

**Lakemoor Hills Garden Club**  
Thursday, August 19, 2021  
10:00 am  
Lake Hills Presbyterian Church

**Attendees:**

Maleny Becker, guest of Tanya's; Suzan Bowman, Sally Boyington, John Bradley, Rosemary Burr, Tanya Copeland, Sharon Gerkin, Ann Graf, Linda Haynes, Sue Humble, Kim Overman, Kathy Proctor, Holli Rogers, Margo Simmons, Fran Thomforde

**Devotional:**

After calling the meeting to order, Holli Rogers gave the devotional in the absence of Kristin, by revealing that fall is her favorite time of the year. As gardeners, fall calls us to look forward to the future, believe that things will always get better. Hope happens when we plan a garden or plant a seed. In the fall of 2021, we have hope and an opportunity for renewal following the absence of normal in 2020.

**Program:**

John Bradley gave a very informative and interesting program entitled *Controlling Anthropogenic Dissemination of Non-Native Plants*. Why should we be concerned about invasive non-native plants? Invasive plants overwhelm the native species, examples as escaped Bradford Pear, bush Honeysuckle, Chinese Privet and Mimosa can be seen in the woods behind the Church; Non-natives grow dense and quite tall. They do well when other plants cannot.

Most non-natives are understory, such as English Ivy, which is pervasive in the neighborhood and Oriental Bittersweet, as can be seen at the top of Timberlake.

Characteristics of Invasives: Rapid growth, robust reproduction, tolerant of conditions, paucity of diseases/pests, weaken native plants, reduction of plant biodiversity, weakens "The Web of Life" and specialization of food and shelter.

What can we do about it: Reduce the damage that it causes and do not add invasives to the garden, a controlled burn, herbicides and manual removal.

This presentation was accompanied by photos that help us identify non-native plants as we work to remove them from our yards and gardens. This outstanding program can be found on the Garden Club Website on the HOA Website. Thank you, John, for making us aware of this problem.

**Secretary's Report:**

There were no minutes as no business was conducted at the June meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance in the checking account on May 30 was \$17,438.74. Deposit: \$50.00 on 6/24 for Membership Dues. Checks Paid: Check #1493 to KCCGC for \$37.00 (yearly dues for 37 members at \$1.00 per member). Check #1495 to John Bradley for \$32.64 for 6 creeping phlox plants purchased at Lowe's for Bluff Point Park. Check #1496 for speaker honorariums: \$100.00. \$50.00 to Joe Pryse on May 20 and \$50.00 to Harold Duckett on June 3. Balance in checking account on June 30 is \$17,319.10.  
Submitted by Suzan Bowman, Treasurer

**Programs:**

Kathy Proctor, Program Chairperson, announced that the regular third Thursday meeting is being rescheduled from September 16 to September 23 due to cancellation of the speaker on Landscaping and Hardscaping. The new program to be presented on the 23rd is "How to Start A Garden Program in an Elementary School" by Diane Forrey.

Following the program by John Bradley, there was much discussion and ideas presented about making the neighborhood aware of the destructive nature of English Ivy and Kudzu. A **motion** was made by Sharon Gerkin and **seconded** by Kathy Proctor that the Garden Club make a recommendation to the LHHA HOA to develop a focus/awareness of the proliferation of the English Ivy and Kudzu in the neighborhood. Motion **passed**. Fran Thomforde asked John Bradley to make a trifold information folder for those in our neighborhood who do not use computers.

**Legacy Park:**

John Bradley announced that the area around the "library" needs 1-2 cubic yards of dirt. Planting has been held up pending completion of the dirt addition. Chopped leaves and other organic material that is not contaminated is needed for the compost pile.

Linda Haynes said she is delighted that neighbors are using the library and is asking for volunteers or a coordinator to help with the Friday night, "Happy Hour in the Park."

**Pecans:**

Suzan Bowman distributed Pecan Order Forms to all attendees and announced that she would be taking orders for Pecans until October 29. It is important to note that there will be NO orders after this date. The pecans will be distributed at the Home Owners meeting at Lake Hills Church on November 16. If you are taking orders for friends and family, be sure the Garden Club member's name is written on the order to identify who is responsible for pick up.

**Alcoa Hwy/Featured Dogwood Trail:**

Kathy Proctor announced that construction on our section of Alcoa Hwy will be completed in 2-3 months. Landscaping will begin with the planting of approximately

1500 tulips in the roundabouts. Volunteers to plant and maintain these plantings will be needed as The Lakemoor Hills neighborhood is the featured Dogwood Trail for 2022. As part of the festivities, Ann Graf would like a video shown in the Church of artifacts that have been found in the Lakemoor Hills area. Kathy has 30 copies of Nancy Hansard's History Book on Lakemoor Hills for anyone who is interested. Some Garden Club members will be asked to participate on the Dogwood Trail steering committee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon W. Gerkin  
Recording Secretary