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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

March 2015

March Program – “Keep Your Home Clean and Green for Less”

Club member, Sally Knurek will educate us on different methods of cleaning in our homes that are safe, green and inexpensive. She will demonstrate different organic cleaning methods and compare costs to the chemical cleaners we purchase at the store. As some of you know, Sally is fully engaged in the organic movement. Her beautiful yard is chemical free and she has converted some of her neighbors to organic lawn care.

Sally will also give a report on the Tree Symposium that she attended recently at the Cleveland Botanical Garden, representing the Westlake Garden Club.

2015 Year Books will be distributed at the March 18 meeting. The Year Books include Officers and Committees, Civic Projects for 2015, Donations made in 2014, Programs and Events for 2015, Membership Roster, and Constitution and By Laws. Please insert the new material into your binder.

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

Most of us here on the North Coast are probably suffering from either cabin fever or SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder, a/k/a the winter blues) or both. I know I am. So is my cat, who would prefer I play with him all day, every day. He's a good boy and keeps me company, sometimes too much so. We both enjoy going through the plant and seed catalogues that are arriving almost daily.

I am looking forward to our programs again this year, always learning something new. Sally has put together a variety of engaging topics. The Board is attempting to determine if there is enough interest to schedule a bus tour to the Holden Arboretum. Holden's tour is one hour, with trams available for our use. I confess I've never been through Holden and know I will enjoy its trees and gardens. How about you?

Our March 18 meeting at Porter Library will set the pace for the year. I am pleased to advise that we have one new and one returning member to welcome to the Club. Also, Jean will distribute the 2015 Year Book, Marie will review the annual budget; and our programs, projects and ideas for this year's fundraiser luncheon will briefly be discussed. A copy packet of thank you notes received from recipients of donations made from the proceeds of our 2014 fundraiser luncheon will be circulated. Reading them should make you all very proud of your accomplishments as a member of the Westlake Garden Club.

Orchid Mania

By Jean Smith

The Westlake Garden Club had planned a field trip to the Cleveland Botanical Garden to see Orchid Mania on February 19. However, due to the severely cold weather conditions, the trip did not materialize. If anyone attended and took photos, please email to me and I will include in next month's newsletter. I still plan to attend the show before it closes on March 8 and will take photos too for the April newsletter. Below are two favorite photos that I took at the 2014 Orchid Mania.



My Moment with Nature

By Jackie Crosier

This season has brought many in Florida. My Shutterbugs group went on a shoot to Shark Valley (in which there are no sharks!) in the Everglades where we were up close to alligators and many birds while on a tram ride. Guide explained how one could "survive if ever stranded in Everglades." Not that any of us were thinking we would be, especially since Florida has over 2,000 alligators and Burmese pythons are multiplying like crazy there as they eat rabbits, deer, and alligators! On a happier note the Butterfly Estates housed in a large glass house in Fort Myers was more to my liking with its "fantasies in flight." "Flutterishas"! I attended a huge plant sale held at Thomas Edison's Winter Estate on our Caloosahatche River.

Beautiful! Of course I had to bring some home to add to our 50 some plants on our lanai! More later! Keep Warm!

*Save the date, and tell a friend. The date of the Fête des Fleurs Fundraiser Luncheon is **Wednesday, September 23, 2015.** Let's make this our best attended luncheon ever!*

Garden Club of Ohio District Meetings/Luncheons

By Jean Smith

If you have not attended a GCO District Meeting/Luncheon, you really should consider attending the spring meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. The morning program is Fairy Gardens presented by Leann Hill from The Village Herb Shop followed by lunch. After lunch the GCO President and 2nd Vice President will speak and present awards. The afternoon program is "It's not my Type" presented by Aggie Goss and Barb Schuh. We have been notified that the Westlake Garden Club has won an award which will be presented at the spring meeting. We do not know what the award is for, but the only applications for awards submitted were the newsletter and the website. It is very gratifying to be recognized for an award in the presence of other garden clubs in the Cleveland District. Last year at the fall meeting/luncheon, we filled a table. We generally car pool to St. Michael's which provides an opportunity to chat with fellow club members during the ride. Cost for the luncheon is \$22, checks payable to Garden Club of Ohio. So, please consider attending the spring meeting to help cheer on the Westlake Garden Club for our award. You will also get to hear what other garden clubs are doing. You can give your check to Regina McCarthy. She will announce the deadline at the March meeting.

