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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

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2014 Luncheon Update

By Jean Smith

I have finalized the flyer and order form for the *Fete des Fleurs* Fundraiser Luncheon on Wednesday, September 24, 2014. Robert and I will meet with Lakewood Country Club to give a deposit to secure our date and sign the contract on May 1. The speaker for the luncheon will be Bay Village native and Plain Dealer columnist, Michael Heaton. We will schedule a meeting of the luncheon committee sometime in May to start working on details. If you are interested in helping out in any area, please let me or Robert know.



Marie McCarthy, Sally Knurek, Kathy Bruening and Regina McCarthy at Cleveland Botanical Garden for Affiliate Day

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

As previously announced, our Club, in the person of Jean Smith, won four Awards from the Garden Club of Ohio/National Garden Club, which were presented to Jean by Helen Vladic, GCO Cleveland District Director, at its 4/11 Spring Meeting. The Awards are: FIRST PLACE in the District for our newsletter, the *Garden Scoop*; Third Place STATEWIDE for our website, westlakegardenclub.org; and two District *Honorable Mention* Awards for Publicity & Press and for the YearBook. Congratulations, Jean, and all members who contributed content.

Jean Smith and I, along with Patt Long, a former WGC member and President of the Westlake-West Shore Arts Council, attended what turned out to be an interesting meeting on 4/21 with Brandstetter Carol, consultant for the City's Master Plan for Parks and Recreation. We certainly hope our recommendations, particularly those concerning nonprofit organizations, will be incorporated.

Several very interesting speakers were on the agenda at the Botanical Garden's Affiliate Day on 4/24. Kathy Bruening, Sally Knurek, Marie McCarthy and I attended. Although many of the trees and flowers had yet to bloom, the gardens were still lovely. We visited the Hershey Children's Garden in anticipation of our planter project. Many children were playing throughout and having a great time. I often wonder why more of our members do not participate in Affiliate functions at the CBG.

After all the confusion surrounding Arbor Day, and despite the rain, our member turnout was quite good. Attending an earlier meeting, I arrived at Founders' Walk after the Mayor had departed and was informed that Marge Emblom (thank you Marge!) accepted the Mayor's Proclamation. Kathy Molner and I thank all who attended and are thrilled that our Club's Arbor Day tradition continues. See the next issue of the *Observer* for articles on our Awards and our Arbor Day tree planting.



GCO Cleveland District Director, Helen Vladic presents awards for the Westlake Garden Club to Jean Smith at the Spring District meeting/luncheon.

Wild Flowers-a sign of Spring

By Sally Knurek

Even though the Forsythia failed to perform this year, the spring wild flowers and daffodils were in top form. I had a premonition about the Forsythia when I clipped branches in February and they never bloomed. However, the tiny blue-purple Hepatica, Dainty Rue-Anemone and Cut-leaf Dentaria seem to be flourishing in the arms of a rotting stump. Meanwhile in another spot, Blood Root with its twin leaves wrapped around its stem and large flowered Trillium display their bolder white petals. Other niches host false and regular Solomon's Seal, May Apples and Adder's Tongue. I am so happy to see the wild flowers doing well in my yard because the deer and the extremely invasive Lesser Celandine have pretty much decimated the native population in the Metro-Parks.



Wildflower, Hepatica
from Sally's garden

Tomato Jam – I ordered Caesar Salad at Light Bistro in Ohio City and it came with a dollop of Tomato Jam on top. I was so pleasantly surprised at how delicious this condiment was. If anyone has a good recipe for Tomato Jam, please send it to me and I will share with everyone in the next issue of *Garden Scoop*. Thanks!

My Moment with Nature

By Jackie Crosier

We have a date palm in our back yard in Florida. The little grey squirrels know when the nutlike fruit is about ripe. We named the one who loves our tree "Steve Martin" as he's a wild and crazy guy. He never runs along the ground and up the tree. Instead he climbs the Pygmy palms in front, runs across the house roof onto the screened lanai roof, and jumps into the back palm to keep checking the progress of the "nuts" and then eats them when they're ready. My cats run around the lanai watching him which makes him chatter. Then I run out with a squirt bottle so he will leave and not rip the screen! Cheap entertainment for all! See you soon!

