



GARDEN SCOOP



WGC

MARCH MEET AND GREET

Informal lunch at Houlihan's Restaurant in Westlake. **Wednesday, March 20, 11:30 a.m.** See article on this page.

WESTLAKE RAIN & GARDEN SHOW

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
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MAY PROGRAM - Please note the different day on your **May** calendar. "NATURE IN MY BACKYARD" with Harvey Webster of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland.

Monday, May 20, 10:30 a.m., Westlake Community Center, *Article this page.*

Cleveland Botanical Garden

ORCHIDS FOREVER: GOLDEN HOUR

January 27 - Sunday, March 17.

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Westlake Porter Library

MASTER GARDENER TALKS

Wed., March 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., "Seed Starting"

Wed., March 20, 7-8 p.m., "Embrace Life in Your Garden". *Registration required with Porter Library.*



Snowdrops

March Meet and Greet

It's Just Lunch. As the result of the member approved amendment to our organizational rules, our program year doesn't start until April. Thank you to Shirley for suggesting that we work our way off the winter couch with a group lunch. A table has been

reserved at Houlihan's for **March 20th at 11:30 a.m.** This truly is "just lunch". No program is planned, just a chance to visit. Each member is responsible for their own check and gratuity. Please contact Deb if you plan to attend (deb dougherty2771@yahoo.com, text 440-506-0237). Please join us. Guests welcome.

Save the date! May 20, 2024

Your programs committee is hard at work. One program that we are particularly excited to sponsor is "Nature in My Backyard".

Harvey Webster of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and the Shaker Lakes Garden Club have spearheaded this program. It is a 4-step program to give homeowners the tools to help save wildlife in their own backyard, neighborhood and our world.

This is an exciting project and Harvey is an entertaining and outstanding speaker. This introduction for Cleveland's west-siders will be held at the **Westlake Community Center auditorium** on **Monday, May 20th at 10:30 a.m.** Reservations are required! Please plan to attend and bring a guest.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome! WGC would like to introduce our newest members: **Debby Basiewicz, Mary Ann Coblentz and Linda Freeman.** Debby noticed our group when she was at Porter working with the Genealogy Society. Mary Ann has already been a big help decorating and taking down our Porter tree and Linda immediately jumped in to help decide the theme for our CBG holiday wreath Welcome!! We look forward to getting to know you .

Go Green, for Westlake, for the World



The **Rain n' Garden Show in Westlake** is a free family-friendly event. It is of interest to all gardeners and offers a wealth of information on gardening and the environment.. This is the 11th annual Rain & Garden Show and, according to the city, the goal this year is to raise awareness on storm water quality issues and to promote eco-friendly products and services. Check out the flyer below for times and kid events. Our table usually features some flowers and plants, a few free gardening magazines, our brochures and a photo display of our pollinator project.. If you would like to help at the table or have any free gardening magazines or books to offer as handouts, please contact **Kathy Bruening** at kcbruen@att.net. This is a good opportunity for us to promote our club as well as to learn from and enjoy the other presenters. This year's theme: E.C.L.I.P.S.E. —see below.

Website Browsing

GardenAtoZ.org I invite you to check out this website! I had the good fortune to hear Janet Macunovich speak at the Design & Beyond program conducted by the Summit County Master Gardeners last month. Janet is a landscape designer and maintains a free website with a myriad of gardening topics. It's a great way to explore some great topics from the comfort of your home.

Deb Dougherty

Cleveland Botanical Garden There is a new website address that takes you directly to the affiliate page of the Cleveland Botanical Garden:

<www.hfandgaffiliatecouncil.org>.



FREE City of Westlake FREE

Rain & Garden Show

Westlake Community Services

28975 Hilliard Blvd

Saturday, April 6, 2024

10:00am-2:00pm

30+ vendors

Door Prizes

Kid Zone

11:00am-2:00pm

- * Special Guests
- * Face Painting
- * Balloon Clown
- * Contests



www.cityofwestlake.org/Go-Green

E. C. L. I. P. S. E.
Everyone Can Learn In
Person to Save the
Environment

How to Force Hyacinth Bulbs

First of all you need to use a glass vase specifically shaped for hyacinth bulbs; these may be available at a local nursery. The shape sort of reminds me of an hourglass. Add a small spoonful of charcoal to the bottom the vase; next you add water to just below where the bottom of the bulb will sit. Then position the bulb on top and there should be enough water to be just below the bottom of the hyacinth bulb or, if not, add a little. Next the bulb needs to be in the the dark in order to mimic being underground: try a pantry, basement or closet. You should put either a paper bag or box over it. I used Crown Royal bags, they fit perfectly. Let sit for 10-12 weeks, then check every 1-2 weeks to see if it needs water. The roots will start to develop during

this time. After about the 10th or 11th week uncover them, but leave them alone except to add water. Then after one week bring them into your favorite spot in the house and enjoy them as they open their flower buds. I do the dark colored ones because they are the most fragrant. After the blooms die off I prune them, cut off the roots and allow them to dry and eventually plant them in my yard.

I have been doing this for 20+ years. It has become a yearly ritual starting in November, so I will see them blooming in February for my birthday. This is a perfect gardening project for those with little outdoor space.

