

# GARDEN SCOOP

## WGC Events

**April Meeting via Zoom**, on our usual **third Wednesday** of the month, **April 21, 2021**.

Get ready for Zooming -see pages 3 & 4 for detailed instructions.

**April 1, 7 p.m.** Practice ZOOM session - especially for those who have not yet participated in a Zoom meeting

## Gardening Events

**Saturday, March 6**

**Lake County Master Gardeners**

8:50- 11:45 a.m. Online Gardeners' Workshop, see p. 3

**15th annual flower show *Orchids***

***Forever returns!*@BOTANICAL**

**GARDEN Saturday, February 13th**

**- Sunday, April 11th**

\$15 adults, \$10 children (3 - 12 years)

Reservations required. A socially distanced one-way path will guide visitors through the experience.

**March 24, 2021**

**Summit County Master Gardeners**

6:30 p.m. Online

Using Nature's Calendar to Predict plant Bloom & Insect Activity

Free registration at

[summitmastergardeners.org](http://summitmastergardeners.org)

## HELP WANTED

The garden club is in need of a **Webmaster** to work with Jean Smith on keeping our website up-to-date. Easy to learn procedures, training provided. Please contact Jean Smith if you are interested in this position. It will be a huge help to Jean and the club.

## From the President

The Board met on February 3, 2021 via Zoom and will continue to meet remotely until we can meet again in person. Program Chair, Deb Dougherty, is working on a program with a speaker that will be presented via Zoom on April 21. Details are forthcoming. We have 36 members who have renewed their membership as of February 2, with several more expected. Rather than incurring the expense of printing a complete yearbook for 2021, you will receive an update of membership, Board, Committees and programs to insert into your 2020 book. Cathy Garlitz and I are looking at Committee responsibilities and structures and will be reaching out to members in the near future to serve on a committee. If you have an interest in a particular Committee, please let me know. Even though we cannot meet in person, we should continue to communicate with each other and explore ideas for when things return to normal. If you have suggestions for remote meetings, or safe in-person meetings when the weather improves, please contact Deb Dougherty. Thank you for supporting your garden club and we will get through this together. Stay well.

*Jean Smith*, Co-president

## Our April Meeting is in the works.

Deb has invited **Leigh Anne Lorax, Zoo Horticultural and Grounds Manager**, to speak to our group. The presentation will be on pollinators. The time for the Zoom meeting will be announced in the April newsletter. Let's all make an effort to learn Zoom or ask our kids, neighbors etc. to help out. We have great instructions on page 3 and 4. The last time I was at the Zoo, it was for the Asian Lantern Festival and I found myself enjoying the landscaping plants just as much as the lights and the animals so I am sure that we will be treated to some expert advice.

*Kathy Bruening*



Snowdrops and Hellebores: two sure signs of Spring

*Thanks for sharing, Lavinia.*



## Ground cover instead of mulch?

*how to avoid the back-breaking perennial chore of spreading that mulch*

*Sally Knurek has condensed this report for us from an article by Randi V. W. Eckel, Phd.*

Tired of lugging those heavy bags of mulch around? There may be a natural solution. Ground-cover plants provide the same functions as mulch with the added benefits of beauty and usefulness to wildlife.

There is a persistent myth that we must clean up all the fallen leaves and debris off our beds and replace with mulch. Unfortunately all manner of wildlife inhabit this layer (butterflies, queen bees, overwintering insects). The fact is very little lives on or in mulch except fungi or slugs.

In nature, plants live in communities not isolated and separated by mulch. Ground-cover plants provide all the benefits of mulch: insulate against extreme temperatures, moisture retention, prevent weeds, and add organic matter to the soil.

