



GARDEN SCOOP



WGC Events

FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR
Wednesday March 15, 10:30 a.m.,
Westlake Community Services
Center, 28975 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake
44145

SCHEDULE FOR 2023:

Board meetings, 10:30 a.m.,
first Wednesday of the month,
Westlake Porter Library.

Member Meeting & Program,
10:30 a.m., third Wednesday of the
 month at **Westlake Community**
Services Center.

*Variations to this along with the
 program schedule will be announced at
 the first meeting in March. Monthly
 updates will be in the newsletter. Check
 your email and mark your calendar.*

WELCOME SPRING

Spring Forward: Time to move those
 clocks forward 1 hour: effective 2
 a.m. March 12, the second Sunday in
 March.

Rain n' Garden Show April 1 at the
 Community Center, 10 a.m. to 2
 p.m., See page 4.

April 20 at the Botanical Garden.
 Affiliate Clubs are invited to hear a
 talk by Marshal Dirks of Proven
 Winners and to wander through the
 gardens and glass houses at your
 leisure afterwards. See page 2.



Snow drops in
February

Getting Ready to Garden

STARTING SEEDS INDOORS

March 15th (Wednesday) Cuyahoga Volunteer Master Gardener
Chris Harris, will meet us at the **Westlake Community Center**.
 The topic is “Starting Seeds Indoors”. The timing for this
 presentation should be just about perfect! Chris will let us know
 which plants are ready when.

Please have your coffee and be settled in your seats by 10:30 a.m.
 If this is your first visit to the Community Center, please allow a
 few extra minutes to sign-in at the kiosk. We will have a brief
 general meeting before the program. Hope to see you there. See
 below for information on the Community Center Meeting venue.



March Meeting at the Community Center

In our attempt to continue to “tweak” our meetings for the better, we
 have not only changed our meeting day back to the **third Wednesday**
of the month, but we are also experimenting with a location change for
 our meetings. Instead of the library, our March meeting will be held at
 the **Community Center**. The Community Center’s Cafe not only
 provides the opportunity to grab a free cup of coffee or tea (courtesy of
 weekly sponsors), but a chance to lunch and visit after our meeting.

As you enter the Community Center (this is a stand alone building on
 the Westlake Recreation Center grounds), you will need to **sign-in**.
 There are 2 sign-in screens, one across from the main desk and the
 other across from the Café. If you have a card, you will simply scan it
 and then click on ‘Garden Club’ as the reason for your visit. If you
 don’t have a card, you will need to type in your name on the touch
 screen and then click on ‘Garden Club’. It may save you time to
 register and get a card at the front desk. *(Cards are for everyone —no
 need to be a Westlake resident.)*

Our meeting will be held in the **1st room on the right, past the Café**.
 Look for our table and pick up your name tag as you enter. Looking
 forward to getting your feedback on this change in venue.

Cleveland Botanical Garden Affiliate Day



You're Invited

HOLDEN ARBORETUM & CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN

Please Save the Date for

Affiliate Day

Thursday, April 20, 2023
9:00-11:30 am

Cleveland Botanical Garden
Woodland Hall

With special guest, **Marshall Dirks**, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Proven Winners, presenting:
What Makes Proven Winners a Proven Winner? A Better Garden Starts with Better Plants



More information and a registration link to follow in early March.

We hope that many of our club members will take this opportunity to hear an expert from Proven Winners and enjoy the CBG garden.

Affiliate Club members are welcome to tour the garden and glasshouses after the presentation for as long as they like. The ticket price is \$16. Parking is free. Coffee, tea, water, and pastries will be available in the Garden Room.

A basket called "Down and Dirty Gardening" (\$200 value) will be raffled with proceeds supporting the Transportation Fund. This fund enables classrooms which otherwise would not be able to afford it, to visit the CBG or the Arboretum. Tickets are 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10.

Kevin Borowiak will be available in the hallway to answer questions about the upcoming holiday show "Welcome to the Frost Forest." Sommer Tolan, artist, horticulturist, and floral designer, will be at another table sharing information about the flower arrangement project that garden clubs can participate in. Another table will have information about the Hershey Children's Garden Planter project

Registration: 8 am; Program 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the CBG

Environment



If you have been browsing through your 'Garden Greetings' magazine from the Ohio Garden Club, you may have noticed the article about earth friendly cleaning products. Here is what **Sally Knurek** has to say about some of these biodegradable products:

I am using "Earth Breeze" in my wash and dishwasher. Both are made and shipped in materials that are biodegradable. Both work very well. I just tested the dishwasher tablets and the dishes were clean and shiny. I've been using the laundry sheets in my wash and love it. Both are a fraction of the size of store bought products, so a lot of room is saved, as well as weight and shipping costs. The website is <www.earthbreeze.com>.

