



# GARDEN SCOOP

## WGC Events

### AUGUST PROGRAM

**Wednesday, August 16, 4:00 p.m.**

Tour of Willoway Nurseries in Avon.  
RSVP to Deb by the Aug. 11. Carpooling recommended.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m.**

Porter Library

### SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Rustbelt Riders will present the topic of Soil Health and Composting on **September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m** in the Porter Room of the Porter Public Library. Please note this is an evening event and is open to the public.

## Garden Club of OH

FALL DISTRICT MEETING, SEE P.6

**Thursday, Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m.**

HOLIDAY SHOW NORTH

**Thursday, November 9, 10:30 a.m.**

*We plan to do a vendor table again this year.*

## Tour of Willoway Nurseries August 16, 4:00 p.m.



**Willoway Nurseries** will be providing a tour of their trial gardens and facility. Willoway Nurseries is one of the largest wholesale plant suppliers in our area. Members will meet at Willoway Nurseries, 4534 Center Road (aka Route 83), Avon, OH 44011. The tour will be on **August 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.** Please note that this is an outdoor, walking tour. Dress appropriately. Car-pooling is encouraged. Members may bring a guest. Please contact Deb Dougherty if you plan to attend and indicate if you are willing to drive (e-mail [deb dougherty2771@yahoo.com](mailto:deb dougherty2771@yahoo.com), text 440-506-0237). **Please advise by August 11<sup>th</sup>.** Deb will email the list of drivers to those attending to arrange transportation. **See page 3 for more on a Willoway plant sale.**

## Easy Recipe



Master Gardener, Rosie Daniels has this tip for a safe and inexpensive deer repellent: **three eggs whipped up and diluted with 5 quarts of water.** Make this concoction in your sprinkling can and pour it over the plants that are favored by the deer. The secret to success is starting when the plants are just beginning to grow in the early spring and being faithful to the job as new growth appears.

**Thank you!** Cheryl Dever has volunteered to be the new club secretary. The minutes for both regular and board meetings are essential to keeping us informed and on track. Thank you Cheryl and welcome to the board.

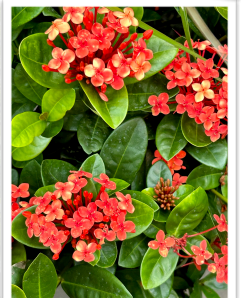
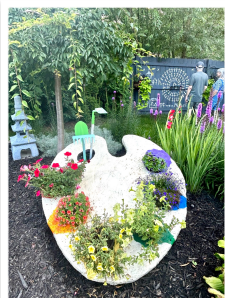
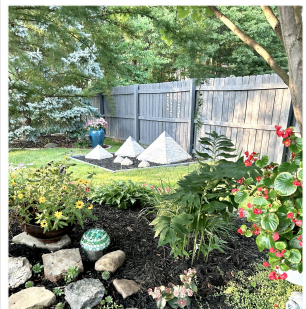
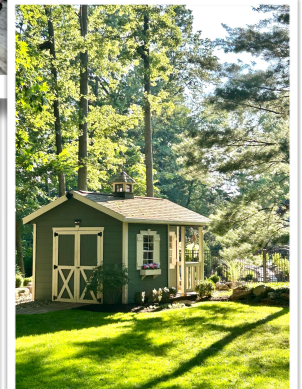
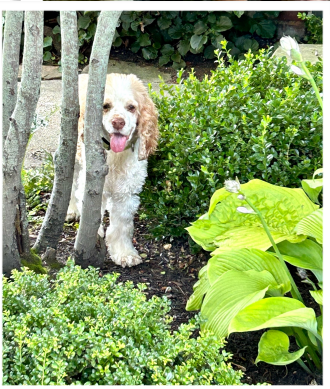
**Carol Jasin and her husband Tom** have made a very generous donation to the garden club in honor of the WGC 60th Anniversary. What a lovely surprise from one of our newest members. We are most grateful and happy to have Carol with us.

Thank you to **Lavinia Cozmin** for taking charge of our fundraiser with **Dean's Garden Center**. Dean's has been very generous in sharing their profits with civic organizations. And a big thank you to all of **our members** who chose to shop at Dean's so that we would benefit. Our earnings from the fundraiser amounted to \$455.62.