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Happy Birthday

May

25th

25th

27th

Carol Bonyko
Jackie Crosier
Michelle Hathway



Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

New member, Linda Pintz's husband is in the Cleveland Clinic with an aneurism. She may be spending a lot of time at the hospital and as a result, she and her sister Elizabeth Baumann are withdrawing from the WGC so she can devote her time to the situation at hand and will contact us if and when they will be able to rejoin the group. She would probably appreciate a "thinking of you" card.

Garden Walk - Cleveland

July 12 & 13, 2014

Neighborhoods -Brooklyn Centre -Detroit Shoreway
-Glenville -Hough -Larchmere -Old Brooklyn -Slavic
Village -Tremont -St. Clair Superior

Get a Garden Walk Guide beginning July 1. Free guides with maps of each neighborhood's gardens available at Petitti's Garden Center & Dave's Market.

All tour areas are FREE

Website - www.gardenwalkcleveland.org

I toured the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood in 2012. Visited over 50 gardens in a 4 block area. Homeowners were very accommodating.

MaryAnn Brock

Container Workshop

I hope you are all planning to attend the container workshop at Dean's Greenhouse on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, 10 – 11:30 a.m. It will be a lot of fun and a great way to get started on a container for you patio, porch, deck, balcony or front steps. If you have a container, bring it. If not, purchase one there and only pay for plants, soil and what you purchase. **Please call Jean Smith, 440-665-5463, with your reservation.** If we have at least 15 attendees, Dean's will provide refreshments! I need to give Dean's a headcount a week prior to the workshop, so let me know as soon as possible if you will attend.

2014 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014 – “PLANTING FOR THE BIRDS”

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

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

PROGRAM: “PLANTING FOR THE BIRDS” PRESENTED BY JAMES MCCARTY, COLUMNIST FOR THE PLAIN DEALER.

HOSTESSES: SALLY KNUREK, ROBERT PEARL, LILLIAN BIALOSKY, MARGARET SCHULZ

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014 – CONTAINER GARDENING WORKSHOP

PLACE: DEAN’S GREENHOUSE, 3984 PORTER ROAD

TIME: 10-11:30 A.M.

BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER OR PURCHASE ONE. PAY FOR ONLY THE PLANTS, SOIL YOU USE. REFRESHMENTS.

CALL JEAN SMITH, 440-665-5463 WITH RESERVATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014 – “SHOCK THERAPY – DESIGNING WITH BOLD ANNUALS”

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

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

PROGRAM: “SHOCK THERAPY-DESIGNING WITH BOLD ANNUALS” PRESENTED BY JULIA SHUTT, WHO WITH HUSBAND, BYRON, OWNS MAPLE LEAF LANDSCAPING. JULIA IS ALSO AN ARTIST.

HOSTESSES: CAROLYN STEIGMAN, CLAIRE EVANGELISTA, MILLIE SHERNOCK, KATHY SHIMKO

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014 – BUS TRIP TO SCHEDEL GARDENS, 19255 PORTAGE RIVER SOUTH RD, ELMORE, OH

TIME: 8 A.M. BUS DEPARTS FROM WEST BAY PLAZA, DETROIT AND CROCKER ROADS. BUS RETURNS APPROXIMATELY 4:30 P.M.

COST: \$48 WGC MEMBERS; \$58 NON-MEMBERS

SEE RUTH BERTRAND OR SHIRLEY LUTTS FOR RESERVATIONS

OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY, 17, 2014 – PLANTING DAY FOR HILLIARD BLVD. FLOWER BOXES

PLACE: HILLIARD BOULEVARD

TIME: 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014 – RIDGEWOOD GC PLANT SALE

PLACE: 11212 SNOW RD, PARMA – PARMA FAMILY COLLABORATIVE CENTER (FORMERLY HANNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)

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

OTHER EVENTS (CONT'D)

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014 – AVON GARDEN CLUB BICENTENNIAL TEA

PLACE: AVON ISLE, 37080 DETROIT ROAD, AVON

TIME: 2 P.M.

