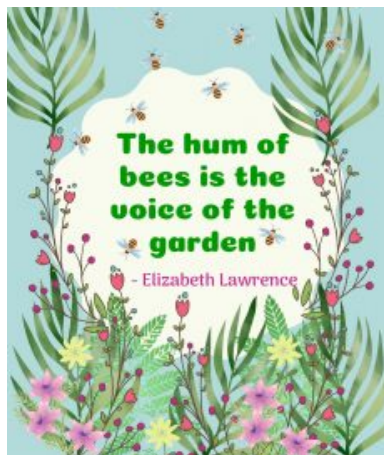


# GARDEN SCOOP



*Thanks to Cathy Garlitz, the WGC board was able to have a virtual meeting via Zoom in May. It was a bit of a learning experience but the results was very positive.*

## *Pollinator Bees & Garden, Westlake H.S.*

We paid a visit to the pollinator garden at Westlake High School. Many of you will remember attending a WGC meeting there in April of 2019. Melissa Barth and her students explained their vision for the garden and showed us the bee hives. Our club was able to help by donating a mason bee house as well as funding some of the cost of beekeeping classes for the students this past year—before coronavirus.



## WGC Events

All events **On Hold** until further notice. See **Summer Update, p.2**

Check out our **Hilliard Road flower box**. Just west of the intersection of Kathryn and Hilliard near the entrance to Clague Park.

## Some Suggestions

**Cleveland Garden Walk, July 11 & 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
Details, p. 2.

## Lorain County Metro Parks

1. **Schoepfle Gardens**, 11106 Market Street, Wakeman, OH 44889, open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., restrooms available
2. **Lakeview Park**, 1800 West Erie Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052, open sunrise to 11 p.m.
3. **Miller Nature Preserve**, 2739 Center Rd, Avon, OH 44011, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Check website for more details on Covid restrictions.

June 26 is the deadline for **Westlake in Bloom** entries.



During our visit, Melissa was on hand to greet us and had this to say about the garden this year: “As far as the bees and the garden are concerned, life still persists as normal. They are flourishing. I have spent several days there weeding and keeping it maintained and installed a new package of bees a few weeks ago. One of my students came and helped one day while maintaining a safe social distance. She is one of the three who completed the beekeeping course in its entirety. The students were very eager to apply what they learned, but, unfortunately, the current situation has prohibited their participation.” The garden at the back of the high school is quite extensive and open to viewing. Stop by to enjoy it if you have not already done so. See photos, p. 3.

## WGC Flower Box on Hilliard Rd.

Our newly planted Hilliard Road flower box is pictured on the right. Again, we are grateful to Marge Embloom who has done this job faithfully for many years. Because of social distancing her only helper this year was her granddaughter, Kirsten. She is a dynamo and they completed the job of digging out the tree roots (*they constantly make their way into those boxes*), adding leaf humus and planting more quickly than expected. The annual blue salvia in the center will contrast nicely with the yellow petunias and the white snapdragons. Do stop by to admire the box when the blooms are open.



## Summer Update

With concern for the health of family, friends and ourselves, we will be cancelling our June, July and August meetings. We feel it is prudent to do. Thanks for your understanding.

We all miss the camaraderie of our club. Our garden walks/garden party have become a summer tradition. Our summer picnic is always a huge success. However, we are looking toward the fall with hopes of reuniting. Keep informed and in contact through our newsletter.

Ohio is spectacular in the summer. We can enjoy the beaches, lakeside, small towns, Metro Parks, Amish country, state parks, and small gatherings with family and friends. Have a wonderful summer and hopefully we can reconnect in the fall. We will all be able to share "What I did on My Summer Vacation"! Everyone take care of yourselves and hope to see you in September. Remain hopeful and be kind to one another.

