

GARDEN SCOOP

WGC Events

July Garden Walk: Wednesday, July 13, 2022. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Limited to members and their guests. Meet at 6 p.m. at Porter Library for directions and possible carpooling.

Next Board Meeting; *Note the time change on your calendar:*

August 4, 10:30 a.m. at Porter Library. All are welcome.

August Meeting: Saturday, August 20, Porter Library, Feeding the Birds in Winter by Luanne Vynalek, Wild Birds Unlimited.



Thank you to all who contributed to our **May-June fundraiser** by purchasing plants at **Dean's Greenhouse**. We hope that you are enjoying all of your new plants a little more, knowing that some of that money will go toward club projects such as the Hilliard Rd. Flower Box, the pollinator gardens and our contributions to the library and Botanical Garden as well as our operating expenses etc. We are especially grateful to Dean's for making this funding available to our club and other groups in the community. We earned \$468.52. Special thanks to **Jean Smith** for organizing the fundraiser.



**Wednesday,
July 13
Garden Walk**

Walk, Talk and Be Inspired

While we 'usually' hold our monthly program on a Saturday morning, this month we have again planned another out of cycle event. We will be back to our usual meeting time and place in August.

July's event is an evening garden walk. Three Westlake homeowners have graciously opened their yards for us to visit. The yards will be available for us to visit from 6-8 p.m. Carpooling is strongly encouraged because parking can be an issue. Members are asked to meet outside the Porter Public Library entrance to receive the garden addresses and arrange carpooling. Please be there by 6:00 pm.

What you need to know:

1. This is not a public tour, but you may invite a guest.
2. Garden visits must be finished by 8 p.m.
3. You are not to enter the homes. If you need to use a restroom, please make other arrangements.
4. You do not need to visit all 3 gardens. In previous years, we have attempted to visit each yard as a group. We all gaze at our own speed. If you choose to linger, that's fine but you may need to make adjustments for the following garden(s).
5. Those interested are welcome to meet afterwards at the new Westlake Mitchell's ice cream location on Detroit Rd., open until 10 p.m.

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Memorial Day

Westlake pays tribute to all who serve and most especially to those who have given their life.

Thanks to Carolyn for making the rose bouquet and to Lavinia for the photos.



What's Happening In Your Garden? On The Patio? Send your **news & photos** or short articles of interest to Kathy at [<kcbruen@att.net>](mailto:kcbruen@att.net). We love seeing what our members are doing. Anyone reading any good books relating to gardening? How are those plants from our exchange doing?

President's Letter

Hi everyone-

As so often happens I find myself being so grateful to so many people for their help and efforts and this month is no exception.

On May 3 the WGC helped the Kiwanis Club host the city's Memorial Day event that honors veterans past and present. The club supplied a beautiful bouquet of two dozen red roses tied together with a red, white and blue ribbon and bow. Lavinia Cozmin was on hand to take photos of the event. Her picture of the bouquet being held by Major Joseph Anthony, USAF, ret. was published in the June 7 issue of "The Observer".

I want to thank everyone who came to the plant exchange on May 21 and made it a success. It was great to see everyone and to get a chance to talk to some of our newest members. Everyone went home with new plants and fun memories.

Later that same day Debbie Dougherty and her crew were out playing in the dirt for a good cause... namely planting the club's Hilliard Road flower box. It looks great! Good work and thanks to all of you.

The weather cooperated on June 1 when many of us got together to visit Schoepfle Garden, part of the Lorain County Metroparks. The club had visited it in the fall last year and many of us wanted to see it again in the beauty of spring. We were not disappointed. The multi-color iris beds and rhododendrons in full bloom were among the highlights. The peonies were also gorgeous. Although rain was in the forecast, it held off until well after we were gone.

Debbie Dougherty, Patty Frank and I meet as the Finance Committee. I'm happy to say the club is financially healthy. We were able to make donations to several groups including the Porter Public Library, Gardenview Horticultural Park in Strongsville and the Westlake Garden Club PTA among others. In addition, we decided that we needed to set some money aside for something special for our own club members. However, you will have to wait for more information on that because it's a surprise.

