

GARDEN SCOOP

WGC Events

May Plant Exchange: Saturday the 21st, 10:30 a.m. at Carolyn Steigman's

Members' Perennial and Houseplant Exchange.

May 1 through June 15

Spring Fundraiser: Buy your plants at Dean's and WGC receives 30%. Just tell them that you are a Westlake Garden Club member before they ring the sale.

Next Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of July
July, Porter Library, 10:30 a.m. No June board meeting.

June Outing: Wednesday, June 1st, 11:15 a.m. at Schoepfle Gardens. We encourage carpooling. Our usual 3rd Saturday was changed to Wednesday, June 1st in hopes of seeing the rhododendron in bloom. See page 3.

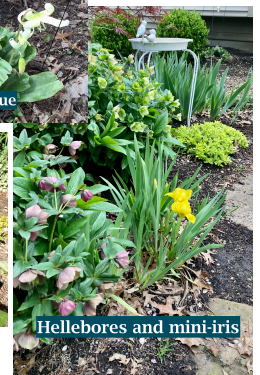
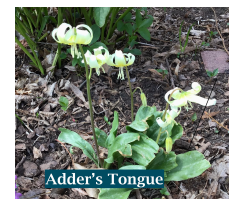
WGC Directory

The Contact List for our members along with the Program Schedule was distributed at the March meeting. If you missed it, please pick up your directory at the plant exchange or check with Lavinia about mailing or pick-up at a later date. There is an addendum to the directory included with this newsletter because many new people signed up in April and May. We are delighted to have a growing group of gardeners!

May 21, 2022

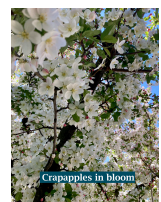
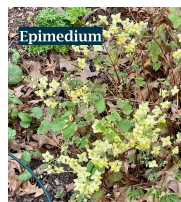
Member Plant Exchange

A plant exchange will be held at Carolyn Steigman's house on **Saturday, May 21** at 10:30 a.m.. Carolyn's address is **2433 Glen Valley Drive** in Westlake. If you have a plant (or several) to share, pot it up and please include as much description as you can---especially note if it is a sun or shade lover and if it is a native plant. Maybe you have a house plant, some decorative pots or garden art to share? And if you just want to come and mingle---please come! Carolyn has not only graciously volunteered her backyard but she is providing snacks as well.



Spring has sprung!

A few of our favorite harbingers of the new growing season.



Welcome to our newest members

Since publishing our roster in March we have had an influx of new members. We are delighted to welcome: **Cheryl Dever, Dottie Farrar, Mike Goldbach, Maryann Innocenzie, Barbara Judge, Linda Strong and Ronda Stone.**

President's Letter

I've only been the club's president for a couple months and it has been so rewarding and it's all because of you. When I asked for volunteers to help with several functions and you stepped right up and made it happen. We now have about 50 members and seem to be gaining members quickly. And so much is happening.



The May club event will be a plant exchange. It will be at 10:30 a.m. May 21 on the patio and sunroom at my house at 2433 Glen Valley Drive, Westlake. It's off Hidden Acres. Refreshments will be provided.

The way this works is that you bring a plant from your collection (so now is a great time to divide your plants) and then you take home a plant. You can also bring flower pots that need a new home. The plants can be garden plants or house plants. Make sure to write down the plant's botanical name and any care instructions and attach it to the plant.

I will have three orchids, *Oncidium Alca*, that need new homes. They are easy to care for. The flowers last for months and smell wonderful.

Since the events in June and July will be field trips, there will not be club meetings at that time. Please pay attention to the newsletter for announcements.

Remember our fund raiser is with Dean's Greenhouse on Porter Road. It's in progress now until June 15. Just buy the plants you want and **BEFORE THEY RING UP THE ORDER** tell them you are with the Westlake Garden Club and we will receive a 30% kickback! You can even have your friends and family do this. They do not have to be club members to help us out. We did this last year and it went very well and I hope this year we will do even better. You can't ask for an easier fund raiser.

A special thank you to the volunteers who will be planting the club's flower box on Hilliard this month. I know it's going to look beautiful and I can't wait to see it.

Thank goodness we seem to be finally getting some warm and dry weather and I'm sure many of you will be out there working in your garden. Take care, enjoy the sunshine and I hope to see you at the plant exchange.
Carolyn Steigman

Websites to Consult about Native Plants and Pollinators

National Wildlife Federation,
www.nwf.org

LEAP for Biodiversity,
www.leapbio.org

Xerces Society, www.xerces.org

Wild Ones, www.widones.org



Pesticides to Avoid



The Neonicotinoid Family:
acetamaprid
imidacloprid,
dinotefuran,
clothianidin
thiamethoxam.

See article, page 3.

NEONICOTINOIDS: A WORD WE NEED TO LEARN A PESTICIDE WE NEED TO AVOID

Some of us attended a presentation by **Ann Cicarella** at the Rocky River Library recently. Ann has a fabulous garden of native plants in her front yard in Shaker Heights. She has become somewhat of an expert on the many pollinators that visit these plants and gave some wonderful tips on natives and the reasons for featuring them in our gardens. One of the main reasons is to help our pollinators who have been seriously threatened by the use of pesticides.