# Garden Walk, 2023

## Four Gardens and an Evening Reception

The July Garden Walk was a great success: four fabulous gardens and a final reception at the home of member, Cathy Garlitz. A special thank you to the gardeners who welcomed our club members and to Deb Dougherty for organizing the event and also sharing her garden. We were amazed and inspired by the variety and creativity found in all of the gardens. Our garden hosts were Rosie Daniels (Bay Village), Terry Monnolly, Mayuresh and Alpana Dhond, Deb Dougherty and Cathy and Bruce Garlitz.

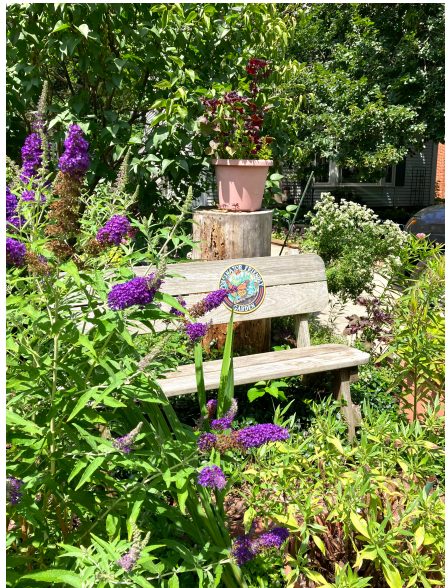




## Congratulations, Sally

Longtime Westlake Garden Club member Sally Knurek lives not in Westlake but in Fairview Park. Sally has always had a fabulous shade garden with a variety of unusual and lovely spring-flowering plants. She has interesting plants and flowers in the backyard, front yard and along the sides of her house. Wherever there is a patch of dirt, Sally has found a plant that will be happy there. Best of all, Sally is always happy to share her knowledge and expertise. Her latest endeavor, the pollinator garden along the side of her driveway, has drawn the attention of the Fairview Park Garden Club. Sally is the proud winner of a Showcase Award from that club. Below is Sally's description of how the pollinator garden came about.

*It has taken me 3 or 4 years to arrive at a mature garden. The strip along my driveway was covered with myrtle. As I was pulling it out, it seemed like it was rooted in China! It took all summer to get it under control. That fall I planted a mixture of plants both hybrids and natives. Deciding on creeping thyme and golden oregano for ground covers turned out to be a good decision. The thyme was loved by the insects and prevented weeds from growing. The golden oregano was a pop of color to brighten the plantings. After three years, the only major maintenance was shearing back the thyme. It had gotten leggy and untidy and the oregano has sported charming pale flowers. So that is the story behind my pollinator garden. Sally Knurek*



Join us for a **Community Plant Sale**, food, fun and games hosted by **Willoway Nurseries**. Willoway is a wholesale business but will be open to the public on this date with all proceeds going to benefit the Avon Schools.

**Saturday, September 9th 9AM - 3PM**

4534 Center Rd, Avon, OH 44011 [www.willowaynurseries.com/community-plant-sale/](http://www.willowaynurseries.com/community-plant-sale/)

## Request for Flowers and Leaves

Most of you know that I volunteer with a group that makes cards and bookmarks for the VNA Hospice. These items are sold at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, a gift shop in Oberlin, and the Basket of Treasures craft show at Westlake High School. Since I no longer have a garden, I would really appreciate any flowers and leaves you could give me to press for the cards. The following flowers press well and retain their color: Cosmos, Verbena, Hydrangea, Calendula, Dianthus, Pansies, Violets, Vinca, Balloon Flowers, Clematis and Hellebore, and many more.



Most leaves press well including Coral Bells, Ladies Mantle, Ferns, Geranium and Japanese Maple. It does not require any special artistic skills, just a love of flowers and colors. Keep this in mind as you are collecting flowers and leaves. Here are photos of two cards I recently made with Hellebores, Cosmos, leaves, grass blooms and weeds. If you have some flowers to share, clip close to the bloom and put between tissues or sheets of paper towels and place on paper plates, or between the pages of an old telephone book. Let me know when you have flowers available and I will pick them up. Your donation of flowers, leaves and weeds will help me continue to make cards and help the VNA.

