Westlake Garden Club October 2020

# **GARDEN SCOOP**

#### **WGC Events**

Fall Zoom Meeting: October 28, 2020 at 2 p.m.

Please arrange to meet us on Zoom for a very informative presentation. Read about it in the 'Trees & Pollinators' article and invitation on this page.

For those without access to computers, please consider inviting a relative or friend to register and bring their laptop or tablet to watch the presentation with you.

Glow Christmas Tree at the Botanical Garden information on page 2.

A garden is never so good as it will be next year.

# Trees & Pollinators

October/November Meeting



Westlake's own **Elizabeth Hiser** is the Watershed Program Manager for the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. I can't imagine that all fitting on a business card! Elizabeth has graciously offered to present a Zoom meeting on Trees and Pollinators.

Since Fall is an ideal tree planting season, it is a perfect subject! Elizabeth plans to talk about the basic care and nurturing of our trees, the importance of pollinators in our environment, and trees that can support our pollinators.

We hope you will be able to join us from the comfort of your homes for this meeting. The program will wrap up within an hour, including an opportunity for Questions.

By the way, Elizabeth leads the Northeast Ohio Master Rain Garden program and is the proud owner of 3 rain gardens at her home in Westlake. I am hoping we can talk Elizabeth into presenting on that subject in 2021.

\*\*Deb Dougherty Oct/Nov meeting\*\*

#### You are invited to a Zoom meeting

When: Oct 28, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkde6spjMpHdIsKTs\_4bnBCeGhTAkyeag9

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Thanks,

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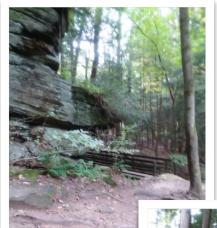
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# Beauty and Wonder of Nature

Roger and I are avid hikers, getting out two to three times a week hiking two to four miles each time. We cover a wide area of Northeast Ohio and enjoy every hiking trail but have our favorites that we return to again and again. We recently hiked one of our favorites, the Ledges Trail at Virginia Kendall in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. This is a somewhat challenging trail with a lot of up and down and rocks and roots but is well worth the effort. To me, this trail is magical with the huge rock formations and a lot of moss. It is also spiritual. I feel the power and splendor of Nature when I am there with so much beauty that has been shaped over thousands of years. It certainly puts things into proper perspective. I am a believer in Nature's power of healing and renewal. Not only are we getting good exercise by hiking, we are enjoying these powers of Nature and always come home feeling tired but renewed. There are two quotes by John Muir that somewhat define my life: "In every walk with Nature one receives far more than he seeks" and "Of all the paths you take in life make sure a few of them are dirt."

Jean Smith





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#### Glow at the CBG: a Cleveland Tradition

Decorating Day: To be announced but most likely the week of Nov. 16.

**Tear down date:** TBA but probably Monday, Jan 4, 2021

Our Garden Club has participated in the Glow decorating project at the Botanical Garden for the last 4 years and it is always a fun activity. We have signed up to decorate a 10 ft. tree in Eppig Hall. The overall CBG theme this year is **Home for the Holidays** with an emphasis on the plants and trees that we use during the Christmas season. Our Westlake Garden Club tree theme is "A **Penchant for Poinsettias**".

If you would like to help with the ornaments, with the actual decorating and/or taking down of the decor, please contact Kathy Bruening. The website has more details: **cbgarden.org** under Join and Support / Affiliate Garden Clubs / Bulletin Board.

A few plans for this year's Glow have been scaled back and reservations will be necessary to view the trees. But Glow promises to be just as magical and delightful as always. It is a wonderful Cleveland Christmas tradition.

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# Helping Westlake Schools

Our receptionist, Margaret Schulz, has an ongoing project to help our local school district. Margaret collects box top coupons for education from products like soups, cereals, plastic bags, cake mixes etc. There is a complete list of participating products at <br/>
boxtops4education.com<br/>
If you use any of these products that have the coupon (it resembles a UPC symbol) and would like to donate to the Westlake PTO, please pass them on to Margaret or drop them at the elementary school in Westlake. Margaret's contact information is in our Westlake Garden Club member booklet.

### The Great Garden Giveaway

Many thanks to Marsha McEntee for letting our club know about an opportunity to salvage some planting material from a lot that will soon be re-landscaped. The email went out with the invitation and those of us who responded were very happy to arrive with shovels and spades, garden gloves and masks. There were Hydrangeas and Hosta as well as some smaller flowering pollinator plants. The timing was just right for fall planting. We hope to show off some of the fruits of our labor in the spring and summer of next year.

**Happy Halloween** and may all of our gardeners stay healthy and safe during the pandemic year. We are looking forward to a better 2021. The photos below are from Holden Arboretum—a safe outdoor space. The arboretum requires reservations and a face covering.













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