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Deadline: last Wednesday of the month for next month's issue

Happy Birthday

March

3rd Sally Knurek
6th Jean Livingston
17th Lillian Bialosky
18th Nancy Chopp



Membership News

By Kathy Bruening

Thanks to all who mailed in their dues and a special thanks to those of you who had to send them to Florida. Mail service has not exactly been speedy but it looks like we have 41 members to date. A warm welcome to Thea Steinmetz and also to Peggy DeMio. Thea is a former member who is rejoining the group and Peggy is newly retired and looking forward to time in the garden. Be sure to welcome them at our next meeting

Fête des Fleurs Luncheon

By Jean Smith

This year's fundraiser luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. Our 2014 luncheon held at Lakewood Country Club was a huge success with over 200 tickets sold. While the facility was lovely and the food and service were excellent, it was not the best fit physically for our event. We have selected Westwood Country Club as the venue this year. Robert Pearl and I will again co-chair the luncheon with the assistance of Shirley Lutts and Marsha McEntee. We are working on getting an interesting speaker who will appeal to a large audience. Sally Knurek will again oversee the Raffle baskets with helpers. If we get enough appropriate items for a silent auction, we will need someone to oversee that also. Jackie Crosier has graciously agreed to take care of the Bake Shoppe again and I am sure she will wow us with her table decorations. The co-chairs will meet with Westwood CC in the very near future to discuss details and talk about the menu, after which the entire committee will meet to start planning. If you are interested in helping out on the committee, please let me know. Tickets for the luncheon will be \$35 and we hope to sell 200, so start talking about the luncheon to family and friends. We will also need your help again in soliciting area merchants for gift cards and services to add to the raffle baskets. Thank you all, and let's work to make this year's luncheon even more successful than last year. Remember, this is our only fund-raising event of the year.

2015 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

TIME: 11:00 A.M. MEETING, LUNCH AT NOON

PROGRAM: 1 P.M. *"KEEP YOUR HOME CLEAN AND GREEN FOR LESS"*

PRESENTED BY SALLY KNUREK, WGC MEMBER

HOSTESSES: CAROL LEWELLEN, CATHI PETER, MARGARET SCHULZ,
BRIAN THOMPSON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

TIME: 11:00 A.M. MEETING, LUNCH AT NOON

PROGRAM: 1 P.M. *"MONARCH BUTTERFLIES"* PRESENTED BY JOYCE ROTH,
RETIRED TEACHER AND LONG-TIME ACTIVE MEMBER OF GCO.

HOSTESSES: RUTH BERTRAND, PAT DAILEY, JUDY HULLINGER, MARSHA
MCENTEE, LILLIAN BIALOSKY

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015 – ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

PLACE: TO BE DETERMINED

TIME AND OTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015 – 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

MONDAY, MARCH 30-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015 – GARDEN CLUB OF OHIO CONVENTION

PLACE: DEER CREEK PARK, 22300 STATE PARK RD, MT. STERLING, OH

GO TO THE GCO WEBSITE OR SEE REGINA MCCARTHY FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015 – GCO SPRING DISTRICT MEETING AND LUNCHEON

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

TIME: 10 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

GIVE YOUR CHECK FOR \$22 TO REGINA MCCARTHY

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015 – FAIRVIEW PARK GC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

PLACE: GEMINI RECREATION CENTER, 21225 LORAIN RD, FAIRVIEW
PARK, OH

PROGRAM: STYLE SHOW BY DRESS BARN

TIME: DOORS OPEN 11 A.M.

TICKETS: \$30 CALL JOYCE MCANDREWS 440-734-1717; JEAN SNOOK 440-
331-1460; BARB MORAN 440-333-5588; CONNIE KYTILER 440-734-4267

Here is What's Happening in the Neighborhood

Dean's Greenhouse Re-opens for Spring

Dean's Greenhouse will re-open for retail business on Monday, March 23. A list of the upcoming workshops is available on the website at www.deansgreenhouse.com. The very popular Moss Basket Clinic will be held on March 14 and March 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$49.99 for a 14" basket. Call 440-871-2050 for reservations, or email Drema at: drema@deansgreenhouse.com.

Special Event: March 19 **Cleveland Museum of Natural History** **Guest Speaker: The FAMOUS FOSSIL FISH of NORTHEASTERN OHIO**

Miller Nature Preserve 7-8 pm

Presented by David Chapman, Fossil Preparator in Vertebrate Paleontology at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Northeast Ohio produces some of the finest fossils in the world from the Upper Devonian Period (363 million years ago). Chapman describes the history and method of collecting fossils and reviews some of the outstanding fish fossils found in the Cleveland area, such as sharks and armored fish. PR by 3/16; Miller members free; nonmembers pay \$3 at door.

