sign up sheet at our regular meeting, Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign up then or call Sally at 440-331-8722.



## Nature Journaling

By Sally Knurek

NATURE JOURNALING - What is it, how can I do it, and what will it do for me? Natural history is virtually the whole world around us. We evolved in nature and draw deep satisfaction from experiencing it. Our survival depends on us understanding and protecting nature. Nature journaling ranges from the scientific to creative art. This is an activity that you can enjoy even sitting in a comfy chair looking out your window! Anyone can do it, WE MEAN ANYONE! Come to the February meeting and find out what it is all about. Program given by Sally Knurek, Shirley Lutts and Jean Smith. Our first meeting of the year is Wednesday, February 19 at Westlake Porter Library. The general meeting is at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon and the program at 1 p.m. You need not bring anything for the program – all materials will be furnished. We hope to see you there.

## 2014 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### WGC PROGRAMS

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014 –GENERAL MEETING**

**PLACE:** WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

**TIME:** 11 A.M. MEETING, LUNCH AT NOON

**PROGRAM:** 1 P.M. “*NATURE JOURNALING*” MEMBERS, SALLY KNUREK, SHIRLEY LUTTS AND JEAN SMITH WILL TALK ABOUT HOW TO START AND MAINTAIN A NATURE JOURNAL.

**HOSTESSES:** MARIE MCCARTHY, MARGE DOMITZ, BRIAN THOMPSON

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014 – FIELD TRIP TO THE CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN FOR ORCHID MANIA**

**PLACE:** CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, 11030 EAST BLVD.

**TIME:** TIME AND CARPOOL DETAILS PROVIDED AT FEBRUARY MEETING

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING**

**PLACE:** WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

**TIME:** 11:30 A.M. MEETING , LUNCH AT NOON

**PROGRAM:** 1 P.M. “*HOW TO STAY YOUNG THE FIRST 100 YEARS*” PRESENTED BY DR. TOM STEIGERWALT OF STAGS FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER IN AVON

**HOSTESSES:** RUTH BERTRAND, AGNES TARK, JUDY HULLINGER, KATHY MOLNER

### OTHER EVENTS

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013 ORCHID MANIA**

**PLACE:** CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, 11030 EAST BLVD.

**TIME:** 10 A.M.-5 P.M. TUES.-SAT., NOON-5 P.M. SUNDAY

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013 – RAIN & GARDEN SHOW**

**PLACE:** WESTLAKE RECREATION CENTER, 28955 HILLIARD BLVD.

**TIME:** 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

WGC WILL HAVE A TABLE WITH INFORMATION ON GARDENING AND SUSTAINABILITY

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## Save the Date for our 2014 *Fête des Fleurs* Fundraiser Luncheon

By Jean Smith

The date for our 2014 Fundraiser Luncheon is **Wednesday, September 24, 2014**. Location, speaker and other details will be forthcoming. Last year's luncheon and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was a big success. Our goal was 150 attendees and we ended up with 171. Let's try to match, or beat that number this year. When we have confirmed the venue, flyers will be available to share with your friends and family. This once a year event is our main source of income so everyone needs to pitch in and support this event in some way. Please see me or Regina if you would like to work on the luncheon committee, or help out in any way. A major percentage of the profit from this event is from the raffle – we are getting a reputation for having the best baskets. Be on the lookout for sales where you can pick up items for baskets and save money. Ideas for basket themes will be provided at a later date.

## Things to do.....

If you are looking for something to do during these cold, bleak days, something to cure cabin fever, consider the following:

**Gale's Westlake Garden Center – Seed Starting Seminar**  
Saturday, February 8 at 11 a.m. Learn the best way to start seeds and get 40% off when you purchase Burpee Seeds. Seminar is free.

**Miller Nature Preserve – The Color of Cyclamen**  
Open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry to the conservatory is \$2, if you are not a member. It is always warm in the conservatory so come in and enjoy the bright and varied colors of Cyclamen.

## 2014 Yearbooks

The 2014 Yearbooks will be distributed at the March general meeting. Included will be the monthly program information for 2014, an updated membership roster, and the amended constitution and bylaws. Please insert the new yearbook pages into your binder and keep handy so you can refer to the monthly calendar of events. You can also insert your monthly *Garden Scoop* into the back of the binder for easy reference.



## Monthly Hostess Assignments for 2014

The following is a schedule of your assigned month to serve as host/hostess to provide the luncheon at our meetings. Please get together with your committee to decide on the theme, menu and perhaps appoint a chairperson. Coffee, tea, sugar and cream are provided by the Club. Remember, according to our By Laws, each member is required to serve on a hostess committee. Members who are slated to serve on a hostess committee and are unable to do so, must find a substitute or pay the hostess chair \$15 to cover food/supplies. Any unused portion of the money will be given to the Treasury.

Co-Chairs: Ruth Bertrand and Shirley Lutts

**February 19** – Marie McCarthy, Marge Domitz, Brian Thompson

**March 19** – Ruth Bertrand, Agnes Tark, Judy Hullinger, Kathy Molner

**April 16** – Carol Lewellen, Ann Van Dyke, MaryAnn Brock, Marge Paull

**May 21** – Sally Knurek, Robert Pearl, Margaret Schulz, Lillian Bialosky

**June 18** – Carolyn Steigman, Marge Emblom, Claire Evangelista, Michelle Hathway

**July 16** – Rosemarie Evans, Alberta Ricciardi, Lucy Kalbers

**August 20** – Nancy Chopp, Jackie Crosier, Bill Hock, Kevin Brandstetter

**September 17** – Shirley Lutts, Carol Bonyko, Ruth Bertrand, Pat Dailey

**October 15** – Cathrin Peter, Don Bowman, Laura Messing, Jean Smith

**November 19** – Kathy Bruening, Anne Engle, Millie Shernock

**December 18** – Regina McCarthy, Centerpieces; Alberta Ricciardi, Installation; Shirley Lutts, Reservations

## Memorable Events from 2013

### 2013 Fundraiser Luncheon and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



**Gardenview  
Horticultural Park**



**Remembrance Garden  
Cleanup Day**



**Arbor Day 2013**

