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# September 2023

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## Silver Lake Garden Club

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*Dear Garden Club Members and Friends,*

*Wow, it is hard to believe another fabulous summer in Silver Lake has come to a close. After time off in August, we resume monthly newsletters and general membership meetings. Please mark your calendars for upcoming meetings noted in the column to the right.*

*We hope you enjoyed the beautiful plantings in the islands throughout the village. Many thanks to Cecelia (Cec) McDermott and the team from Silver Lake Service Department for their time and talent to design, plant and cultivate the plants funded by Garden Club.*

*Funds for plantings come from the proceeds from the annual Silver Lake Garden Club Festival. We hope you were able to join in the fun for all ages on July 15<sup>th</sup>! It was a terrific day in spite of the late rainfall. Check out the photos in a separate attachment emailed with this edition of the newsletter. You may see yourself or friends!*

*Also, be sure to read the festival summary provided by Festival Chair Sheri Petrosek. Many thanks to Sheri, her committee members Nancy Gray, Laura Lind and Beth Schlupe and countless exceptional volunteers! Most of all, thank you to all who supported and attended this wonderful community event!*

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### SL Village Sunday Concert Series at the Gazebo

Special thanks to Silver Lake Village Administration for providing live music and fun food on three Sunday evenings this summer at the Gazebo. What a lovely way to end the weekend with food, friends and fun! We certainly hope this tradition continues!

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### Upcoming Programs



**September 18**

#### The National Register of Historic Places and Homes in Silver Lake

Please join us at Silver Lake Village Hall for an illuminating look at the National Register of Historic Places & Homes in Silver Lake. The information will be presented by Silver Lake resident and Garden Club member Courtney Zimmerman at 1pm. Please come at 12:30 pm for a delicious luncheon and a chance to catch up with fellow Garden Club members.



## 2023 Festival Report

By Sheri Petrosek, Festival Chair

The Silver Lake Garden Club Festival was once again a great success. It's always a good day when the Villagers come together for fun games, good food and entertainment.

Our 100+ volunteers did an incredible job this year and their help is essential in bringing you this event. We are grateful to our many donors, whose support makes a significant difference to our success. A very heartfelt thank you to all of you.

After the parade, the kids raced to the games and had a blast. They especially enjoyed the new Wheel of Fortune and Toilet Toss games -- the winners of the Toilet Toss wore their winning crowns proudly! The prize table offered fun choices for all ages and was practically wiped out.

The fun run had many participants who raced their hearts out, the pontoon boat as usual was a hit, and the Silver Lake Singers and the Akron Big Band entertained us. The Village Store offered Silver Lake memorabilia and clothing items.

Of course, we can't forget the food -- the ever popular Silver Lake Pasta Salad, along with our traditional sloppy joes, pulled pork sandwiches, pizza, chicken, nachos and many salads. And desserts. And corn. And hot dogs. And ice cream. And sno cones. Wow! There was something for everyone.

Unfortunately, the swim and sailboat races were cancelled due to impending rain. We hurriedly held the Cake Walk, one of the most popular activities, and were able to award all 13 cakes before the rain came.

The Festival is the Garden Club's only fundraiser and the funds raised buy the flowers for the main entrances and our 24 islands. In addition, we sponsor the very popular annual Christmas Tree Lighting program. We have also used prior year festival proceeds to fund the Gazebo on Christmas Tree Island, the Arboretum Pergola and contribute to the Veteran's Tribute Garden. A tradition since 1935, the Festival has helped make our Village a one of a kind, special place in which to live.

We look forward to next year's Festival on July 20, 2024. See you then!



## Upcoming Events

**Meetings are held at Silver Lake Village Hall. Social time and refreshments at 12:30pm. Speaker at 1:00pm.**

### October 16

Linda Boardman from Dietz Florist will create a *beautiful fall floral arrangement* and will share helpful ideas and tips with us along the way. The arrangement will be given to a lucky attendee as a door prize! Dessert and beverages will be provided at this meeting.

### November 13

“Fire Safety In and Around Your Home”. Ryan Bowers, Silver Lake Resident and Captain at Lorain Fire Department, will give us timely fire safety reminders to use in our own homes. Lunch, dessert and beverages will be provided.

## Summit 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/> .

- The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Hiking Spree kicked off on September 1. Hike 8 designated trails and earn your hiking staff and shield. Great family outdoor fun!
- You, your children or grandchildren may enjoy the Fall Family Outing featuring lumberjack shows, hayrides, bonfires, naturalist activities, music, refreshments and more. The free event is offered on Saturday, Sept 30th from 4pm-8:30pm and Sunday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> from 2pm-6:30pm at Munroe Falls Metro Park.



## Gardening Tips from Farmer's Almanac

<https://www.almanac.com/gardening/tips/OH/Akron>

- Begin cutting back on watering of the garden and lawn (except newly seeded areas) so that plants can prepare for dormancy (not growth).
- Aerate your lawn if the soil is compacted. Have your soil tested to see if you need lawn fertilizer.
- It's a good time to order spring-flowering bulbs.
- This is a great time to plant new trees and shrubs because the new roots will have plenty of time to become established before the spring.
- Transplant rhubarb, strawberries, and raspberries well before the first light frost so that some root development may take place. Rhubarb and strawberries deplete the soil of nutrients in a short time, so find new locations for them every three or four years.
- As you empty annual beds, clean out all dead plants. A clean garden will have fewer diseases next spring. Add manure, compost, and leaves to provide it with more organic matter.



## 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](#)



## Membership

Welcome New Member: Teresa Lamantia!

### 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 annual dues of \$20 per person.

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Preferred Communication Method:  Email  Text Cell  Call Cell  Call Land Line

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 Member  New Member

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