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## Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee held a preliminary meeting in August to review our governing documents. A first draft of recommended changes has been made and the committee will meet again in September to finalize these recommendations. Any changes to the Constitution and Bylaws must be approved by a majority of the membership at a specified meeting. These recommended changes will be presented to the membership in October and will be voted on at the November meeting. The slate of officers for 2013 will also be voted on at the November meeting. We want to make sure that every member has a voice in making club policies, so **your attendance at the November meeting is very important.**

### Hostesses for September Meeting

Alberta Ricciardi, Marge Paull, Maryann Brock, and Lucy Kalbers are hostesses for the September meeting.

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## President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

While remaining active in our Club, some members also volunteer on other community projects. Here are but three recent examples. \*\*\* Beck Center for the Arts has named Ruth Bertrand *Volunteer of the Year* in recognition of her many accomplishments as an advocate of the arts. The resourceful person that she is, Ruth even helped find the Chihuahua for the cast of *Legally Blond*, a Beck Center production many of us attended. Ruth is a member of Beck Center's Board of Directors. \*\*\* Anne Demanelis is a member of the Board of Trustees of Valley Riding, Inc., a nonprofit affiliate of Cleveland Metroparks. I enjoyed Valley Riding's Annual Benefit Horse Festival last month, proceeds from which went to support its Therapeutic Riding Program. That Program has been providing horseback riding lessons to physically and mentally challenged children and adults since 1988. \*\*\* A July 21 page one *Plain Dealer* article highlighted the ongoing efforts of Robert Pearl to locate, save and restore "The Spirit of Education," a massive iconic 1939 oil-on-canvas full color mural that once hung in Lincoln High School's foyer for four decades until the school was razed in 1977. We wish him well on his restoration fundraising efforts.

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## In Memory of Mady Kostiha

By Kathie Carnall

Mady had not been able to attend WGC meetings for a few years, but those of us who remember her well will continue to miss her welcoming smile and good friendship. Mady served as Membership Chair for many years and always gave willingly of herself in other ways; delicious donations to the Bake Sale and pails full of Shasta Daisies for the annual Clague House flower arranging are just two of the ways. Mady was a lovely person, an involved club member, a good friend.

# Happy Birthday

September

1<sup>st</sup> Anne Demanelis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ann VanDyke  
7<sup>th</sup> Regina McCarthy  
25<sup>th</sup> Kathy Molner



# Getting to Know You...

By Pat Dailey

## Carolyn Steigman



We are very fortunate to have so many great new garden club members, one of whom is Carolyn Steigman. Although Carolyn and her husband, David, have lived in Westlake for the past 11 years, she was only recently able to join the garden club after taking an early retirement. Carolyn holds a

bachelor's degree in social service and a master's degree in adult education and training. She has worked in a professional capacity for many organizations including The Salvation Army, NASA, Progressive Insurance and the Rocky River Board of Education. When Carolyn and David decided to start a family, they adopted three-year old Rayna from India. Rayna is now 20 years old, self supporting and will graduate from CSU in December. Carolyn is very proud of her daughter. "Being a mom was wonderful, but being an empty nester is even better. Now I can just be my daughter's friend and we have fun together," she said. When she was a stay-at-home mom, Carolyn began writing freelance stories for magazines. She was thrilled when the stories started selling, so when Rayna was in third grade, Carolyn took a job as a reporter for Sun News, where she worked for 10 years. Recently retired from the newspaper, Carolyn now works on weekends selling rugs and carpets for Waxman's Carpet and Rug Warehouse in North Olmsted. As a new member of the garden club, Carolyn stepped up in a time of need and volunteered to take over as membership chairman. "I thought it would be a good way to get to know the other club members," Carolyn said. One of her interests is flower arranging. She was certified as a floral designer by Hixson's School of Floral Design and has also worked in a couple of flower shops. Now she just arranges flowers for her own pleasure and has won ribbons in flower arranging competitions. We are very happy that Carolyn decided to join the garden club and appreciate the good job she is doing with membership. Thanks Carolyn!

