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See page 4, and our website, for more photos from the 2012 Annual Pot Luck Dinner

President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

Our thanks to the Committee that put together our very successful Annual Potluck Dinner. The food and entertainment were first rate and I was pleased to see so many attendees, including guests. Our Club may have gained two new members that evening too. *** I would like to bring to your attention a change in our method of notifying members in the event of member illness or death in family. Those members using a computer will receive notifications and updates via e-mail. Those members who do not use a computer will continue to receive notifications via telephone. A special "thank you" to Telephone Committee member Marge Paull, who took over Kathy Molner's contacts while Kathy was in the hospital. This Committee is chaired by Kathy, and we are so pleased that she is home. *** I urge all members to attend the November 28 General Meeting (the 4th Wednesday, due to Thanksgiving). We will all vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules, copy of which proposed changes you have received for review. We will also elect Officers for 2013. Our Club is in need of a Social Chair for next year. This position is ideal for a newer member and a job description will be made available. Please contact Alberta Ricciardi or me if you are interested in this Board position. *** I wish you and your families a joyful Thanksgiving.

Thank you to everyone who visited, sent cards, plants, and flowers, and called me while I was recuperating from surgery. Some days seemed very long and all this helped me to get through them. It is great to know that I have so many friends at the Garden Club.

Sally Knurek

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Holiday Tree at the Library

The Holiday Tree Decorating committee met recently to talk about a theme, color scheme, and time frame for decorating the tree at the library. After some discussion, a nature theme was selected. MaryAnn Brock will supply the artificial tree (6-8' tall) and we have lights from last year. We may be able to use the owls and some other decorations from last year's tree also. Committee members were asked to bring a sample(s) of ornaments they have made or purchased to the next meeting to be considered for the tree. A garland consisting of natural material, perhaps baby's breath, was suggested and a sample will be made and brought to the meeting. If you have suggestions for items to put on the tree, contact Gail Morse. The tree will be decorated on Monday, November 26, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Happy Birthday

November

2nd Don Bowman
8th Robert Pearl
13th Jean Smith
14th Marge Emblom



Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

While membership numbers have remained unchanged for several months, we have had several guests attending meetings so we may have new members soon. It would be great to have 50 members by our 50th anniversary but no matter the number of members, the ideas and energy each member brings to the club is a treasure. New membership brochures are now available so if you have a friend who would like to get one, just give me a call (440) 892-3940.

Proposed Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws and Slate of Officers for 2013

The proposed amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws are included with this newsletter for your review. Only the major changes are included and are noted in brackets { }. Any minor change of a word or phrase has not been included to save the cost of printing and mailing. The proposed amendments will be voted on at the November meeting. The slate of officers for 2013, which will also be voted on at the November meeting, consists of:

President, Regina McCarthy
1st Vice President, Bill Hock
2nd Vice President, Jean Smith*
Treasurer, Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary, Sally Knurek
Corresponding Secretary, Claire Evangelista

*providing the changes to Constitution and Bylaws are passed

Please make every effort to attend the important November meeting.

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Getting to Know You...

By Pat Dailey

Marge Paull



Marge was born into a family of 10 children in Pennsylvania. Her father was a coal miner and had a Victory Garden during WWII, with her mother canning all the vegetables from that garden. After graduation from high school, Marge moved to Cleveland and worked at Ohio Bell, and then

Glidden Paint Company. Her husband, Joe, was in the Army when they married, and after his tour of duty, they moved to Richmond, VA, where Joe graduated from the Medical College of VA with a degree in Pharmacy. They moved back to the Cleveland area in 1956 and raised their three children here. Marge was a stay-at-home Mom and volunteered at St. Bernadette Church. She started working with flowers under the direction of Lu Walter, who was in charge of all Church decorations. Marge found time to pursue her hobbies of crocheting, crafts, bowling, and the Red Hat Society. She also joined the Westlake Garden Club in 1980, where she served as Social Chairman for 21 years. Marge is now an honorary member of the garden club, is still active, and enjoys her time with the club. Marge said she has made a lot of lifetime friends through the garden club. In addition to her hobbies and the garden club, Marge enjoys spending time with her family and her four beautiful grandchildren.

Correction to last month's Getting to Know..... *MaryAnn Brock*

MaryAnn worked at **White Motor Company**, not Ford Motor Company. Sorry for the error.



