



April 15, First Meeting

Spring is in the air: time to reconnect with your gardening friends and of course, get back to gardening. Debra Stewart will be handing out the Garden Club Member Booklet for 2026.



The topic for April is How and When to Prune with an emphasis on Hydrangeas. Pruning was a very high interest topic last year and we thought it worth revisiting. Kim Hawkins, a Master Gardener of Cuyahoga County, will be our presenter. *Snacks provided. BYOBverage.*

Welcome back, all!

It has been a long winter and we are so pleased to be getting back together with friends to welcome the new growing season. Please be sure to say hello to new member Katherine Gerald—and any other members whom you have not yet met.

Welcome, Katherine. We look forward to meeting you.



“Flowers are the music of the ground.
From earth’s lips spoken without sound.”
-Edwin Curran

Ohio Spring Wildflowers & Plants / Native Plant Sale

Thanks to all of our members who supported the North Olmsted Garden Club program in March. **Lys Ursem** from the Cleveland Metro Parks gave a very informative and entertaining talk on the emerging spring wildflowers. She works at the Rocky River Nature Center in the Metro Parks and is a great source of knowledge on these delightful spring plants.



Be a steward for wildlife by adding native plants to your landscape. These beautiful, hardy, low-maintenance plants will make your yard an oasis for native pollinators while creating attractive garden spaces around your home.

The Metropark's will be hosting **native plant sales** at various venues on **Saturday, May 9, 2026**. **The Rocky River Nature Center in North Olmsted is one of the places offering native plants for sale that day, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The list of plants that may be available is on the Metroparks website.

SPRING AFFILIATE DAY

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Raffle proceeds will be going towards Holden Seed Bank

Featured Speaker Dr Roy Larick

"Tomorrow's Moses Cleaveland Trees: How to continue designating Heritage Trees across Cuyahoga County"

- A light breakfast will be included
- Complimentary parking at CBG garage
- Registration opens March 6th
- Check in 8:30 AM-9:30 AM

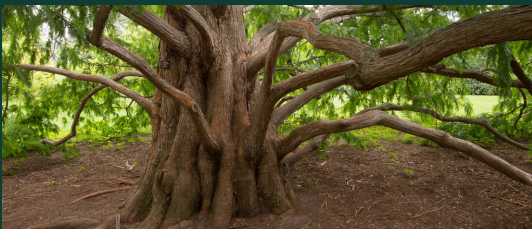
WOODLAND HALL

START : 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN

TICKETS

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Roy Larick, PhD, brings archaeological perspectives to urban environmental issues found in the Cleveland area. He investigates the weave of natural & human forces in building urban landscapes and works with varied partners to recover buried natural features & regenerate local ecological functions.

Westlake Garden Club Logo

Many thanks to **Teri Lyons** for all the hard work and many good suggestions for a new club logo. The board voted on the one below because it gives a fresh look while maintaining our traditional peace rose dating from the founding of the garden club in 1963.



ALL MEMBERS OF THE AFFILIATE GARDEN CLUBS ARE INVITED (2026 AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE CURRENT)

KEEP OUR CLUB STRONG – A TASTY WAY TO GET INVOLVED

We have a terrific line-up of programs this year thanks to the Program Committee and its chair, Mary Ann Coblentz. We need a bit of assistance. How about offering to bring a light refreshment to the April 15th meeting? It can be store bought or from your kitchen. Nothing too fancy ... coffee cake, scones, cookies, etc. If you are willing to help out in this small way, it will be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Kathleen Maciuszko by text, phone or email:

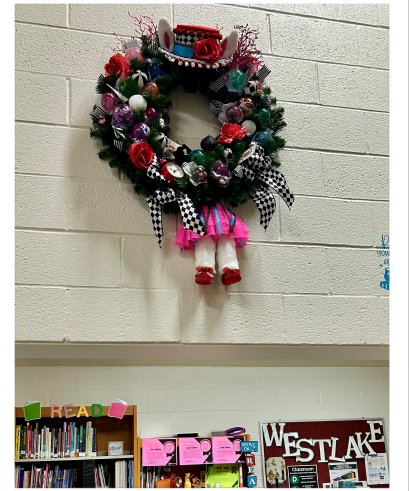
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DOVER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

A big thank you to **Teri Lyons** for following up on our Alice in Wonderland wreath donation to Dover Intermediate School. Teri took part in a presentation on Alice in Wonderland. Here is what she had to say about her visit:

I read the first chapter to two of the classes. It was presented as part of the classics series that they are doing at the school. The two books that we gave them are absolutely beautiful. One of the puzzles was in process and some of the kids were doing it while I was there. The other puzzle was done the week before and completed.



Let's Get Gardening

The Pollinator Garden Team needs your help with our first clean-up day at Clague Park (near the tennis courts). **Wednesday, April 22 at 9:30. Rain date of Wednesday, April 29.** Mary Ann Coblentz will send out reminders. It is good exercise and a nice way to get to know fellow club members.

The Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County Plant sale is always a great one: **Independence, Kiwanis Pavillion, Saturday, May 30.** More information in the May Garden Scoop.



Westlake Garden Club

2026 Calendar of Events

*All meetings begin at 10:30. Meetings are at Westlake Library
27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, unless noted otherwise.*

All are welcome!

<p>April 15</p> 	<p>Pruning Your Plants the Correct Way (with an emphasis on hydrangeas) Presenter: Kim Hawkins-Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County</p>
<p>May 20</p> 	<p>Pressed Flowers and Card Making Presenter: Darlene Hritz</p>
<p>June 17</p> 	<p>Miller Nature Preserve Horticulture Tour LOCATION Miller Nature Preserve 2739 Center Road, Avon</p>
<p>July 15</p> 	<p>Lake Erie Nature Center Native Gardens Tour Presenter: Ann Cicarella LOCATION Lake Erie Nature Center 28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village</p>
<p>September 17</p> 	<p>Dried Flower Arranging Service Project Presenter: Glendalee Burns LOCATION Westlake Community Center 29694 Center Ridge Road, Westlake</p>
<p>October 21</p> 	<p>“Leave the Leaves” Presenter: Black River Audubon Society</p>

