

THE COMPOST

LATE SUMMER 2012

Dear Ladies of the Club,

I have just come from the Farmers' Market – the overflowing bounty of late summer harvest is always a sight to see. This year I have a new favorite way to enjoy it: sautéed fresh sweet corn with scrambled local eggs, topped off with herbs from our own garden. Simple, I know, but it is only *this* delicious during August and September! I hope you all have thoroughly enjoyed the summer and the bounty of your gardens – I know I have, and yet I am excited to begin another fall with The Garden Club of Cleveland.

This year we have several programs highlighting the importance of our native plants and native habitats. We will be kicking off in **September** with our *Horticulture* Program, this year to be held at The Holden Arboretum. Our topic will be “Wild and Wonderful Natives: Plants and Wildflowers Deserving a Spot in Your Garden.” Plan to learn something new to take home with you, and bring your walking shoes if you are up for a guided walk at Holden after the program. September will be a lovely time to enjoy The Arboretum! Our *Civic* Meeting will be held in **October** when we will be learning about an important effort taking place within our city limits. The urban farm movement is gaining national prominence in Cleveland, and our visit to The Urban Agriculture Innovation Zone will take us to an area transformed by the creation of a 26-acre organic farm. Our *Conservation* Meeting will take place in **November** at the newly constructed headquarters of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. There we will be learning about the critical importance of land conservation to birds and blossoms, and if the weather cooperates, have another opportunity for an outdoor hike following the program.

The fall focus on native plants and habitats will dovetail nicely with our February Flower Show “Fields, Forests, Rocks and Streams: Conserving Our Heritage.” Flower shows are always a wonderful way to bring together our members, and I know this one will also be a welcome dose of color during the winter months. You will be learning more this fall as we gear up preparations for the Show.

Our various committees are also planning some great programs this year. If you want to learn, and do it with like-minded friends, please join the Conservation, Horticulture or Photography committees, or plan to participate in the Flower Arranging workshops. Or join them all! A love of nature is our common bond and there is room for growth in all of us.

Special thanks again to Mary Reynolds, Mebbly Brown and the Committee who worked so hard to plan our fabulous July 12th Centennial Celebration. It truly was a magical evening that so gloriously opened the door to our next 100 years. Many thanks as well to the flower arrangers and photographers who helped to beautify and personalize our wonderful party. We have many fantastic photographs from the evening to share -- inside you will find a few to give you a flavor of the festivities.

I look forward to seeing you in September – we have much to share and much to learn!

Fondly, Lynn



Centennial Celebration

What a beautiful night it was to for us to celebrate 100 years of fun and service as the Garden Club of Cleveland. It could not have been a more perfect night -- it seemed as though even the spectacular sunset was arranged by our host committee! Fourteen Presidents (past or present) were in attendance, and one sat at each table. The "Living Tree," Hough birthday cakes and the toast from the 1937 GCC 25th Anniversary Celebration read by Paul Abbey made the evening even more enjoyable for the 160+ guests in attendance. If you did not attend and did not receive a program from the event, please call (440-423-3423) or email (lynnshiv@yahoo.com) Lynn Shiverick.



Provisional Propagation Workshop

On a Wednesday afternoon in late June the Provisionals, President Lynn Shiverick, Assistant Conservation Chair Mary Scott Cebul, Cindy Zins and I all met at the Horticultural building of the Holden Arboretum, for the propagation workshop. Charles Tubesing, Chief Horticulturalist at Holden, gave his usual wonderful talk about the whys and hows of propagation and then gave a demonstration. Everyone then put together her own tray of six different varieties of plants.

Afterwards we were off to my house to watch the "History of GCC" DVD, introduce ourselves to each other, talk about what to expect during the provisional years, and, of course, enjoy some wine & hors d'oeuvres! We have several ideas for provisional outings, but no firm plans have been made as yet. Look for an exhibition of the provisionals' efforts at the conservation table at the flower show next February.

Marion Murfey, Second Vice President



SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 21, 2013

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF CLEVELAND
PRESENTS**

**FIELDS, FORESTS, ROCKS AND STREAMS:
CONSERVING OUR HERITAGE
A GCA FLOWER SHOW**

**WESTERN RESERVE LAND CONSERVANCY
3850 CHAGRIN RIVER ROAD
MORELAND HILLS, OH 44022**

BROOKE GARRATT AND MARGARET WILSON, CO-CHAIRMEN

Photography Committee News and Outings

This fall we have two field trips to practice our collective photography:

Tuesday, September 11, 10:00 a.m. at Jackson Field, South Chagrin Reservation (off River Road, south of 87). The pristine meadows and Wiley Creek, renowned for having native brook trout populations, present a wonderful opportunity to shoot beautiful photographs. This will tie in nicely with the themes of our first two Flower Show classes, *Amber Waves of Grain* and *Rocks and Streams, Where Clear Waters Flow*.

Wednesday October 17, 10:00 a.m. at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, near the elephant crossing. In case of rain, we will meet in the Rainforest. Our goal is to capture some action shots at the Zoo. This will tie in nicely with the Flower Show class, *Of Flight, Fin or Feather*.