Autumn in Hinckley Reservation of the Cleveland MetroParks

2012 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012 –GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

TIME: 11 A.M. MEETING, LUNCH AT NOON, 1 P.M. PROGRAM

“DRIED FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS” BRING A VASE OR OTHER CONTAINER TO MAKE A DRIED FLOWER ARRANGEMENT TO TAKE HOME. BILL HOCK WILL BRING A HUGE ASSORTMENT OF DRIED MATERIALS AND YOU CAN BRING DRIED, CUT FLOWERS FROM YOUR OWN GARDEN. ALSO BRING SCISSORS OR PRUNERS.

HOSTESSES: SALLY KNUREK, CAROL LEWELLEN, HOLLY HARVEY, ANN VAN DYKE

THURSDAY , DECEMBER 20, 2012 – HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

PLACE: HOULIHAN’S RESTAURANT, 25651 DETROIT ROAD

TIME: 11:30 A.M. FOR A SHORT MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, FOLLOWED BY *“VIOLIN: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL”* WITH MARY BETH IONS.

NOTE: WE WILL ORDER FROM THE MENU WITH SEPARATE CHECKS.

OTHER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2012 – GCO HOLIDAY PROGRAM

PLACE: ST. MICHAEL WOODSIDE, 5025 MILL ROAD, BROADVIEW HTS.

TIME: 10:30 A.M. MORNING SOCIAL, LUNCH AT NOON, 1 P.M. PROGRAM

COST: \$22 GCO MEMBERS

All Aboard!

by Regina McCarthy

On a recent Saturday morning, three long-time friends and I boarded the historic Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for what turned out to be a most enjoyable day. We rode from the Rockside Station to Akron and back to the Peninsula Depot, where we disembarked. We lunched at Fisher’s Café and visited all the art galleries and stores before re-boarding. The train ride was comfortable and slow enough to allow me to take lots of pictures through its windows. The porters were friendly, courteous and answered all of our questions. Our fellow passengers were very friendly. In fact, we did not meet a grouchy person all day! With the leaves on the trees turning colors, the views were beautiful and the vastness of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park – 33,000 acres – was awesome. As the train was pulling into the Rockside Station, it was announced that we were part of a one-day passenger record being set. A fitting end to a wonderful journey.



Indigo Lake in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and a stop on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.



Examples of arrangements made with an assortment of containers and materials

November Meeting Program

By Bill Hock

At November’s general meeting, members will use their own creativity to design and construct dried flower arrangements to take home. Members should bring a vase, urn, basket, pot, or any container that will allow them to make an arrangement(s) of their choice. Bring more than one container if you wish and also bring clippers or scissors to cut the stems to fit the containers, and possibly a brown paper grocery bag to collect the clippings. A huge selection of dried materials will be available from my garden, and members should feel free to bring any dried cut flowers from their own gardens. These arrangements make wonderful additions to your home, can be given as gifts, or donated to the raffle table at the garden club’s fund raiser luncheon next year. Please do not be intimidated – this is an easy and fun project that anyone can do.



NOTE: The November meeting is on Wednesday, **November 28, 2012** – the 4th Wednesday.

The hostess committee for the November meeting is Sally Knurek, Holley Harvey, Carol Lewellen and Ann Van Dyke.

Annual Potluck Dinner

The hall at Church of the Redeemer was decked out in fall colors with large potted Mums at each table. Members and guests enjoyed spiral sliced ham, salads, potato dishes, pasta, green beans, and some luscious desserts. President, Regina McCarthy, had to leave early but returned in time to eat, so First VP, Nancy Chopp, welcomed everyone and made some announcements. Jean Smith distributed copies of the recommended changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, which will be voted on at the November meeting. Nancy also gave an update on Sally Knurek, who is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery, and Kathy Molner, who is now home recovering from a fall. She also reported that Agnes Tark broke her arm recently. Alberta Ricciardi, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the slate of officers for 2013. After announcements, the Swing Sisters provided an entertaining musical program with tunes from the 1930s and 40s, with a tribute to the armed forces. Following the entertainment, the Mums, two gardening totes donated by Don Bowman, and a grab bag of gifts were raffled off. There were 16 members in attendance and eight guests, for a total of 24. A big THANK YOU to the hostesses including Margaret Schulz, Don Bowman, Jean Smith, and chairman, Claire Evangelista. Thanks also to everyone who pitched in to help get the food on the table and clean up afterwards.



Left and above: "Swing Sisters" provided musical entertainment for the Annual Pot Luck dinner

