
September 2024

Silver Lake Garden Club

Dear Garden Club Members and Friends,

Labor Day has passed and the kids are in school, but you can recall some wonderful summer memories through the attached images captured at the 2024 Annual Silver Lake Garden Club Festival-Silver Lake Goes to the Olympics! Very special thanks to Sheri Petrosek, Festival Chair, her committee members Nancy Gray, Laura Lind and Beth Schlupe, and the many, many volunteers who made this festival successful and fun!

Let's enjoy September as we prepare for fall gardening activities and hiking as the weather cools from this summer's heat. To get some great insights and ideas, please join us at the September meeting described below.

See you soon!

Next General Membership Meeting: Sept 16

The History of Seiberling Nature Realm

Learn about this jewel of the Summit Metro Parks (SMP) right in our Akron backyard. Megan Shaeffer of SMP will share the history of this park and facility that offers classes, educational programs and beautiful hiking trails. Learn more about the 2024 Annual Fall Hiking Spree and plan a hike with a friend! Luncheon and social time begins at 12:30 pm, followed by a brief business meeting and our presentation at 1pm. Hope to see you!



Upcoming Events

October 21

Let's Get Ready for Spring

Fall is the perfect time for planting spring bulbs and flowering shrubs for a beautiful arrival of spring at your home. We'll learn more from Noelle Akin of Pettiti Garden Centers. She will bring plants to share as door prizes and allow time for Q&A, so bring questions!



November 18

A Charcuterie Experience

Learn to create stunning and delicious charcuterie boards like a pro! Kim Leeser, owner/operator of the new Stow business, Graze Craze, will share tips on pairing cheeses, meats, fruits and more, just in time for hosting holiday parties.



Another Great Silver Lake Festival

Sheri Petrosek, Festival Chair

The Silver Lake Garden Club Festival was once again a great success. The weather was perfect, the food delicious, and the games and entertainment awesome. We couldn't have this event without the 100+ volunteers whose help is invaluable. In addition, we are grateful to the many donors, whose financial support makes a significant difference to our success. A heartfelt thank you to all of you.

A new event this year was the Olympic Games, which were a tremendous hit with the kids. They raced their hearts out, jumped their farthest and threw the discus across the beach. It was so fun seeing them winning their medals and proudly wearing them.

By moving the food tent to the parking lot, this enabled us to place the picnic tables together on the hill, where we could easily visit and talk to our friends and neighbors. Plus, it offered a great viewing spot to see the Silver Lake Singers, the Akron Big Band, and the awarding of Olympic medals.

The pontoon boat as usual was a hit, along with the cakewalk. The Village Store offered original artwork by Denny Stoiber, our talented resident artist, along with 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 -- which is the same recipe used since 1959, but without the Crisco! And the pizza, chicken, nachos, salads, corn, hot dogs, desserts, ice cream and snocones. There was something for everyone.

The Festival is the Garden Club's main fundraiser and the funds raised buy the flowers for the main entrances and our 24 islands. In addition, we sponsor the annual Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa program. We have also used 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 seeing you at next year's festival on Saturday, July 19, 2025. Save the date!

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](#)

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](#)



Summit Metro Parks

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 61st Annual Fall Hiking Spree runs September 1 – November 30. Hike 8 of the designated trails to earn your hiking staff (1st year hikers) or annual shield (for returning hikers). This year's hiking spree theme is Honoring Indigenous Culture. Trailheads will post information about the indigenous peoples who are part of the history and landscape of the parks. Visit the website for a hiking form, or pick one up at your local Acme Supermarket.
- Stroll Along the Stream, Saturday, Sept 14, 11am – 12pm. Hike 1.3 mile Rock Creek Trail with a naturalist and learn about stream-based ecosystems; Furnace Run/Brushwood area.
- Butterflies of Summit Metro Parks, Saturday, Sept 14, 1-2:30pm, learn about SMP butterflies from a naturalist; Liberty Park, Twinsburg
- Indigenous Stories Around The Fire, Saturday, Sept 14, 7-8pm. Enjoy s'mores and learn about indigenous tribal nations that lived in this region in the 1700-1800's; Seiberling Nature Realm
- Get to Know Coyotes, Wednesday, Sept 25, 6:30-8pm; Seiberling Nature Realm
- Nature Collage, Thursday, Sept 26, 10am-noon, make a nature-inspired collage using recycled paper; all materials provided; registration is required; Seiberling Nature Realm
- **Fall Family Outing, Saturday, October 5, 1-9pm. This free event includes lumberjack shows, hayrides, bonfires, naturalist activities, music, refreshments and even a wheelchair accessible hay wagon. Fun for the whole family! Munroe Falls Metro Park Lake Area at 521 S. River Road, Munroe Falls**
- History of the Portage Path and Artist's Talk, Sunday, October 6, 10:30-12pm. Walk the Portage Path and learn about the history of waterways, then hear from Artist Peter Jones who created the Indigenous person statues. Towpath Trail/Big Bend 1337 Merriman Road, Akron



Last Gazebo Concert

Sunday, Sept 8th Silver Lake Village will host the final event in its summer concert series. Time Machine, a classic rock band, will be featured. Hot dogs and chips will be provided by the Village while supplies last, and the Dreamsicle Ice Cream Truck will have sweet treats available for purchase.

Time Machine's drummer may look familiar—he is Silver Lake resident Jeff Dowd!

Time Machine



Thanks to Bob and Mary Alice Tedquist for planning the 2024 concerts!