Some of the best photographs are taken with the simplest of cameras, so please do not be ashamed of your equipment (or intimidated by others'), just come and share in the group experience. All welcome, but if you know you are in, please RSVP to me on my cell, 216-973-4886, or email wazbet@aol.com. Hope to see you!

Betsi Morris, Photography Chair

Curious about a Committee?

To get on a committee email list, please contact the following:

Conservation: Katie Outcalt katieoutcalt@yahoo.com

Horticulture: Debbie Fitzgerald fitzcom5@gmail.com

Photography: Betsi Morris betsismorris@gmail.com

Flower Arranging Workshops: Gail Resch
ggresch929@roadrunner.com

Membership in The Cleveland Botanical Garden and The Holden Arboretum is a requirement of our Club membership – please remember to update your memberships each year!

A Shutterbug Alert!

...for the photography enthusiasts among us. Have some fun as you take your camera out and about this beautiful Fall and take photos to enter in our February 21 - 22, 2013 Flower Show! Registration for Zone X opens September 15. Six entries per class will be accepted...don't delay!

These are the classes available in our February 21-22, 2013 Flower Show:

Class 1: *Amber Waves of Grain* - color photograph of croplands, prairies, or meadows.

Class 2: *Rocks and Streams; Where Clear Waters Flow* - color photograph of a waterway: rivers, lakes, streams, or wetlands.

Class 3: *Of Flight, Fin or Feather* - color photograph of an animal, bird, fish or insect in its native habitat.

Class 4: *A Land of Trees that Stand* - monochrome photograph showing a tree or trees in a natural setting.

Look for your Flower Show schedule which should be arriving soon in September!

Deb Fitzgerald, 2013 Flower Show Photography Division Co-Chair

The Membership Committee needs your help!

We are looking for enthusiastic ladies who are interested in increasing their knowledge of horticulture, flower arranging or conservation, and want to be a part of an active, vibrant garden club.

Candidates for Provisional Membership may be proposed and seconded by an Active Member of at least one year, or an Affiliate Member. Each candidate must have two additional letters of support submitted by an Active Member of at least one year or an Affiliate Member. Candidates must have resided in the Cleveland area for a minimum of one year. The President and First Vice President, members of the Membership Committee, Non-resident Members and members of the candidate's family may not propose a candidate.

For further information or questions, please call (440-247-8291) or email (franporter1@gmail.com) me.

Thank you for your help, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Fran Porter, Membership Committee Chair

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOPS with Lorna Mierke

All classes will be held on Wednesday
afternoons at 1 PM

October 10

November 14

December 12

January 9

February 13

April 10

(no classes in March or May)

at Lorna's home
1940 Denton Drive
Cleveland Heights 44106

The cost per class is \$35 for supplies.

Join us for as many classes as you wish!

Please call Lorna (216-421-6295 - no emails) to
register for a class by the Monday before each class.

Mail your check directly to Lorna.

Learn more about the skill and art of flower
arranging and take home a beautiful arrangement
after each class.

Questions, please contact:
Gail Resch, Workshop Liason,
ggresch929@roadrunner.com
440-423-0550

The Short on Hort

Mark your calendars for **September 18th** at 9:30
am for our horticulture meeting at the Holden
Arboretum. The topic is native plants and
wildflowers worthy of a place in our gardens!
Following the talk Viki Ferrenica will take those
interested on a walk around Holden to see many
specimens.

Gene Rucker and Cynthia Zins have planted up
some great ideas for us to keep our thumbs green
in the winter months, with the **Flower Show
scheduled for February 20-21, 2013**. All are
encouraged to exhibit! Houseplants to orchids,
succulents, and forced bulbs are only some of the
classes available. *Please keep in mind that minimum
ownership times range from 3 to 6 months, so plan ahead
and check your schedule, coming soon, or contact Gene or
Cindy with any questions!* There will also be a class for
'Old Friends' (5 year ownership), and a pot et fleur
class with no minimum ownership requirements!

Let's have some fun during those bleak winter
months and enjoy some refreshing green in
February!

Deb Fitzgerald, Horticulture Chair

Many thanks to our generous members who
contributed extra dollars to the Centennial Project
Fund, the Charitable Fund and the Jean Frazier
Workshop Fund along with their dues this year!

Emerald Necklace Hikes - return!

Last year we created wonderful park memories in the North and South Chagrin, Brecksville, Euclid Creek and Garfield Park Reservations. This fall, as we work to complete hiking the jewels of the Emerald Necklace (Cleveland MetroParks), our hikes will become a bit further afield, but certainly no less interesting! We will discover wonderful trails in Hinckley, Bedford, Cuyahoga Heights, Middleburg Heights and Berea.

As was our custom last year, we will meet in the parking lot of the Marriott on Harvard Road at precisely 9 a.m. (this way we can car pool - such conservationists!). The dates for upcoming hikes are:

Thursday, September 13th - Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
 Monday, October 1st - Big Creek Reservation
 Wednesday, October 24th - Rocky River Reservation south
 Friday, November 16th - Bedford Reservation
 Tuesday, December 18th - Hinckley Reservation

Please let me know if you plan to join us so that I can keep you updated on any unexpected changes! If I have your email address I will be happy to send you reminders of our upcoming hikes. (note - If you received updates last year you will continue to do so - unless I hear otherwise!!). My email is pwscoleman@gmail.com and cell phone is 216-401-4505.

