

GARDEN SCOOP

WGC Meeting

Westlake Watershed
Wednesday, April 17
11:15 a.m., Porter

WGC Events

GCO Spring District Meeting
Tues., April 9, St. Michael's Woodside.

Cleveland Botanical Garden Affiliate Day
Thursday, April 11

All members are invited to this free event. See article for details.

In the Neighborhood

Westlake Historical Society Yard Sale,
April 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Rain date, May 4. Leave donations on Clague House side porch or call Lysa 440.558.6624

Arbor Day
Friday, April 26

Spring Orchid Show,
April 27 9-5; April 28 10-4:30
Ehrnfelt Rec Center, Strongsville, OH
visit:
westshoreorchidsociety.org

April 17 Meeting

Water Quality:

Westlake Watershed

Do you know that storm water runoff contains many of the same pollutants as sewage systems? And that the EPA requires municipalities, including Westlake, to implement a storm water management plan to reduce the discharge of pollutants?

Do you know what the City of Westlake is doing to improve the quality of storm water runoff before it reaches Lake Erie? Clean, healthy watersheds depend on an informed public who will make the right decisions on environmental issues. Become informed by attending our April meeting at Porter Library presented by Wes Davis, Storm Water Discharge Coordinator.



Arbor Day

Stan Barnard, Urban Forest Manager from the city of Westlake, has worked with the Westlake Garden Club to select the tree to plant for Arbor Day. I hope many of our members attend the planting at the Recreation Center on April 26. The time is to be announced.

April is a month to show our appreciation for the earth. The first Earth Day was April 22, 1970 and the first Arbor Day was April 10, 1870. In 1970, President Nixon recognized Arbor Day as a national holiday. Today, it is celebrated nationwide in the early spring, although the date varies by state to ensure the right climactic conditions for planting. **Please support our city and our garden club by attending the Arbor Day ceremony on Friday, April 26 at Westlake Recreation Center.**
Shirley Lutts

Save the dates: June 21 - 23, 2019 The North Coast Hosta Society has invited us to join them at their Hosta Tailgate in Bay Village.

Refreshment Committees

Our club members provide the refreshments at the meetings and also at some of the “away” events. Below is a list of assignments for 2019 with a request that the person whose name appears first be the one to organize the group ahead of time. **Please contact Ruth Bertrand about any changes that need to be made.** Aim to serve at least 30 people. Evening events at Porter attract more people but they require only beverages & snacks. *Please note that we are only asked to do this once a year. For the other meetings, we all get to enjoy what others provide.*

April 17: *Marge Emblom, Carol Lewellen, Claire Evangelista, Barbara Fabinak, Cathie Karls and Bill Hock

May 15 at the Botanical Garden: *Anne Engel, Tom Engel, Cathy Garlitz, Brian Brandstetter, Lynn Motsch

June 19 (5p.m.) Garden Walk: *Jean Smith, Robert Pearl, Cathrin Peter, Carolyn Steigman, Alberta Ricciardi

July 17 (6p.m.) WGC Picnic/Potluck *Jackie Crosier, Marsha McEntee, Rosemary McEntee, Pat Dailey

August 23 (a Friday) American Greetings *Shirley Lutts and Ruth Bertrand—lunch afterwards at Stella Mia

September 4 (7 p.m. at Porter) *Judy Hullinger, Nancy Whelan, Agnes Tark, Marge Domitz

October 16 (7 p.m. at Porter) *Ruth Bertrand, Mona Newbacher, Kathy Shimko, Eileen Drusendahl and Steve Shimko

November 20 (7 p.m. at Porter) *Regina McCarthy, Brian Thompson, Margaret Schulz, Al Svette, Cory Svette

December 18 Installation Luncheon at Westwood *Shirley Lutts

2019 WGC booklet . . .

Many thanks to Jean Smith for a wonderfully useful member booklet with a brand new look. We now have a small format with a beautiful bright cover that will be handy and hard to lose. If you were not at the March meeting to receive yours, Kathy Bruening will bring them to the April meeting or you may call her to arrange a pick up time.



Coming up soon. . .

Affiliate Day at the Cleveland Botanical Garden is Thursday, April 11.

The morning session is from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the afternoon session (a repeat of the morning presentation) is from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. The program speaker is Lisa Waud who is owner of the Pot and Box Studio in Detroit, Michigan, and the founder of Detroit Flower Week. Her topic will be *Flower House: Beauty from Blight*. The program (and parking) is free to members of any affiliate garden club.

Sign up on the CBG website <<http://www.cb garden.org>>. Under MEMBERSHIP on the home page, go to Affiliate Garden Clubs and then Affiliate Bulletin Board. *We will be happy to arrange car pools.*

So far, those interested in going have chosen the afternoon session. Sign up soon as this will be a popular offering. Contact Kathy B., Sally or Shirley.

Deer Buster Egnog Tonic

Ingredients: 2 eggs, 2 cloves garlic, 2 tbsp Tabasco sauce, 2 tbsp cayenne pepper, 2 cups water, Purée these ingredients in a blender. Allow to sit for 2 days, then pour or spray around your plants. Reapply every other week or so or after a rain.

WGC March Meeting: Show and Tell

There was a lot to inspire our spring gardening as we reconvened after the winter break. Sally Knurek talked about her love of orchids and how to care for them. Ruth Bertrand introduced us to the Moses Cleveland trees, those trees that have been here since the time of Cleveland, the surveyor sent to explore the Western Reserve. Jean Smith talked about collecting lichens on her nature walks and biking trips. There was also much good advice about soil for the orchids and other plants. Cathi Peter contributed a homemade recipe to deter the deer from eating your plants. See page 2. (*guaranteed to have a repulsive smell! You may want to wear a mask.*)

Some highlights from the March meeting:

Thea Steinmetz stopped by to thank everyone for the plaque given to her in honor of her years of past service to our club. Thea and **Lucy Kalbers** are both longtime members who because of health issues are no longer attending on a regular basis. We miss them and have decided to create a special Membership Emeritus category for those whose past faithful attendance tells us that they are with us in spirit.



Ruth tells us that we can see the Westlake Moses Cleveland tree by walking to the back of the Evergreen Cemetery. You will know it by its large trunk (64" circumference).

Al Svette was one of the recipients of the door prizes—he is taking home some special potting soil. Good luck with spring planting, Al, and all others who received some of the give-aways.



A big thank you to the Fairview Park Garden Club ladies who not only joined us but contributed food.

Box tops for education

Westlake residents can support their schools by clipping box tops for education. These special coupons are found on hundreds of products such as soups, cereals, Zip Lock and Hefty bags, Green Giant and Nature Valley products etc. A complete list can be found at <boxtops4education.com>. The PTA uses the proceeds for assemblies, fun fairs, school supplies and other needs.

Margaret Schulz has been doing this for years and feels that it is a good and way to support our schools. She will be happy to pass them on to the PTA for you.



The new table arrangement gave everyone a better view of our speakers

In memoriam



Member **Laura Messing** passed away March 13, 2019. She was a gracious and elegant lady as well as a wonderful volunteer. We also lost a former member, **Carol Bonyko**, who passed away March 23, 2019. Although not able to attend in quite some time, Carol was a founding member of this club and fondly remembered by her family as always smiling and cracking jokes.