



GARDEN SCOOP



WGC

Board Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs board room at **Porter Library**. We are looking for nominees to participate on our Board for the next year. Attending the September Board meeting will give you a feel for what we do. Please consider jumping in. We need you!

Next General Meeting: Sept. 17.
Westlake Recreation Center.
All about African Violets. 10:30 a.m.

Pollinator Garden Team

Wed., Sept. 10, Community Center
Wed., Sept. 24, Clague Park. 9:00 a.m.
Come join us!

Dean's Fall Fundraiser

Sept. 1 to Oct. 15. Mention WGC *before the sale is rung* and we receive 20% of the price of anything you purchase. We appreciate your support as Dean's is our only fundraiser.

Garden Club of Ohio

Monday **September 29 – Cleveland Fall District Meeting.** Register by **Sept. 11**, see page 6. The Holiday Show will be Nov. 5.

Master Gardener Volunteers

MGV Fall Seminar, September 20th in Independence. See page 3.

Willoway Plant Sale

Saturday, Sept. 25, 9a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wholesale prices, only once a year.
All proceeds benefit Avon schools.

WGC Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

September 17th will be our monthly program at the **Recreation Center** meeting room at **10:30 a.m.** The subject will be African Violets. Those that attended the Master Gardener Volunteers' Plants in the Park back in May might remember our September speaker, Don Landeck, and the beautiful cultivars that he developed and sold there. He is an amazing source of propagation tips! Fun Fact: African violets are in the top three most popular house plant in the US.

GCO Fall District Meeting

Please note that the **registration** is due **Sept. 11.** (See p.6) For our new members or those that have never attended, the speakers and food are excellent. We usually try to carpool where possible. Check your online driving instructions to reroute you around the temporarily closed Wallings Road exit.

Willoway Plant Sale

Choose from a wide selection of trees, shrubs, evergreens, roses and perennials direct from the grower!

All proceeds go directly to the Avon school boosters!

Willoway Nurseries

Shipping & Receiving Docks

4740 Center Rd. Avon, OH 44011

Please follow the signs and only enter the nursery where directed by traffic control.

Handicapped parking and access is available.

<https://www.willowaynurseries.com/community-plant-sale/>

July Garden Walk

The gardens were beautiful and inspiring. A few raindrops here and there did not deter this group. Thanks to all who participated and a special thank you to Cathy and Bruce Garlitz for opening their home to us after the walk. Deb Dougherty and Shirley Lutts were responsible for securing the gardens that we toured. Many of you brought food for the reception. All in all, it was a lovely evening with good friends and good food. Check out the photos below.



Master Gardener Volunteers

The MGV Fall Seminar is on September 20th in Independence. This is a Saturday event with a variety of seminars—you may choose according to your interest. Seats are limited to 160 and I encourage you to register early if you are interested. It is \$65 for the full day including continental

breakfast and lunch. Treat yourself to a day of fun learning! See the separate email from Westlake Garden Club with the flyer and full schedule and menu. You do not need to be a master gardener to attend and learn from the many expert speakers coming together in one place at this Fall Seminar.



Below is a little about the keynote speaker, Ginger Woolridge. She and co-author, Tony Dove, have written an incredibly practical manual on trees and shrubs in our region with detailed lists on what plants are best in various situations. The book is available at the Cuyahoga County library both as a book and ebook and as an ebook at Porter Library.

Ginger Woolridge, Educator and Co-Author (with Tony

Dove) of Essential Native Trees for the Eastern US: The Guide to Creating Sustainable Landscape Woody Natives: Making Quick and Confident Choices

