
GARDEN SCOOP

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

November 2013

Cast Your Vote

At the November meeting, you will be able to exercise your vote and elect officers for 2014 and adopt a change to the By Laws. Following is the slate of officers:

President	Regina McCarthy
1st Vice President	Sally Knurek
2nd Vice President	Jean Smith
Treasurer	Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary	Marge Domitz (Board Meetings)
	Brian Thompson (General Meetings)

Corresponding Secretary Claire Evangelista

The Board is proposing an increase in dues of \$5 per month. The following amendment to our By Laws will require a vote:

Article VII Membership Dues

Annual membership dues shall be \$25.00 payable by February 1 in order to be listed in the yearbook. New members who join after July 1 shall pay \$15.00 until the next dues are payable.

Please plan to attend the November meeting and cast your vote to help keep our club strong.

Thank you.

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

Our thanks to the committee that put together our Potluck Dinner. The food was great and our speaker very interesting. At our November meeting, we will vote on a Bylaw change and for our 2014 slate of officers. I hope you will be able to attend. Robert's presentation on how to make silk flower arrangements in a cost efficient way will be both informative and timely for the holiday season. A slide presentation will be running during lunch of photos from our fundraiser luncheon. Some you have not seen before. I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

The Holidays are coming

By Jean Smith

The frost is on the pumpkin and you know what comes next – THE HOLIDAYS! Whether you are hosting parties or dinners, or will be a guest, you may be thinking of holiday decorations and centerpieces. Not to worry – help is here.

Gale's Westlake Garden Center's 25th Annual Holiday Open House was November 2 and 3, and will continue through December. They have a vast array of live and artificial trees, wreaths, centerpieces and decorations.

If you would rather make your own, Dean's Greenhouse will have workshops to make door decorations or porch pot decorations at a cost of \$34.99 each. Workshops start on November 23 with more dates in early December. Call or stop at the greenhouse for details, or check their website.

The Bay Village Garden Club offers another opportunity to make your own Holiday arrangements at workshops on December 4 and 5 at Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Road, Bay Village. Make an outdoor arrangement on December 4 at 6 p.m. for \$45. All other workshops are on December 5 and cost \$30 each. Centerpiece workshops at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; wreath workshop at 10:45 a.m.; mini-tree workshop at 12 p.m.; and door swag workshop at 7:15 p.m. You will receive a kit with everything you need. Bring clippers, shears and gloves. Refreshments provided. Registration deadline is November 26. (Note: I printed a flyer with registration information from the Bay Village GC website and could not find a phone number. Let me know if you want a flyer, or go to the website at www.bayvillagegardenclub.com)

Getting to Know You.....

Will return in December.

November Gardening

By Marge Emblom

November is not only a putting the garden to bed time, it is also a time for preparing the garden for spring wake-up. Obviously certain tasks like raking leaves and giving the grass its final mowing are tasks that can't be put off for too long and are entirely dependent upon the vagaries of weather. But other tasks can be done at a more leisurely pace. Certainly, it is not too late to plant spring bulbs. So long as the ground remains unfrozen, it is relatively easy to plant. This means that it might be possible to take advantage of those late season offerings at the garden centers or the on-line catalogs. November is also a time for taking stock of tools. Cleaning the working ends, painting the handles and sharpening the blades are just a few of the things necessary to get the tools in tip-top shape. Tasks like these can be saved for those blustery days when you just really don't want to be outside.

November is also rose time. While some rosearians keep the canes long over the winter and prune in spring, many prefer pruning the roses back to 5 or 6 inches in height, just before the really cold weather sets in. Mulching the roses early in the month is not a good idea. Late November, even into early December if the season is warm, is the best time to start putting on the mulch. Mulching too early keeps the roses from going dormant on time and can seriously weaken next year's growth.

November is also a time for planting those amaryllis bulbs that are fairly inexpensive and plentiful at the garden centers. Planted in pots in the house early in the month, they should be ready to give as lovely live Christmas gifts at a fraction of the cost they will be at holiday time--and you have had the fun of watching them grow. Mostly, November is an unhurried time for gardeners. Yes, there are all kinds of things to do, but the pace is leisurely, and the dreaming is fun. Taken in balance, November can be one of the best times for gardeners.

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Happy Birthday!

November

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



Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

As I'm sure you are all aware, our club recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and we did it proud. It's been a wonderful year full of interesting speakers, fun events and community involvement, but the end is near. The end of the year that is, and that means it'll soon be time to renew your membership.

This year there will be some changes. In order to save time and money on postage and paper, members **WILL NOT RECEIVE A MEMBERSHIP REMINDER IN THE MAIL**. Members will be responsible for mailing their dues to me, preferably **BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR**, but no later than February 1 so your name can be included in the membership directory. My address is 2433 Glen Valley Drive, Westlake 44145. Please make the check payable to the Westlake Garden Club. Note any changes in your address, phone number or email address. If your name is different from the one on the check, let me know who you are. You can save money on postage by bringing your check to the December meeting.

If you will be going away and will not return before the end of the year, please remember to mail your renewal before you leave. If you have any questions, please call me at (440) 892-3940.