PROGRAM: “AN AFTERNOON DELIGHT” TEA ETIQUETTE PROGRAM BY CATHERINE HOLLOWAY

COST: \$25

RESERVATIONS: CYNTHIA MURNYACK-CZARNECKI 440-937-0037

OTHER PLANT SALES

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014 – OLMSTED FALLS GC PLANT SALE

PLACE: ON THE GROUNDS OF COMMUNITY HOUSE, RTE. 252

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014 – NORTH OLMSTED GC PLANT SALE

Falling Waters display

This is a great display for getting inspiration for giving your yard a creative and notable centerpiece. Falling Waters, LLC is a local landscaping company that helps you merge art and nature together with your creative ideas to create that special centerpiece for your yard. Their specialty is hand carving the unique stones to enhance the water feature. They also design pond-less waterfalls for a really different look. It is on display now through July 1 at Miller Nature Preserve. For more great designs, go to www.fallingwatersohio.com.

(Excerpt from Lorain County Metro Parks Garden ENewsletter, April 24, 2014)

Gardening Tip

From Sally Knurek: Use coffee filters to line the bottom of pots, layering several. They will hold in the soil yet allow drainage.

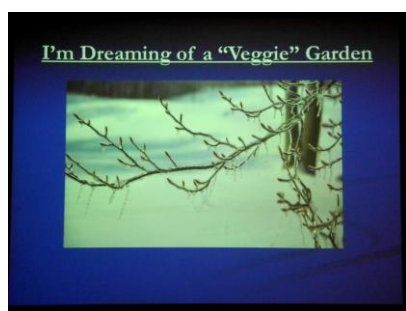
Greening Your Garden

The day designated as Earth Day has come and gone, but shouldn't every day be Earth Day? HGTV's online newsletter, *Gardener to Gardener*, suggests 10 ways to green your garden for Earth Day. Here is one of those suggestions: **Reduce the grass in your lawn.** Non-grass lawns can be made up of easy-care ground cover plants, wildflowers, stone, pavers and/or other materials. The result? Less work, less watering needed, and less mowing. Moss as ground cover and meadowing are two ideas to consider.

A Kitchen Garden Ten Feet Up – Straw Bale Gardening

By Jean Smith

When planning the April program, I will admit that I was intrigued by the idea of straw bale gardening. Sandra White, Master Gardener of Cuyahoga County, delighted us with an educational program on how to have a garden in a small space, specifically on a deck 10 feet up. She was inspired to try this unconventional way of gardening from an article, "Build a Garden out of Straw" by Amy Stewart in the June 2010 issue of *Fine Gardening Magazine*. Sandy had photos that showed her garden in the various stages of construction, growth, and harvest. The straw garden included Patty Pan Squash, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Carrots, Beets, Lettuce, Basil, Bush Beans and Nasturtiums. She also planted potatoes in two deep containers and harvested approximately 50 potatoes. Fortunately, Sandy's deck is quite large and she was able to accommodate the garden and containers without sacrificing too much of the entertainment area. She also grew strawberries, snap peas and a blueberry bush in containers. So, thank you Sandy for showing us how to think outside the box about gardening. I am inspired and still intrigued – especially by the potatoes in a container. If any of you are inspired likewise and venture to try a straw bale garden, please share your experience with the rest of us in this publication.



Sandy White's straw bale vegetable garden 10 feet up started as an idea and some dreaming on a winter day. Photo in center is Sandy describing how she built her straw bale garden. Photo on right shows the beautiful flowers that were the centerpiece on the buffet lunch table at the April meeting.

CBG Hershey Children's Garden

Kathy Bruening, Regina Mc Carthy and Sally Knurek met today to plan the planter for the Hershey Children's Garden at CBG. Their theme is a nursery rhyme: "Mary, Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow?" They will be planting the container on May 23 at CBG.

Pictured below left, Kathy Bruening at the planning session. Pictured below right is the preliminary design for planting the container.



Arbor Day 2014