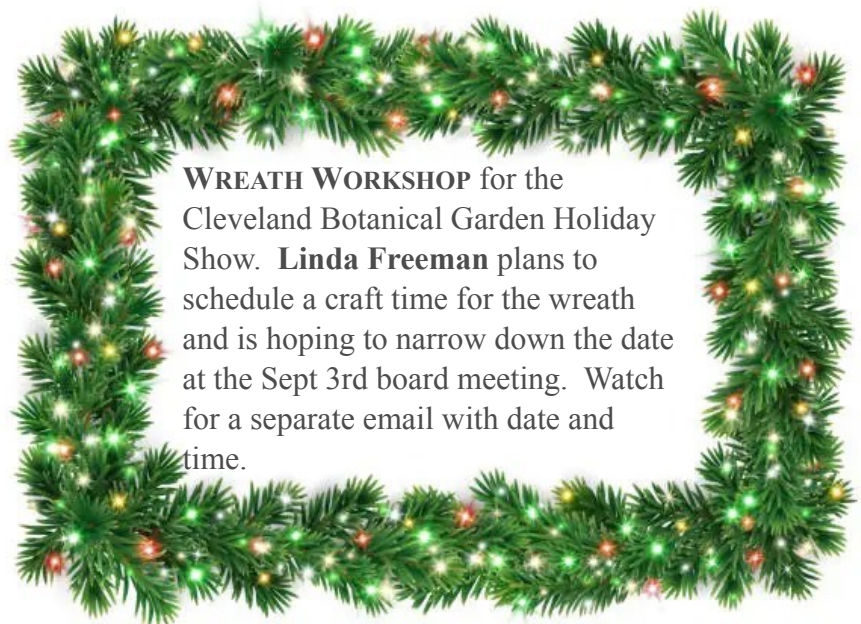
We know that it is important to support a productive ecology with native plant material. But, what next? Ms. Woolridge will briefly discuss the case for planting natives, along with a system for choosing trees and shrubs from our rich native palette. Important attributes and design principles will be considered as well as cultural requirements and opportunities. Finally, Ginger will present some of her favorite proven and attractive trees and shrubs.

SCHEDULE FOR REFRESHMENTS AT OUR REGULAR MEETINGS.

- April: Marge and Carolyn
- May : Mary Ann and Linda
- June: pot luck and plant exchange
- July: garden walk and get together
- Aug: vacation month
- Sept: Kathy B and Debbie B.
- Oct. Kathleen M and Teri
- Nov: Kathy B and Marge
- Dec: Holiday luncheon



Bring Your Own Beverage to our meetings.

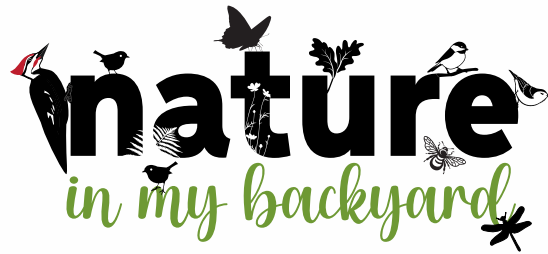


WREATH WORKSHOP for the Cleveland Botanical Garden Holiday Show. **Linda Freeman** plans to schedule a craft time for the wreath and is hoping to narrow down the date at the Sept 3rd board meeting. Watch for a separate email with date and time.

Fond Memories of Margaret

MARGARET Schulz loved the garden club. For many years, she greeted all who came to the meetings, took attendance, and passed out the name tags. She loved helping Robert decorate the Christmas tree at the Porter Library and always volunteered to be at our table at the Westlake Rain n' Garden Show. Margaret was an avid crafter. She enjoyed making jewelry. She also encouraged us to save box tops from grocery products that she then collected for the benefit of the Westlake schools. Margaret and her husband, Chuck, both passed away in August within a day of each other. They will be missed but remembered by many.





Brown Bagging it in My Backyard

A Second Wednesday Zoom Lecture Series

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, Noon

Zoom in to hear Chad Clink
Arborist Representative, Bartlett Tree Experts

Rooted for Success: Tree Planting Best Practices



Chad Clink

Tune in for Chad's advice about proper tree-planting. Chad will walk you through best practices for selecting the right tree for your spot, choosing the healthiest nursery stock, and using proper planting techniques. You'll also learn key tips for transplanting and how to give young trees the early care they need to thrive. Join us to grow your tree-planting know-how from the ground up!

Chad is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist and an ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist. He is also a Municipal Specialist and Tree Risk Assessment Qualified with the ISA, and an Ohio Licensed Commercial Applicator. Chad is passionate about providing high quality tree and shrub care with a goal towards preservation. He enjoys putting his expertise to use advising his clients about maintaining their landscapes.

To join the Zoom presentation please visit

www.natureinmybackyard.clevelandaudubon.org/programs

Nature in My Backyard is a program of the
Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and the Shaker Lakes Garden Club,
together with the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County.

Pollinator Patch

EVERY PAIR OF HANDS HELPS TO BEAUTIFY OUR GARDENS.

We finish in about an hour to an hour and a half. It is not a huge commitment of time but an important one. Of course, the more hands the quicker the work goes. You are free to come and leave at will. The gathering is a nice way to get to know other members as chatting is encouraged. You might also learn a thing or two about plants and take away a few gardening tips. Next times: **Wednesday, September 10 at the Community Center and Wednesday, September 24, at Clague Park near the tennis courts, 9 a.m.** (2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month are the regular times.)

