
GARDEN SCOOP

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

The WGC is off to a great start in this our 50th anniversary year. The February meeting was well attended despite the inclement weather – we gardeners are a hardy group. The lunch was scrumptious and we extend our appreciation and thanks to the Social Committee chair and hosts/hostesses. Our speaker, Ron Zayac of Canterbury Creek Gardens, not only donated his time, he also donated his Immunity Builder Salad Mix and some of the best apples I've ever eaten. His presentation enlightened us about soil nutrients (good) and GMOs (bad), and what to look for when purchasing produce and other food products: read labels, ask questions, support responsible and sustainable farmers, and eat chemical-free and certified organic foods. At the upcoming March 20 meeting at Lee Burneson Middle School, members will receive the 2013 Year Book and Budget. We will meet Principal Wilson and teachers Kurt Thonnings and Judy McMasters, who will tell us about their vision for the school's new teaching garden and rain garden, respectively. We will have the opportunity to see the cold frame tunnel that our Club donated. We will also visit the vivarium, which Don Bowman has faithfully maintained for the past 3 years, and which may disappear once Burneson moves to its new school this summer. Are you curious as to what Principal Wilson has in mind for our lunch, which the school is providing? I am.

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2013 Luncheon and 50th Anniversary Celebration Update

By Jean Smith

Preliminary work has begun on the 2013 luncheon, at which time we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Mark this date on your calendar: **Wednesday, September 18, 2013**. It will be held at the beautifully rebuilt Westwood Country Club. Please start inviting your friends and family now so that you can fill a table. We need your help in planning this celebration, so please let me, Robert Pearl, or any of the subcommittee chairs listed below know of your interest.

Raffle Baskets and Merchant Solicitation – Sally Knurek
Bakery Table – Jackie Crosier
Table Decorations/Centerpieces – Carolyn Steigman
Tickets/Table Assignments – Ruth Bertrand and Regina McCarthy
Flyers/Printed Materials – Jean Smith
Commemorative Booklet – Gail Morse
Silent Auction/50-50 Raffle - ?

We need everyone to donate a raffle basket and baked goods. Sally will have a list of possible “themes” for raffle baskets available in the near future. To continue the “50” theme of the luncheon, it would be wonderful to have 50 raffle baskets. Sally will need help with the merchant solicitation for gift cards/certificates and she will need help the day of the luncheon selling raffle tickets, so please see Sally to offer your help.

We will have a large cake commemorating our 50 years, and a memorabilia display on the cake table. Please look through your garden club “stuff” and let us know if you have some history to loan for the luncheon. This could be photos, copies of previous luncheon or garden tour printed programs, any other printed material about the club, any pins or other items the club may have distributed. Everyone's participation is needed to make this 50th Anniversary Celebration a very special and memorable event. Let's “go for the gold – golden anniversary” and make this the best luncheon ever.

Getting to Know You...

By Margaret Schulz

Sally Knurek



After attending Allegheny College and Baldwin Wallace, Sally married and had three daughters; Rebecca, Elizabeth, and Emily. She has always had an interest in plants and nature, which began as a teenager riding horses through the Metro Parks. It was a joy to

learn about wildflowers and share that interest with her daughters. As a stay-at-home mother, she had time to pursue her other interests including cooking, sewing and needlework, reading, house plants, gardening and the study of art. After becoming a widow, Sally had much time to spend developing the flower beds in her yard which are mostly shady. Container gardening with flowers, herbs and vegetables enabled her to use the amount of sun available. Sally is an avid user of organic methods of gardening. Good Nature (organic lawn care) takes care of her lawn which looks so good that neighbors have engaged the same service and word is spreading. During the winter and early spring, much of her time is taken up with caring for blooming orchids which summer outside in the shade. About seven years ago, Sally saw a Westlake Garden Club notice in the paper about a tour of Glendalee Burns' herb garden. When she called for more information, Lucy Kalbers enticed her to come on the tour, and of course, she joined the garden club. Sometime later Kathie Molner convinced her to become the program chair, and then she was elected president. Sally is currently sharing the Recording Secretary position on the garden club Board. Being part of the garden club has been an enjoyable and stimulating activity for Sally and she treasures the friendships that she has made. "I consider my garden as an experiment which is always evolving" Sally said and "it sure beats doing housework." We all reap the benefits of Sally's love and knowledge of, and experience with gardening.

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Happy Birthday

March

3rd Sally Knurek
17th Lillian Bialosky
18th Nancy Chopp
24th Gail Morse
28th Holly Harvey



Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

Now that the deadline for membership renewal has passed, we find that we have lost some members and gained one. Membership numbers at the end of 2012 was at 40 and now stands at 36.

The cost of mailing the invoices was \$35 in postage plus the cost of paper and envelopes. In an effort to be more time and money efficient, next year members will not be sent invoices. The deadline for payment of dues will be on or before the December club meeting, rather than February 1. This will allow those who travel for the winter to renew their membership before they leave, and will ensure that members' names will appear in the next year book. Notices in the newsletter will remind members about this change before the deadline.

The Benefits of Organic Gardening – February Program

Ron Zayac, owner of Canterbury Creek Gardens, talked about how the soils and fertilizers used in growing our food affects our health. Chemicals and methods used by the big growers drastically reduces the nutritional benefits of the food we eat, and may contribute to chronic diseases. Ron makes his Immunity Builder Salad Mix every Saturday at Canterbury Creek Gardens and it can be purchased after 2 p.m. In addition to being a ready to eat salad, a handful of this mix makes a delicious and healthy addition to soup. Let's support our local growers, and get healthy too!



