



# GARDEN SCOOP



## From the President:

*We have had a great, energetic crew working with and on the Board this year. I have been so incredibly grateful for the willingness of our newest members to get involved (Carol Jasin, Linda Freeman, and Mary Ann Coblentz) and the continued dedication of our Board/Committee Leaders. Unfortunately, there are many of you that are only seen for lunch and/or perhaps the Garden Walk.*

*We have 31 members. Our attendance at most events was between 9 and 12 members. We have allowed a couple of years for the "post Covid" return of members. It didn't happen. Our Annual Meeting will be on November 20<sup>th</sup>. It is time to take stock of our organization and decide its future. We look forward to your participation at this very important meeting.*

## WGC

### November 20 Annual Meeting:

All members are expected to attend. Really, everybody. **10:30 a.m.** Porter Library Craft Room. See you there!

### Save These Dates:

**December 6** BULB FORCING with seniors at the community center. Details, p. 2.

**December 18** Our HOLIDAY LUNCHEON at Avon Oaks Country Club  
Reservation information, page 5.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025. SEE PAGE 4.

*November 20, 10:30-Noon*

## Westlake Garden Club Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is required by our By-Laws. All current members are expected to attend.

Board members have agreed to continue their service for another year. However, if you are interested in a particular position, please submit your information to either of our Vice Presidents, Kathy Bruening or Sally Knurek, no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be conducted at the annual meeting, if required. Please be prepared to sign up to help on any of our many committees or share the leadership.

Please note that member participation continues to be minimal. This meeting will be looking for your input as to the continuance of the Westlake Garden Club beyond 2025. ON PAGE 3, YOU WILL FIND THREE PROPOSALS TO THINK ABOUT AND BE READY TO VOTE ON AT THE MEETING.

This year's annual meeting will be held in the **Craft Room at the Porter Library at 10:30 p.m.** The Club will provide coffee and water.

Save a Stamp: Reservations and payment for the Holiday Luncheon as well as next year's dues will be accepted at this meeting!

**The garden year has no beginning  
and no end.**

**Elizabeth Lawrence**



## Workshop with our Westlake Seniors

As a community project our Garden Club is sponsoring a workshop at the Community Center on **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will be forcing paper white bulbs with our senior community. The bulbs have been ordered. We need your help obtaining deep saucers or pots (4” deep and approximately 6-8” diameter). We will be forcing Paperwhites and planting them in pebbles. Please contact Deb if you would like to volunteer and/or can provide planting vessels (cell 440-506-0237/email [debougherty2771@yahoo.com](mailto:debougherty2771@yahoo.com)).

## October Meeting: Lovely Lavender!

Our Club learned of the origins, types, uses, and care of lavender as presented by Master Gardener Volunteer Debbie Osgood. After the presentation, members and guests assembled lavender sachets for friends. The sachets were made with lavender from our pollinator gardens. Carol Jasin added to our theme with some homemade lavender soaps for everyone. Not only does lavender smell good but the bees love it and the deer do not.



October Meeting

## Annual Business Meeting Proposals to think about before voting on November 20.

Although it is the intent of the WGC board to continue our club in its present format throughout the coming year, we are deeply concerned about the low attendance. It is difficult to justify speakers for such a small group and our pollinator gardens could use a larger corps of regular helpers. Please consider the following proposals for how we will proceed at the end of 2025. Please come to the meeting to vote.

1. Shall we disband as an independent non-profit organization at the end of 2025? (According to our by-laws, all remaining funds would be donated to the Garden Club of Ohio. Those funds may be used in the coming year for appropriate gardening projects in our own city.)
2. Shall we actively investigate a merger with another garden club in our area?
3. Shall we disband and continue as an informal garden group of friends who, while not part of a non-profit organization, would continue the upkeep of the pollinator gardens in Westlake and meet to share gardening ideas and occasional outings?

*Please think carefully about what works for you.*

## Holiday Traditions Continue in 2024

In addition to our **workshop for seniors** at the Westlake Community Services Center (p.2), we will be decorating a **Christmas tree** again this year at the Porter Library and providing a **wreath and book** for the Frost Winter Show at the Cleveland Botanical Garden (CBG) Thanks especially to **Cathy Garlitz** and to **Robert Pearl** for taking the lead in continuing these holiday traditions at the library and the CBG.

This year's theme for the **Frost** garden club contributions is "Fables and Tales of the Frost Forest". Our contribution is a **wreath based on the story of Alice in Wonderland**. **Cathy Garlitz** has created a beautiful, and very unique wreath to fit the storybook theme. **Deb Dougherty** has tracked down the children's book to go along with the wreath. Some of our members joined in by preparing the colorful marbled ornaments at the September craft day. Be sure to enjoy the **Frost Winter Show** this year: **Saturday, November 23rd – Sunday, January 5th. Details at holdnfg.org.**

**Robert Pearl** will be again providing his expertise and a full array of ornaments for the Porter Library Christmas tree. The decor this year will have a winter woodland theme. **Decorating day** is the Monday after Thanksgiving, **December 2 at 10:30 a.m.** Please let Kathy Bruening (kcbruen@att.net) know if you can help trim the tree. It does not take long as Robert has everything ready to go.



