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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

By Regina McCarthy

I am thrilled that members have volunteered to stand for election as 2016 officers of our Club. Our thanks to the Nominating Committee, chaired by Alberta Ricciardi, for a job well done. The proposed slate of 2016 Officers is:

Marsha McEntee, President
Jean Smith, First V.P.
Shirley Lutts, Second V.P.
Regina McCarthy, Corresponding Secretary
Recording Secretary, Kathy Shimko, Board meetings
and Brian Thompson, General meetings
Marie McCarthy, Treasurer

This slate is a combination of new and experienced leadership which is certain to energize the membership with fresh ideas and projects. There may be changes and change can be a good thing. Elections are held in November.

Our fundraiser luncheon is fast approaching. Please get reservations in as soon as possible. Thank you for that and for your basket and bakery contributions. We are all looking forward to a fun event again this year.

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Luncheon Bake Shoppe

By Jackie Crosier

We need your pretty paper shopping bags for our Bake Shoppe customers' purchases. Please bring them to September meeting (or to set up day if not coming to meeting.).

We still need one more body to help day of luncheon. Is it you? Have you decided what you are making to bring to set up day or EARLY day of luncheon? Best sellers are smaller versions and portions of breads, cakes, and pastries. A few full size cakes, pies or specialty items are okay. Cookies and candies sell well. Please package them attractively in plastic containers or on a plate in plastic bags tied with pretty ribbon. I will bring to meeting the containers, doilies, and clear bags donated to us by Mary Ann Brock's daughter for our use. If you cannot bake, some members have made monetary contributions specifically to our department, but we would really like your bakery. Remember those shopping bags.

Thanks!

Fairy Gardens

If you are a fan of fairy gardens, give yourself a treat and go to FaeryPlantKingdom.com This is actually a web site of Mulberry Creek.

Sally Knurek

Preserving your Herbs

One of the easiest ways to preserve herbs such as chives, parsley, tarragon and dill is to freeze them in ice cube trays. Chop the leaves of your favorite herbs, pack into the trays, cover with water and freeze. Store cubes in plastic bags in the freezer and pop them into soups this winter. Drying is the traditional way to preserve many herbs. Make small bundles of herbs tied with twine and hang them upside down in a warm spot out of direct sun with good air circulation, or spread them out on a tray made of window screening. Dry plants until they are brittle and crumble easily.

(Excerpt from *Gardener to Gardener* e-newsletter)

Gardening is our theme . . .

. . . and we are not alone. Exploring how modern artists interpret the garden theme will be the subject of a major exhibition opening Sunday, October 11 at the Cleveland Art Museum.

Monet's gardens at Giverny are well-known for inspiring many of his paintings including the famous Water Lillies. Many painters of the late 19th and early 20th century who were also avid gardeners or painters of gardens will be included in the exhibition. It will feature over 100 works of art, all somehow connected to the theme of gardening.

The exhibition, *Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse*, opens Sunday, October 11, 2015. On opening day at 2 p.m., Dr Eric Haskell will present a free public lecture entitled Easels in Eden: Monet's Gardening and Painting at Giverny. See the CMA website for further information: www.ClevelandArt.org.



August Meeting

Speaker Fran Blank presented a program on "Shade Garden Solutions."



Luncheon committee Kathy Bruening, Marsha McEntee, Shirley Lutts and Laura Messing.

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Happy Birthday

September Birthdays

9/2 Ann Van Dyke
9/7 Regina McCarthy
9/25 Kathy Molner



End-of-summer recipes from the garden

Summer is winding down and if you are lucky the garden has been providing some delicious vegetables. The last club meeting found us enjoying some of that produce in the dishes we offered---bok choy in Marsha's salad, zucchini in Kathy's chocolate zucchini bread (of course, it counts as a vegetable!) and the wonderful multi-colored cherry tomatoes in Jean's salad.

Bok Choy Noodles

Ingredients:

- 1 head of bok choy
- 2 bunches scallions
- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup almonds, sliced
- 2 packages Ramen noodles: broken in bag— NO seasonings
- 2 T sesame seeds
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 3/4 cup peanut oil
- 2 T soy sauce

Procedure:

- Chop bok choy and scallions. Mix and set aside.
- Brown the almonds, noodles and sesame seeds in butter. Set aside.
- Combine sugar, rice vinegar, peanut oil & soy sauce. Boil this mixture, stirring constantly till it starts to thicken.
- Pour almond mixture into the salad and mix.
- Put dressing on just before serving.

*The date of the 2015 Fête des Fleurs Fundraiser Luncheon is **Wednesday, September 23, 2015** at Westwood Country Club. Please see Jean Smith if you need flyers or merchant letters. Deadline for reservations is September 16, 2015, so please make reservations now. Help make this luncheon a huge success.*

2015 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

WGC PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING
NO PROGRAM – WRAP UP LAST MINUTE DETAILS FOR
FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 23.

