
GARDEN SCOOP

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

I am pleased to report the completion of the following Club projects during the month of May. • 5/16 was planting morning at the Club's flower box on Hilliard. Marge Emblom did the design and purchased the flowers and Kathy Bruening ("Kathy B.") and I assisted Marge with the planting. Lovely. Thank you Marge and Kathy. Shirley Lutts has offered to assist with watering the flowers, as required. • The Club's Fairy Garden is installed at Miller Nature Preserve in Avon. It is located in the raised tree bed fronting the outdoor dining area. My thanks to Kathy Shimko for assisting with the first part on 5/20; I have made two additional trips expanding it to better represent the WGC. • The Community Garden Committee held a work night on 5/20 and what a wonderful turnout of plot owners and students. Men and women of varying ages and nationalities, all pitching in to help one another, including plot owner Kathy B. With wheelbarrows "flying" in and out of the fenced area, it was a remarkable evening of cooperation. • Kathy B and Kathy Shimko purchased plants and theme items for their design of three hanging baskets, which they installed on 5/24 at the tall fort structure within the Cleveland Botanical Garden's Hershey Children's Garden. Our thanks to both Kathys for taking the lead on this project again this year. • Also, on 5/24, Carolyn Steigman created our wreath of fresh flowers, to accompany our bouquet, for the Memorial Day celebration in Clague Park the following morning. I continue to be amazed at how quickly she puts it all together. Many compliments were received. Both our donated wreath and bouquet remained in the Park throughout the day for residents to enjoy. Thank you Carolyn. • Last, the Club's Remembrance Garden project. The new Arbor, purchased in memory of MaryAnn Brock with funds donated by her fellow Club members and friends, was delivered on 5/29 in preparation of the next morning's 9 a.m. work start. Kathy B and I installed it where the single Poplar tree formerly stood. Expecting quite a group of workers on 5/30, Kathy B and I both brought baked goods and I supplied ice, water and iced tea. We even brought extra tools and gloves. How many showed up to help? Bill Hock, Kathy B. and me. Not even the promised students. How disappointing. Shirley did join us later (thank you Shirley) and immediately went to work pruning, doing an excellent job and remaining as long as she could. We three continued planting, weeding, more pruning and whacking. Bill donated at least 15 Canna tubers, which are planted in three areas. Other new plants were added too. I am very grateful to Kathy, Bill and Shirley for their hard work and dedication to honoring our deceased members. How we did as much work as we accomplished is amazing. Yet to come: a memorial plaque for the Arbor, a 'Sweet Autumn' Clematis (on order), finish mulching the newly created path, hooking-up new soaker/sprinkler hoses to make watering easier and a few other things but this garden is basically done. We could certainly use your help with its maintenance throughout the summer

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****Change in Newsletter Mailing****

If you do not have email, there will be no change – you will continue to receive your newsletter in the mail as usual. If you do have email and have requested a printed newsletter mailed to your home, you will now receive the emailed newsletter but will not receive one in the mail. You can pick up a printed copy at the monthly general meeting. This new procedure will save the club money in postage and you will still get a printed copy.

*Save the date, and tell a friend. The date of the Fête des Fleurs Fundraiser Luncheon is **Wednesday, September 23, 2015** at Westwood Country Club. The speaker will be Joe Crea, Restaurant and Dining editor of the Plain Dealer. Talk to family and friends and try to fill a table of eight. Flyers will be available soon.*

Getting to Know You. . . .

By Margaret Schulz



Jean Livingston

Jean was born in Lakewood and after graduating from Lakewood High School, went to work for her father's company doing secretarial work. In May 1950, she married Richard Livingston, an Army reserve officer and they spent two years living in Germany before returning to the States and buying a home in Westlake. A stay-at-home mom, Jean's time was spent helping to raise the two boys and two girls that rounded out the family. An avid sewer, Jean made many of the girls' clothes, in addition to window drapes, valances and other window treatments in their home. Outgrowing the first home, the Livingstons built a new home on Salem Parkway where they still live today. The family has grown to include six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One grandson, Geoff, was the 2001 Ohio Presidential Scholar and the whole family went to Washington, D.C. to meet the President. After Richard's retirement in 1990, and with the family raised, the open road beckoned and he and Jean returned to Europe several times, traveled the States and Islands before settling down back at home in Westlake. Jean just celebrated her 88th birthday and her 65th wedding anniversary. Jean's good friend, Alberta Ricciardi introduced her to the Westlake Garden Club last year and Jean said she is trying to develop a "green thumb." Jean said, "the good Lord has been good to us." It sounds like you have lead a very full and interesting life Jean, and we welcome you to the garden club.



