

# GARDEN SCOOP

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## President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

May was certainly a busy month for our Club. Many projects were on our calendar, yet several members found the time to also attend other garden and civic clubs' events in a show of WGC support. I continue to marvel at all the hard work that was accomplished at the Remembrance Garden in just one day – a real team effort. My sincere thanks and gratitude to all who participated in one or more of our Club's projects. You are totally awesome.

I previously spoke about Donna DiFranco of Hilliard Elementary School and that school's vegetable garden, toward which our Club contributed some funds. I knew Donna was enthusiastic but, until visiting that garden on May 22, I had no idea just how resourceful she is. Donna, with the assistance of her mother, teacher Karen Kane, and one parent, worked hard getting the garden started and keeping it going, with very little money. Meeting the challenge, Donna found a farm supply store in Amherst and purchased cattle panel for use in making protective hoops, which will be covered with weatherproof material. They purchased and installed deer fencing, cutting and placing PVC pipe as supports, and constructed and installed a garden door. To make raised beds, they used fence pickets. The photos below show the results. Dean's contributed plants, which the students are growing on classroom windowsills. Donna tells me her next project will be either a Green House or a Hoop House for year-round use by the students. Our Club will look forward to visiting this garden again later this season, when the crops come in.



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### Cultural Gardens Tour and Lunch.....



Left and below left: lunch at Nido Italia in Little Italy  
Below right: Tulips at Rockefeller Green House  
(See page 4 for article and more photos.)



## Getting to Know You...

By Pat Dailey

### Robert Pearl



Robert was born in Cleveland and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1966 with a partial scholarship to the Cleveland Institute of Art. Even though art is his true love and passion, he had to drop out after two years for financial reasons. That is when Robert entered the world of medicine and worked as a nursing orderly for a year. He moved up to working as an on-the-job trainee in Respiratory Care. Studying on his own, Robert received a certification as a Respiratory Therapist and worked at Lutheran Hospital. Never giving up on his passion for art, Robert continued taking a multitude of classes evenings and weekends, including Interior Design at Tri-C, a certificate from the Dorothea Seeley-Davis School of Design, a year of classes at Virginia Marti School of Art, black and white photography and oil painting classes at the Institute of Art. In the early 1980's, Robert was thrilled to work as a volunteer with Kenneth Tench, the Director for the restoration of Playhouse Square. He was assigned to work on the Ohio Theater, where they all scraped and painted until its opening. Robert retired early after 35 years at Lutheran Hospital and started his own company called "Time Saver", an errand service. He does shopping, transportation, and home checks for his clients. He also has conducted oil and watercolor classes in his home, does silk floral arranging, and freelance interior design. Robert delights in designing clients' homes for Christmas. In addition to all of these wonderful endeavors, since 2010, Robert volunteers once a week as a docent at the Cleveland Artists Foundation Gallery at Beck Center. In 2012, long-time friend and acquaintance Ruth Bertrand introduced him to the Westlake Garden Club and as a member, he is looking forward to offering his talents to help the club's undertakings. Robert is currently serving as co-chairman of the 2013 *Fête des Fleurs* and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon in September.

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## Happy Birthday

May

25<sup>th</sup> Carol Bonyko  
25<sup>th</sup> Jackie Crosier  
27<sup>th</sup> Michelle Hathway

June

11<sup>th</sup> Brian Thompson  
14<sup>th</sup> Ruth Bertrand  
19<sup>th</sup> Carol Lewellen  
24<sup>th</sup> Claire Evangelista



## Remembrance Garden Gets Some TLC

On Saturday, May 25, garden club members met at the Remembrance Garden behind the Center for Community Services with gloves, trowels, spades, rakes and plants from their gardens. Regina McCarthy had ordered three yards of Sweet Peet and Les Noll from Meadowood Golf Course had his crew pick it up and dump it by our garden. Les' crew had also done a lot of clean-up, trimming shrubs and edging. Garden club members, including Don Bowman, Kathy Breuning, Marge Emblom, Rosemarie Evans, Bill Hock, Regina McCarthy, Gail Morse, Alberta Ricciardi and Jean Smith, removed some dead shrubs, weeded, turned soil and worked in the Sweet Peet. Some existing plants were divided and replanted. New plants are needed to fill in some areas, but that will be another work day. We sincerely appreciate the help from Les Noll and his crew, and from the garden club members who helped. When the work was done, Regina McCarthy read the list of WGC members who have passed away and in whose memory the garden was planted. Please take time to stop by the Remembrance Garden to sit awhile, enjoy the peacefulness and beauty of the garden, and remember those members who are no longer with us. Visit our website for more photos of the workday at the Remembrance Garden.



