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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

November 2014

October Pot Luck



Above l to r:
Hostesses, Nancy
Chopp, Cathi Peter,
Ruth Bertrand and
Laura Messing.

Right: Speaker,
Alice Mastrovito,
President of Garden
Focus



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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

Members that missed our Potluck Dinner lost out on great food and an excellent speaker. Our thanks to Ruth and the Social Committee for all their work, to all who brought a covered dish and to Sally for the speaker who made us think of trees as our personal friends. We certainly have had very interesting speakers this year. There's always something to learn.

From time to time I've reported on the City of Westlake's Watershed Committee, which is one of the more interesting groups of which I am a member. I am pleased that both Bob Kelly and Wes Davis have graciously agreed to give a presentation following our November 19 meeting. Perhaps you have seen my article on page 1 of the 10/18 edition of The Observer, which included a colorful photo of a rehabbed area. The article should also appear in The Villager and maybe the West Shore Sun. We are attempting to get the public to attend; even if not residing in Westlake, this program will be of interest. During our earlier business meeting portion, election of Officers will take place. Members will be expected to attend.

Channel your inner child and volunteer to chair the Holiday Tree Committee. The tree goes up in Porter Library the Monday after Thanksgiving, so we need to get going now. Let's decorate it for the children this year and possibly include handmade ornaments or other decorations. A fun project, which results in smiles on the faces of adults and children alike. What could be better than that? Contact me ASAP.

Slate of Officers for 2015

President	Regina McCarthy
1 st Vice President	Jean Smith
2 nd Vice President	Sally Knurek
Corresponding Secretary	Kathy Shimko
Recording Secretary	Kathy Shimko, Board Meetings Brian Thompson, General Mtgs.
Treasurer	Marie McCarthy

The general membership will have the privilege of voting on this slate of officers at the November meeting. There are no recommended changes to the By Laws this year. The elected officers will be installed at the December Holiday meeting. The current Board will help transition any new Board members to their new responsibilities. The non-elected Board positions will be appointed by the President. If you have an interest in serving on the Board, please contact Regina McCarthy.

Getting to Know You...

By Pat Dailey

Cathy Karls

Cathy Karls recently joined the Westlake Garden Club but many of us know her as a member of the Herb Guild. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland and has lived in Avon since 1979. Cathy has been married for 50 years and has a son and a daughter and two grandsons. She has had many occupations over the years, including bookkeeper, supervisor of a convenient store, fashion consultant, embroidery teacher, CCD teacher and accounts payable. Cathy feels that one of the biggest achievements in her life besides marrying a great man and raising two wonderful children was losing 200 pounds. It took a year, but she did it! She also had bypass surgery which was a very difficult time, but she has kept the weight off for 10 years now. Way to go Cathy! Cathy loves gardening, cooking, baking, embroidery, painting, sewing, shopping and people. The only thing she hates in life are mean people. Cathy is very open with everyone; she always tell the truth which gets her in a lot of trouble sometimes. "I say what everyone is thinking, and I love a good joke. I absolutely love my friends and I will help anyway I can if I'm able" says Cathy.

Trees

By Jean Smith

We have learned a lot about trees lately, at the GCO fall meeting and our October Pot Luck dinner program was about trees. The last week of October, Roger and I spent several hours at The Holden Arboretum. We hiked some trails and took the one-hour tram tour with volunteer guide Steve, who was very knowledgeable and entertaining. There were a few flowers still blooming and most of the grasses were still waving in the breeze. The Bald Cypress were turning their lovely copper color before losing needles. I took several photos and decided to share the one below of Birch trees. I am amazed at the variety and number of trees at the Arboretum. We have a real gem in this



park/facility. Roger and I are already thinking about a trip in late May/early June to see the Rhododendrons, then another trip in July to see the Butterfly Garden in full-bloom. In fact, you could go every month to experience something different and new. A tower is under construction that will provide a canopy tour scheduled to open in the spring of 2015. A great place to visit.

Happy Birthday

November

2 nd	Don Bowman
2 nd	Nancy Whelan
8 th	Robert Pearl
13 th	Jean Smith
14 th	Marge Embloom
14 th	Anne Engel



Membership News

By Kathy Bruening

Please renew!

Another year has gone by and we have certainly enjoyed many wonderful programs, lunches and get-togethers that included flower arranging, a very fun bus trip, workshops at Dean's and an annual luncheon that was over-the-top in attendance and an outstanding success. We are looking forward to another great year in 2015 and hope to see all of you and perhaps some of your friends who might like to join the group. With that in mind, here is a gentle reminder to pay your **\$25 annual dues**. Please mail to: Kathy Bruening
30978 Walden Dr
Westlake, OH 44145

You may also bring check to the December meeting. **Checks** should be made payable to **Westlake Garden Club**. Please note any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail. Call me with any questions: 440-385-7566.

To be included in the member roster in the yearbook, we must have the dues by February 1 but would prefer that all present members get theirs in by the end of the year. This will greatly facilitate planning and save postage. We appreciate your help in this regard.

Here's to another year of good friends working and learning together as we share our knowledge and love of gardening.