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

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD, WESTLAKE

HOSTESSES: CLAIRE EVANGELISTA, CATHIE KARLS, JEAN LIVINGSTON, NANCY CHOPP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 – ANNUAL FETE DES FLEURS FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 A.M., LUNCH AT NOON, PROGRAM AT 1 P.M.

FOLLOWED BY RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZES

PLACE: WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, 22625 DETROIT ROAD, ROCKY RIVER, OH

TICKETS: \$35 (INCLUDES VALET PARKING)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING
“THE LORE AND LOGIC OF OLIVE OIL” PRESENTED BY
TRACY LOCKHART FROM THE OLIVE SCENE

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

PLACE: WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 27333 CENTER RIDGE ROAD, WESTLAKE

HOSTESSES: BILL HOCK, LUCY KALBERS, SHIRLEY LUTTS, KATHY MOLNER, THEA STEINMETZ

OTHER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015 – GCO FALL DISTRICT MEETING

TIME: 10 A.M.

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

COST: \$22 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

SEE REGINA MCCARTHY IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND

My moment with Nature

By Jackie Crosier

If you do not have a bird bath you are missing out on fun. Last week a robin was entertaining us as she bathed when 4 sparrows stopped to watch. Suddenly all 4 jumped into bath at once displacing the startled robin! Birds (and squirrels) need a drink too.

Here is What’s Happening in the Neighborhood

Miller Nature Conservatory

You can enjoy music on the patio at Miller the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 6:30 – 8 p.m. through September

BAYarts on Lake Road in Bay Village now has a Farm + Art Market every Thursday from 5 – 8 p.m. with vendors and live music. Don’t miss the spectacular gardens on the property.

Cuyahoga Arts and Culture presents Red Stage Summer Music Series

Last Wednesday of each month, June – September, 6:30 p.m. at Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood.

The Rock Pile

Julia Shutt will be giving a talk on rocks in your landscape on September 29 at The Rock Pile at 11 a.m. The Rock Pile is located at 900 Nagel Road, phone is 440-937-5100.

Raffle Baskets/Gift Cards

Baskets and gift certificates are due on Wednesday, September 16th. Be sure to bring a list of the contents of your basket. We will put a number on your basket and on your list of contents.

Sally and Kathy

Upcoming GCO Programs

GCO Day of Design

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Brecksville Community Center

Cost \$5.00

Bring your own lunch, snacks and beverages

Judy Guinn 440-526-6871 Flower-fairy@att.net

Upcoming Flower Shows

Chippewa Garden Club “Artists in Our Garden”

Standard Flower Show

Saturday, September 12, 2015 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, September 13, 2015 12 p.m.-3 p.m.

Brecksville Community Center, 1 Community Dr., Brecksville

Free admission. Call Kathy for information 440-582-2453

GCO Cleveland District Meeting

October 21, 2015 at St. Michael’s Woodside

Morning program: Through the Viewfinder/Photography

Afternoon program: Designs by Novak Floral Shoppe

A Farewell to Summer

By Marsha McEntee

As Summer nears its end, many of our club members' gardens are in transition. Summer flowers and plants are in their last blooms—a farewell to the hot Summer days. Rather than feature a members' garden, we decided we would seek out those last beautiful late summer blooms found around Westlake. Here are some of these late blooms. We hope you enjoy the featured plants.

The plants are:

- Lantana “Little Lucky Peach Glow”
- Scaevola “Bondi Blue”
- Impatiens “Sun Patiens Compact Lilac”
- Begonia “Dragon Wing” & Vinca “Wojo's Gem”
- Mandevilla “Rio Red” & Dichondra “Silver Falls”
- Coleus “Henna”
- Petunia “Glow Ocean Blue”

(Photos by Chris McDonald)



Artists Wanted

The Director of Clague Playhouse is looking for new artists to exhibit their work at the playhouse over the four weekends that a play runs. This would be after the holidays. I know that several of our members are artists, so I thought it would be a great idea to have a mini garden club exhibit. If you want to sell your work, there is no commission. I know that Robert Pearl, Bill Hock, Lillian Bialosky and I all paint. There may be other members who paint, draw or do photography. If you are interested in pursuing the possibility of garden club members exhibiting their art work at Clague Playhouse, please contact me. I am not sure how many pieces can be exhibited – maybe 20-30 – I will get more details. This would be great publicity for the club and a great opportunity for the artist members.

Jean Smith

Fete des Fleurs Fundraiser Luncheon

With less than a month until our fundraiser luncheon, there is still much to do. If you have not yet purchased your ticket and tickets for your friends and family, please get your reservation and check(s) to Marie McCarthy as soon as possible. If you are contacting merchants for donations for the raffle, please follow up if necessary to make sure you receive the donation by September 14 so you can bring donations to the meeting on the 16th. A big **Thanks** to everyone who has made reservations, brought in donations from merchants, to those working on raffle baskets, to the luncheon committee and to Cathie Karls for mailing luncheon flyers and Robert Pearl for purchasing the pepper plants. It takes the efforts of many to make our event a success. Thank you. Jean Smith