

# GARDEN SCOOP



## Happenings

### WGC BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.,  
Porter Library** All are welcome.  
Your input is needed.

### WESTLAKE RAIN & GARDEN SHOW

**Saturday, April 6, 2024, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
If you would like to help at our table in the morning or afternoon (2-hour shifts each), please reach out to **Kathy Bruening**. See flyer, p. 4.

### WGC WEEDING WEDNESDAY

**April 17 at 9:00** starting at the Clague Park tennis court garden plots. Article, page 2. Please come!

### CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN

**SPRING AFFILIATE DAY APRIL 25, 2024.**  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Doors open at 8:30; reserve online by April 18th. See **article, p. 1 and flyer p. 3. All are invited.** Carpooling encouraged.

### GARDEN CLUB OF OHIO

**SPRING DISTRICT MEETING,  
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 9:30 A.M.**  
Woodside Event Center, Broadview Heights. See Flyer p. 5 & 6

### MAY PROGRAM

**“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 & flyer, p. 2.  
*Please note the different day on your May calendar.*

## Message from the president

Looking forward to a fun year of learning and service in the upcoming year! It was wonderful to see everyone that could meet at Houlihan's in March. A great turnout. Disappointingly, our first planned program of the year, “creating a spring patio pot at Dean's Greenhouse”, only received interest from four members (me included). As such, the event was cancelled. As our program year progresses, be aware that proposed events without adequate participation will suffer the same outcome. Please plan to be involved. Fortunately, we have lots of other opportunities to keep us busy this month.

*Deb*

### Cleveland Botanical Garden's

## *Affiliate Council Spring Program*

The Affiliate Council is made up of garden clubs throughout the greater Cleveland area. Each spring and fall there is an event at the Botanical Gardens. This spring's meeting will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The attached flyer describes a terrific speaker program. See page 3 for the flyer.

**Here's how to register:** Go to [holdenfg.org](https://holdenfg.org) Scroll down to the very bottom of the website to the shaded green box and click on **Affiliate Garden Clubs**. This will take you directly to the Affiliate Council website. Click on **EVENTS** on the top right corner to register and follow the instructions to reserve your tickets and pay for the event. Let Deb Dougherty know if you plan to attend and if you are willing to drive. Carpooling is always a great way to go. Please note that **the reservation cut-off is April 18<sup>th</sup>!**

# April Showers bring . . .weeds!

The Club maintains public gardens at the Clague Park Tennis Courts and the Westlake Community Services Center. While our native perennials are often slow to start, the weeds have really enjoyed our mild weather. *Many of you indicated on your membership renewal a willingness to support this effort. Please consider joining us on **Wednesday, April 17**, as we do our first weeding and assessment of the gardens.*

**Meet at the Clague Park Tennis Court garden plots at 9:00 a.m.** if you can help. Bring your favorite weeding weapon and a receptacle for the weeds. This activity is weather dependent.

The group may move on to the garden plot next to the Community Services Center once the tennis court area is weed free. This pollinator garden is to the right of the entrance near the bocci ball courts.

Many gardeners will agree that hand-weeding is not the terrible drudgery that it is often made out to be. Some people find in it a kind of soothing monotony. It leaves their minds free to develop the plot for their next novel or to perfect the brilliant repartee with which they should have countered a relative's latest example of unreasonableness. ~Christopher Lloyd

## WGC May Program

Our May program will NOT be held on the third Wednesday of the month, but rather on **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. We will be meeting in the Auditorium at the Westlake Community Services Center at 10:30 a.m.

Our speaker is the former Museum of Natural History's Chief Naturalist, **Harvey Webster**. Harvey is very active with the Audubon Society of Cleveland. A pilot program was developed in cooperation with the Audubon Society and the Shaker Lakes Garden Club to develop an educational and certification program for homeowners to systematically invite biodiversity into their yards. This is the first introduction of the program to the west side.

Harvey is a great speaker and I encourage you to invite a guest to this presentation. *Let us fill the auditorium!*


presented by Westlake Garden Club

### “Save the World: Nature in My Backyard”

*An introduction to the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland's pilot education and certification program*

Join former Cleveland Museum of Natural History Naturalist Harvey Webster for an entertaining and educational presentation on the important essential steps to build biodiversity in your backyard.

**Monday, May 20, 2024 10:30am**  
Westlake Community Center Auditorium  
28975 Hilliard Blvd. Westlake, OH 44145  
Email [debdougherty2771@yahoo.com](mailto:debdougherty2771@yahoo.com)  
before May 15 for reservations.