See you on the trail!

Paula Coleman, Assistant Program Chair



Pictured from left: Margot Baldwin, Mary Weber, Marion Murfey, and Ann Weiland



Sally Brown took many beautiful photos at our Centennial Celebration. She picked her 25 favorites and, with help from MotoPhoto in University Heights, has arranged to have them loaded on a cd from which photos can be printed. Cd's will be available for purchase for \$1 at the September and October General Membership Meetings (photo printing is an additional charge). For a preview of the photos email Sally at sallybrown@me.com

Ikebana

*“How poised it is!
 Petal and leaf
 curving like a fan,
 the stem snipped and wedged
 into the metal base -
 to appear like a spontaneous
 accident.”*

*from Picture Bride by Cathy
 Song, 1983*

GCC Centennial Project Update

The Port reported that over 5000 people visited the Nature Preserve in June and July, with 36 states and 13 countries represented! It has become a destination for visitors to Cleveland. We continue to work with the Port, Metroparks and the artist, Brinsley Tyrell, on the design for the overlook platform at the “beak” of the Preserve. It will be an “at-grade” patio design with benches and a beautiful iron railing with a tree, insect and animal design. The Port anticipates closing the Preserve for a few weeks late fall to remediate a five acre spot in advance of the platform’s construction. Then hopefully the platform will be built in the spring. The Port also will have a new website with an expanded focus on the Nature Preserve -- take a look. We should be proud of our continuing interest and support in this unique place!

Please plan to attend the 9th Annual Migration Event and Open House on September 22 from 7:30 am-noon. I hope to see you there!

Claudia Fulton, CLNP Chair

Ikebana event at CMA

The Womens Council of the Cleveland Museum of Art, in collaboration with the North American Ohara Teachers Association and the Northern Ohio Chapter of Ikebana, invite you to an Ikebana demonstration on Friday, September 14th. One of the leading artists of the Ohara School, Professor Ko Morishita, Vice President of the Council of Professors is demonstrating. He will be assisted by Associate Professor Akihiro Nishi while Ms. Wakako Ohara, Chief Executive of the Ohara School, will interpret the creative process on stage.

Ikebana has been referred to as performance art, contemporary art and traditional art. An Ohara ikebana demonstration is a cultural experience rich with centuries of spiritual meaning, created in an atmosphere of respectful quiet and calm. For more information please visit: <http://www.clevelandart.org/calendar.aspx>. or call (216) 421-7350.

Garden Club of Cleveland 2012 Bulb Sale Beautiful Bulbs!!

Your favorite alluring amaryllis for holiday gift-giving or decorating, plus some very special new offerings for your planting pleasure highlight this year’s Garden Club of Cleveland Bulb Sale Fund Raiser! Traditional favorites are joined by the spectacular “Silver Spring” allium, the stunning “Mount Tacoma” tulip, the superb “Ice King” narcissus and sensational “Bunker Hill” and “Festiva Maxima” peonies! Watch for your order form and please respond promptly. Thank you for your support of The Garden Club of Cleveland.

Iris Harvie and Caroline Selman, Bulb Sale Co-Chairs.



Mark Your Calendars!!!

Upcoming GCC Events:

General Membership Meeting

September 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Horticulture Meeting

Wild and Wonderful Natives – Plants and Wildflowers Deserving a Spot in Your Garden

Presented by Vicki Ferreniea, Lead Horticulturalist, Holden Arboretum

*Followed by a guided walk at Holden – bring your walking shoes!

Holden Arboretum, Reinberger Room, 9500 Sperry Road, Willoughby, OH 44094

General Membership Meeting

October 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Civic Meeting

The Urban Agriculture Innovation Zone

Presented by Randy McShepard, Co-Founder, Rid-all Green Partnership

8129 Otter Road, Cleveland, OH 44103

(*Note: go north two blocks on 82nd from Kinsman Rd/82nd St intersection)

Please car pool!

General Membership Meeting

November 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Meeting

For the Good of One and All: The Importance of Land Conservation to Birds, Blossoms and a Better Life

Presented by Judy Semroc, Conservation Specialist, CMNH

Western Reserve Land Conservancy, 3850 Chagrin River Road, Moreland Hills, OH 44022

The Greens Workshop

Wednesday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Gates Mills Community House

Other Upcoming Events:

September 6-8

9th Annual Conservation Symposium

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

September 20 at 6 p.m.

Cleveland Botanical Garden's *Autumn's Eve Dinner*, in celebration of CBG's RIPE!Fest No. 3.

Cleveland Botanical Garden

September 22-23, 11a.m. to Sundown daily

RIPE!Fest Food Festival

Cleveland Botanical Garden

September 22, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

9th Annual Birding Event and Fall Open House

Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve

October 12, article submission deadline for Fall Compost