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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy



Our *Fête des Fleurs* fundraiser luncheon was a smashing success! Guests with whom I spoke told me how much fun they had and were very glad they attended. Mark Johnson was an excellent speaker. We enjoyed his relaxed style and great sense of humor, and his visiting each table and chatting

with our guests was particularly appreciated. It was exciting to see our Club and event spotlighted preceding each of Mark's Channel 5 weathercasts that evening. What a fantastic turnout. The dining room looked beautiful with the geranium centerpieces adding a splash of color. Tables were filled with bakery, festive raffle baskets, boutique and silent auction items; background piano music set the mood; delicious food; an attentive and courteous wait staff; a speaker who was both ingratiating and entertaining; lots of door prizes; hardworking Committee members; all resulting in the success of our Club's fundraiser luncheon and smiles on the faces of our guests.

I want to thank my Co-Chairperson, Jean Smith, and our fellow indefatigable Committee members – Ruth Bertrand, Nancy Chopp, Sally Knurek, Marie McCarthy, Gail Morse, Alberta

Ricciardi and Margaret Schulz – for the many, many hours they devoted to making our luncheon the success that it was. On behalf of the Committee, I want to also thank those members who attended and brought guests, who assisted before and during the event, and who contributed to the bakery, basket and boutique tables. A full report will be given to the membership when available.

The following morning, in commemoration of Arbor Day, our Club, as it has historically done, planted a tree, very generously donated by Cahoon Nursery. This year's planting is opposite our brick in Founder's Walk at the Clague Monument. Kathy Carnall gave an informative talk on the history of Arbor Day and the importance of trees in our environment. Westlake Mayor Dennis M. Clough presented our Club with a Proclamation, which states in part “. . . the City of Westlake will recognize ARBOR DAY throughout the community by the planting of a Concolor Fir by the Westlake Garden Club . . .”

Our next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, at Lakewood High School, following our 10:30 a.m. private tour with Mark Rathge, horticulture teacher, of the School's new outside gardens – where our donation was used – the horticulture classroom and the greenhouse facility. Lunch will be provided. Prior reservations are a MUST. If you have not yet done so, please promptly contact Bill Hock at 440-892-0189, or by e-mail at bhock2248@aol.com. Let's go back to school together.

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Margaret Schulz, Kathie Carnall, Jean Smith, Regina McCarthy and Alberta Ricciardi help plant the Concolor Fir tree at Clague Park.

Getting to Know You.....

By Pat Dailey

Kathy Molner



Kathy Molner is an honorary member of the Westlake Garden Club, having joined in 1971. She graduated from Shaw High School and continued her education at Dyke Business College. As a young woman, Kathy was very happily involved in tennis, roller skating and ballroom dancing. She worked at Arthur L. McKee Engineering as a typist until she married Andrew Molner. One Sunday, they saw a lot for sale and decided to drive out to the westside to take a look. It was on Lake Road, but was too small for a ranch house, so they drove on to see what else was available. They saw a sign on Hilliard Road, "Lots for Sale" so they drove in and bought one. Kathy and Andrew had their dream ranch home built and moved from Cleveland Heights to Westlake in 1961. After Kathy joined the garden club, she served as President from 1978 to 1980. In 2004, she was presented with an Honorary Member plaque for outstanding service to the club. Approximately 20 years ago, Kathy became involved in the Arbor Day celebration in Westlake. She was instrumental in coordinating the site for planting a tree, talking a garden center into donating a tree, and conducting the ceremony on Arbor Day every year. Just this year, Kathy passed that responsibility on to Kathie Carnall. Kathy has always been a great gardener, tree planter, weed puller, etc. for the garden club and the community. A friend now helps her with planting her red geraniums. Kathy does not think that much has changed with the garden club over the years, but that we are going in the right direction. Kathy is our little garden sprite who has acquired so much knowledge and experience in her gardening ventures. So at a meeting, you might want to let a little of that rub off on you.

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Happy Birthday!

May

9th

Jackie Crosier



Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

Please join me in welcoming a new member for April:

Anne Demanelis
2850 Wagar Road
Rocky River, OH 44116
Telephone: 440-333-6072
Email: amdr777@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 9/1

Pleased enter Anne's information in the membership roster in your yearbook.

Members are the lifeblood of our club and without their dedication, we would not be as effective in the community. Remember to let your friends and family know that membership is open to anyone interested in plants or gardens. For membership information, call me at 440-892-3940.



A Spring Day in the Park

By Jean Smith

During a recent bike ride on the Towpath in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, my husband and I encountered numerous turtles sunning themselves on logs in the Canal. It is not an unusual sight to see one or two on a log, but this day, we spotted many groups of eight or 10 turtles together on a single log. In addition to the turtles, we enjoyed seeing ducks, geese, birds, and what I believe was a muskrat (or a small beaver?) in the beaver marsh. The Park is alive with activity now that Spring is here. We also spotted a lot of wild violets and several other wildflowers that I could not identify. With the sunny 75 degree temperature, it was definitely a good day for a ride in the Park. We are very fortunate to have a national park virtually in our back yard. If you are not into biking or hiking, you should take a scenic ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to Akron and back, or get off in Peninsula and have lunch at Fisher's Restaurant before heading back on the train to return home.

