



GARDEN SCOOP

June 21 Meeting

WGC Events

JUNE MEETING

Wednesday June 21, 10:30 a.m.,
Westlake Community Center
Time to catch up with our gardening
friends followed by a short craft activity
for those interested. See article, p. 1.

COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEAN-UP

Saturday June 17, 9:00 a.m.

Bring your trowel and garden gloves.
We will start planting and weeding in
our Community Center Remembrance
Garden. See page 3 for specific info,

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m. at
Porter Library. There will be a
discussion of the revisions to the
Constitution and By-Laws.

WESTLAKE IN BLOOM

**June 23, last chance to sign up for
judging**, See p. 2.

NATIVE PLANT SALE

June 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Ann Cicarella's garden, see p. 3.
Carpooling is encouraged.

CLEVELAND GARDEN WALK

Sat. & Sun. July 8 & 9, 2023
See flyer p. 4.

10:30 a.m., Westlake Community Center

June's meeting will be an opportunity for those whom we have not seen in a while to catch up on our planned activities and to simply spend some time with each other. There will be a short craft project for those who are interested.



In the afternoon, we will be hosting a project for seniors. The Westlake

Community Services Center requested the Garden Club's assistance in sponsoring an activity. In recognition of the first day of Summer, we are funding a hands-on opportunity for our community 'seniors' to plant a pot of herbs. Each participant will select one of three themes: Culinary, Pollinator, or Tea. We have partnered with Dean's Nursery for the purchase of the plants and pots.

Our members who craft are invited to make decorative herb tags for the pots at our normal meeting time of **10:30 a.m.** at the Community Services Center. It will be a fun function and a good chance to get together and catch up. Please join us!

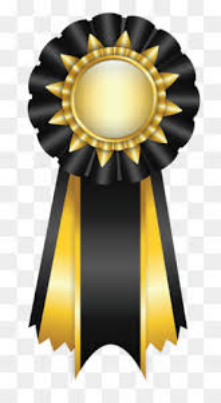


Additionally, we need approximately 4-6 volunteers to provide any needed assistance in compiling the pots and/or loading the completed project into cars.

The planting will happen at **2 p.m.** If you are able to help, please contact Deb Dougherty (debdougherty2771@yahoo.com or 440-506-0237).

WGC receives Garden Club of Ohio Awards

The Garden Club of Ohio (Cleveland District) awarded a 1st place in the Butterfly Category to the Westlake Garden Club as a result of our work with Community Gardens. In addition, the community garden beds received a Certificate of Appreciation at the national level. Many thanks to Susan Baker and Deb Dougherty for spearheading these projects. Our monthly publication, the Garden Scoop, received a 3rd place award in a very competitive category. Kathy Bruening wishes to thank all who contribute by writing articles, sending in information and taking photos. A \$45 check was given to the Club as a part of the recognition. Pretty darned special!



Garden Scoop

Board Vacancy: Our community garden and activities enthusiast, Susan Baker, volunteered and was installed as our Secretary. Unfortunately, Susan is dealing with some health issues this year that require her full energy. Susan, we are thinking of you.

This leaves us with a void. The **Secretary** takes minutes at all our monthly board meetings and any general membership meeting that requires voting action. Our Board meetings last 1 hour and are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m. in the Technology Room of the Porter Library. We could really use your help. Please contact any board member for additional information or to volunteer.

Westlake in Bloom Judging Opportunities: Garden enthusiasts, this one is for you! Westlake residents are already submitting their applications for this annual garden competition. Deadline for entries is June 30th. Our garden club is a source of judges. If you haven't done it before, no worries. You will be placed with an experienced judge to teach you the ropes. Judging for different categories are assigned to at least a 2-person team; checklist with scoring criterion is provided. Each team determines what schedule works for them: Judging may be conducted Monday through Friday, starting on July 10th. Daily times are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please advise if mobility is an issue. Please contact Deb Dougherty, deb dougherty2771@yahoo.com, 440-506-0237 no later than **June 23rd** if you are interested. This is a great chance to see some wonderful gardens in our neighborhoods!

Another great turnout . . .

for the Hilliard Box planting and the weather cooperated! Our planter includes coleus, vanilla marigolds, rose verbena, white salvia, burgundy petunias and pink grandaisies. It's beautiful!! Members contributing to this year's planting include: Deb Dougherty, Anne Engel, Patti Frank, Mike Goldbach, Kathleen Maciuszko, Rose McEntee, Ronda Stone and Linda Strong. A special thanks to Patti and Ronda for taking the lead on this project.