Some examples of native ground covers:

Wild Stonecrop (*Sedum ternatum*) - low to ground, white flowers, prefers woodlands, evergreen and host to Variegated Fritillary

Dwarf Crested Iris (*Iris cristada*) - foot tall and requires a decent amount of light

Canada Anemone (*Anemone canadenses*) - slightly moist conditions and moderate sunlight

Wild Hairy Petunia (*Ruellia humiles*) dry and sunny

For the full article and a comprehensive list of native ground covers: [toadshade.com](http://toadshade.com). Click on Blogs, under list of blogs choose Oct. 2020 then scroll down to "Alright so what are these Ground-cover Plants You speak of", you will find **Native Ground Covers**, click on this for a full list.



Wild Stonecrop



Dwarf Crested Iris



Canada Anemone



Wild Hairy Petunia

### Ode to Covid 19 by Carolyn Steigman

Life during a pandemic sure has changed us some.  
Instead of going out to party I'm home sitting on  
my bum.

I've notice a man around my house and his identity  
is unclear.

But he seems real nice and says, "I'm your  
husband, dear."

Dining out at restaurants? No, that just will not do.  
So I guess it's time to open another can of veggie  
stew.

The kids have done all kind of crafts and played  
games with screaming cheer.

So now I've taken to day drinking. Please pass  
another beer.

I'll be glad when this is over and we can end this  
strife.

Now we have a vaccine and I want back to regular  
life.

### Still Need a Covid Shot?

Drive-thru's aren't just for hamburgers anymore!  
The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is holding a COVID-19 vaccination event at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds on Wednesdays. You don't even need to leave your car! Shots are currently being provided for those in Class 1A and 1B. Staff can handle about nine cars at a time using three garage bays at the fairgrounds. Afterwards there is a waiting area, where nurses are on standby in case of adverse reactions (just blow the car horn). The link below will allow you to set up a profile and schedule an appointment. You need to fill out and sign the Registration Form. Take it & a Picture ID to your appointment. Need help? Deb Dougherty would be glad to assist you with the registration. Call Deb at 440-506-0237. Leave a message if no immediate answer.

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Planning for this summer's **Cleveland Garden Walk** is well underway. Some of the neighborhoods offering garden tours are Detroit Shoreway, West Park, Old Brooklyn, Slavic Village and many more. Save the dates: July 10 & July 11, 2021.

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## A Step-by-Step Guide to a Zoom Meeting

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*If you haven't already received an email inviting you to a Zoom meeting, you probably will soon. In this age of social distancing, many groups are choosing to meet virtually, and Zoom is one of the most popular ways to do this. It might be your book club, your volunteer group, or your Sunday school class, but chances are you're going to be part of a Zoom meeting.*



Zoom is a computer program used to hold online virtual meetings. You can use Zoom on a smartphone, a tablet, a laptop, or a desktop computer (as long as you have a camera, speakers, and a microphone). It uses your computer's or phone's camera to show live video of all attendees (if you don't want to be on camera, that's fine, too. You can just display your name). Zoom uses your computer's or phone's microphone to let you talk to other meeting participants. If you do not have access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone, you can use a phone to dial into a meeting.

This article only covers joining and participating in a Zoom meeting that you've been invited to. If you want to know more about more advanced Zoom features like changing your background, raising your hand in a meeting, sharing your screen, and hosting your own meeting go to Zoom's Support Center [support.zoom.us/hc/en-us](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us)

### DOWNLOAD ZOOM

Zoom is a program that runs on your computer, phone, or tablet. You must download this program from the Zoom website. The free version of Zoom should meet all of your needs.

If you've received an email invitation to a Zoom meeting, click the link that says, "Join Zoom Meeting." If this is the first time you've used Zoom, this link will take you to a website where you can download the Zoom program or app, depending on what device you're using.

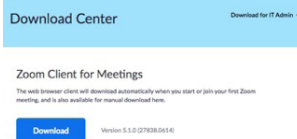
**On an iPhone or iPad:** Go to the Apple App Store and search for "ZOOM Cloud Meetings." Click "Get" to download and install the Zoom app.



The Zoom app in the App Store

**On an Android phone or tablet:** Go to the Google Play App Store and search for "Zoom Cloud Meetings." Click "Install."

**On a computer:** On the Download Center website [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download), click "Download" in the "Zoom Client for Meetings" section.



