

GARDEN SCOOP



WGC Events

PLANTING OF HILLIARD RD. BOX

Saturday, May 18, 9:15 a.m.,
between the Hilliard Rd entrance to
Clague Park and Kathryn St. Contact
Ronda Stone to see how you can help.
<rondastn@gmail.com>, 440-892-2759.

WGC MAY MEETING

“**NATURE IN MY BACKYARD**” with
Harvey Webster of the Audubon Society
of Greater Cleveland. **Monday, May 20,**
10:30 a.m., Westlake Community Center.
Plan to come early and bring friends.
The easiest entrance is from Rec Center
Drive off Center Ridge Road.

WGC WEEDING WEDNESDAY

May 22 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clague Park
tennis court garden plots. See Pollinator
article, page 2. Please come!

WGC MEMBER PLANT EXCHANGE

May 25, Saturday, at 11 a.m. on the back
patio at the Steigman's home at 2433 Glen
Valley Drive; Article, p.2.

JUNE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 5, 10:30 a.m., at the
Porter Public Library.

JUNE MEETING / POTLUCK

Wednesday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. at the
Clague Cabin in Clague Park. Article, p. 4.

ONGOING UNTIL JUNE 15: **Remember** to
mention our club before purchasing items at
Dean's—they give us 30% of your purchase.

More events: See page 4.

May Program

The **Westlake Garden Club** is sponsoring a presentation of a pilot program entitled, “Nature in My Backyard.” The Audubon Society of Cleveland and the Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Volunteers have partnered to assist residents in incorporating native species into their existing landscape. The keynote speaker is **Harvey Webster**, retired Chief Naturalist Officer for the Cleveland Natural History Museum. Harvey is now a spokesperson for the Audubon Society of Cleveland. Harvey’s message is that **we can all help restore nature’s biodiversity; one yard at a time.** We don’t have to gut our existing yards. Choosing a native species of tree, shrub, or plant is a real and meaningful start. Please join us at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 20th at the Westlake Community Services Auditorium.** Please consider bringing guests. Together we can make a difference in our yards, neighborhood, and city!

Westlake Garden Club Yearbooks

The 2024 edition of our annual directory and program listing has been published. Carol Jasin, our Membership Chair, has your copy. Please see her at our next event to pick it up. The calendar of 2024 events is on the 2nd page.

POLLINATOR GARDEN UPDATE

Thank you to our Wednesday weeders and planters.

April 17 was our first day back in the pollinator garden to assess the winter damage and do a bit of weeding. The new plants that were ordered, thanks to our GCO President's Project grant, and were planted on Wednesday, May 8, some in the Clague beds and some at the Community Center Remembrance Garden.

Native "plugs" were purchased to augment and diversify the gardens. These new plants include early agastache foeniculum (**anise hyssop**), asclepias incarnata (**rose milkweed**), baptisia australis (**blue wild indigo**), helenium autumnal (**sneezeweed**), heliopsis helianthoides (**early sunflower**), and pycnanthemum muticum (**clustered mountain mint**). Besides adding to the texture and color in the garden, these new plants will attract a wider variety of pollinators and will be a great place to get ideas for your own yard.



June 2023

A big thank you to Kathy Wagner, President of the Garden Club of Ohio, for initiating the President's Project and to Deb Dougherty for applying for the grant and ordering the plants. And a special thanks to all who come out to garden: Bill Hock, Deb Dougherty, Mary Ann Coblenz, Linda Freeman, Lavinia Cozmin, Carol Jasin, and Kathy Bruening. Want to help?? We'd love to see you. Meet at 9 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at the Clague gardens. Contact Kathy Bruening <kcbruen@att.net> or Carol Jasin <cmdj78@gmail.com> for more information.



Westlake Garden Club Annual Plant Exchange

Just in time for spring planting, the WGC plant exchange will be held **May 25, Saturday, at 11 a.m.** on the back patio at the **Steigman's home at 2433 Glen Valley Drive**. Dig up and pot any outdoor plant or bring any house plant you wish to re-home. Please include the name of the plant and any care instructions you have to get the plant off to a good start in its new place. For each plant you give, you get to pick a new plant to take home.

In case of rain, the exchange will be held in the sunroom. Delicious refreshments will be served. Don't have any plant to give away? Please come anyway. There are always unclaimed plants left over for the taking and it's a good time to socialized and maybe share some gardening tips. Guests or prospective members are welcome. Please label plants.