## Membership News

By Carolyn Steigman

No new members to report this month. If you know someone who might be interested in membership, please give me their name and telephone number and I will be happy to contact them and send a brochure with membership application.

## New Perennials for 2012

### *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Sweet Marmalade'

Flowers on this must-have coreopsis fade from a deep orange to a mellow apricot-yellow as the season progresses. Bushy, mounded plants grow to 12 inches tall. Shear in midsummer for a fresh flush of growth. Zones 5 to 9.



*Coreopsis* 'Cosmic Evolution' and 'Star Cluster' 'Cosmic Evolution' and 'Star Cluster', the latest introductions to the coreopsis Big Bang series, produce eye-catching white and purple daisy-like flowers that bloom

from midsummer into fall. Colors shift slightly with seasonal changes. Drought-tolerant plants grow 20 to 24 inches tall. Zones 5 to 9.

(Excerpt from *National Home Gardening* website)

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### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee

Contact Regina McCarthy if you would like to be a part of the planning of events to celebrate the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013. A lot of work goes into planning a first-class event, so we need to start now. It is a big anniversary for the club, so let's plan something appropriate for the milestone. We need everyone's ideas, input and participation on this event.

## 2012 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### WGC PROGRAMS

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 – WGC GENERAL MEETING - “CACTI AND SUCCULENTS” WITH KATHY HABIB, MASTER GARDENER**

**PLACE:** WESTLAKE PORTER LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE RD.

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

**HOSTESSES:** ALBERTA RICCIARDI, MARGE PAULL, MARYANN BROCK, LUCY KALBERS

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012 – ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER**

**PLACE:** CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, 23500 CENTER RIDGE ROAD

**TIME:** 6 P.M. SOCIAL, DINNER AT 6:30 P.M., PROGRAM AT 7 P.M.

**PROGRAM:** “*SWING SISTERS*” MUSIC AND SONGS FROM THE 1940’S

**HOSTESSES:** MARIE MCCARTHY, KATHY MOLNER, DON BOWMAN, CLAIRE EVANGELISTA, MARGARET SCHULZ, JEAN SMITH

### OTHER EVENTS

#### **FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 & 15 – *OUR RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT* – GATES MILLS GC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**

**PLACE:** THE COMMUNITY HOUSE, 1460 CHAGRIN RIVER ROAD

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 – GCO FALL DISTRICT MEETING**

**PLACE:** ST. MICHAEL’S WOODSIDE, 5025 E. MILL RD., BROADVIEW HTS., OH

**TIME:** 10:30 A.M.

**COST:** \$22 – SEE REGINA MCCARTHY FOR RESERVATIONS

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012 – *A WALK IN THE PARK* OHIO COUNCIL OF NATIONALLY ACCREDITED FLOWER SHOW JUDGES PRESENTS A SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**

**PLACE:** ROCKEFELLER PARK GREENHOUSE, 750 E. 88 TH STREET, CLEVELAND

**TIME:** 1 – 4 P.M.

## Book Corner

By Kathie Carnall

When the Seiberlings built Stan Hywet hall in 1911, they hired Warren H. Manning, landscape architect, to design the grounds surrounding it. At one time this was more than 2,000 acres. Included was the walled English Garden which Manning filled with a mostly unorganized mass of vivid oranges and maroons. Mrs. Seiberling came to regard this garden as “her refuge” and, tiring of the vibrant colors, hired Ellen Biddle Shipman in 1928 to recreate a more pleasing garden in “blue, yellow, pink and white.”

Ellen Biddle Shipman was one of very few women to enter the emerging career of landscape architecture in the early 1900’s. Around 1910, Ellen became the sole support of her three children and decided to become a landscape architect having already designed several gardens for friends and neighbors. She worked for a few years with Charles Platt, a noted landscape architect, who adhered to the concept of women being more in tune with “an artistic sensibility and a love of things that will grow.”