On July 13 several homeowners have graciously opened their gardens for a Westlake- Garden- Club- members- only tour. It's always been a favorite of the club every year. By August it'll be time to come in from the garden and return to Porter Library for a program about feeding the birds in winter.

So we have had a lot of fun so far this year and there is more to come. I hope you are able to get out and enjoy the summer and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Carolyn Steigman



Hilliard Road Flower Box

Thanks to our team of gardeners for again doing a beautiful flower box on Hilliard Rd. The club box is in the median strip close to Kathryn Dr and the Hilliard entrance to Clague Park. Pictured below are **Rose McEntee, Patti Frank, Bill Hoch and Anne Engel.** **Deb Dougherty** organized the purchasing and delivery.





Perennials
The 1st year they sleep.
The 2nd year they creep.
The 3rd year they leap



Watch this garden grow

The most recent pollinator garden has been planted at the new Community Center. The Cuyahoga Water Soil and Conservation District offered native prairie flower plugs at a cost of \$160. The Garden Club purchased one planting kit and the other was donated. This resulted in approximately 75 small plants being installed. It's not much to look at now, but it will grow into itself.

Additionally, items from the **WGC Remembrance Garden** have been moved to this location. Thanks to Westlake Garden Club members **Patti Frank**, **Deb Dougherty**, and **Susan Baker** for their involvement. Our appreciation to **Master Gardener Interns** and the **City of Westlake** for their assistance.

Coneflowers from the Remembrance Garden may be relocated to this site as a continuing project. We need a group of volunteers. Anyone interested? Please let us know. Transplanting to be done in the fall.

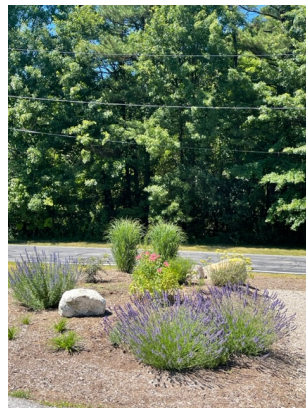
The garden is along the west side of the Community Services Center, follow the sidewalk to the right of the entrance.



Bee-friendly



WGC collaborated with the city of Westlake on the Pollinator Gardens near the tennis courts in Clague Park. They began with small plants and some plugs similar to the ones just planted at the Community Services Center. The planting in that garden was done in June of 2021. See the photos by Eileen Cernea below to get an idea of the progress.



June 1 at Schoepfle Garden: perfect timing to see the Rhododendrons



Save your Seeds this Fall

Jess from Porter Library initiated the library's first Seed Library. Their goal is to give people free access to seeds. Their process began with a request to Seed Savers Exchange (seedsavers.org)

which donates seeds to nonprofits. Porter's seed request was accepted. In mid-April, Porter received 50 seed packets that included a variety of vegetables, fruit, annual and perennial seeds. Each donated seed packet was separated into smaller envelopes with about 10 seeds per envelope to be able to offer the seeds to more people.

Two hundred people took advantage of the seed library. The seed library is currently empty and has been taken down for the season.



Jess said they plan on requesting more free seeds from Seed Savers Exchange next year and hope to keep the seed library growing.

Donations are welcome from not only this year's participants, but also from others who did not participate this year.

Sounds like a great program to get our future garden lovers started.

Enjoy your gardens!

Patti Frank

YELLOW BRICK ROAD SUMMER DISPLAY
 Miller Nature Preserve
 Avon, OH

The Butterfly House is open through Labor Day from 11 am-3:30 pm, daily! Take a walk among the butterflies and get a close-up look at them, and then embark on a journey through themed gardens and displays inspired by the Wizard of Oz! Outdoor garden beds will highlight the story's main characters, while notable scenes will be depicted within the Conservatory. To entertain your inner child (or your literal accompanying young human), take a Self-guided Tour & Scavenger Hunt along with you as you explore the park!

Open daily 10 am-5pm; admission is \$2 per person aged 3 and up. Annual Memberships are available for \$10