Any plant left unclaimed at the end of the exchange must return home with its owner. See you there !



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
before May 15 for reservations.*



Registration is not necessary. Entry is totally free but we have 3 beautiful baskets chock full of garden-themed goodies to raffle off. Tickets are 6 for \$5. The winner must be present to accept the basket.

More dates for your calendar!

MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE

Saturday, June 1 at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Independence, OH. Worth the trip! See the attached flyer and article on this page.

WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our 52nd Craft, Vintage, and Antique Show is coming up on Sunday, June 2. Both Antique and Craft Vendors are currently signing up.

WESTLAKE IN BLOOM JUDGING

July 8 through 12: a good service to our community and a wonderful chance to enjoy our neighbors' gardens. See article this page.

Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County 'Plants in the Park'

Clean that Garage!

When's the last time you used that nice garden rake, birdbath, etc.? The Master Gardeners are collecting Garden Art and gently used yard equipment for their annual fundraiser, "Plants in the Park." Please let Deb Dougherty know if you have something to donate (deb dougherty2771@yahoo.com, 440-506-0237). The plant sale will be held on June 1st at the Kiwanis Pavilion. There will be over 2,000 plants and experts to help you find just what you want! The attached flyer, p.5, contains more information.

WGC June Meeting & Program

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 19th

We are having a **potluck lunch** at the Clague Cabin in Clague Park. Each member is asked to share their favorite gardening tool or gardening tip. Please bring a **dish to share**. We are not trying to control who brings what---somehow potlucks always work out! The Cabin will have tables, chairs, and utilities. We need to bring our own serving spoons and place settings. Please, non-alcoholic beverages only. The Cabin is most easily accessible using the Hilliard Road entrance to the park. It is near the tennis courts.



Watch email for more on this closer to the date.



Westlake in Bloom

Our Club has become a big supporter of the judging process. Lots of gardens means lots of yards to be evaluated. A call for judges has gone out. If you have not previously judged but would like to be involved, **reach out to Deb Dougherty and she will pair you up with an experienced team. Judging will be from July 8th – July 12th, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Judging teams determine their own schedules.

Reasons to add a few native plants to your repertoire

- **Lower maintenance:** Once established, native plants need less water than traditional garden varieties and they don't need fertilizer or pesticides.
 - **Resilience:** They can handle weather extremes better, saving you from replacing damaged plants.
 - **Long-term value:** Native plants often thrive for many years, giving you more for your money over time.
- from the website of Garden for Wildlife*

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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION—CUYAHOGA COUNTY

MASTER GARDENERS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY



**Saturday,
June 1st, 2024**

**KIWANIS PAVILION
6363 SELIG DRIVE
Independence, Ohio
9AM-1PM**

CASH, CHECK OR CHARGE

- Perennials, vegetables & herbs
- Native plants for pollinators
- Trees and shrubs
- New plants stocked all day long
- Great prices!!!
- Expert help finding the perfect plant
- Pots, garden tools, accessories and lawn art
- Have your gardening questions answered by a Master Gardener



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This calendar of events is in your yearbook. Here's an extra copy for the fridge!

Westlake Garden Club Calendar of Events 2024

Updates and details will be sent via the monthly Garden Scoop and e-mail. Watch your inbox for details!

Date	Event
Saturday, April 6	Annual Rain and Garden Show (Westlake Community Services Center)
Wednesday, April 17	Spring Assessment and Maintenance at the Community Pollinator Gardens
Thursday, April 25	Holden Forests and Gardens Affiliate Meeting (Cleveland Botanical Garden)
Thursday, May 9	Garden Club of Ohio Spring District Meeting
Saturday, May 18	Hilliard Blvd. Flower Box
Monday, May 20	Nature in My Backyard (Westlake Community Services Center-Auditorium)
Saturday, May 25	Westlake Garden Club Plant Swap
Wednesday, June 19	Tour of Lakeview Cemetery
Wednesday, July 17	Garden Walk
Wednesday, September 11	Garden Club of Ohio Fall District Meeting
Wednesday, September 18	TBD
Wednesday, October 16	Lavender
Thursday, November 8	Garden Club of Ohio Holiday Program
Wednesday, November 20	Annual Membership Business Meeting
Wednesday, December 18	Holiday Luncheon and Officer Installation