Mike, Kathleen, Rose, Linda, Anne & Ronda

We love our WGC volunteers and participants

Our club is one of service to the Westlake community. Some of the ways in which we use the funds are: Community Education at Porter Library, Container Planting for seniors at the Community Center, the Hilliard Rd. Flower Box, Holiday Decor at the Botanical Garden and at Porter Library, a floral bouquet for the Memorial Day ceremony at Clague Park, Westlake in Bloom judge support, Westlake Pollinator Gardens, and the Westlake Rain n' Garden Show as well as donations to the Porter Library and to the children's bus fund at the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

June Community Garden Clean-up: Looking for volunteers to spend about an hour at each of our 3 gardens to do some weeding and supplemental planting this month. After the GCO awards, we need to keep the “award-winning” community gardens up to snuff! The following is a copy of Deb’s email with all the details:

With some much needed rain forecasted for the next few days, I am proposing that this Saturday morning may be a good opportunity to do some triage work on our gardens. The **Community Center Remembrance Garden** is young, but could do with some supplemental plants. I plan to pick up plants and be there starting at **9 a.m. Saturday, June 17th.**

Our more established gardens at the Clague Park tennis courts have gone crazy! The one end has become a milkweed forest—I recommend we do some thinning out of the gardens to allow some breathing room for the other plants. Plan to move to the tennis court beds after the planting at the Community Services Center.

Looking to wrap everything up by noon.

If you can join, please bring your favorite yard tool, gloves, water and hat. If you come later, feel free to text me to find us.

If you can’t dig, please feel free to come by and see what’s happening and cheer us on 😊!

Ann Cicarella’s Garden and Native Plant Sale Saturday, June 24, 10-2

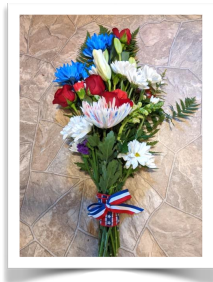
18820 Shelburne Rd., Shaker Heights

Plants for sale are from **Meadow City Native Plant Nursery**, which grows and sells only native plants they have grown from locally sourced and collected seeds. Stroll through the gardens and see the plants’ growth habit (ie, how a 4” potted plant will look in 2 years). For the past 5 years, Ann has been photographing and documenting native pollinators and wildlife that use the plants in the garden. Her garden garden is a wonderful display of native plants that will surely inspire you! You may reach out to Deb Dougherty to coordinate car pooling.



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Once again our own talented florist, Carolyn Steigman, prepared a beautiful bouquet for the Kiwanis Memorial Day ceremony. The Westlake Garden Club provided the funds and Carolyn worked her magic. The Kiwanis and those in attendance appreciated this lovely arrangement.



The Plant Exchange was as always a great success. As one of our members said, “It was so nice visiting and talking to plant and garden-focussed members.” Carolyn’s hospitality was appreciated by all. She has the perfect patio and sunroom combination to accommodate the group and always provides lovely refreshments. Everyone left with something new and interesting for their garden. And as always, gardeners who have to divide perennials are more than happy to give them away. We did really miss Bill Hock this time!





May's Horticultural Tour of the Metroparks Zoo

Ten members and two member-guests participated in a Horticultural Tour of the Cleveland Metro Park Zoo on May 17th. The weather was picture perfect and our guide, LeeAnne Lomax (Cleveland Metro Park's Horticultural Manager), escorted our group through various garden designs. We just missed the blooming tulips but were treated to an insider-look at the current landscape planning for new exhibits such as the Asian Bear enclosure. We all came away with new favorite plants: Fern-leaf Peony or Japanese Iris anyone?



FREE
10 am - 5 pm

GardenWalk
Buds, Blooms, and Bees cleveland

For maps and more information visit
gardenwalkcleveland.org

Sat Jul 8, 2023: Fairfax, Glenville, Ohio City, Old Brooklyn, Tremont, West Park
Sun Jul 9, 2023: Broadway Slavic Village, Clifton-Baltic, Collinwood, Detroit Shoreway, Little Italy

Please note that our club will also be having a garden walk in July. Remember to mark your calendar for that third Wednesday--the garden walk is an evening event with a reception at the last garden. Details next month. Read the Scoop and check your email!