
GARDEN SCOOP

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WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB

October 2016

Calendar for October/ November/December 2016

October

19 General Meeting at Westlake Porter Public Library
Program: ***“Cultivating History at Lakeview Cemetery.”*** Meeting at 11 a.m., lunch at noon and program at 1 p.m.
Lunch Committee: Judy Hullinger, Kathy Molner, Agnes Tark, Sally Knurek

November

16 General Meeting at Westlake Porter Public Library
Program: ***“Explore Cuyahoga Valley National Park.”*** Meeting at 11 a.m., lunch at noon and program at 1 p.m.
Lunch Committee: Carol Lewellen, Jean Smith, Kevin Brandstetter

December

15 Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers at Westwood Country Club.
Please note date is a Thursday.

Dues for 2017 are due. Please bring a check for your dues to the December meeting and give to Kathy Bruening.

President’s Message

By Marsha McEntee

Hello Fellow Gardeners, Well we survived the fundraiser luncheon and phew what a lot of work! I think the day went well with lots of compliments on the raffle baskets and the speaker Brian Zimmerman. Kudos to Shirley Lutts for securing Brian as a speaker. I had heard he was doing some great things for the Metroparks but was not aware of the number of projects in the works. As president of the club I would like to thank all our club members who contributed to the success of the day. The tables looked gorgeous and my guests told me they had a wonderful day. We will discuss the total earned from the luncheon at our next general meeting on October 19. As the year starts to wind down, I would like to remind everyone that we have some excellent programs coming up and also need to start preparing for our Christmas tree at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens Glow presentation. So I am asking as many club members as possible to get involved. The tree will be decorated on November 22 and an affiliate early entry and opening party will be in early December. We will need members to start saving various botanicals, looking around at Xmas decorations that fit into the theme Winter Wonderland, with the colors being silver, white and ice blue. So please start looking at magazines, Pinterest, and craft stores for ideas. I will be organizing the work parties at the next meeting. Hope to see all of you there and ready to get your craft on! Thanks to all.

Programs and Speakers

I had a lot of fun planning programs and events for the club for 2016. I need to know if I have planned the type of programs and events that you want from your club. A questionnaire will be distributed at the October meeting regarding programs for the future. Please complete the questionnaire because I do care about your opinion and I do want to make sure that we continue to provide educational and interesting programs and speakers. We do not know what you are thinking if you don’t tell us.

Thanks. Jean Smith

November is Voting Month

The slate of officers for 2017 will be presented at the October meeting and a new Board will be voted on at the November meeting. This Board will help shape the future of the Club. Being an officer is a big responsibility and an honor to serve your club. Please consider agreeing to put your name on the slate for a future office on our Board.

Holiday Meeting and Installation of New Officers

The Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers for 2017 will be on **Thursday, December 15** at Westwood Country Club. We will again have three or four menu items from which to select our lunch, all at the same price. We will try to keep cost at \$18 for members and \$20 for guests as we did last year. Members will pay the club for lunch. The menu will be posted in the November/December newsletter. This is a members-only event but spouses and guests are welcome.

2016 Fête des Fleurs Luncheon Celebration

On Wednesday, September 28, over 200 people gathered at Westwood Country Club to attend the Westlake Garden Club's annual Fête des Fleurs fundraiser luncheon. The rain held off and there was even some sunshine peeking through the clouds. The room was stunning with all white linens, centerpieces of white hydrangeas with greenery and green beads forming an emerald necklace. The theme was celebrating the Cleveland's Emerald Necklace with Brian Zimmerman, CEO of the Cleveland Metroparks as speaker. Attendees feasted on Chicken Francaise, long grain and wild rice, grilled vegetables and an apple fritter sundae for dessert. There was a plethora of beautiful raffle baskets and silent auction items as well as a bake shoppe with tempting homemade goodies. Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough was in attendance and after saying a few words, presented four of the five nonagenarian club members in attendance with a corsage. After lunch, Brian Zimmerman talked about what the Metroparks have done this year and plans for the future. (Just days after our luncheon, it was announced that they are winners of the prestigious 2016 National Gold Medal Award for excellence in Park and Recreation Management) The winning raffle tickets were drawn, silent auction winners announced, and someone at each table went home with the centerpiece. Proceeds from this luncheon help support various civic and educational organizations in the community. As another successful luncheon comes to a close, we need to recognize and thank Marsha McEntee and Shirley Lutts who co-chaired this year's event. A big thank you also goes to the committee who worked tirelessly and kept everything together, running smoothly and to all members who contributed raffle baskets, bakery, etc.. See you next year!

Left: Table Centerpieces celebrating the Emerald Necklace



Right: Items on the Silent Auction Table
Middle row below left to right: Pianist Emily Rose; Jackie Crosier, Cathie Karls and Becky Castelli at the Bake Shoppe Table; speaker Brian Zimmerman, CEO of the Cleveland Metroparks with Marsha McEntee and Shirley Lutts, luncheon co-chairs.



Bottom row left to right: Raffle basket table; Westlake Mayor Clough with nonagenarian members Kathy Molner (98), Alberta Ricciardi (90), Lucy Kalbers (91) and Lillian Bialosky (92). Not present is Pat Dailey (90).

