

GARDEN SCOOP

WGC 2021 Officers

Jean Smith and Cathy Garlitz,
co-presidents

Deb Dougherty, program chair

Marie McCarthy, treasurer

Marsha McEntee and Anne Engel, recording secretaries for
board and general meetings

Because of our inability to meet to vote for the officers for the coming year and because we have received no other nominations, the board has decided to revert to the Constitution, Article IV, section 2, which allows the recording secretary to cast the ballot when there is but one candidate for an office.

Marsha McEntee has cast this ballot.

We are very grateful to those who have stepped forward to serve the club and offer them our sincere congratulations.

Our first meeting of the year is normally in March and we do hope to see everyone again sometime in 2021.

Membership Dues 2021

I would again like to thank all of you who have sent, or are about to send, the membership dues for the next year! Indeed, as of today, 27 of us are up to date and I would like to ask the rest of our members to kindly submit theirs. We hope to return to our normal activities as soon as possible and to come out of the pandemic with renewed energy and love for nature and for fellowship.

*Lavinia Cozmin,
WGC Membership Chair*

Holly Jolly Holidays

by Carolyn Steigman



When December's cold winds blow, the flowers have all died back and the landscape looks bleak is when holly comes into its own. It steals the show in the garden with its profusion of glossy green leaves and charming red berries.

If one is blessed with a large holly bush, branches can be cut to make a long lasting holiday arrangement. Holly branches, red and white carnations and a bow can create an easy to make but professional-looking arrangement.

But be careful when working with holly and wear gardening gloves because those prickly leaves mean business. This is one reason holly is rarely troubled by deer or other animals. The red berries are toxic so put your arrangement out of reach of pets and little kids.

However, you may be wondering what's wrong if your holly never has red berries. Most likely nothing is amiss. Holly plants have genders. Just like only hens lay eggs, only girl holly have berries. If you are going to plant a new holly bush and want it to have berries check the name the grower gave it. The tag may read something like "China Girl" indicating its gender.

Holly is easy to grow, but if it looks rather yellow it's probably malnourished. Every spring sprinkle the ground around the plant liberally with Holly Tone, available at most garden centers.

As an added bonus, holly is welcome by pollinators. The flowers aren't flashy but they won't be overlooked either. When in bloom the plant is usually a mob scene with bees of every kind and description, plus a few house flies too. The activity can be so intense that the buzzing can be heard across the yard as the bees focus on this bee-utiful plant that has a lot to recommend it.



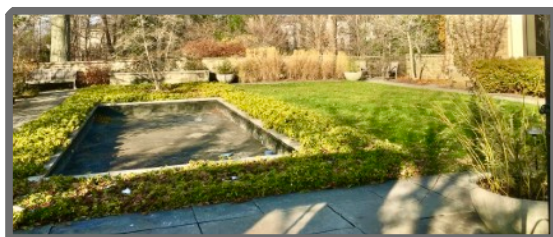
GLOW is in full swing at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. I went yesterday, a sunny Thursday afternoon. It was so peaceful with very few people: far safer than going to the grocery store. I hope that some of you will get to see the displays and take the family if you feel comfortable doing so.

Kathy Bruening

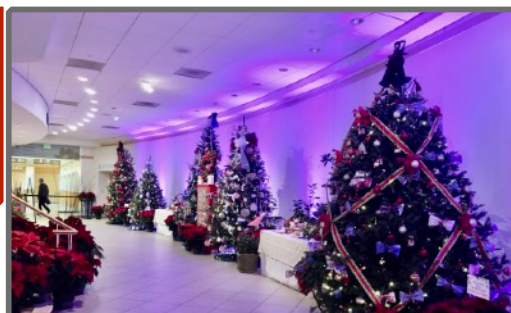
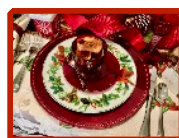
2021 The Year of Hope

This year has been one of challenges, changes, losses, frustrations, and sadness. We are all looking forward to 2021 with a great deal of hope. The garden club, along with many other organizations, has been locked down, with no meetings and communications limited to a few phone calls, a Zoom meeting, and this wonderful newsletter. Since we don't know when the situation will improve, allowing us to once again meet in person, it is extremely difficult to plan our next year. As the incoming Co-Presidents, we will make every effort to maintain communications with all members. Monthly Zoom Board meetings are being considered beginning in February and possibly one or two General Zoom meetings with speakers. A little over half of our 44 members have renewed their membership. We urge you to send your renewal check to Lavinia Cozmin as soon as possible. Deadline for renewal is February 1, 2021. We have decided not to incur the cost to publish a 2021 yearbook. An update for 2021 will be sent to everyone that will include changes to the membership roster, board and committee changes and any programs that might be scheduled. Please send changes to your contact information to Lavinia so it will be included. We hope you all stay well, and we welcome any suggestions you have for safe programs for next year. Please continue to provide Kathy Bruening information on how you are coping with the Pandemic, projects you are working on, new recipes you have tried, how your houseplants are doing. We love reading about you in this newsletter. Stay well.