Canterbury Creek Gardens **2015 Organic Gardening Seminars**

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| 3/1 | Garden Planning/Early Season Gardening |
| 3/8 | Essentials of Organic Gardening |
| 3/15 | Fertilizers, Soils Composting |
| 3/22 | No Till Container and Raised Bed Gardening |
| 3/29 | Growing the Best Tasting and Most Productive
Tomatoes |
| 4/12 | Getting More and Better Food From Your Garden
To Your Table |

All seminars are on Sunday at 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 per seminar, or attend all six seminars for \$100. Mail reservation and check to Canterbury Creek Gardens, 26273 Detroit Road, Westlake, OH 44145, or call 440-899-2740. Seating is limited and reservations are on a first come basis.

Canterbury Creek Gardens current hours are: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, noon to 6 p.m.

Homestyle Double-Breaded Pork Chops

By Claire Evangelista

My husband's mother prepared these pork chops whenever we returned to Pennsylvania for Sunday visits. Her special ingredient was the cinnamon, and she served the chops with mashed potatoes, lima beans and lemon gelatin with fruit.

6 loin pork chops (1/2" to 3/4" thick)	1/4 cup milk	4 eggs, beaten
4 cups Italian seasoned bread crumbs	2 teaspoons cinnamon	vegetable oil for frying

Rinse pork chops and pat dry. Beat milk into the eggs and pour into a shallow plate. Combine bread crumbs and cinnamon in a deep dish. Dip each chop in the egg mixture, let egg mixture drip off the chop, then roll in the bread crumb mixture to coat.

Repeat. Brown both sides of chops in hot oil in a large skillet. Place chops in a greased 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Bake, covered with foil, at 325 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes or until fork-tender. Yield: 6 servings. Enjoy!

2015 Year of

Each year the National Garden Bureau selects one annual, one perennial and one edible as plants of the year. Last month we learned about growing Coleus, the **Annual for 2015**. The **Edible for 2015** is the Sweet Pepper. Sweet peppers bring a rainbow of colors and a plethora of shapes to the table. It is easy to value them for looks and flavor alone, but the sweet pepper is also a nutritional powerhouse. A serving of the most popular type in the USA--the sweet bell--contains more vitamin C than the average orange, a generous amount of vitamin E and many antioxidants with only 29 calories. Peppers have high nutrient levels at any stage but are the most beneficial when eaten fully ripe. The few colors of bell peppers in the average supermarket are only the beginning--blocky shaped bell peppers can ripen to many colors; ivory, pink, purple, red, yellow, orange and chocolate. Sweet peppers come in many shapes as well; the elongated banana, the blocky bell, the oblong or "half-long" bells, flat "cheese" shapes, and smooth cherry types. Pepper plants are easy to grow, require very little space and are an attractive addition to any garden, yard, or balcony and that is the reason National Garden Bureau chose 2015 as the Year of the Sweet Pepper. Peppers like a sunny spot. Soil should be loose and amended with compost or a vegetable soil mix from the garden center. Introduce your seedlings to the garden gradually and transplant during mild weather or in the late afternoon if possible. Transplant shock can slow the maturity of the plant and affect fruit quality and quantity. Pepper plants are very attractive grown in containers. The large glossy leaves and petite white flowers dress up any patio container or flowerbed. Pepper plants grown in containers are often small but usually mature earlier. Each plant should have a 2-gallon or larger container, deeper than it is wide. Plant some peppers and reap the benefits.

A Room with a View

By Jean Smith



Last year at the end of May, Roger and I moved from a townhouse to a one-floor condo. We had sold our townhouse at Bay Landing and purchased a one-floor condo at King James North, on the second floor, southwest corner. At left is a view from our living room looking out over the balcony to the woods on the west side of the drive. With the trees in front of the balcony, we get dappled sun/shade all day long, with afternoon sun on the west end of the balcony. Last year, I planted geraniums, lobelia, coleus, licorice plant, petunias and bacopa in containers. I also filled a rectangular planter box with herbs. Everything did very well except the basil and rosemary in the planter box -- maybe not enough sun. At the Herb Guild luncheon in August, I won a Hibiscus tree in a container, which I also put on the balcony. With two chairs and a small table, it was getting quite cozy on the balcony. In the fall, I brought the Hibiscus tree inside and after a period of dropping leaves, it settled down and has done quite well indoors. I am starting to plan my balcony for this summer and plan to add two hanging "troughs" on the ends of the balcony, remove the carpet from the floor and replace with an area rug, and decide what to put in containers. We spent a lot of time last summer sitting on the balcony watching birds, deer and wild turkeys. One evening we watched as two red tail hawks swooped down onto the drive, one had a bird in its mouth. This was a big move for us; we lost the convenience of a private entrance and I lost my garden. But, we love it here. It just seems like a very simple, easy way of living and our neighbors are wonderful, so it was a very good move for us. Now begins the next chapter of our life.

Some of you have also made moves recently. Please, share your experience with us. Email me your article, give to me at a meeting, or mail to me.