

# GARDEN SCOOP

## WGC Events

**August 13- RSVP deadline for the August Meeting/Lunch**

### WGC Meeting / Lunch

**Wed., Aug. 18, 11:30 a.m.**, our usual 3rd Wednesday time but at the Community & Senior Services Center. See invitation to the right & p. 4.

### **September Board Meeting**

**September 1**, Porter Public Library  
10:30 a.m. to noon

**September 15 Meeting:** a tour of **Schoepfle Garden**; tram ride available; car pooling encouraged

### **Our Gardens**

Check out the Hilliard Road flower box as you enter Clague Park to peruse the Pollinator Garden (2 beds) near the tennis courts. Both are doing well. Pollinator garden photos, page 3.

### **Community**

**The Westlake Historical Society** is collecting donations for their September yard sale now. Flyer p.4.



## Welcome Back Lunch

*The Westlake Garden Club invites you back to the Club. Come join your friends and fellow club members for lunch to celebrate returning to a new semblance of normalcy.*

*When: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.*

*Where: Westlake Center for Community and Senior Services (the NEW Center located next to the Recreation Center off Center Ridge Road on Rec Center Drive)*

*What: Lunch provided by the garden club. A brief business meeting to bring everyone up to date on what is happening in the Club. An opportunity to share with club members what you have been doing over the past 1½ years, gardening or otherwise.*

*Please RSVP to Deb Dougherty, [deb@dougherty2771@yahoo.com](mailto:deb@dougherty2771@yahoo.com), or 440-506-0237 by August 11, 2021. Members only please.*

*The Board wants this to be a time of welcoming new members, renewing old friendships and making new ones, and engaging all members in our club activities.*



## WGC Member Garden Walk July 2021

Our July Garden Walk was a great success. We enjoyed visiting 4 different gardens —open to WGC members because of the generosity of our Westlake residents who love to garden.

The first garden had an astounding array of colorful flowers with a graceful flow of planting beds in both the front and back yards. Next was a shade garden which had a variety of colors and textures due to the many begonias, pulmonarias, ferns and grasses. Some of the sunnier spots in this garden were filled with Cana lilies, dahlias and snapdragons. The third garden had a long sweep of beautifully kept green grass, multiple planting beds, a vegetable garden and a fish pond. The last garden had room for sizable plantings of each different kind of flower including many pollinator-friendly ones as well as apple trees and a new tri-color beech.

The reception hosted by Cathy Garlitz gave everyone a chance to relax and visit while enjoying some snacks and beverages in her garden. Many thanks to all who invited us into their gardens and a special thanks to Program Chair, Deb Dougherty, for finding these gardens and organizing the whole event. It was both enjoyable and inspiring  
*More photos p.4.*

## The Lethal Lily by Carolyn Steigman

There are so many beautiful types of lily plants : Easter Lilly, Asiatic Lilly, Day Lilly, Tiger Lilly, Rubrum Lilly and many more. They are all beautiful...and all are dangerous.

The flower of the lily is chock full of orange pollen. It is easy to accidentally shake some off onto your clothes, tablecloth or carpet and then it will be nearly impossible to remove the stain by any means. (Yeah, I did that to my carpet.)

If some of the pollen should brush your face, like when you are refreshing the water in the vase, it could raise a blister that will stay for a couple days. (Yeah, I did that too). If you do bring this plant into your house immediately cut off and discard the pollen and be careful not to get it on your hands. It stains skin too.(Yeah, been there.)

If a cat should brush past a lily and then lick even a little bit of the pollen off its coat, the cat has a very good chance of dying unless emergency veterinary care is obtained quickly. In fact, all parts of the lily are highly toxic to cats. (If my cat ever set a paw outside I would be digging up and discarding every lily I own.)

However, the flowers don't seem to be a problem for the deer who happily munch on them.

So while they are beautiful, you might want to give serious consideration before you bringing a lily into your house.



## Stroll Through a Hosta Garden in Chagrin Falls

Two of our members, Kathleen Maciuszko and Eileen Drusendahl, visited the “Secret Garden Hostas of Chagrin Falls.” It was hosting a public, free, self-guided tour /plant sale. The beautiful hosta garden covers several acres on the residential grounds of Karen Keary, landscape designer /consultant. For the last six years, she and her husband, both semi-retired, have operated the business which showcases 1,000 in-the-ground varieties. The couple has been doing hostas for more than 35 years. Their passion for them is evident. A highlight of the property is a large lotus pond. Over 100 varieties are sold along with garden enhancers including “fairy cottages” (pictured). The ranges in size and color are wide: dwarf hostas to mammoth varieties in shades of green, blue, gold, and chartreuse. There are starter plants too. The garden is a wonderful place to get ideas, feel inspired, or just relax surrounded by the “queen of the shade garden.” The address is 17995 English Drive, Chagrin Falls. You can get further information by contacting Karen at 440-785-0196, leave a message. You can email her at [skkeary@gmail.com](mailto:skkeary@gmail.com) or visit her on Facebook@Secret Garden Hostas of Chagrin Falls. If you plan to purchase, only cash and checks are accepted.