Ellen quickly developed a style of her own based upon following the owner’s ideas, making use of the existing terrain, and blending colors and textures. When Warren Manning recommended her to Mrs. Seiberling, he stated that Ellen was “one of the best, if not the very best, Flower Garden Maker in America.”

When Stan Hywet’s trustees began the major restoration of the gardens, they made the decision to use the 1929 Shipman plan for the English Garden. This is the garden you will view today in its soft, soothing colors with sounds of a quietly dripping fountain.

Judith B. Tankard chronicles this life story in [The Gardens of Ellen Biddle Shipman](#).

P.S. Ellen Biddle Shipman also designed the gardens of Gwinn, the Mather Estate in Bratenahl.



Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens



# Former Garden Club Member Receives National Award

By Jean Smith

This past June, former garden club member, Thea Steinmetz, traveled to Austin, TX to receive an achievement award from the Herb Society of America for her 45 years working with all facets of herbs; growing, cooking, writing, history, teaching and speaking about herbs on radio and television. The award came from Thea's total involvement with herbs, not only locally, but for appearing on cable shows and also speaking in Canada and Nassau in the Bahamas. Thea taught herbs at Cuyahoga Community College for five years and edited and wrote for an Herb Journal for several years. She went on four study trips overseas; England, Switzerland and Austria, and has contributed to magazines and several books. For 21 years, Thea wrote a weekly garden column for Westlife Newspaper, and two years for the Sun Newspapers and several columns for the Plain Dealer, all on herbs. For almost 27 years, Thea appeared on television, writing her own scripts dealing with numerous subjects from travel to pot roast and everything in between. She has served on the board of Herb Society of America, and was the founding member of the Herb Guild. Thea has had a very busy and interesting life and still free-lances when the mood strikes her.

Congratulations Thea on receiving this well-deserved award.

## An Easy Indoor Garden

If you are looking for an easy to care for indoor garden, an Aerium may be the answer. Aeriums are gardens in glass, usually containing succulents or air plants known as Tillandsia. The glass containers come in several styles, including those that sit on a table or shelf and some that hang. To care for succulents in your Aerium, place in bright filtered light; no direct sun as they may "bake" in the glass. Lightly mist plants every few weeks, or add a few drops of water with an eye dropper. Let dry completely between watering. If your Aerium contains air plants, place in filtered light; they do not like direct sunlight or cold. Mist plants once or twice a week, or place a few drops of water directly on plants. An Aerium is a very nice addition to any room and, with so little care required, they make wonderful gifts.



## Nature's Bounty From The Garden

Are you wondering what do you do with all those tomatoes and zucchini from your garden? Or did you have an especially good crop of basil or some other herb this year? Please share your recipes for using the abundance of vegetables, herbs, and fruits from your garden or from the farmers' market. I am sure other members would welcome having a new recipe for the produce available this time of year. If the recipe has a story behind it, please include the story for everyone to enjoy. Mail or email to Jean Smith. Thank you.

## Club Members Enjoy Westlake in Bloom Awards Ceremony

By Jean Smith

A big THANK YOU to those club members who came to LaCentre during the day on August 2 to make 30 table arrangements for the Westlake in Bloom Awards Ceremony. The City of Westlake provided the vases and cut flowers and the garden club members provided the creativity. The arrangements were beautiful and we heard many compliments on them again this year. Thank you also to those club members who attended the awards ceremony later that evening. Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Bill Hock, received an Honorable Mention in the Residential Large Entire Yard category. President, Regina McCarthy, accepted the Second Place award in the Apartment/Condominium Entrance category for Bay Landing.



Pictured left to right, Gail Morse, Claire Evangelista, Margaret Schulz, Sally Knurek, Jean Smith, Regina McCarthy, Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, Holly Harvey, Maryann Brock, and Jackie Crosier