Cathy Garlitz and Jean Smith, Co-Presidents



Glow at CBG: Thursday afternoon, Dec. 10.
Many thanks to our WGC Glow team:
Carolyn, Jean, Marsha, Cathy, Deb and Kathy



Garden Scoop



Warm December Wishes

to all WGC gardeners

On the 12th day of Christmas

my true love sent to me 🎵

12 acorns

11 cotoneaster leaves

10 bridal wreath spirea branches

9 money plant lunarias

8 Chinese lanterns

7 dried yarrow

6 holly berries

5 bittersweet

4 locust seed pods

3 pine cones

2 warm wishes:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

And “one” card from Eileen Cernea



All botanicals in this arrangement are from
Eileen's garden.

MEMBER NEWS CORNER

FROM LAVINIA COZMIN

Two years ago, while attending a Westlake rain and garden show, I met a couple of nice ladies who represented the Westlake garden club. Their table had potted hellebores, a plant unknown to me till that day. I was glad to learn that it blooms in the winter, since I was already enjoying my snowdrops yearly, from late December till March. I joined the garden club and I planted some hellebores around the house. Today, I was happy and grateful to see buds on one of them and I look forward to take more pictures and to impress my friends.

note: *Those nice ladies must have been Marge Emblom and Margaret Schulz who usually take charge of our Rain n' Garden Show table. We are glad that you joined us, Lavinia!*

FROM CATHY GARLITZ

The tree is trimmed and the fire is lit. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL.



FROM CAROLYN STEIGMAN

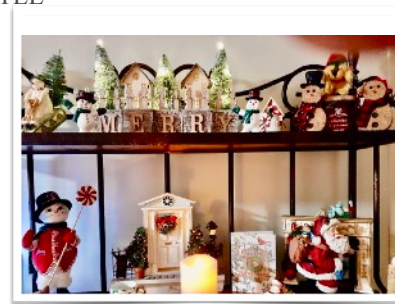
I recently decided to help MASON BEES to nest in my yard. As you know, our focus this year was on pollinators. I was surprised to learn that successfully having mason bees return year after year is not as easy as just putting out a bee house. I also found out timing is important.

It is not easy trying to make sense out of all the information on the Internet or in books. I ended up doing considerable research and learned what I needed to do and when in our area. So I decided to write a story about what I discovered, which I will probably submit to the Almanac for Farmers and City Folks, which I sometimes write stories for.

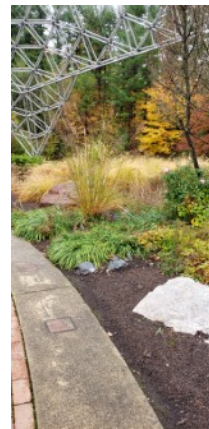
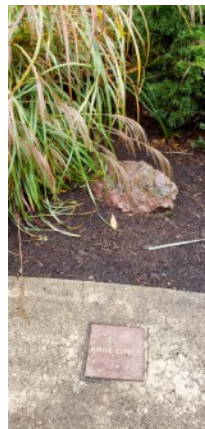
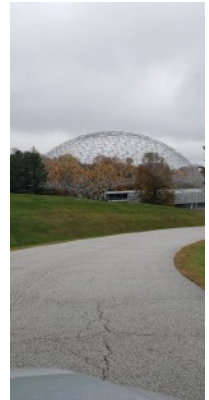
In the meantime if any club member is interested, they can call or email me and I will email them the story for their own use. (It's too big for the newsletter.) The mason bee house needs to be put out around the first or second week of April so probably bought around March or earlier.

FROM MARSHA MCENTEE

Wishing
all WGC members
*a Beautiful Christmas
and a New Year
of Peace and
Happiness.*



American Society for Metals Headquarters and Geodesic Dome



The highlight of my 2020 autumn trips was visiting the **AMS Headquarters** on the East side, on a sunny day. Part of the trip was through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The geodesic dome is a spectacular, airy structure, an architectural beauty, covering a nice garden with herbs, native plants and minerals. Also, there's a water fountain in the middle. The silence of the place has some healing feel to it. *Lavinia Cozmin*



Roses, all photographed at Cahoon Rose Garden in Bay Village by Eileen Cernea. And here is the really good news about these photos: they were all taken in November 2020! Enjoy. You can almost smell them and they do give us hope for a much happier 2021.