## 2013 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### WGC PROGRAMS

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013 – MEETING AND TOUR PRIVATE BUCOLIC GARDEN**

**PLACE:** GARDENVIEW HORTICULTURAL PARK, 16700 PEARL ROAD, STRONGSVILLE. MEET AT STRONGSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 18700 WESTWOOD DR., STRONGSVILLE FOR MEETING AND LUNCH

**TIME:** 11 A.M. MEETING AND LUNCH

**HOSTESSES:** NANCY CHOPP, GAIL MORSE, LILLIAN BIALOSKY WILL PROVIDE DESSERT AND BEVERAGES – BRING BAGGED LUNCH

**NOTE:** IF YOU WANT TO CAR-POOL, MEET AT 10:15 A.M. AT THE K-MART/KEY BANK PARKING LOT AT THE CORNER OF DETROIT AND CROCKER ROADS. SOME MODERATE WALKING. CLUB WILL PAY THE \$5 ENTRANCE FEE.

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2013 – MEETING AND TOUR OUTSIDE GARDENS, BUTTERFLY HOUSE AND CONSERVATORY**

**PLACE:** MILLER NATURE PRESERVE, 2739 CENTER ROAD (RT. 83), AVON

**TIME:** 11 A.M. MEETING WITH LUNCH IN THE ORCHID CAFÉ (INDIVIDUAL CHECKS)

**RESERVATIONS:** ROSEMARIE EVANS, 216-759-0097

FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF MILLER NATURE PRESERVE, THERE IS A \$2 ADMISSION FEE.

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013 – MAKE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CLAGUE HOUSE MUSEUM**

**PLACE:** CLAGUE HOUSE MUSEUM (YARD), 1371 CLAGUE ROAD

**TIME:** 1 P.M.

BRING VASES AND FLOWERS AND GREENERY FROM YOUR YARD.

CONTACT SALLY KNUREK, 440-331-8722

### OTHER EVENTS

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013 - WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANTIQUE VINTAGE CRAFT SHOW**

**PLACE:** CLAGUE HOUSE MUSEUM, 1371 CLAGUE ROAD

**TIME:** 10 A.M.

*Westlake Garden Club*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

*1963 - 2013*

## It was a very busy May.....

### **Display Case at Porter Library**



Marge Emblom, Sally Knurek, Regina McCarthy, Alberta Ricciardi and Jean Smith met at Westlake Porter Library on May 1 to arrange a display in half of the glass display case in the lobby. The display will remain there for the month of May. Items included photos and photo albums, plaques and proclamations, yearbooks, and other items depicting the history and purpose of the club.

### **Hilliard Boulevard Flower Box**



Marge and Vicky Emblom, Don Bowman and Regina McCarthy did their magic to transform a box of dirt into what will be a beautiful garden. The City waters the flower boxes twice a week, but last year, Don Bowman also watered our garden weekly. Thanks Marge, Vicky, Don and Regina for continuing this tradition for the WGC.

### **Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony**

The WGC donates the wreath that is placed at a marker in Clague Park as part of the Westlake Memorial Day Ceremony. Don Bowman, Regina McCarthy, Gail Morse and Alberta Ricciardi attended this year, representing the garden club.



# WGC Cultural Gardens Tour

On May 7, the Westlake Garden Club sponsored a bus tour of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens. Forty-five attendees enjoyed a wonderfully planned day and Mother Nature contributed sunshine and warm weather. Below is an excerpt from an article that Regina McCarthy wrote for the Westlake Bay Village Observer. Also below are photos of some of the gardens, including a photo of Ruth Bertrand and Rebecca McFarland, tour guide and historian.

Located in Rockefeller Park, a 254-acre expanse of land John D. Rockefeller donated to the city in 1896, the first garden was created in 1916 as a tribute to William Shakespeare. Ten years later, the Hebrew Garden became the first “culture” garden and the Shakespeare Garden was renamed the British Garden. Following the Depression, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) provided funding for 13 new gardens.

Currently there are 29 established gardens, with more in the planning stages. Each garden displays its ethnic culture in its own way. Some use interpretations of architecture and garden design principles from that country, while others contain statues, busts and plaques honoring that country’s poets, composers, philosophers, writers and artists.

Of particular interest was what appeared to be a relatively unremarkable slope of grass and trees; but we learned the soil underneath was brought to Cleveland from 40 separate countries and mixed together to symbolize a mutual understanding across cultures. Another was column shaft from the Roman Forum topped with a bust of the poet Virgil in the Italian Garden.

Following lunch in Little Italy, we visited the historic Rockefeller Greenhouse, established in 1905, situated on four acres of land at the park’s northeast corner. Tulips and irises were blooming outside, with ferns and exotic plants inside. Rockefeller Park includes two separate entries on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places: one for its architecturally historic bridges, and one for its Cultural Gardens. I recommend taking the time to visit the only gardens of its kind in the world.