Wreath donated by the garden club for the Memorial Day ceremony at Clague Park. The wreath was created by club member Carolyn Steigman. We also donated a bouquet for the ceremony.

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Happy Birthday

June

- 2nd Kathy Shimko
- 11th Peggy DiMio
- 11th Brian Thompson
- 14th Ruth Bertrand
- 19th Carol Lewellen
- 24th Claire Evangelista
- 25th Laura Messing



Membership News

By Kathy Bruening

We currently have 39 very active members. Many of you participate in outside events as well as the monthly meetings. As you can see by the newsletter, we always seem to have something interesting going on and many opportunities to enjoy one another's company while gardening or learning about gardening. Please spread the word and invite others to our group.

My Moment with Nature

By Jackie Crosier

My moment with nature started with seeing all of you after my winter away. Hearing all the happenings and future plans for our gardens, club wise and personally. I love visiting various Garden Centers, seeing what's new, buying a few treasures at each place as I travel around. Fairy gardens sure are popular! Even Porter Library shop has really cute things. Uncle John's has adorable miniature shrubs and herbs for ground cover. Some one left a huge fishbowl on our "sharing shelf" at our condo--just perfect for the terrarium/fairy garden I plan to make! Use those K cups and individual fruit containers to start seeds for easy transplanting. Cut up clean styrofoam trays to put in bottom of pots for good drainage since "peanuts" are no longer available. My birthday "treat" was enjoying potting up all the colorful treasures I found in my Garden Center tour. Don't forget "Buyer's Outlet" on Warren Rd south off I90 for great priced beautiful varieties. Happy Planting!

Chickens in Westlake?

By Jean Smith

On a recent trip to Dean's Greenhouse, I noticed some beautiful chickens running around the yard of the yellow house on the right of driveway into Dean's. So, I guess you can have chickens in Westlake. If you are going to Dean's anytime soon, watch out for the chickens who tend to meander across the driveway. Maybe Dean's will sell free-range eggs – we can only hope.

2015 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 – BUS TRIP TO HOLDEN ARBORETUM

BUS DEPARTS WEST BAY PLAZA AT 8:45 A.M. ARRIVING AT HOLDEN ARBORETUM AT 10 A.M. LUNCH AT NOON AT GAMEKEEPER'S TAVERN IN CHAGRIN FALLS. BUS DEPARTS CHAGRIN FALLS AT 2:15 P.M. WITH A STOP AT LOWE'S GREENHOUSE, ARRIVING BACK AT WEST BAY PLAZA AT APPROXIMATELY 4:15 P.M.

COST: \$47 WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS; \$57 NON-MEMBERS
SEND RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS TO SALLY KNUREK, 19270 SOUTH SAGAMORE, FAIRVIEW PARK, OH 44126 BY JUNE 1. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 1

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING – EVENING PICNIC AND PLANT EXCHANGE (REPLACES POT LUCK DINNER IN OCTOBER) NO BUSINESS MEETING, JUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLACE: HUNTINGTON PARK, LAKE ROAD, BAY VILLAGE
TIME: 5:00 P.M. MEET AND ENJOY A PICNIC DINNER WITH FRIENDS, AND PLANT EXCHANGE TO FOLLOW
HOSTESSES: JACKIE CROSIER, SALLY KNUREK, ROBERT PEARL, AGNES TARK

OTHER EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015 – HERB GUILD SPRING BUS TRIP TO SECREST ARBORETUM

BUS LEAVES FROM GREAT NORTHERN MALL AT 8:15 A.M., LUNCH AT PINE TREE BARN WITH STOPS AT POSSUM RUN GREENHOUSE AND GIFTS, AND D AND D SMITH WINERY, RETURNING TO GREAT NORTHERN MALL AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M.

COST: \$58 HERB GUILD MEMBERS; \$68 NON MEMBERS
CALL BARB 440-716-8478, OR ANITA AT 440-444-4861
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MAY 1

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 AND FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015 – HUDSON GC HOME & GARDEN TOUR

TIME: THURSDAY, 10 A.M.-8 P.M.; FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.

COST: \$20 ADVANCE, \$25 DAY OF TOUR

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LEARNED OWL BOOKSTORE OR ACME FRESH MARKET IN HUDSON. WWW.HUDSONGARDENCLUB.ORG

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015 – GRACIOUS GARDENS OF SHAKER HEIGHTS GARDEN TOUR

TIME: NOON – 5 P.M.

