

GARDEN SCOOP



WGC

Board Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m.
Porter Library

November Meeting Date

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m., the 2nd Wednesday of the month instead of the third—only for November
Westlake Recreation Center

Dean's Winter Fundraiser

November 15 to December 24

A good place for Holiday decor and/or hostess gifts. The club receives 20% of anything you purchase if you mention us before they ring the sale.

WGC Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

WGC Holiday Luncheon at Avon Oaks Country Club, see page 3. Mary Ann will have extra copies of the invitation so that you can reserve at the meeting this Wednesday. **Reservations are due Dec. 9th.**

Cleveland Botanical Garden

The Winter Show

“FROST, AN ICE-CAPPED GARDEN EXPERIENCE” will run from Saturday, November 22 to Sunday, January 4, 2025. **Linda Freeman** and her team of crafters have created a wreath to fit the CBG's theme for the year. Ours is called “Whispers of Spring” and is ready to go. Thank you, Linda.

November Annual Meeting

In accordance with our governing documents, we are required to hold an annual meeting in November. The meeting will include the election of officers and committee chairs. Your presence is important.

We have received a nominee for all positions except the President. Please consider your garden club when planning your extra-curricular activities and time commitments. We need your talent and contribution to keep us moving forward! **Note the different date: 2nd Wednesday, November 12.** We hope to see everyone.



October Meeting

Thank You to Sally Knurek for her fascinating talk on fungi at our October meeting. Sally taught us that these unobtrusive and often forgotten plants are a key element in our environment. Her talk was based on 3 books. Yes, she really did a lot of research for us! ‘The Entangled Life: The Illustrated Edition’ by Merlin Sheldrake is the one that Sally recommends for general reading. The other two (‘The Entangled Life, Regular Edition’ and ‘Mycelium Running: How Mushrooms Can Save the World’ by Paul Stamets) are more scientific. **Kudos to Kathleen, Deb and all** who contributed to our delicious and abundant food table.

GCO Holiday Show North



Our Garden Club was represented at the November Garden Club of Ohio meeting by 6 members: Deb Dougherty, Linda Freeman, Sally Knurek, Teri Lyons, Debra Stewart and Kathy Bruening. The talk was on whimsical wreaths and how to dry and use the plants in your own garden to decorate for fall and the holidays. Our speaker, Glendalee Burns from the Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club, is living proof that gardening does keep you young. She has just celebrated her 90th birthday and is still digging in the dirt and creating wonderful botanical crafts.

Westlake Garden Club also took advantage of the option to host a vendor table at this meeting to sell some of the botanicals and decorations from our past Cleveland Botanical Garden trees. It is nice to know that they will be reused plus we made a little money for the club's next projects.



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New plantings in the pollinator garden at the Community Center & a gracious thank you from Cindi Lindgren

October 31, 2025

Westlake Garden Club
c/o Deb Dougherty

Dear Members of the Westlake Garden Club,

On behalf of Westlake Community Services I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your thoughtful redesign of the Pollinator Garden and for your recommendation that we purchase the Dwarf Legend of Fall (Bottle-Brush Buckeye) as well as your generous donation of three each of the *Blue Shadow* and *Summersweet* bushes.

Your time, creativity, and commitment to beautifying our grounds have made a lasting impact. The newly refreshed garden will not only be visually stunning but also serves as a welcoming habitat for bees, butterflies, and other essential pollinators—helping to sustain the natural balance within our community.

We truly appreciate your continued partnership and dedication to enhancing our outdoor spaces. Your efforts exemplify the spirit of care and collaboration that makes Westlake such a wonderful place to live and visit.

With sincere gratitude,

Cindi

Cindi Lindgren
Office Manager

CC: Lydia Gadd, Community Services Director
Chris Stuhm, Service Director



Westlake Garden Club
Annual Holiday Luncheon/Officer Installation

Please join us for lunch, socializing and a white elephant gift exchange at our Annual Holiday Luncheon/Officer Installation. Guest are welcome.

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

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 **\$30.00** for members and **\$30.00** for guests.
This includes tax and gratuity.

Meal selection includes a choice of entree: Chicken Florentine (stuffed with cheese and spinach) or vegetarian option (stuffed ravioli), rolls/butter, dessert and coffee.

For those who'd like to participate in the white elephant gift exchange, you're kindly asked to bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$20.00 in value. Re-gifting is strongly encouraged. The more outrageous the gift, the better.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 9TH.

Please make your check payable to Westlake Garden Club.
Mail to: Deb Dougherty, 1814 Bur Oak Drive, Westlake, OH 44145

Member Name: _____ Phone# _____
Circle menu selection: Chicken Florentine or Vegetarian

Guest Name: _____ Phone # _____
Circle menu selection: Chicken Florentine or Vegetarian

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Number of Reservations _____ Check Amount _____
(Please note that refunds will not be provided for cancellations.)