*Shirley Lutts*

### GardenWalk Cleveland 2020 July 11 & 12, 2020, 10am-5pm

Come out, enjoy the sanctuary of urban residential gardens. Plans are well underway for this year's tours that will feature over 300 gardens in eight Cleveland neighborhoods. Similar to the 2019 tours, half the neighborhoods will be open on Saturday, and half will be open on Sunday. On Saturday, July 11th, tour these neighborhoods: Fairfax, Broadway Slavic Village, West Park, and Glenville and then on Sunday, July 12th tour these neighborhoods: Detroit Shoreway, Collinwood, Little Italy, and Old Brooklyn. Gardens on the tour will be open from 10am to 5pm –RAIN or SHINE.

The Walk is a free, self-guided tour of private and community urban gardens in the City of Cleveland. See

[www.gardenwalkcleveland.org](http://www.gardenwalkcleveland.org) or visit the Facebook page. Social distancing and masks will be required.

### GLOW 2020

*from the Cleveland Botanical Garden Affiliate Bulletin Board*

GLOW 2020 is in the works! Our theme this year is "**Hearth and Home for the Holidays**". An underlying theme with this show is to feature how plants and trees contribute to celebrating the holidays through home decor, games, food, toys etc. We believe that your Garden Club is going to love all of the new and different creative opportunities for your club to participate. CBG is going to be transformed into magical Holiday living spaces. The Affiliates will be able to choose if they want to decorate a tree, a wreath, a 30-36" wide entrance door, a mantle or a table with centerpieces and table settings. Check the GLOW 2020 Decorating List to see what decorating opportunities are still available for your club to decorate. GLOW Guidelines provide you with further information on what you may do (or not do) with your decorating ideas. NOTE: there are quite a few changes this year with the new design to the GLOW show so check those also. Kevin Borowiak will again be the GLOW Affiliate coordinator.

**If you are able to help with the Glow event, please let Kathy Bruening know as soon as possible.**

The Westlake Historical Society has canceled their 50th annual Antique Vintage & Craft Show scheduled for July 19, 2020 until next year. The annual spring yard sale will take place but in the fall. **Donations** may be placed on the side porch of the Clague House Museum. They are also planting several flower boxes around our city. If you have time to plant a box, please contact them about available areas.

David A Pfister, Show Chair Westlake Historical Society

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## The Importance of Pollinators by Joe Lamp'1

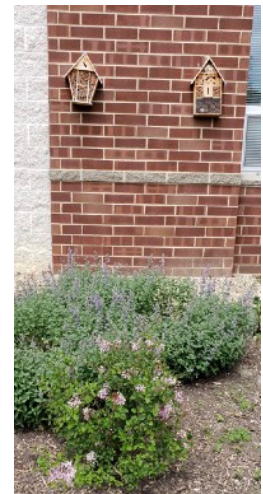
Due to excessive pesticide use, there is an alarming decline in pollinators. Imagine living in a world without flowers or fruit or even coffee or chocolate for that matter. Thanks to the wonderful work of pollinators like bees, much of the food we eat and flowers and plants we enjoy are possible.

And it's not just bees that are doing all the work. **Butterflies, birds, beetles, bats, wasps and even flies** are important in the pollination process. But despite the importance of pollinators, they are taken for granted all too often. Worldwide, there is an alarming decline in pollinator populations. Excessive use of pesticides and an ever-expanding conversion of landscapes to human use are the biggest culprits. It is estimated that more than 1,300 types of plants are grown around the world for food, beverages, medicines, condiments, spices and even fabric. Of these, about 75% are pollinated by animals. More than one of every three bites of food we eat or beverages we drink are directly because of pollinators. Indirectly, pollinators ultimately play a role in the majority of what we eat and consume. Pollinators are vital to creating and maintaining the habitats and ecosystems that many animals rely on for food and shelter. Worldwide, over half the diet of fats and oils comes from crops pollinated by animals. They facilitate the reproduction in 90% of the world's flowering plants.