Thus, the reason for learning that title word: **Neonicotinoid**. Neonicotinoid (or Neonic for short) refers to a group of chemicals that attack the central nervous system of insects and “are a suspected link to colony collapse disorder in domesticated honeybees as well as the rapid decline of many wild pollinator species” (treehugger.com). Neonicotinoids are systemic—going to all parts of the plant including its pollen and nectar. There is a very informative article on this class of pesticides in the Home and Garden section of treehugger.com: “Neonicotinoids: What Gardeners Need to Know”. Here is a list of the specific pesticides in the neonicotinoid family: acetamaprid, imidacloprid, dinotefuran, clothianidin, and thiamethoxam.

Many of our large retailers like Home Depot and Lowe’s have pledged to eliminate plants treated with these pesticides. **Our job is to ask before we buy** so that they know that we will avoid purchasing plants treated with these pesticides.

There are bee-friendly pesticides such as Bacillus Thuringiensis and horticultural oils and soaps.

Kathy Bruening

Wednesday June 1, 2022

Schoepfle Gardens, June 1st

This is a Wednesday event! The trip last fall to **Schoepfle Gardens** was full of descriptions of what is happening in the spring. Based upon members-demand, a late spring (June 1) tour has been provided. Fingers crossed the Rhododendron will be in bloom. They are the show stoppers in late May and early June. **In order to assure adequate tram tours for our group, it is important that you notify Deb no later than May 25th of your plans to attend.** Schoepfle Gardens is part of the Lorain Metro Parks System. The address is **12882 Diagonal Road, LaGrange OH**. It is a bit of a drive and the tram tour starts at 11:30 a.m. Carpool anybody? Members should reach out to each other to arrange ride-sharing. You can brown bag your lunch or select from 3 offerings of boxed lunch (about \$13 for a boxed lunch). Details regarding the boxed lunch will be provided to those that let Deb know they are attending. Deb can be reached at deb dougherty2771@yahoo.com, phone is 440-506-0237 (feel free to leave a message). Should be fun—and yes, this is rain or shine—we don’t have a Weather Committee. Please aim to arrive by 11:15.



How to Keep the Unwanted Out of Your Garden



Holly McTernan of the Cuyahoga Master Gardeners Speaker Bureau educated us on that very topic during our April 23 Membership Meeting. I must admit that an audience full of gardeners tend to show their “darker side” when talking about pest control. Holly’s presentation included the 4 steps to managing wildlife: (1) Assess the Damage (what’s happening?), (2) Identify the species (is their burrowing, what type of chewing activity?), (3) consider the cost to correct (fences aren’t cheap!), and (4) Employ management strategies. The management strategies include taste-based and odor-based repellants. An early start to repellants is key to getting the message out to unwanted critters. Holly also addressed the habits of deer, chipmunks, rabbits, and squirrels. A handout that included rabbit resistant plants and repellents for chipmunks, rabbits and deer was provided to all those attending.

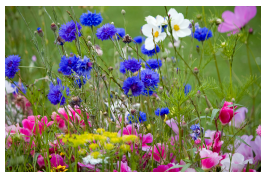
A brief, 15-minute business meeting followed Holly’s presentation. Thanks to **Eileen Drusendahl** for hosting the pastries. We had 25 people attend this meeting, sadly only 11 members made the effort to attend. Please try to be involved in your garden club—we need your energy!

Mark your Calendar

Online entry entry forms for **Westlake in Bloom registration** are available at www.cityofwestlake.org/588/Westlake-in-Bloom; Judging is July 5 through 8; Awards, Tuesday, August 9, 2022



2022 Dean’s Spring Plant Fundraiser



2022 Walk-in Fundraiser at Dean’s Greenhouse is from May 1, 2022 through June 15, 2022

This year Dean’s is offering 30% back on all walk-in sales. When you shop at Dean’s, be sure to tell the cashier that you are with the Westlake Garden Club before they start totaling your order. Please tell your family and friends to also mention the garden club when making purchases and we will receive cash back on those purchases too. This is the easiest fundraiser in which we can participate and the proceeds will help fund the club’s endeavors for this year.

Plant Sale & Vintage Boutique

Saturday
May 28, 2022

8 am - noon

Esquire’s Cottage & Barn

1280 Chagrin River Road
Gates Mills 44040



Shop for a wide variety of annuals, perennials, shrubs, and houseplants gathered from Gates Mills gardeners.

Browse our Vintage Boutique offering a unique array of whimsical, unusual, and utilitarian gardening and flower arranging items for sale.

Free admission and parking.

For more information, visit TheGatesMillsGardenClub.com

GardenWalk
Buds, Blooms, and Bees cleveland

For maps and more information visit gardenwalkcleveland.org

Sat Jul 9, 2022: Fairfax, Glenville, Old Brooklyn, Tremont, West Park
Sun Jul 10, 2022: Broadway Slavic Village, Clifton-Baltic, Collinwood, Detroit Shoreway, Little Italy

FREE
10 am - 5 pm