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2014 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

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

PROGRAM: "UPDATE ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF WESTLAKE WATERSHEDS" PRESENTED BY ROBERT P. KELLY, P.E., DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND WESLEY DAVIS, EIT, STORM WATER DISCHARGE COORDINATOR – CITY OF WESTLAKE.

HOSTESSES: KATHY BRUENING, MARGE EMBLOM, ANNE ENGEL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014 – HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015

PLACE: HOULIHAN'S,

TIME: MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH. THERE WILL BE NO PROGRAM

WE WILL ORDER FROM A LIMITED MENU AND EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN CHECK

TABLE DECORATIONS: REGINA MCCARTHY

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: ALBERTA RICCIARDI

RESERVATIONS: SHIRLEY LUTTS, 440-871-8057

OTHER EVENTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014, GCO HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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

TIME: 10 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

COST: \$22 INCLUDES LUNCH

LET REGINA KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Saturday, November 8 and Sunday, November 9

Holiday Open House

Gale's Westlake Garden Center

Music and light refreshments

Thank you.

I thank the committee, Nancy Chopp, Laura Messing and Cathrin Peter for putting on the wonderful Pot Luck dinner in October, and to the members for the great casserole dishes. Thanks, Ruth Bertrand



December Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers

This year's Holiday Luncheon at which new officers for next year are installed will be on **Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at Houlihan's Restaurant 25651 Detroit Road**

A meeting at which new officers will be installed will start at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. We did not plan a program so everyone will have ample time to visit during this holiday season.

We will order from the following menu with everyone responsible for their own check.

Luncheon Menu

Southwest Chicken Wrap

Grilled chicken, pecans, lettuce, tomato, red peppers, bacon, tortilla strips, jalapeno jack cheese and garlic ranch dressing rolled in a grilled flour tortilla with a side of homemade salsa
\$11.50

Beef and Cheddar

Thinly sliced roast beef, aged cheddar, lettuce, tomato and red onion served on a torpedo roll with a side of mayo
\$12.50

BLT

The classic bacon, lettuce and tomato on sourdough breads
\$11.50

Southern Cal Fish Tacos

Chipotle mayo, panko breaded tilapia, napa cabbage, pico and honey cumin dressing in flour tortilla shells
\$11.50

Spinach Salad

Fresh baby spinach topped with strawberries, kiwi, blueberries, toasted hazelnuts, goat cheese and poppyseed dressing
\$11.50

Non-alcoholic beverages
\$2.95

Sandwiches are served with tortilla chips or fresh fruit
Soup or salad may be added for \$3.00
Alcoholic beverages available upon request
8% Tax and 20% Gratuity will be added

Autumn on the Marsh

By Jean Smith

On an early October hike at Sandy Ridge in the Lorain County Metro Parks, Roger and I were delighted to encounter an abundance of wildlife. On the connector trail that takes you to the marsh, we spotted several groups of white tail deer, a large turtle crossing the trail and a frog along the grassy side of the trail. Once at the marsh, we saw blue herons, egrets and two large sand cranes. The cranes were walking on the trail and stood around three feet tall – what a treat! There were a lot of small birds who were too fast for us to identify. It was a sunny, cool day just perfect for a hike around the marsh. There are benches situated for visitors to sit and observe the birds in the marsh. Sandy Ridge is a stopover for migrating birds and is alive with activity in the spring. If you have never visited this park, it is well worth the short drive. Take Center Ridge Road west to Case Road, north to Otten Road. Take your camera along and binoculars if you have them.



Butternut Squash Soup

1 3 lb butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cubed
1 T olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
8 strips bacon chopped
1 large onion chopped
6 stalks celery chopped
6 carrots chopped
1 Bay leaf

2 t curry powder
1 t dried thyme
1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and diced
4 cloves garlic minced
1 C apple cider
1 ½ C Chicken stock
½ t ground nutmeg
1 ½ C sour cream

Preheat oven to 375; place squash in a large bowl and drizzle with olive oil; mix to coat; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place squash in single layer on baking pan and roast (turn once) until tender and caramelized; approximately 30-40 minutes. Place bacon in Dutch oven and cook about 10 minutes, over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned. Remove the bacon slices onto paper towels, save the drippings. Place onion, celery, carrots, bay leaf, curry powder, thyme, and salt and pepper in Dutch oven and cook in bacon drippings until carrots and celery are soft. Mix in the apples and cooked squash and cook for another 5 minutes. Stir the garlic into the mixture and cook 1 minute; pour apple cider over mixture and reduce heat to med-low and bring to a simmer; cook and reduce to half original volume. Stir in chicken stock; simmer med-low heat for 20 minutes. Puree the soup in small batches in a blender or use immersion blender. To let steam escape remove center lid piece and cover hole with dish towel while blending. Stir nutmeg into soup; garnish each with 1 T sour cream and bacon pieces for serving.

Lovely Fall Centerpiece

By Jackie Crosier

This is the pumpkin arrangement I won at Garden Club of Ohio's regional meeting. You can make one also in carved out pumpkin by putting a glass jar or plastic container into hole, adding flowers & water. After done, put mini pumpkins on picks inserting into both sides of pumpkin. I took it to Mary Ann Brock to enjoy.