You can make a positive difference in your home environment. Provide a diverse assortment of flowering plants and encourage native species in your landscape. Use pesticides only when necessary and then only late in the day or evening. Look for alternative ways to deal with pest and disease issues before reaching for a quick fix. These often come at a price. Learn about and practice **IPM** (Integrated Pest Management). The actions you take in and around your garden can either help reduce or promote the population of pollinators in your landscape. Hopefully it's the latter.

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### Photos from the Pollinator Garden at Westlake H.S.



## Keeping up with our friends in the garden club . . .

Robert Pearl 5/12

### Greetings to all in the Garden Club

Jeff and I are staying busy spring cleaning and doing yard work. I still help my 99-yr-old client on Fridays with her weekly grocery shopping always wearing masks while she stays home. That seems to be the way we're going to have to live for some time. Jeff and I will be celebrating our 4th anniversary on the 20th of May. I will be starting a new painting. I have some great ideas. I also love cooking so we are always trying to decide what our next meal will be and watching our weight all at the same time, ya right. We are looking forward to the warmer weather - so we then can cook outside ha ha. Everyone stay safe and enjoy the summer the best way you can. Don't forget to wear your masks.

PS Once we get some great blooms in the back I'll send you some pics.



Cathy Garlitz 6/3

This is a Plumeria, it hasn't bloomed since March of 1999. The color is Aztec Gold. It is used in leis and the fragrance is something I haven't experienced since traveling to Maui!

It wintered indoors, dropped its leaves and now the stalks are 4ft tall, flowering, and growing more stalks! I only wish everyone could experience the delightful aroma!

To the right is the Lenten Rose that came from Kathy Bruening's garden. It's doing well and seems to be taking to this shady spot! Thank you for the digging, Kathy!



Rosemary McEntee and Kitty Amor 6/4

My lilacs were amazing this year. Kitty and I are still enjoying the last of the Miss Kim blooms. Also working on the front yard - reseeding after last year's plumbing lines. Had a couple wash outs so trying to fill in the runoff. Otherwise the garden is growing and we're looking forward to the hydrangea blooms.  
Rose McEntee & Kitty Amor

Marge Emblom 6/4

The restrictions of coronavirus have forced me to rethink my garden. I've ordered bulbs that I have never grown before and it has been so much fun waiting for them to come up and waiting for them to bloom—if they do this year. Crocosmia, agastache, gladiolas, eryngium, and eremurus whose “bulb?” looked like an octopus are all new. Glads are just popping up and still no sign of the eryngiums. Still, this looks to be a lush year for most of the existing perennials—and the weeds.

Vicki is growing her vegetables for the first time in several years, and we have loved having all the fresh greens.

Gardening is always satisfying, but this year it is sanity saving. I am so lucky to have this outlet.

Lavinia Cozmin 6/4

Lavinia's friend Carmen showed her this site [Welcome to Garden Lovers Club](https://www.gardenloversclub.com) with advice and ideas for all garden types. Check it out.

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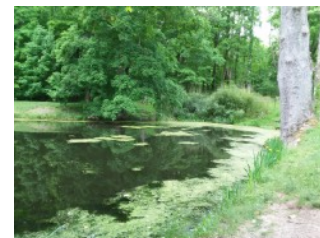
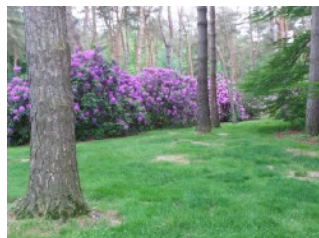




## Jean Smith 6/4 Schoepfle Gardens

We hiked at Schoepfle Gardens today and it was well worth the drive. Rhododendrons and Irises are in full bloom and gorgeous. I wish we could plan a meet-up there for those who want to come. It is such a beautiful park.