Thank you. *Jean Smith*

## WGC Weeding Wonders *Come join the fun!*

The Clague Park Pollinator Beds are thriving and the pollinating bees and other insects are loving it. They are especially attracted to the lavender and Monarda at the moment and there are lots of them. This is truly a successful endeavor. Thank you to **Deb Dougherty** and **Susan Baker** for initiating this project.

**Patti Frank, Carol Jasin and I** did a 2-hour weeding of the south bed and basically came up with a plan and some suggestions. We will meet twice a month at 9 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Clague. We hope to maintain the two beds at Clague and the pollinator garden at the Community Center which is in the beginning stage of growth. We do not plan to spend more than two hours at each visit so a few more hands would be helpful. It is a satisfying activity and if there is time we stop for coffee at the Community Center. **Please join us any 2nd or 4th Wednesday morning for deadheading and weeding. We want our gardens to look good enough to inspire others to try pollinator friendly plantings.**

The common milkweed, while it is a wonderful plant to support the Monarchs, is too aggressive for the small plots that we have. So, bring a trowel and perhaps a shovel. We do have to eliminate it. Email or call me for more information. And if you have room for the milkweed, please come get some.

*Kathy Bruening, 440-391-6506*



Avon-on-the-Lake  
Garden Club

Presents  
Our Artisans  
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A Gallery of Artistic Creations!  
July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
at the Avon Lake Public Library  
A Reception for the Public  
AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> 6-8 pm

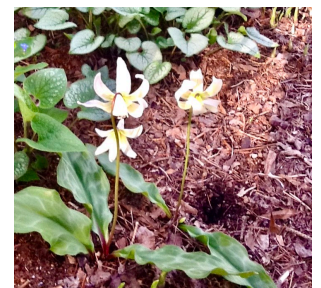
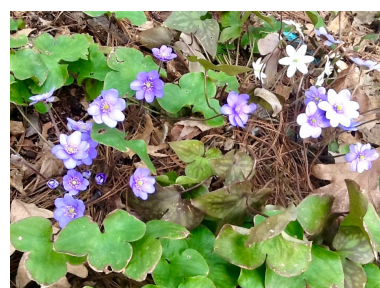
### The Gardeners’ Gallery in the Avon Lake

Our neighbors in the Avon-on-the-Lake garden club will be showcasing their artistic side in an art show at the Avon Lake Public Library. It is a show of paintings, watercolors, fiber arts, and floral arrangements from some of their talented artists/ club members. It is a wonderful show! The reception on August 10 from 6-8 pm is open to the public. The Avon Lake Public Library is located at 32649 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake, OH 44012, 440- 933-8128. It is less than a block east of Rt. 83 in Avon Lake.

## Advice from Sally on native wildflowers

**Now is the time to order your native spring wildflowers** that grow, flower and reproduce before the woodland trees leaf out in the spring. They provide the food for early pollinators and then many of these wildflowers disappear and come back again the next spring. Some choices are wild leek, jack-im-the-pulpit, shooting star, Virginia blue bells and all kinds of trillium etc. In the wild, these lovely flowers are being overwhelmed by an invasive lesser celandine ground cover. It is up to us to prevent them from going extinct. So open those catalogs, and order a few for your shady or woodland areas. According to Sally, the order will be sent in time for fall planting but these delicate and somewhat endangered wildflowers are rare and the catalog companies often sell out of them early.

Below from left to right: Trillium, Double Blood Root, Hepatica Americana and Adder’s Tongue, all photos taken in Sally’s yard.



### More on Native Plants . . .

“Native plants are healthier and stronger. Plants native to an area are more likely to establish quickly and will naturally be hardy and healthy. Native plants have evolved over thousands of years, learning to thrive in particular areas—they grow in harmony with the environment, the soil, the water supply, the varying weather throughout all the seasons, and other native companions. Their root systems are deep, sometimes up to 15 feet, and acclimated to the soil, be it clay or sand, and average precipitation, whether it is high or low. Their stems and leaves can handle harsh sun or buffeting winds, for example, if that is the nature of the local environment. They are also part of a larger natural ecosystem.” (American Society of Landscape Architects, Residential Design, [5 Reasons Native Plants Help You Save Money and the Planet](https://www.asla.org/resources/5-reasons-native-plants-help-you-save-money-and-the-planet), asla.org)