*Kathleen Maciuszko*

## The Pollinator Garden at Clague Park

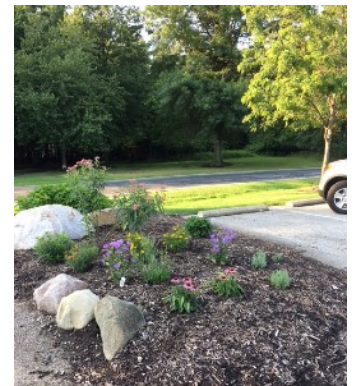
Thanks to the efforts of one of our newest members, Susan Baker, and our Program Chair, Deb Dougherty, the pollinator garden beds near the tennis courts at Clague Park are growing and already attracting pollinators. Eileen Cernea has been keeping us up to date on the progress of the plants with a photo journal of the gardens. You can see some of the progress in the photos below. Stop by to see them up close and try to identify them.

Here is a list of what was planted:

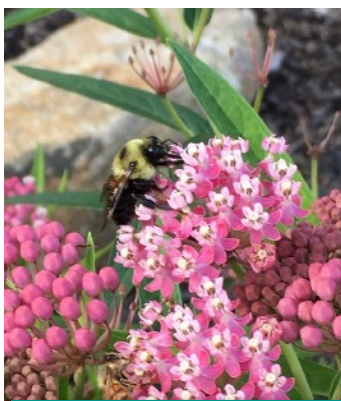
1. Lavender- *lavandula x intermedia*
2. Coneflower- *echinacea purpurea*
3. Coreopsis/ tickseeds — *coreopsis verticillata*
4. Joe Pye *eutrochium purpureum*
5. Aster - *stokesia laevis*
6. Bee balm - *monarda fistulosa*
7. Common milkweed - *Asclepius Syria*
8. Hyssop - *hyssopus officianalis*
9. Butterfly weed - *Asclepius tuberosa*
10. Ironweed- *veronica fasciculata*
11. Elderberry



June 17, 2021



July 17, 2021



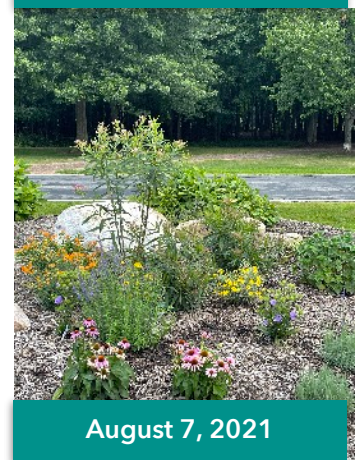
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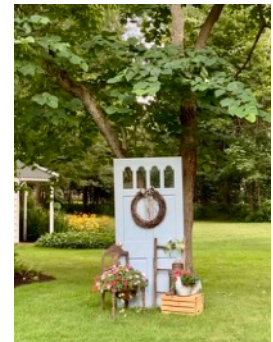
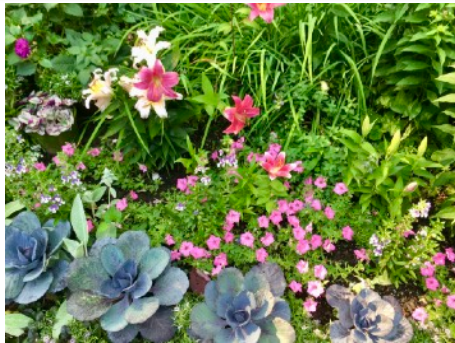
*Looking ahead to September . . .*

**Schoepfle Garden**, now a part of Lorain Metro Parks, is a 77 acre botanical gardens and natural woodland bordered on one side by the Vermilion River. It features rhododendrons, roses, cannas, hosta, shade plants, and a variety of shrubs, topiaries and trees. You may enjoy the garden by taking a guided tour by tram or wandering at your leisure. The garden was started by Otto B. Schoepfle, Jr. who was a banker, member of the US Navy and newspaper publisher.

Schoepfle bought the first piece of property that would eventually become this garden in 1936 because his grandparents had owned the home there and he knew that the soil along the lake ridge was perfect for his hobby of gardening. Today there are 20 acres of gardens and more than 40 acres of woods and trails.

We are scheduled for a tram tour on Wednesday, Sept 15th. Since we are outside of Lorain County the fee is \$2/person. The tram tour can hold 12-15 members and lasts about 30 minutes. There is also a 30 minute tour of the manor. More information to come before our September date.

# Photos from the July Garden Walk



Thank you to Carolyn Steigman for arranging a basket of roses from the Westlake Garden Club to decorate the reception table at the grand opening of our new Community Services Center.  
Beautiful!



The Westlake Historical Society  
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## Yard Sale

The Clague House Museum  
1371 Clague Road

Sunday, Sept. 12 \* 9 - 4  
In Person - On Museum Lawn.

\*Tentative due to potential Covid 19 Restrictions.

To Donate, please call 216-848-0680  
Receipts Available.

**RSVP reminder for the August Meeting/Luncheon**

We are excited to invite you to a lunch provided by the Club on Wednesday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m. Looking forward to catching up with all our members. Is there a member you are hoping will attend? Please reach out and invite that member to join us.

The lunch will be catered by Lehman's Deli. Assorted sandwiches, including a vegetarian option, and dessert will be provided. Tables will be set up in the gathering room at the new Community Center. (If you missed our tour in June, you have got to see this place!).

Please text, call or email Deb Dougherty by lucky Friday, August 13th, if you can join us. Deb can be reached at 440-506-0237 or [debdougherty2771@yahoo.com](mailto:debdougherty2771@yahoo.com).