

GARDEN SCOOP

WGC Events

SEPTEMBER MEETING: **Saturday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. at Porter Library, *Color in the Garden through the Seasons.***

SEPTEMBER WORKDAY: Please plan to help out with our pollinator garden at The Community Services Center. See the article on this page. **Saturday Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m.**

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m. at Porter Library.** All are welcome.

OCTOBER MEETING: Note that this is an 'away' meeting. **Saturday, October 15, Bay Public Library.** Entrance on the west side of Dover Center (same entrance as the water slide in Bay.) *People for Trees.*

SAVE THE DATE: *Christmas Luncheon at Westwood Country Club, Thursday, December 15, 2022. Please note this date change in your program and re-mark your calendar accordingly.*



FALL GCO MEETING: **Thursday, October 13, Woodside Event Center, Broadview Heights, OH,** See flyer, p. 4.

Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years.



Planting for each Season

Our **September meeting** and program will be held at **10:30 a.m.** at the **Porter Room of the Porter Public Library.** The side entrance (closest to the Porter Room) will once again be open to permit easy access and save a few steps when entering the library. The program will be conducted by a Cuyahoga Master Gardener, Deborah Osgood. Deborah will present on “**Color through the Seasons**”—**designing your garden for seasonal interest.** We look forward to seeing you there! Mark your calendar: **September 17.**

Community Center Pollinator Garden

The next installation of the Pollinator Initiative is a garden at the new Community Center. Plants will be purchased with a grant awarded by the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District. This garden has extra meaning as it is the new home of the Westlake Garden Club’s Remembrance Garden (formerly at the Community Services Center / Meadowood Golf Course). If you have native (sun-loving) plants that need thinning out, this is a good opportunity to relocate them.

No plants to donate? We still need your help. We will be gathering at the Community Center at **9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 24th.** The garden spot is not huge and the soil is already prepped (sprinkler system included!). Bring gloves and your favorite “digger” and perhaps a hat and a kneeler.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: Please be on the look-out for an email (or US mailing if you are not yet “plugged in” to our electronic messages) requesting your input to next year’s Garden Club structure. Here is your chance to weigh-in on which day we meet, subjects of interest, and places to visit. Please take a few minutes to complete it.



AUGUST PROGRAM :

The Power of Pollinators

Beth Whitley, a naturalist from the Rocky River Nature Center Metro Parks, presented an hour-long seminar on the importance of pollinators (birds, bees, wasps, ants, beetles, butterflies, skippers, moths, etc.) to our food sources and the survival of our plant species---especially native plants. Their life cycle and descriptions of social interactions were both fascinating and not for the faint of heart! Beth reminded us of the importance of planting milkweed to support the Monarchs. How can you help? Plant your garden to provide food for pollinators and reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides in your yard and gardens. Additional information can be found at the websites for the Xerxes Society and Pollinator Partnership.



Notes from the August Business Meeting

19 members, including 5 of our first-year members, joined us at the August 20th meeting, conducted at the Porter Library. Carolyn Steigman chaired a brief business meeting highlighting our activities so far this year: Community donations, participation at the Rain and Garden Show, staffing a Gales Nursery "Ask a Gardener" table, window display for the Porter Library, flowers for the Memorial Day Parade, and the Hilliard Planting Boxes. A moment of silence was observed in memory of our recently deceased member, Brian Thompson. Members were asked to consider volunteering to fill Board vacancies anticipated for the upcoming year. Participation at the Board level is a great way to become involved in our programs and get to know our members!

Many thanks to Eileen Drusendahl, Carmen Popa, and Lavinia Cozmin for the wonderful refreshments and to Dan Morris for making the coffee. Thank you to Tom Engel and Deb Dougherty for providing photos for the Scoop.

A Sad Farewell

to our good friend and longtime garden club member, Brian Thompson. Brian passed away August 14. He was a faithful participant in our activities as well as being an attorney and lay pastor. His invocations at our meetings were beautifully written and delivered. We are thankful that he shared his talents with us. We will miss his kind words and his gardening expertise. Peace, Brian.



Holden Forests & Gardens is launching a **book club!** The book club is being offered at both the Holden and the Cleveland Botanical Garden campuses.

Registration Required.

