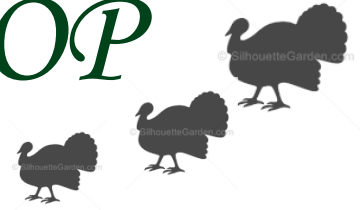


GARDEN SCOOP



WGC Events

✓ NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM

Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Community Services Center, 10:30 a.m.

This is a “must attend” meeting. The 2024 slate of officers will be decided and a vote will be taken on several proposed club changes.

PROGRAM: Putting the Garden to Bed

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 2024; none in December 2023.

DECEMBER: WGC Holiday Luncheon at Avon Oaks CC celebrating our 60th year. **RESERVE BY DEC. 12.**

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, see p. 6.

Guests are welcome.

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DEAN’S CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER
November 15 to December 24

Just like last spring —mention our club before the sale is rung and we will receive 20% of the cost of anything you purchase . *Thank you for supporting our club. See p.3.*

Cleveland Botanical Garden

FROST - AN ICE-CAPPED GARDEN EXPERIENCE **Nov 18 - Dec 31, 2023, p. 4.**

Garden Club of OH

HOLIDAY SHOW NORTH
Thursday, November 9, 10:30 a.m.
Registration has closed.

November Annual Meeting & Program

Wednesday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.

Our November meeting will be held on **November 15th** at the **Community Service Center**. This meeting is our annual membership meeting. We don’t usually cover much “Club Business” in our usual program meetings, but this is that once a year duty. Please try to attend. Important items that must be covered:

1. Nominations for Board positions. This includes officers and committee chairs. Our current Board is willing to continue, but nominations may be taken from the floor (provided your nominee is not taken unaware!). Carol Jasin has stepped forward to take the Membership Chair position as the result of Patti Frank’s early resignation. Open Committee Chairs: Programs Coordinator and Publicity. Would welcome anyone that can serve as Civic Activity Coordinator or as Westlake Schools Coordinator.
2. Change in our number of meetings: Schedule is proposed to be April through December with August as a vacation month.
3. Update the fiscal year in our governing documents to reflect June-May.
4. Permit the use of electronic notifications (email) for proposed changes to documents and announce meetings.

A short program developed by the Cuyahoga Master Gardeners will be presented on the topic of “Putting Your Garden to Bed”.

October Craft Day

What a gift to have so many of you come try your hand at creating articles for our vendor table at the Garden Club of Ohio luncheon November 9. We hope to sell a lot but regardless of how well we do with the sale, the crafting was great fun and we think it turned out beautifully. The photos below, most courtesy of Eileen Cernea, will give you an idea of what we did.



The three crafted items were snowmen ornaments, paper sheet music ornaments and découpage wooden bird houses. Sally Knurek donated the bird houses. Decorating them was great fun. Pictured top above from left to right are Cheryl Dever, Teri Lyons, Deb Dougherty, Jean Smith, Brittany Dresden—a potential new member, Lavinia Cozmin, Shirley Lutts, Rosemary McEntee, Sally Knurek, Cathy Garlitz and Carol Jasin. Below are Marie McCarthy and Kathy Bruening. Others who helped but are not pictured were Linda Strong, Debby Basiewicz—another potential new member, Marge Emblom and Eileen Cernea. Welcome to Brittany and Debby. We so appreciate all the crafters.

Do you ever wonder about our garden club connection with the CBG?

The **Fall Forum of the Affiliate Council** on October 19 at the Botanical Garden was very well attended by representatives of numerous garden clubs in the area. I accompanied **Sally Knurek**, our representative. The Affiliate Council Board chair is **Shirley Swindell**. She informed us of the new Affiliate Council website which is www.hfandgaffiliatecouncil.org. The new **President and CEO of the HF&G, Ed Moyell**, was introduced. He was very enthusiastic in his delivery, and led us to believe he's the right person to head such an important organization. **Kevin Borowiak** (winter show Affiliate coordinator) gave an update on preparations for the upcoming Frost Forest show. This year, 15 free tickets will be made available to each garden club for their members! Great opportunity to see this beautiful and always very artistic show! The featured speaker was **John Barber of Cleveland Heights**, who gave a presentation on "Planting Native Plants for Birds" that was well grounded in current science and environmental concerns. A handout was provided with information on local plant sources, websites, Facebook groups, books to read, etc. In closing, we had the opportunity to present our WGC achievements, discuss ideas on planting nativesvolunteering, attracting new members and maintaining the current ones, all in a round table discussion.

Lavinia Cozmin

A Fond Farewell to Alberta Ricciardi

Many of you know that I am a relative new-comer to the Garden Club, joining in 2018/2019. I have been fortunate to have found some wonderful mentors in this group. Smart, talented women willing to share their talents and show me the ropes. But you haven't met a dynamo until you had met Alberta Ricciardi. Alberta gave you the impression that she was just a spectator---her line was "I just take pictures". That's not true. I heard that back in the day of Garden Club meetings with lunch, Alberta could cook up a storm. But that sweet Alberta's real super power was rounding up volunteers and filling vacancies on the Westlake Garden Club Board. You never knew she was "handling" you until you took the bait. I could never say no to Alberta. Alberta's daughter gave me a call this week to say that her mom had peacefully passed away. Alberta was 98 years old. I want to be Alberta when I grow up. God bless you, my friend. *Deb Dougherty*



Winter Fundraiser – Dean's Nursery

Nov 15- Dec 24

Mention Westlake Garden Club when you check out and 20% goes to us. Please tell your friends, neighbors, and family. You do not need to be a WGC member to help.