2012 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012 – WGC GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 14100 FRANKLIN BLVD.

TIME: MEET AT 9:50 A.M. AT OLD REGO'S PARKING LOT ON COLUMBIA RD IF YOU WANT TO CARPOOL. WE WILL TOUR GARDENS AND GREENHOUSE, HAVE LUNCH THEN MEETING. CONTACT BILL HOCK AT 440-892-0189, OR BHOCK2248@AOL.COM FOR RESERVATIONS. ELEVATOR IN BUILDING – EASY WALKING TOUR.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012 – WGC GENERAL MEETING AND CONTAINER GARDENING PROGRAM

PLACE: DEAN'S GREENHOUSE, 3984 PORTER ROAD

TIME: 11 A.M. MEETING, LUNCH AT NOON, PROGRAM AT 1 P.M.
BRING A BAG LUNCH - COFFEE AND DESSERTS PROVIDED

OTHER EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012 – OLMSTED FALLS GC PLANT SALE

PLACE: JENKINS COMMUNITY CENTER, 7932 MAIN ST.

TIME: 11 A.M. – 2 P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 – GCO SPRING MEETING

PLACE: ST. MICHAEL'S WOODSIDE

TIME: 11:30 A.M.

COST: \$22

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012 – VA HOSPITAL PLANT SALE

PLACE: 10701 EAST BLVD.

TIME: 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

FRI., MAY 11 AND SAT., MAY 12 -NO. ROYALTON GC PLANT SALE

PLACE: CITY GREEN, RTE. 82 AND RIDGE RD.

TIME: FRI. 4-7 PM, SAT. 10 AM – 3 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012 – N. OLMSTED GC PLANT SALE

PLACE: N. OLMSTED COMMUNITY CABIN, 28114 LORAIN ROAD

TIME: 10 A.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012 – FAIRVIEW PARK GC PLANT SALE

PLACE: CITY HALL DUNSON COMM. ROOM, 20777 LORAIN ROAD

TIME: 9 A.M.-2 P.M. SAT., 10 A.M.-2 P.M. SUN.

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012 – AVON-ON-THE-LAKE GC MEMORIAL PLANT SALE

PLACE: AVON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 32801 ELECTRIC BLVD.

TIME: 8 A.M. – NOON

THURSDAY, JUNE 7 – HERB GUILD SPRING BUS TRIP

CONTACT ELSE ROLLAND FOR DETAILS, 440-937-4240.

The Book Corner

By Kathie Carnall

Plant A Tree! It's Important!

Westlake Garden Club was a privileged participant in Arbor Day on April 27, 2012. In partnership with the City of Westlake and Brian Corrigan of Cahoon Nursery, we planted a Concolor Fir in Clague Park.

Trees are one of our most valuable resources. In addition to purifying the air and creating the oxygen we breathe, trees provide food, fuel and medicine; erosion control; climate control; homes for humans, as well as for birds and other wildlife; plus adding beauty to our world. A walk in the woods can bring tranquility and peace of mind. Can you imagine how dull the world would be without trees, and what would you put on your pancakes, if there were no maple trees to supply the syrup?

Yet trees are under attack! Not only from loggers, but from pests, diseases and pollution. Holden Arboretum in Lake County is hosting an exhibit from April 27th through October 8th which was created by the Morton Arboretum in Chicago: "Vanishing Acts: Trees Under Threat." Among our native Ohio trees under attack are the Buckeye (our state tree), the Johnny Appleseed Wild Apple, the Ash, and some Oaks and Maples.

Please visit the exhibit at Holden Arboretum to learn more about how to conserve our trees, and if you can, please plant a tree! You will make a huge difference in the world with this act of kindness. You can visit the Ohio State University Extension website to find out which trees are most likely to thrive in our locale.

Westlake has been a Tree City, U.S.A. for 20 years. We thank the city for its continuing support on Arbor Day and for its efforts in maintaining a "green and growing" community.



Club President, Regina McCarthy, with Proclamation from Mayor Clough, City of Westlake, for the Arbor Day Tree Planting, beside the Concolor Fir Tree and plaque identifying the Westlake Garden Club as planting the tree.



Greeting attendees at the ticket table are Marie McCarthy, Ruth Bertrand and Nancy Chopp



Pictured are member Marlene Parker, guest speaker, Mark Johnson, and guest attendee, Genevieve Campagna

Fête des Fleurs Luncheon



Guest speaker, Mark Johnson, and Club President, Regina McCarthy



Club members, Lucy Kalbers and Holly Harvey



Above, Bill Hock and Nancy Chopp bringing geranium centerpieces to the tables.

Right, Robert Pearl takes a little break from helping set up the boutique table and silent auction items.



Wednesday, April 25 –
Setup day and the worker
bees were all there



Above, Marlene Parker, Marge Domitz and Claire Evangelista put ribbons on the chocolate favors.