If the amendment to the By Laws is accepted at the November meeting, **MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL INCREASE TO \$25** for 2014, but it's still a bargain.

With a little mindfulness we can make membership renewal a smooth and easy process. I'm looking forward to enjoying 2014 with all of you.

Box Tops for Education

By Margaret Schulz

I collect Box Tops for Education and would like your help. Start saving the box tops and drop them off at the Westlake Center for Community Services or Dover Elementary School and mention my name. The box tops are given to the PTA to redeem. In 2012, they redeemed enough box tops to collect \$800, which was used for playground equipment and assemblies. All General Mills products and many others participate in Box Tops for Education. Please start saving these valuable box tops and help support Westlake Schools. Your support is greatly appreciated.

2013 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 – WGC GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

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

PROGRAM: “SILK FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS” PRESENTED BY MEMBER, ROBERT PEARL

HOSTESSES: SALLY KNUREK, CLAIRE EVANGELISTA, MARGARET SCHULZ, PAT DAILEY, SHIRLEY LUTTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013 – HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014

PLACE: MAHLE’S RESTAURANT, 24945 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE

TIME: 11 A.M., MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PROGRAM: TBA

RESERVATIONS: CALL RUTH BERTRAND, 440-899-1565

OTHER EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013 – GCO HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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

TIME: 10 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

RESERVATIONS TO REGINA MCCARTHY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013 – KEEP ONE SHARE ONE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS – BAY VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

PLACE: BAY COMMUNITY HOUSE, 303 CAHOON ROAD

TIME: 11:30 A.M.

BRING AT LEAST 24 EVERGREEN SPRIGS 10” LONG, GLOVES, CLIPPERS AND SCISSORS

SEE THE PROGRAM SECTION OF YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIP BOOK FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR THE YEAR.

Staying True to our Purpose

By Jean Smith

A group of ladies got together in September 1963 to form a garden club. They drafted a Constitution and By Laws, elected officers, and decided on a Purpose. That Purpose, as follows, is still our purpose today:

“To develop interest in and knowledge of home and community gardening through programs designed to this end.

To promote horticulture education and to encourage civic beauty and community conservation.”

As we celebrate our 50 year anniversary, it is very gratifying to know that we have stayed true to this Purpose over the years. We continue to seek out the best, most experienced speakers to re-kindle our interest and enhance our knowledge of home and community gardening. Promoting community conservation and horticulture education has become our prime focus as we continue to fund various programs in our schools and community. The garden club’s involvement in school programs has significantly increased in the five years that I have been a member. This involvement has resulted in the garden club becoming much more visible in the community.

According to the GCO, many clubs are experiencing a declining membership. In 2011, several long-time members did not renew membership. However, we experienced a growth spurt this year with the addition of six new members, bringing our total membership today to 41. Many of the new members are becoming involved on committees or have accepted nominations to the Board, which is essential to the future of the club.

In November, we will elect officers for next year and approve an amendment to our By Laws increasing membership dues – the first increase in more than five years. In December, we will install the newly elected officers, and have a wonderful lunch and socialize with fellow members. We take January off and some of you will be in Florida, or someplace else that is not so cold and snowy. And, we start all over again in February. We are looking forward to another interesting and exciting year of great programs and maybe some workshops and field trips. Early next year, we will also take a look at community educational and civic projects and determine to whom we will donate funds and consider any requests we receive for help and involvement.

And we will continue to stay true to our Purpose.

Holiday Tree at the Library

The Holiday Tree committee will meet again on Thursday, November 14 at 10 a.m. at the library (or Robert Pearl’s house - TBA). We are going with a golden anniversary theme this year. If you have ideas for ornaments or would like to work on the committee, please call Gail Morse at 440-899-2647, or just come to the meeting. The tree will be decorated on Monday, December 2 at 9:30 a.m. and your help would be greatly appreciated.

2013 Pot Luck Dinner

On October 16, members and guests met in the hall at Church of the Redeemer for our annual Pot Luck Dinner. The room was awash with colors of autumn in table coverings and beautiful centerpieces made by the hostess committee consisting of Judy Hullinger, Agnes Tark and Rosemarie Evans. We enjoyed a delicious dinner of ham, a variety of side dishes and salads, and decadent desserts. Following dinner, Master Gardener, Sandy Welches gave an interesting and educational program on "Going Underground with Bulbs, Rhizomes, Corms and Tubers." The evening ended with a raffle for the table centerpieces and gardening books donated by Julie Washington, speaker for our September luncheon. Jean Smith donated a book on wildflowers, which she bought at an estate sale. It was previously owned by Lu Walter and was won by Else Rolland, guest and member of the Herb Guild, who knew Lu well.



Top row: Members and guests enjoying dinner and conversation.

Middle row left: Buffet line. Right: Hostess, Rosemarie Evans chatting with Steven Morse.

Above left: Hostesses, Agnes Tark and Judy Hullinger. Right: Dessert table.

Bottom right: Ruth Bertrand reading the slate of officers for 2014.