Carol Jasin



Orchids Forever: Golden Hour . . . at the CBG till 3.17.24

Did you know that there are orchids that bloom in late spring or early summer in Ohio? If you have a sharp eye, you may spot one in wetlands or woodlands but be sure not to pick them as most of them are considered species of concern—the numbers are dwindling. Two featured on a poster at the CBG are “shining ladies’ tresses” and “large yellow lady slipper”. If you are lucky enough to come across one, please send in a photo.



Save the date! Spring Affiliate Day April 25, 2024

Your Affiliate Council Board is proud to present Kerry Ann Mendez, author, presenter, and owner of Perennially Yours, a family owned landscaping business in Kennebunk, Maine. Kerry Ann will be the featured speaker at Spring Affiliate Day, Thursday, April 25, 2024, at the Cleveland Botanical Garden Woodland Hall. Event begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. with doors opening up at 8:15 a.m. Parking is free the day of the event for Affiliate Garden Club Members in the CBG Parking Garage.

Admission price for this special Spring Affiliate Day is \$15, open to all Affiliate Garden Club Members. A raffle will be offered to benefit a special HF&G fund project.

Holiday Memories 2023



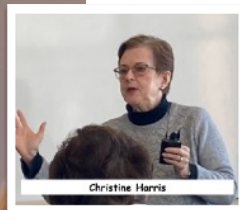
Westlake Garden Club had lots to celebrate over the holiday season in 2023. Our annual December luncheon was a celebration of our 60th anniversary as a club as well as a holiday gathering. Pictured at the top are those who took part in the celebration at the Avon Oaks Country Club. Following the photos in a clockwise manner, you have our president, Deb Dougherty honoring Larry Dean of Dean's Greenhouse with the club's Merchant Achievement Award. Below that is Robert Pearl decorating the tree at Porter Library. To his left, some of our members enjoying a visit to Frost at the Botanical Garden. Next, the holiday luncheon. Above the table photo is Mayer Clough presenting Deb with the City of Westlake plaque proclaiming Dec. 20 as Westlake Garden Club Day in honor of our 60th anniversary. In the center is the wreath, "Sparkle at the Front Door," that Cathy Garlitz decorated as our club's offering to the Frost Holiday Show at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Thanks to all for your hard work and participation in our club events. It has been a very fun year of gardening, learning, decorating and celebrating.

2023 in photos. Thanks to all of our members for the hard work and great memories.



Carolyn introduces our speaker, Christine Harris

03.2023



Christine Harris



Big Hearted Blooms



Rosemary enjoying the garden at Affiliates Day, Cleveland Botanical Garden 04.2023



Bouquet making at Big-Hearted Blooms 04.2023



WGC at Rain & Garden Show 04.2023



Hilliard Rd. Flower Box 05.2023



Plant Exchange at Carolyn's 05.2023



Herb Pot Planting with the Seniors at the Community Center 06.2023



Horticultural Tour of the Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo 05.2023



WGC Garden at the Community Center 06.2023



Garden Walk 07.2023



Pollinator Garden, Clague Park, late June 2023



Shirley, Cheryl and Deb selling our wares at the GCO luncheon 11.2023



Willowy Nursery Tour 08.2023



Découpage birdhouses to sell 11.2023

Garden Scoop

Not pictured on our photo page: two excellent presentations—one in September by the Rust Belt Riders composting company and one in November on putting the garden to bed by our own Deb Dougherty.

Lake County Master Gardener Volunteers' Home Gardeners' Workshop 2024

This workshop is being offered on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lake Erie College in Painesville, OH. You create your day! Choose gardening topics that spark your interest with two featured keynotes, as well as four additional breakout sessions led by horticultural research-driven speakers. The Ohio State Master Gardener Volunteers program has a reputation for excellence. The workshops are open to all and are well worth the time and effort to attend. Full information is available at

https://lake.osu.edu/sites/lake/files/imce/Program_Pages/ANR/2024%20Home%20Gardeners%27%20Workshop%20information%20and%20registration.pdf



Point your smartphone camera here for online info!



**And don't forget:
the Summit County Master
Gardeners' Saturday
Gardening Series is coming up**

very soon. They are offering talks on lessons learned from the gardens of England, top-performing plants for your landscape, urban coyotes and climate-smart gardening.

The Summit County Master Gardeners invite you to attend

Saturday Gardening Series 2024

Join us in our 25th year of informative gardening presentations, bulb sales, raffle baskets & more.

- Date:** Saturday, March 2, 2024
- Time:** Doors open at 8:00 am
Presentations begin at 9:00 am
- Place:** 440 Vernon Odom Blvd
Summit County Extension Office
(in the Akron Urban League Bldg)
- Cost:** \$45 - includes continental breakfast and box lunch

"In his garden, every man may be his own artist without apology or explanation."



THE FAIRVIEW PARK GARDEN CLUB

PRESENTS:

Petal Power

A RAFFLE TO BENEFIT CITY BEAUTIFICATION

PRIZES:
\$500 (four)
Visa® Gift Cards

Tickets
\$25
Drawing
To be held
April 9, 2024

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH
Fairview Park Garden Club

Only 200
Tickets will be
sold. Winner
need not be
present.

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