Ron Zayac, owner of Canterbury Creek Gardens in Westlake

2013 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013 – GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: LEE BURNESON MIDDLE SCHOOL VIVARIUM, 2240 DOVER CENTER ROAD

TIME: 11 A.M. MEETING , LUNCH PROVIDED BY LEE BURNESON.

PROGRAM: 1 P.M. TOUR VIVARIUM AND SEE THE COLD FRAME/HIGH TUNNEL THAT WE FUNDED FOR THE SCHOOL

NO HOSTESSES/HOSTS NEEDED THIS MONTH

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

TIME: 11 A.M.

WGC WILL PLANT A TREE TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013 – RAIN & GARDEN SHOW

PLACE: WESTLAKE RECREATION CENTER, 28955 HILLIARD BLVD.

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

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)

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

50th Anniversary Trivia

Who was the first President of the Westlake Garden Club?
(Answer at March meeting)

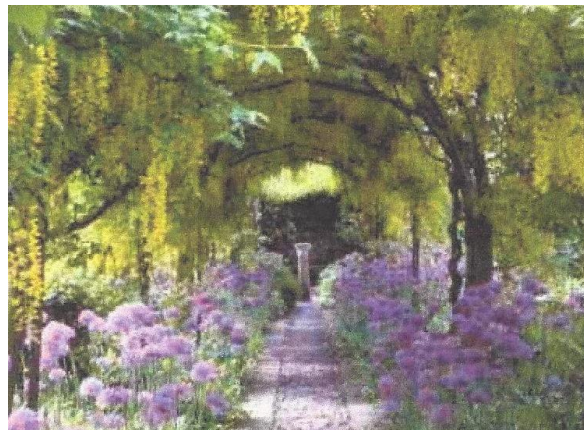
The Book Corner

By Kathie Carnall

Rosemary Verey: The Life and Lessons of a Legendary Gardener, by Barbara Paul Robinson

Known for her world-famous garden at Barnsley House (possibly the most photographed garden in the world) and its iconic *laburnum walk*, Rosemary Verey’s biography depicts a woman “warts and all.” A woman who came to gardening late in life, had no formal training or even knowledge of plants, but who dove into the subject with full passion and determination. Rosemary’s husband suggested gardening as a new interest after their children left home. Starting by searching out and reading old garden classics, Rosemary gradually turned the 4-acre family property in Gloucestershire into a perfect example of the English country house garden. Ideas seen in large public gardens, such as Villandry, were reworked to fit into her small private garden. In 1970, she opened her garden one day a year on the National Gardens Scheme. As its fame grew, the garden opened six days a week eventually receiving 30,000 visitors a year from all over the world. At age 62, Rosemary wrote her first book followed by 17 more in the next 20 some years. Most have become classics on their own. By 1984 requests for designing gardens began to reach her desk, first from England, later from America and elsewhere. Notable clients included H.R.H. Prince Charles, Sir Elton John, Princess Michael of Kent and the New York Botanical Garden. All were designed in the style perfected at Barnsley House, many with the potager garden she so favored. Sadly, Rosemary’s garden at Barnsley House is changed. But then, what garden remains unchanged after the loss of its creator? Rosemary’s son found he could not support the property after her death without the income from her lectures and garden designing. Barnsley House is now a country hotel. Barbara Paul Robinson, her biographer, took a year’s sabbatical from her law office to work for a time as an intern under Rosemary Verey. She found her a difficult person to work for – extremely demanding – flowers to be deadheaded every day and borders to be neat and tidy – and she brooked no deviations from her day’s schedule. But, Rosemary was a great teacher and many of her interns went on to bigger and better things.

Rosemary Verey’s personal mantra was, “It’s a sin to be dull.” She never was.



February 20, 2013 Meeting



Left, hostess/host committee consisting of Cathi Peter, Marge Emblom, Michelle Hathway, Carolyn Steigman and Bill Hock

Below left, speaker, Ron Zayzc, with Marge Emblom

Below right, members and guests enjoying the program



And, this is what you missed if you did not attend the meeting!



Far left, Immunity Builder Salad Mix from Canterbury Creek Gardens

Near left, parfait with fresh blueberries and red raspberries with a cookie

The Shade Garden

by Sally Knurek

MOSS GARDENING, Including lichens, liverworts and other miniatures by George Schenk

If you are a lover of moist, shady retreats, this is not only an extensive survey of the moss kingdom but also a delightful and sometimes humorous read. Among the author's credentials is "an almost constant decoration of humus under my fingernails." He describes how moss is a natural decoration occurring in gardens, forests and on architecture everywhere. In the US, however, moss appreciation is not widespread. In contrast, Japan is one country that is noted for its moss gardens. Schenk categorizes his subject as "creatures of coolness, rain, dew and fog." In addition, moss prefers a soil of sand and humus with a ph of 5.5. Schenk describes in detail how to plant and maintain a moss garden in containers, yards and miniature landscapes. The book is generously illustrated with beautiful photographs showing many kinds of moss and many creative uses for it. Altogether this is a fascinating and delightful book to curl up with.