Dates and Times Cleveland Botanical Garden
 09/29/22 3-4:30 p.m. "In Defense of Plants"
 11/16/22 3-4:30 p.m. "This is your Mind on Plants"
 The program is free with your paid admission to the garden.

<https://holdenfg.org/resources/cbg-book-club/>

These same titles will be presented on October 19th and December 14th respectively at 3-4:30 p.m. at **Holden Arboretum.**

<https://holdenfg.org/resources/arboretum-book-club/>

Pollinator Signs for Your Garden

Did you know that the City of Westlake, as part of its Pollinator Initiative, has signs to recognize residential pollinator gardens? Your pots or garden patch may qualify--- a minimum of 12 pollinator plants is required. The signs are meant to encourage your neighbors and those strolling by to plant for pollinators too! Questions? Our own Susan Baker and Deb Dougherty are contacts for the Pollinator Initiative and would be glad to answer your questions and/or provide a sign.

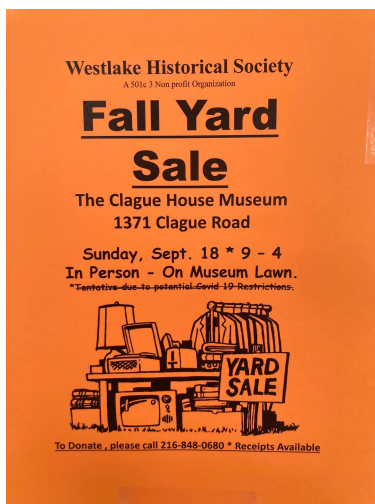
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Garden Club Board Vacancies

We have been fortunate to have had many long-term volunteers to assist in running our Garden Club. This year we have three positions that need to be filled. Our Board meetings are held at the Porter Library on the first Wednesday of the month. The meetings start at 10:30 a.m. and last just an hour. Attending a board meeting is a great way to become involved and get a feel for what the various positions require. The Board meetings are always open to members and it is a great chance to get your ideas up front! Please consider participating. Our Club is only as strong as its active members. The slate for new officers will be published in the October newsletter. **We are most especially in need of a secretary.** Please think about serving on the board and let us know what you are interested in doing.

The Westlake Historical Society does a great service to our community by preserving our history. Let's support their yard sale.



If you have items to donate you can leave them on the side porch of the Clague House or you can text Dave 440-610-2728



Congratulations

All gardeners are artists in a special way, working with color and design and learning the requirements and limitations of each plant. Some of our members go beyond that kind of artistic ability and actually belong to and participate in the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council. If you have spent time at the library recently, you may have noticed that both Jean Smith and Robert Pearl participated in the WAC show. Robert painted a flag called Equal Rights for All and Jean had several submissions related to gardening. Her Jack-in-the-Pulpit was awarded a 2nd Place ribbon. Congratulations to our artists.



Garden Club of Ohio (GCO)

Check out the flyer below. Others from our club will be attending. It is a great way to learn and to connect with gardeners from the many clubs in our area. The speakers are good and so is the food! We will be doing some carpooling. I can send checks in if you bring them to the September meeting—or mail them on your own with our club name on them to arrive by 9/29/22. *Kathy B*

GCO Cleveland Fall District Meeting

October 13, 2022

The Woodside Event Center at St. Michael's 5025 E Mill Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio

Please join us for lunch and day of environmental and wildlife education.

The **Ohio State University's Dr. Scott Hardy** will inform us about the Ohio Sea Grant program and "Don't Break the Lake".

Naturalist Judy Semroc from Nature Spark will present "Hiding in Plain Sight".

- 9:30AM Registration
- 10AM: Meet and Greet with President Marlene Hatton
- 10:30AM: Ohio Sea Grant
- Noon: Meeting, Lunch, Raffle followed by Nature Spark

Menu: *Salad, Apricot Chicken (gluten free), vegetable, potatoes, Chocolate Mousse, Coffee, Tea, Iced tea. Vegan/Vegetarian option: Moroccan Peppers.*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

Make checks to "GCO Cleveland District": **\$36.00** per person Send to **Helen Vladic, 1342 Penhurst Rd., Cleveland Ohio 44110 216-481-0894 (use back of form if needed)**

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