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## May 2023

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# Silver Lake Garden Club

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*Dear Garden Club Members,*

*Are you hoping that all those April showers bring beautiful May flowers—and some warmer temperatures too? Ohio is such a beautiful place to live as our landscape turns green and blooms anew. Enjoy getting outdoors to work and play in your flower and vegetable gardens to be planted later this month. Looking forward to seeing you at our May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting!*

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## Native Plants

As noted, our May 15 meeting features a naturalist from Summit Metro Parks (SMP) who will speak about using native plants in our landscape to benefit our ecosystem. If this is an interest of yours, you may also want to attend the Native Plant Festival that SMP is sponsoring at Munroe Falls Metro Park Lake Area on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am -4pm. Educational programs will be offered and native plants will be available for purchase. Learn more about how to welcome wildlife into your yard with native plants.

## Summit County Metro Parks Programs

Summit Metro Parks offer a multitude of programs around the county on topics related to the interaction and interdependency of plants, animals, insects and humans in our environment. Visit their website for a complete listing <https://www.summitmetroparks.org/>. A sample listing is below.

5/20 Native Plant Festival, lectures and plant sale, 10am – 4pm, Munroe Falls Park

5/23 Greater Akron Audubon Society: Top Priorities for Biodiversity talk 7-8:30 pm, Valley View Park, Akron

5/24 Love of Orchids, how to grow orchids successfully in your home, 7-8pm, Seiberling Nature Realm, Akron

6/4 Back Yards Gone Wild: How to make your backyard pollinator friendly, 2-3:30pm Liberty Park Nature Center, Twinsburg

## Upcoming Programs

Meetings are held at Silver Lake Village Hall. Social time at 12:30pm. Speaker at 1pm.



### May 15 Wild Back Yards

Summit Metro Parks invites you to explore ways to make small differences at home that can help local wildlife and the environment around us to thrive. Our speaker Rob Curtis, has a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife from the Pennsylvania State University and presently serves as ecological supervisor at Summit Metro Parks. This educational program is for both novice and experienced gardeners.



### June 19 Gardening with Herbs

Noelle Akin from Petitti's Garden Center returns with suggestions for gardening with herbs. Specimen plants will be provided as door prizes!

## Prior General Membership Meeting April 17, 2023

Attendees were alternatively fascinated and overwhelmed by Master Gardener Lee Paulson during his presentation titled, **Let's Plant Dahlias**. The variety and beauty of these blooms are vast and stunning, but the labor (of love or frustration?!) to dig them up in the fall, store them properly, then plant them again in the spring clearly requires effort. Each of us will have to decide for ourselves if the effort is worth the reward of beautiful blooms and visits from pollinating birds and butterflies!



### Gardening Tips:

Check out the calendar of this month's gardening tasks for our region from The Old Farmers 2022 Almanac [Gardening Tips by Month | The Old Farmer's Almanac](#)

## Garden Club Festival Saturday, July 15, 2023

Theme: Silver Lake Celebrates the Red, White and Blue

The Silver Lake Garden Club is celebrating our annual Silver Lake Festival on Saturday, July 15, 2023 and we're looking forward to seeing you there. A Garden Club tradition since 1935, Silver Lake Festival raises funds to beautify the Village with flowers for 24 islands, shrubs and trees, as well as providing the ever popular Christmas Tree Lighting. We have also funded the Gazebo on Christmas Tree Island and the Pergola in the Arboretum, and contributed to the Veteran's Victory Garden.

Many volunteers are needed to make this fundraiser a success and provide a fun day for all villagers of all ages. Please consider helping with this endeavor by signing up to volunteer with your friends and neighbors! Volunteer opportunities include:

- Friday morning 9am; prepare festival foods/salads
- Friday evening 6pm: table set up
- Saturday morning 9am: table skirting and sign posting
- Saturday festival hours: staff game tables, serve food items
- Saturday 4:30 pm: table tear down and clean up

You may volunteer at our May 15th meeting or by contacting a member of the Festival Committee:

- Sheri Petrosek, Chair; [sheripetrosek@yahoo.com](mailto:sheripetrosek@yahoo.com); 330-603-2968
- Beth Schlupe; [schleup@sbcglobal.net](mailto:schleup@sbcglobal.net); 330-715-7627
- Laura Lind; [mikela2866@gmail.com](mailto:mikela2866@gmail.com); 330-321-2919
- Nancy Gray; [bobgrayz@aol.com](mailto:bobgrayz@aol.com); 330-688-7990

The Schedule of Events for Festival will be printed in the June newsletter.