Dean's is gracious in supporting local non-profit organizations. They have a wonderful selection of poinsettias, fresh garlands, and natural decorations for the holidays.

Protect our Pollinators

As you no doubt noticed in Lavinia's article, the featured speaker at the GCO Affiliate Day was John Barber who spoke on "Planting Native Plants for Birds". **His message was that seed eating birds are doing fine, but the insect eaters are in trouble.** The solution is to plant a variety of native plants, provide clean and safe water year-round, never use insecticides or rodenticides. To protect the birds, never allow loose cats outside and remove strays.

His handout was a sheet of recommendations and resources. I would be glad to send this to you if you e-mail me at sdk4@icloud.com.

Sally Knurek

Speaking of pollinators . . .

On Tuesday, Oct. 24th my husband and I went to the WGC planting beds at Clague Park and were pleasantly surprised to see pollinators still enjoying the garden - American Painted Lady and a Skipper butterfly. There were also honeybees and bumblebees. It was great to see them all.

Carol Jasin



A completely new holiday experience is coming to the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Winter botanical displays, holiday lights and immersive, themed rooms will transport you to an enchanting world.

Westlake Garden Club is among the 44 garden clubs affiliated with the Cleveland Botanical Garden and we are as usual participating in their annual winter show. It promises to be quite spectacular this year—a complete transformation that has been in the works for 2 years. We have elected to decorate a wreath called “**Sparkle at the Front Door**” in keeping with the overall *Frost Forest* theme of the CBG. **Cathy Garlitz** has taken the lead on this year’s project and created a very special wreath. She will be hanging the wreath on Friday in time for the **November 18th opening** of the Winter Show. We hope that you find time over the holidays to enjoy this wonderland with family and friends and to take a photo with our wreath.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays: 10am-5pm
 Thursday, Fridays, Saturdays: 10am-9pm
 Sundays: Noon-5pm
 Mondays: Closed

From Marianne Stern, Affiliate Council Secretary

I just want to share some information about the upcoming holiday show at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. **Frost: An Ice Capped Garden Experience** opens **November 18-December 31**. The promotions for this show highlight more lighting features inside & outside, musical entertainment, Santa, 500 poinsettias, and much more. Of course, there will be hand-decorated trees, wreaths, and arrangements from 44 Affiliate Garden Clubs. There is an additional charge just for the holiday show. I want to let you know about the **admission changes for this holiday show only.**

Nonmembers

Adults \$23 Weekdays (Tuesday-Friday)
 Adults \$26 Weekends (Saturday & Sunday)

Members

Adults \$10 Weekdays (Tuesday-Friday)
 Adults \$12 Weekends (Saturday & Sunday)

Senior Day -Age 60+ (usual \$10 entry for member seniors)

Tuesday only-\$17 for Nonmembers

2024 Membership Renewal Application

Annual membership renewals are due no later than December 31, 2023. **Please update your phone and email information on this sheet.** A check for \$40 payable to the Westlake Garden Club is to be submitted to our Membership Chair, **Carol Jasin at 27433 Second Street, Westlake OH 44145.**

Name: _____

Current email: _____

Preferred Phone (please indicate if cell or home): _____

Please note that all members are expected to attend our programs and meetings and must serve on at least one committee. Indicate below those committees you will support.

___ **Publicity*** (Big need!)**

___ **Programs*** (Big need!)**

___ Photographer (take pictures of our activities, meetings, etc. and provide to our newsletter editor)

___ Greeter for Meetings: No physical requirements but must commit to being present for all meetings.

___ Hilliard Flower Box

___ Maintain the pollinator gardens

___ Volunteer as a Judge for Westlake in Bloom

___ Mentor a new member

The Westlake Garden Club
Annual Holiday Luncheon/Officer Installation


Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Avon Oaks Country Club
32300 Detroit Road, Avon OH 44011 (Just west of the Westlake/Avon border)

Social Hour 11:30 a.m. Luncheon 12:00 p.m.

There is an elevator for guests to reach the 2nd floor.

Luncheon price is \$27 and includes tax and gratuity. **Meal selection includes a choice of salad and soup, rolls/butter, dessert, and coffee.** Please note the extra charge to add chicken or salmon to your salad.



Menu

Soup Choice
TOMATO BISQUE or ITALIAN WEDDING

Salad Choice
CHOPPED WEDGE SALAD
Chilled Wedge of Iceberg Lettuce topped with blue cheese crumbles, tomato slices, chopped bacon, hard-cooked egg and red onion

SPINACH SALAD
Baby Spinach, pecan pieces, red onion, strawberries, blueberries, feta cheese, raspberry vinaigrette dressing

Add-ons
CHICKEN + \$5 SALMON +\$6

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12TH

Please make your checks payable to Westlake Garden Club for \$27 (\$32 for the additional chicken selection, \$33 for the additional salmon selection).

Mail to: Deb Dougherty, 1814 Burr Oak Dr, Westlake, Oh 44145.

Member name _____ **Phone #** _____

Circle menu selection: SOUP: Tomato or Italian Wedd. SALAD: Chopped or Spinach ADD-ON: Chicken or Salmon

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Number of reservations: _____ **Check Amount:** _____