Click the blue Download button to download Zoom from the website [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download)

After Zoom is downloaded, you must install it onto your computer.

**If you have an Apple computer, like a MacBook:** Double-click the file called *Zoom.pkg*, which is typically saved to your Downloads folder. The installer program opens and guides you through the process.

**If you have a PC:** Double-click the file called *ZoomInstaller.exe* file to install the program.



Double-click *ZoomInstaller.exe* to install Zoom on your PC.

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**Note from the garden club:** If you are not used to the computer, we strongly recommend asking a relative or friend to bring over their tablet or laptop to enjoy the Zoom meeting with you—they will know what to do. **Page 4** has the rest of the instructions. If you are joining on someone else's device, give us their email so that we can send them a Zoom invitation.

*Orchids Forever* at the Botanical Garden on view until April 11, 2021



## Plant Sale pre-orders

The Cleveland Seed Bank is again teaming up with **Tomato Monster Heirlooms** for the annual spring plant sale in Old Brooklyn. Pre-orders start February 1st for a **variety of native plants:** Swamp Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Common Milkweed, Anise Hyssop, Purple Coneflower, Wild Bergamot & more!

Online pre-orders are also open for over 50 different varieties of **heirloom tomatoes and peppers** provided by Tomato Monster Heirlooms. A portion of the proceeds from each plant sold is donated back to the Cleveland Seed Bank. For more information and a pre-order forms, go to the May 15th Spring Plant Sale under Events at [hummingbirdproject.org](http://hummingbirdproject.org). 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pearl Rd. United Methodist Church

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## JOIN A MEETING

After you install Zoom, there are a few different ways to join a Zoom meeting. You can click the link in your invitation email, go to the Zoom website and enter the meeting ID, or dial into the meeting on a phone.

**Click the link in an invitation email:** If you have an email invitation, click “Join Zoom Meeting” in that email. This takes you to the Zoom website.

**Go to the Zoom website:** Go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join), and enter the 9-digit meeting ID from your invitation email. If the meeting requires a password, that will be in your email, too.

### Join a Meeting

Meeting ID or Personal Link Name

Join

When you are on the Zoom website, if you are asked if you want to open Zoom, click “Open zoom.us.” Zoom opens, showing you a preview of your camera image. Then click either “Join with Video” or “Join without Video.” If you use video, other people in the meeting will see you. If not, they will just see your name. Next, Zoom asks about audio. Click “Join with Computer Audio” so you can hear and be heard in the meeting.

**Dial into the meeting on a phone:** If you don’t have access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone, you can use a phone to dial into the meeting. The phone number to use will be in your invitation email, or you can find the number to use in the Zoom International Dial-in Numbers list [zoom.us/zoomconference](https://zoom.us/zoomconference).

## PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING

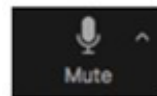
Once you’ve joined the meeting, you can see and hear other participants. Each participant is represented by a square that displays their face (*if they’ve chosen to join with video*) or just their name.

If you’re in a large meeting, make sure your microphone is muted. Your computer microphone is pretty sensitive, and if you’re unmuted, it can pick up a lot of background noise. The mute button, which looks like a microphone, is in the bottom left corner of the Zoom screen. If the microphone has a red line through it, you’re muted, and no one in the meeting can hear you.



*If the microphone has a red line through it, you are muted.*

Click the button again to unmute yourself if you want to talk in the meeting.



*If the microphone has no red line through it, you can be heard in the meeting.*

Only one person in the meeting can talk at a time. Zoom indicates who is speaking by highlighting their image with a yellow square.

There is also a chat feature in Zoom, where you can type messages to other participants. Participants can send messages to everyone in the meeting, or just certain participants. However, after the meeting, the host can view the transcript of all chats, so it’s not entirely private. If there is a message for you in the chat, a notification appears on the Chat button, which looks like a speech bubble. Click that button to open the chat window.

## LEAVE A ZOOM MEETING

Click “Leave Meeting” on the bottom right corner to leave the meeting.

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