Thank you and see you at the Festival on July 15<sup>th</sup>!

### Village Website Resources-FYI

Village Information: [Welcome to the Village of Silver Lake! - The Village of Silver Lake](#)

Prior Issues of Silver Lake Garden Club Newsletter: [Garden Club - The Village of Silver Lake](#)

Thank you to new member Jody Harkcom who has volunteered to serve as Chair for the annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** celebration!

## Arbor Day Tree Planting 4-28-23



Priscilla Drach

This year's tree was dedicated in memory of longtime Silver Lake resident Gary Kinsey who passed away November 20, 2022. He was a much beloved member of the Martha Mary Guild, Silver Lake Garden Club, Silver Lake Historical Society, advisor to Silver Lake Estates. He was also a member of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club.

It was a wet day, but that did not deter a close group of Gary's friends from visiting the tree site following the ceremony inside Silver Lake



## Upcoming Events

### May 29

The Veteran's Tribute Garden Dedication will take place on Monday, Memorial Day, at 10am at Silver Lake Village Hall. Silver Lake Garden Club provided a generous donation to help create this lovely and meaningful garden.

## River Clean Up Event

Volunteers needed!

Are you looking for a way to give back to our community? The Silver Lake Park and Recreation Board will be hosting their first park cleanup event of the year on May 20th from 9am-11am.

This event is being held in conjunction with the Cuyahoga Falls River City Cleanup Series to clean the riverbanks at the Silver Lake Recreation Area and Waterworks Park. Participants will meet at the SL recreation area picnic pavilion (next to the playground and baseball field). Gloves, garbage bags, and trash grabbers will be provided. The event will happen rain or shine, and rain boots or waterproof boots will be helpful for accessing the islands on the SL side of the river near Waterworks.

Please RSVP in advance by emailing Sarah Snook at [ssnook@kent.edu](mailto:ssnook@kent.edu). Sarah can also provide any additional information you may need.



### May 20

River Clean Up from 9am-11am. Please read Newsletter article for more information.

## Join in Village Beautification Efforts

The week after Mother's Day, starting May 15<sup>th</sup>, beautification of the street islands throughout our lovely community will begin. Stop by to lend a hand or to say Hi to Tammy, Diane and Cecilia!

All plants and flowers are funded by Silver Lake Garden Club primarily through funds raised at Festival. Thanks to our members for your support. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join Garden Club and attend this year's festival on 7-15-23!

## Membership News

Welcome to New Members:

Debra Sanderson

Sandra Barstow

Cecelia McDermott

Sea Houser

Thus far into 2023, our current membership count is 84. We are missing some of our 2022 Members! If you have not already renewed your annual membership, please do so now using the form below.

## SILVER LAKE GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP & DUES FORM

The purpose of this club is to encourage home and community gardening, to cultivate the spirit of gardening, and to stimulate interest in the preservation, conservation and beautification of the Village of Silver Lake. Please support the club with your dues.

Annual Silver Lake Garden Club dues are \$20 per person

Name\_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to: **Silver Lake Garden Club** and send to  
**Silver Lake Garden Club, c/o Village Hall, 2961 Kent Road, Silver Lake Village, Ohio 44224**

Membership Type:            \_\_\_Renewing Membership            \_\_\_New Membership

I am interested in helping with: \_\_\_Annual Festival (July)            \_\_\_Tree Lighting (December)

\_\_\_Garden Club Committees/Board    \_\_\_Call me as needed

\_\_\_ I am a Master Gardener Volunteer