

GARDEN SCOOP

WGC Meetings and Events

Tuesday, Sept. 24
WGC at Expo 50+
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Wed., Oct. 16, 7 p.m.
Meeting at Porter
 Medical Marijuana

Wed., Oct. 23, 10:30
Glow ornament workshop at Sally's
 bring a bag lunch;
 beverages provided;
 RSVP: 440-331-8722

Mon. afternoon,
Nov. 18
 Tree trimming for Glow at
 the Cleveland Botanical
 Garden

More Gardening Events

Friday, Sept. 27
Garden Club of Cleve.
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Thursday, Oct. 3,
9 to 11:30 a.m.
 Affiliate Clubs of CBG
 Fall Forum, see p. 1

Sat., Oct. 12 Western
Reserve Herb Society
 Herb Fair, Cleveland
 Botanical Garden, 10 a.m.
 to 3 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 1
 Garden Club of Ohio
 (GCO); Holiday Program
 St Michael's Woodside

Tuesday, Sept 24

Westlake's "Exploring 50+" Fair

The City of Westlake Senior & Community Services Center is partnering with the Westlake Porter Public Library to host Expo 50+ which will provide a unique presentation and interactive displays featuring different options and ideas to plan YOUR "second act". There will be information about leisure, travel and lifelong learning opportunities, joining civic organizations, and seeking encore careers. **Westlake Garden Club** will be present with displays and information on gardening and joining the club. Please stop by our table. The Fair is from 4 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 24 at the Community Services Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd in Westlake.



You are invited . . .

Cleveland Botanical Garden

Affiliate Clubs Fall Forum

Thursday, October 3, 2019, 9 – 11:30am

This year's program will include a special treat. Katherine Hale, President of The Western Reserve Herb Society, will share with us the club's fascinating story. You will have an up close and personal tour of these world class gardens in their video, "Celebrating 50 Seasons of Growing."

Registration and continental breakfast at 9am. Program starts at 9:30am.

The Forum is **FREE** to Club Presidents and **\$10** for other Affiliate members. **Register on the Affiliates website by Monday, September 30. Parking in the CBG garage is FREE.** Westlake Garden Club is affiliated with the Cleveland Botanical Garden. We hope that you will take advantage of their programs.

The Affiliate Bulletin Board (found under 'Join and Support' on the CBG website has a long list of interesting gardening programs. Check them out at <cbgarden.org>.

September 4 Meeting:

Jim Rokakis talks to WGC: land conservation, urban decline and the tree canopy

The September 4th Garden Club meeting featured speaker Jim Rokakis, vice-president of the Western Reserve Conservancy and Director of Thriving Communities. His presentation described the accomplishments and the mission of the Conservancy to provide the people of our region with essential natural assets through land conservation and restoration. The beginning of the presentation described those issues that have caused the decline of our urban areas. One issue that was called "The Monster that Devoured Cleveland" was the impact of the foreclosure crisis on median home prices. A good part of the suburban ring has recovered, whereas most of Cleveland and eastern inner ring suburbs have not. This has led to the drastic increase in abandoned and vacant properties. There are 100,000 vacant and distressed properties in Ohio's cities.



It was then explained how the Conservancy has attempted to resolve this issue. One way is to establish county land banks that can take control of vacant and abandoned, tax delinquent properties. The speaker described how the Conservancy then seeks funding to repurpose properties through demolition or rehabilitation, and how they attempt to influence State and Federal policies focused on abandoned properties and the revitalization of our Communities. The presentation closed with how the Conservancy has attempted to restore Cleveland's depleted tree canopy and how trees in a community have a positive effect on temperature and energy use, as well as water quality and runoff. Cleveland's tree canopy sits at about 19%. Chagrin Falls is the winner at 77%. Westlake averages about 41- 42%. Their target for every city is to be around 70%. We obviously have quite a bit yet to do.

Bill Hock



Attentive listeners include Cathi Peter, Shirley Lutts, Jackie Crosier, Marsha McEntee, Dick Lutts, Eileen Drusendahl, Alberta Ricciardi and Sally Knurek

Many thanks

to

Judy Hullinger, Nancy Whelan,
Agnes Tark, and Marge
Emblom for an outstanding
array of desserts at the
September 4 evening with Jim
Rokakis.



Cleveland Metroparks Acacia Reservation

The Garden Club of Cleveland's GCA Show, **Country Weekends, City Nights** is open and FREE to the public Friday, September 27, 2019, 9am-2pm, to be held at Cleveland Metroparks Acacia Reservation.

Judges from around the country will have judged the divisions of **Floral Design, Horticulture, Photography, and Botanical Arts**. A **Conservation and Education Exhibit** will display the amazing restoration of Acacia, and why it has such a great impact on our northern Ohio location.

Cleveland Metroparks will host two tours during the day on Friday for the public to view some of the changes which have been made to the 155 acres, impacting the headwaters of Euclid Creek.