COST: \$20 ADVANCE, \$25 DAY OF TOUR

CALL: 216-921-1201

Picnic/Plant Exchange

By Sally Knurek

Our June meeting is an evening potluck picnic. It is replacing our October potluck which was poorly attended last year. Plan to arrive at Huntington Beach Park on Lake Road at 5 pm. We will be in the pavilion. Fried Chicken, beverages, rolls, paper products and cups will be provided. Food assignments are by first letter of your last name: A-H bring appetizers; I-P bring salads; and R-Z bring desserts. Since this is also a plant exchange, there will be someone to help you unload in the parking lot. Please let me know if you plan to attend. Call Sally Knurek 440-331-8722 with questions or if you need a ride.

Perennial Plant Exchange Details

This is a great time to split the perennials that are outgrowing the space in your yard. Bring them, potted and labeled, to our June meeting where you can exchange them for something new from someone else's yard.

Please bring healthy plants in a 4" or larger pot. Let's avoid any that are highly invasive. Three or 4 plants per participant would be good.

We will take turns choosing from the offerings with each person allowed as many plants as they brought. Also, if you really have a lot of something, you can always bring extra and set them aside as "freebies" for anyone who wants them.

Plants should be marked with their

- name
- type of light they do well in
- size
- bloom time and color
- water and/or soil requirements
- any tips that you might have for growing them

It will be nice to know that your excess plants are finding a good home in someone else's yard and that by exchanging them, you can enjoy something new and different in your own garden.

OTHER EVENTS (CONTINUED)

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 AND FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2015 – A SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF PRIVATE GARDENS OF GATES MILLS

TIME: 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

COST: \$25 ADVANCE, \$30 DAY OF TOUR

MAIL CHECKS TO: THE GATES MILLS GARDEN CLUB

P.O. BOX 216, GATES MILLS OH 44040

CALL NANCY HOOKER WITH QUESTIONS AT 440-423-0634

Made In the Shade

By Sally Knurek

Years ago, I started a small shade garden under the tree in my front yard. Grass under the tree was sparse and unattractive. At first, I planted a few hostas, the obvious choice. Gradually I learned more and more about this type of gardening. There are many beautiful illustrated books featuring charming woodland gardens. The next step was visiting different nurseries to seek out interesting plants. I discovered that no one nursery has cornered the market on shade plants. So the search for specimens became a treasure hunt. Over the years, I have added to my shade garden by perusing catalogues and visiting different garden centers. My little garden grew to cover more than half of my front yard. Blooming flowers are present mostly in the spring, but there are a variety of colors, textures and forms that are pleasing after the spring bloom is over. During the hot summer, the garden is an oasis of restful cool and relaxing shade.

Fairy Tales in the Hershey Garden

Westlake Garden Club again joined other area clubs in contributing a themed planter for the Hershey Children's Garden at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. This year's theme is Fairy Tales and the clubs have come up with some wonderfully creative ways of illustrating them. If you know some children, this is a wonderful outing for them as the garden has many hands-on activities as well as the colorful scenes and beautiful plantings with fairy tale themes.

Our theme this year is Peter and the Wolf. Just in case you don't remember, Peter and the Wolf is a musical tale with each character portrayed by a particular instrument or group of instruments. The symphony was written by Sergei Prokofiev and is intended to cultivate musical tastes in children. To include the music in our theme, we attached some small wind chimes to the base of each of our 3 hanging baskets. In among the flowers, we have scenes from the story of Peter who is intent on proving to his grandfather that he is not afraid of wolves.



Photos left: Kathy Shimko planting. Right: Peter and the Wolf

July Meeting

Come learn the straight story on genetically modified plants at our July 15 meeting. The presentation will be given by Robin Little of the Trumble County Herb Society.

Fairy Gardens Everywhere

At the May meeting at Don Mould's Plantation, plants and decorative items were purchased and a Fairy Garden was created and delivered to Miller Nature Preserve to include in the Fairy Garden Display going on through July. Visit Miller Nature Preserve and walk through the "fairy wonderland" of beautiful, creative gardens.



Above: Remembrance Garden with arbor purchased with funds donated in memory of Mary Ann Brock.



Above left: Completed Hilliard Flower Box

Above Right: Kathy Bruening and Marge Emblom planting flower box.

Right: Bill Hock, Kathy Bruening and Shirley Lutts taking a break from working on Remembrance Garden.