Another product I can recommend for most of the rest of your cleaning is Dr. Bronners. I use both the Castile soaps and the Sal Suds. They are cruelty free and biodegradable and clean anything. You dilute both products so they are economical. <drbronner.com>

Of course I also use vinegar and baking soda. There are so many recipes on line so there is really almost no excuse for using harmful chemicals

WGC 2023 Membership Update

WGC's 2023 membership includes 37 current members and 4 honorary members. An "honorary" category was created this year to recognize original and/or long-time dedicated club members who may not be able to attend our functions, but are interested in the club's activities and correspondence.

Be sure to pick up your new directory at the March meeting. See you there.

From the President

The Westlake Garden Club will soon be gathering again to start another year full of fun, learning and community involvement. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again and hope your holidays were filled with love and laughter. There will be many changes for this year as the board has attempted to meet the needs and interests of members.

To begin with, we have gone back to weekday meetings instead of Saturday. We hope this will enable greater member participation. We have also changed locations. Many of our meetings will now be at the Westlake Community Center - home of our club's new remembrance garden. Speaking of the garden, I can't wait to see it up and growing this first year. We will also not have member-supplied refreshments at meetings since the Community Center has its own cafe that supplies coffee and tea as well as lunches. I hope everyone will stay and socialize at the cafe after meetings.

But we haven't forgotten Porter Library. It is now in the process of building a new garden pavilion outside to be planted and finished in the spring. The club has purchased an engraved brick to be displayed on the walkway. Board meetings will still be held at the library.

We also have some new faces on the board. Deb Dougherty has moved from being treasurer in 2022 to sharing the duties of the president with me for 2023. I couldn't be happier to have such a dynamo share this position with me. Rosemary McEntee will be our new treasurer. Patti Frank will take over membership and Susan Baker will be our recording secretary. In addition, Kathy Bruening will continue to use her computerized magic to produce our wonderful newsletter and Sally Knurek will remain our liaison charged with establishing closer relationships other garden clubs and our interface with CBG.

This year, as in previous years, we have planned the schedule to be a mix of speakers, field trips, community involvement projects and fun. **Make sure to check the schedule in your member directory to be informed about when and where programs will be held. We have planned many interesting visits away from home this year.**

See you all soon. In the meantime, be safe, be happy and stay warm.

Carolyn



Orchids Forever
at the Cleveland
Botanical Garden
ends Sunday, March
12.



December 2022 Holiday Luncheon and Officer Installation



Many thanks to our new officers and committee chairman who were installed at our last meeting/ luncheon in December. This garden club would not exist without your efforts and wonderful organizational skills. We promise to help out whenever asked! Congratulations to you and to the recipients of our Outstanding Achievement Awards that were given out at the luncheon. Shirley Lutts and Marge Emblom have for many years devoted much time, energy and financial support to our club.

Rain n' Garden Volunteers

WGC will as usual have a table at the Rain n' Garden Show to showcase our club and interest new members. Please contact **Sally Knurek** if you are willing to take a turn at the table on **Saturday, April 1**. The show always has a variety of interesting vendors and many visitors. Come to volunteer or just to enjoy the fun.

Too cold to garden?

Here are a few Armchair Gardening Ideas

Plain Dealer/cleveland.com

Susan Brownstein writes wonderfully informative pieces on gardening in Ohio. Her columns are a delight, Fridays on the website or in the Metro section of the Sunday Plain Dealer **Books:**

The Midwest Native Plant Primer: 225 Plants for an Earth-Friendly Garden, Alan Branhagen

Ohio Getting Started Garden Guide: Grow the Best Flowers, Shrubs, Trees, Vines & Groundcovers, Denny McKeown

Lessons From Plants by Beronda L Montgomery, Discussion, Wed., 03/29/23 at the CBG 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



FREE City of Westlake **FREE**

Rain & Garden Show

Westlake Community Services

28975 Hilliard Blvd

Saturday, April 1, 2023

10:00am-2:00pm



30+ Vendors



Kid Zone

11:00am-2:00pm

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



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