**Time to  
renew**

We are looking forward to another great year in **2025** and hope to see you and some of your friends who might like to join the group. Annual dues are **\$40**.

Please mail to:  
Carol Jasin,  
Membership Chair

**Checks** should be made payable to **Westlake Garden Club**. They may also be given to Carol Jasin at the November 20 meeting or at the December luncheon.

**\*Please note any changes** in your address, phone or e-mail. *Please let us know if you do not plan to renew. Thank you.*



**Brown Bagging it in My Backyard**

A Second Wednesday Zoom Lecture Series  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at Noon**

Back by popular demand!  
Zoom in to hear Dave Tomashefski speak:  
**Where Do They Go?**



We love to watch pollinators visiting our flowers, but as the growing season ends, we may wonder about the pollinators' lives away from the flowers. Where do they go to find shelter, and how can we modify our gardens to give these insects a home? This presentation explores the garden as though it were a city of pollinators with habitat features that we, the gardeners, can provide. Special emphasis will be given to winter shelter.

Dave Tomashefski, the Director of Education for **Meadow City Native Plant Nursery**, will speak on the importance of leaving the leaves to the life of butterflies, bees and moths – and so much more! By treating falls leaves and stems gently, we can improve the overwintering success of the pollinators we work so hard to attract.

Join the Zoom Presentation

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81271573092?pwd=PZ4PHwedQuZ5juF9avFBz57lLSvHQb.1>

Meeting ID: 812 7157 3092  
Passcode: 030261

Nature in My Backyard is a program of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and the Shaker Lakes Garden Club.

**Summit County Master Gardener Volunteers *Design and Beyond***

Although we do not meet in the winter months, some of you may want to team up to attend the Summit County Master Gardeners daylong workshop on Saturday, January 25, in Fairlawn, OH. The three speakers are well-known experts in gardening and design. The event includes a breakfast bar, light lunch, raffle and door prizes. Cost is \$65. There is a more detailed description of the speakers and their topics which I will forward in a separate email in case you are interested. Carpooling would be good for this one.

Please join us for lunch and socializing at the Avon Oaks Country Club. Guests are welcome. See the attached flyer for information and remittance/reservation information. The due date is **December 10th**. Please note that refunds will not be provided for cancellations.



# The Westlake Garden Club Annual Holiday Luncheon/Officer Installation *Wednesday, December 18, 2024*

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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Luncheon price is **\$25** for members and **\$30** for guests. This includes tax and gratuity.  
**Meal selection includes a choice of salad and soup, rolls/butter, dessert, and coffee.**

*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*

*Protein choice of chicken or salmon served family style at your table.*



**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10TH**

Please make your checks payable to **Westlake Garden Club** for \$25 (\$30 for guests) Mail to: Deb Dougherty, 1814 Bur Oak Dr, Westlake, Oh 44145.

Member name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Circle menu selection: SOUP: Tomato or Italian Wedd. SALAD: Chopped or Spinach

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Number of reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



### Fables and Tales of the Frost Forest at the CBG

As noted on page 3, the Cleveland Botanical Garden opens the **Frost Winter Show** before Thanksgiving this year. **Cathy Garlitz** has our wreath ready to go. Above is a quick sneak peek. Notice the marbled ornaments that many of you made. Enjoy the Winter Show to see the whole wreath and all of the other garden clubs' creative contributions.

### Westshore Arts Council at the Westlake Community Center

Robert Pearl who is a past member and longtime friend of the club requests that you stop by the 3-man art show at the Westlake Community Center. **Read about the artists to the right.** *And don't forget to check out Robert's design for the Christmas tree at Porter in December.*

# 3-Man Art Show

**All Artwork for Sale!**

November 8<sup>th</sup> thru  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Westlake Community Services Center  
28975 Hilliard Boulevard  
Westlake, Ohio 44145

Sponsored by   
Westshore Arts Council



Thomas Hemsath

A member of the Aquarelle Watercolor Society, Thomas is regarded as an expert at watercolor wash. His award-winning work has been featured in numerous juried art shows. Tom specializes in landscapes, abstracts, and portraits done in both watercolor and acrylic.



Howard Hoehn

Howard is a member of the Aquarelle Watercolor Society. He is a graduate of Ohio University with a Degree in Fine Arts and competes regularly in local and statewide shows. His favorite mediums are watercolor and Pen and Ink mediums. He is a former member of the Westshore Arts Council Board.



Robert Parry

Robert has painted in watercolors for over 20 years, recently painting in other mediums pen & ink and oil paints. He's a member of the Aquarelle Watercolor Society and Westshore Arts Council. Robert earned a BFA in Visual Communication from Ohio State. He later received a master's degree from OSU's School of Architecture.