Other organizations like **Friends of Euclid Creek, LEAP, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and Holden Forests & Gardens** will be available to continue the conversation about our area and the many conservation efforts underway.

Nominees for next year's officers are:

Sally Knurek & Shirley Lutts, Co-presidents
 Deb Dougherty, Program Chair
 Marie McCarthy, Treasurer,
 Brian Thompson, Recording Secretary. general meetings
 Anne Engel & Marsha McEntee, Recording Secretaries, board meetings.

If you would like to be added to the list of candidates for office or make a nomination, please contact Alberta Ricciardi.

The Nominating Committee members are Alberta Ricciardi, Margaret Schulz, Debbie Dougherty and Jackie Crosier.

The Art of Bonsai

If you can grow houseplants, you can successfully grow bonsai. This is the art of growing, in miniature tabletop form, trees that would normally grow tall outdoors and can live for hundreds of years.

Some plants that are typically grown as bonsai include elm, maple, juniper, yew and even azalea. However, for a beginner such as myself, the easiest ones are the tropical ones that don't require a winter dormancy so there is no need to put them in a place, such as a refrigerator, where they will be cold enough to go dormant for the winter but not so cold that the roots freeze - and then hope they will revive in the spring. Instead, they happily grow year round in a sunny window. My two personal favorites are the parrot's beak and the Brazilian rain tree.

If you want to know more about bonsai, or maybe even buy one, the Cleveland Bonsai Club will be sponsoring its fall show on **Sept. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rockefeller Park and Greenhouse, 780 East 88th Street**. It will feature displays of more than 50 beautiful bonsai trees. There will also be demonstrations, a wide variety of plants and bonsai accessories for sale and friendly club members who will happily share information about their bonsai trees.

Admission is free. While you are there you might also want to go into the greenhouse and see the beautiful display of flowers, trees, cactus and orchids or take a short walking tour of the outdoor gardens. It makes for a wonderful way to spend a fall afternoon. *Carolyn Steigman*



In case you missed it . . .

Westlake Library hosted the 19th Annual Community of Fine Arts Show during the month of August. Several of our members entered the exhibit put on by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council. Robert Pearl co-chaired the event which featured 82 pieces of art done by 42 different artists.

Jean Smith won a second place for her oil painting, 'A Country Lane', inspired by a photo in a magazine that made Jean feel as if she were transported to that country lane. Robert Pearl also entered an oil painting: 'Copper Pot' and Bill Hock did an acrylic seascape called 'Double Bay, Sydney, Australia'. We are very pleased to have these talented people in our club and so happy that they are sharing their work.



GCO Fall Meeting Sept. 10

Alberta Ricciardi and Deb Dougherty represented our garden club at the Fall Garden Club of Ohio meeting at St. Michael's Woodside. Pictured is Deb Dougherty with Mary Lou Smith, GCO President. The GCO meetings offer informative and interesting programs as well as a very good lunch.

Be sure to mark your calendars for their Holiday Program on Nov. 1, 2019. We usually carpool.

Gardeners of Greater Cleveland's Bulb Sale Rockefeller Greenhouse Sept. 19 – 21

The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland will hold our annual bulb sale on Thursday, September 19th, Friday, September 20th, and Saturday, September 21st at the Rockefeller Greenhouse. The selection of species that will be available are: Crocus, Daffodils, Fritillaria, Hyacinths, Alliums, Tulips, and all kinds of potted Iris from the Willott Iris Garden. All our sales go to support scholarships for student going into a horticultural field.

Beck Center Women's Board fundraiser: Fly me to the Moon.

THE WOMEN'S BOARD OF BECK CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS

DINNER WITH THE TUNES OF THE RAT PACK
Dean, Frank, & Sammy

Saturday, October 19, 2019 | 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm | Music & Dance Building
Music by CONNOR BOGART O'BRIEN
Catering by ITALIAN CREATIONS | Cash Bar for Beer and Wine
TICKETS: \$25 adults | \$10 for children 12 and under

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Best Time to Call _____
Email Address _____

of Tickets: _____ @ \$25 / \$10 | Amount enclosed _____
Please mail this section with check made payable to The Women's Board of Beck Center
Send to: Marianne Monahan at 1486 Waterbury Road, Lakewood, Ohio 44107
For credit card purchases, visit <http://bit.ly/RATPACKATBECK> or call Phyllis Curry @ 440.331.1985

August 2019: American Greetings Tour

Some of you will remember that we had to cancel this tour last year. We found out in August that it was worth the wait. What an interesting building and great asset to our community. The artwork and creativity were obvious everywhere you looked. The goal of sending cards to make people happy was certainly reflected in the building. Our luncheon afterward at Rosewood on Crocker was the perfect ending to this outing.



Touring American Greetings at Crocker Park



Pam, Eileen, Cathi and our waitress at Rosewood



Marie, Shirley, Alberta



Brian, Robert, Jean & Mona's daughter



Thea



Friends from Fairview Park Garden Club



Regina, Judy and Aggie