## Jean's photos plus comments on Schoepfle by Anne and Shirley



*Jean is so right. Tom and I have been going to Schoepfle Gardens for years as Mr. Engel (Tom's father) and Mr. Schoepfle were classmates so we knew about it. Mr. Schoepfle hosted class reunions there.*

*Anne Engel*

*I love Schoepfle Gardens. I have been there a couple of times this spring. One time I met my sister, here. It was halfway for each of us. Of course, we respected social distancing! It is great for hiking, enjoying nature or just sitting and talking with a picnic snack. It is about 1 hour and 15 minutes away. I think it is inspiring that Schoepfle created this space for all to enjoy and it is free.*

*Shirley Lutts*

## Margaret Schulz June 6

Margaret Schulz writes that she enjoys making lavender potpourri for tranquillity and that she and her husband, Chuck, most enjoy sitting on their deck where they can enjoy the flowers, ferns and bird bath while listening to some oldies on the boom box. They try to stay safe by wearing masks when out and also take drives along Lake Rd. to Lakewood, Rocky River and Vermillion. Margaret and Chuck have been married for 42 years—congratulations to them both. Margaret has also been busy with her bead jewelry, scrapbooking family pictures and keeping in touch with old friends as well as doing some baking and crock pot cooking.



## Carolyn Steigman 6/9

On [Cleveland.com](https://www.cleveland.com) it said that the **food pantry for the City of Westlake** has run dry. They are seeking donations. If you can, please open your hearts and your wallets to our friends and neighbors now placed in need by the consequences of the Corona virus.

Checks should be sent to the city of Westlake and write Covid-19/food pantry on the memo line. Checks can also be dropped off in person at the Westlake Community Services Center.

Hope you are all staying safe and well. I'm looking forward to the time it's safe for us to all come together again.

Deb Dougherty 6/7

The **Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners** are presenting online programming: 6 one-hour sessions on Saturday mornings beginning in June and continuing through August 2020.

The first gathering will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 1

### **Saturday Gatherings in the Garden**

New Webinar Series

Saturday - 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. -

**Zoom Webinar**

Watch for registration information

**Container Gardening for Perennials and Annuals**

- June 13 - [Click to register](#)

**Wildlife Conflicts in the Garden -**  
June 27

**Native Plants - July 11**

**Cool Weather Crops/Harvesting**  
- July 25

**Soil Health/Soil Testing - August**  
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**Pruning - August 22**

#### **Container Gardening with Perennials and Annuals**

**Presented by Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Holly McTernan**

Holly McTernan is a second-generation Master Gardener who joined the program in 2014. She has a particular interest in wildflowers, vegetables, and small fruit trees. When not in her garden, she teaches physics at St. Edward High School and Baldwin Wallace University. Holly enjoys collaborating with other teachers, caring for her pets or playing violin with the Euclid Symphony Orchestra or at the Music Settlement.

Container Gardening is a way to make gardening accessible to everyone. Containers can be grown on patios, backyards and porches. This presentation will share with you the planting and care basics and give you an understanding of the design principles to make a creative container garden. With this knowledge and your creativity you can make your own one of a kind planting.

This is a bit late for this Saturday but you may want to bookmark the website and check out the offerings for the remaining Saturdays in July and August. The Master Gardeners are affiliated with The Ohio State University and they are a wonderful resource for anyone interested in gardening. Their annual plant sale was canceled in June but there is a possibility of rescheduling —another reason to check out their website. You may also sign up for their event notifications.

### *Sad news for the Westlake Gardening Community*

Jean Smith 5/18

I saw in the Sunday PD that George Woyansky passed away. We toured his garden on one of our mini-garden walks and he won numerous awards for his garden from Westlake in Bloom.

Shirley Lutts 5/19

He had a beautiful garden and a wonderful knowledge of plants. He was so willing to share his garden and knowledge. I remember his garden so well and his kindness to our group.

He had won so many Westlake in Bloom awards that he decided not to enter to give others a chance! - A very nice gardener and a wonderful Westlake resident.