**SPRING 2024**  
**AFFILIATE DAY**  
**Thursday, April 25, 2024**

9:30 am – 12:30 pm / Doors Open at 8:30 am  
Cleveland Botanical Gardens – Woodland Hall

**Speaker: Kerry Ann Mendez**  
Presentation based on her book,  
**“The Right Size Flower Garden”**

**Registration March 18 – April 18, 2024**  
**Audience: Limited to Affiliate Garden Club**  
**Members & Invited Guests**

[https://887.blackbaudhosting.com/  
887/Affiliate-Day-25Apr2024](https://887.blackbaudhosting.com/887/Affiliate-Day-25Apr2024)

**Ticketed Event: \$15.**  
**Complimentary parking at CBG garage**  
**Light breakfast will be provided**

**Affiliate Day Speaker, Kerry Ann Mendez**

Kerry Ann Mendez has been featured on HGTV, Better Homes and Gardens, Country Gardens, Horticulture and numerous other gardening magazines. She has presented numerous botanical gardens and arboretums in the US including US Botanic Gardens, US National Arboretum, Longwood Gardens, and the Phipps Conservatory. Her books include: The Right Size Flower Gardens and The Budget Wise Gardener.

## Memorial Service for Marsha McEntee



The family of our Marcia McEntee wishes to announce that there will be a celebration of Marcia's life on **May 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Rd, Olmsted Township, OH 44138.** Marcia passed away in October 2023. She was an enthusiastic gardener and served as president of the club in 2016. She loved Christmas and was always either in charge or a major contributor to our Cleveland Botanical Garden tree. Both her sister, Chris Borzak, and sister-in-law, Rosemary McEntee are present members of our club.



**FREE** City of Westlake **FREE**

# Rain & Garden Show

## Westlake Community Services

28975 Hilliard Blvd

Saturday, April 6, 2024

10:00am-2:00pm



**30+ Vendors**



## Kid Zone

11:00am-2:00pm

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



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## Getting Ready to Garden

Are you anxious to get out there and garden or plant your patio pots? So are we. Deb Dougherty was made aware of a wonderful opportunity at one of the Garden Club of Ohio events. At the presidents' meeting, the GCO President Kathy Wagner announced a GCO president's project—a no strings-attached donation to a garden club that is working on pollinator projects with native plants. We certainly are.

We have 2 beds in Clague Park that are designed to attract pollinators and to inspire others to add native plants to their own gardens. We are doing this in collaboration with the City of Westlake. We also have a Pollinator / Remembrance Garden next to the Community Services Center. Again, this is being planted in conjunction with the City of Westlake. We are so fortunate to live in a community that supports environmental issues.

We have ordered additional plants to diversify and fill in these gardens—concentrating on those that are relatively deer resistant and able to handle the full sun and fairly dry soil in the beds near the Clague tennis courts. All of the chosen plants are pollinator friendly. The order includes anise hyssop, rose milkweed, blue wild indigo, sneezeweed, early sunflower and clustered mountain mint. The application for reimbursement from the GCO President's Project has been submitted.



# Garden Club of Ohio

## Spring District Meeting | Cleveland

**Thursday, May 9, 2024**

*Woodside Event Center at St Michael's  
5015 East Mill road, Broadview Heights, OH 44147*

**9:30 a.m. registration**

**10:30 a.m., Bring Back the Pollinator**

A presentation by Cat Miller, an ambassador for the Xerxes Society.

<https://www.xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/>

Gardeners everywhere are beginning to realize the impact that our planting choices and practices have on the amazing organisms living in our gardens, including invertebrates of all kinds. A growing body of scientific evidence has led to an understanding of the importance of invertebrates—especially pollinators—in sustaining the health and abundance of all life on the planet, including ours! The Xerxes Society for Invertebrate Conservation has been a leading international non-profit organization dedicated to conserving invertebrates and their habitats since 1971. An important part of Xerxes' mission is to provide science-based information and resources to the public.

**11:30 AM**

Announcements followed by Noon Luncheon menu of Signature Salad, Chicken Kabob w/Pineapple, Rice Pilaf, Mixed vegetable, and Lemon Whipped Cream Cake. There is also a Vegan entrée option of Moroccan Pepper.. This option comes with a Vegan dessert of sorbet. \*You can substitute the Vegan dessert for the lemon cake IF indicated on your registration. Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea provided.

**1:00 PM “Let’s Talk Containers”. A presentation by Cleo Lehman. This program has elements of both horticulture and design and landscaping!**

In Cleo’s home garden, she created a landscape design by grouping large containers which created a design of moveable horticulture. There are many plant varieties that do better in large containers. Other advantages are less water and the option to overwinter in the container. Installing raised beds and/or using containers can enhance spaces that are big or small.

**We are thankful for Raffle Prizes!** Please advise Elaine George (216.695.4757) if you have a donation.

- Bring your change for the Penney Pines! The forest needs our help.
- Bring any printed announcements you want to share - place on tables or at the check-in table.

### District Luncheon May 9, 2024

### Registration Deadline: April 24th. NO REFUNDS after April 26th.

Make check payable to **GCO Cleveland District**. Mail with registration form to:

Mrs. Elaine George, 408 Crestwood Drive, Avon Lake, OH 44012-3104. Email:

[elaine.george76@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.george76@gmail.com).

*Print attendee names and Garden Club affiliation or indicate "Guest". Use the back if needed.*

The cost is **\$28** per person. Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$28 = Amount Enclosed \$

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Moroccan Pepper \_\_\_\_\_ | Dessert Choice: Lemon Cake \_\_\_\_\_  
Sorbet \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE: Fall District Meeting | Wednesday, September 11th\*\*\*\*\***