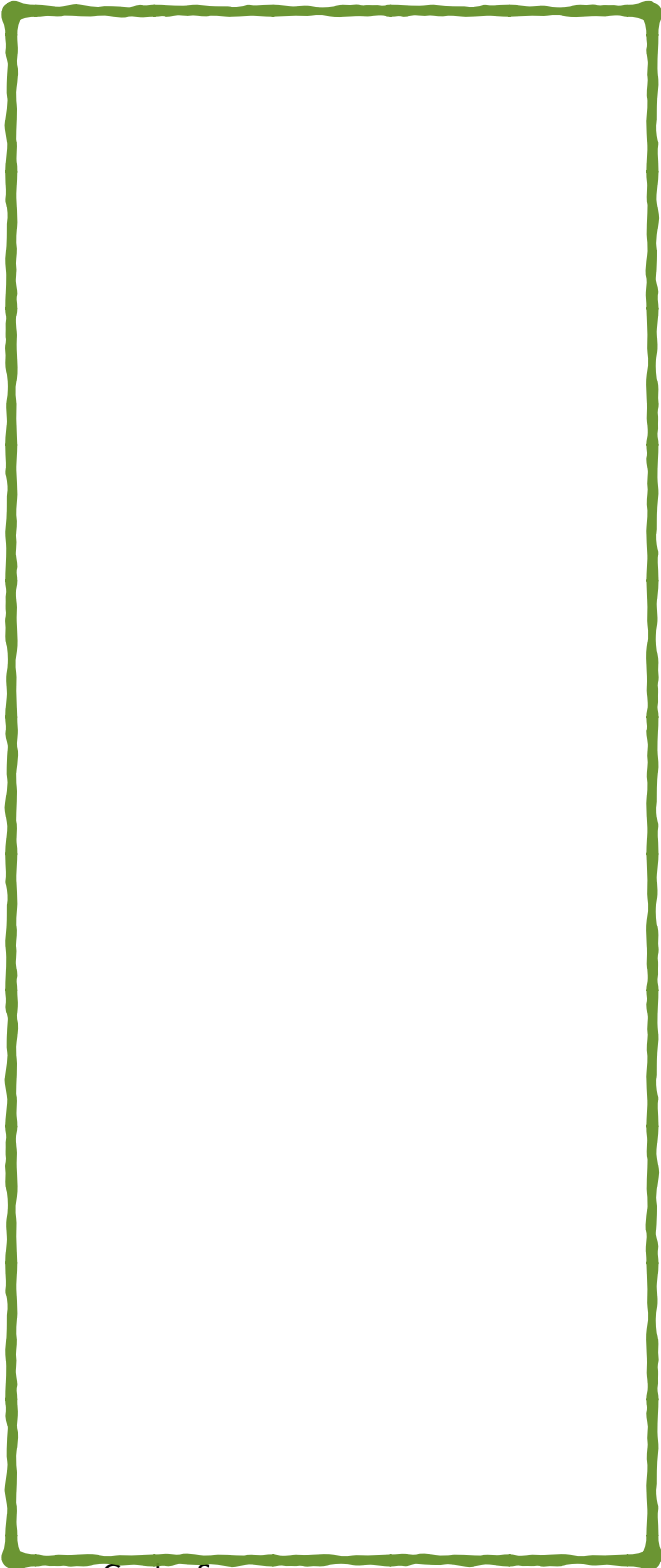




GARDEN SCOOP



March 18 Kick-off Lunch

It's time to get charged up for the new year of gardening. Our first official meeting is in April. Meanwhile we are continuing a 2-year-old tradition of doing lunch in March. It is just that: lunch to enjoy one another's company and reconnect after the long, cold winter.

We will be dining at **Arrabiata's Restaurant, 600 Dover Center Rd, Bay Village, OH 44140 at 11:30 a.m.** Everyone will order from the menu and be responsible for their own bill and gratuity. Hope to see you there. Note that March 18 is our usual **3rd Wednesday** meeting day but at **11:30 a.m. RSVP to Kathy Bruening (kcbruen@att.net) by Wed., March 11.**



WGC New Member

The Westlake Garden Club is excited to welcome new member, Kathrine Gerald. Please be sure to seek her out to say hello at our next event. **Welcome, Katherine. We look forward to meeting you.**

FYI

The City of Westlake Rain 'n Garden Show will take place every other year. This is an off year.

An Invitation from the North Olmsted Garden Club

Discover Ohio's Spring Wildflowers

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 6:30 p.m. No Olmsted Library

Spring in Ohio brings a spectacular display of wildflowers, known as “spring ephemerals.” These plants—such as trout lily, trillium, squirrel corn, and Dutchman’s breeches—emerge early in the season, taking advantage of the sunlight before trees fully leaf out. Their brief but brilliant blooms are vital for pollinators and signal the renewal of our forests and meadows. Local experts and scientists regularly study and celebrate these wildflowers, highlighting their importance to biodiversity and the health of our natural spaces.



Ohio Spring Wildflowers & Plants Program

Join us for a delightful evening celebrating the beauty of Ohio’s spring wildflowers! Presented by **Cleveland MetroParks Naturalist Lys Ursem**, this free and public program will take place at the **North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Road, on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. The event begins at 6:30 pm** and is hosted by The North Olmsted Garden Club. Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or simply curious about the wonders of our local flora, this is a perfect opportunity to learn, connect, and be inspired.



Cleveland Botanical Garden

Orchid Society Sale and Show

Saturday, March 14 & Sunday, March 15

Included with admission

Join us for the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show and Sale. The weekend will include an orchid competition, with judging sanctioned by the American Orchid Society, displays, vendors and three presentations open to the public. A beautiful selection of orchids will be on display and for sale. Bring your camera and take home a unique orchid of your own! Join us for a vibrant weekend, and take in all that our annual flower show, **Orchid Rodeo**, has to offer!

See the website (holdenfg.org) for details on vendor sales, lectures, demonstrations and repotting services the weekend of the Orchid Society Show.

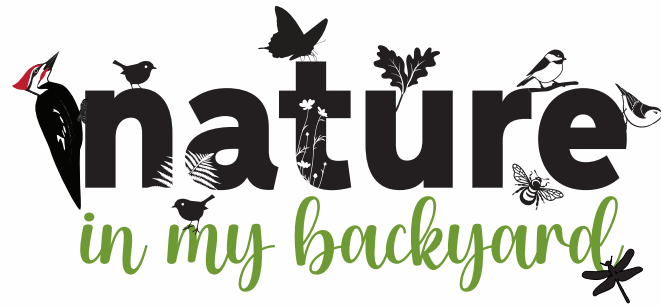
Botanical Garden Hours. The overall annual orchid show, Orchid Rodeo, ends April 5.

Tuesday-Friday: 10am-5pm

Saturday*: 10am-9pm

Sunday: Noon-5pm

Monday**: Closed



Brown Bagging it in My Backyard

A Second Wednesday Zoom Lecture Series

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, Noon

Zoom in to hear Debra Knapke
The Garden Sage

Using Native Plants on Our Home Grounds



Debra Knapke

What are native plants and what are their ecological contexts? If we can answer those questions, we know whether or not they will be able to grow and thrive in our gardens... or not. Engage in the discussion about native plants and how they can be successfully incorporated into our gardens. Debra will offer many examples of native plants in their habitats and in gardens.

In 1992, after two other careers, Debra turned her avocation of plant study and gardening into her full-time career. Known as "The Garden Sage", Debra is passionate about gardening, sustainable garden design and the natural world, and enjoys sharing knowledge through her writing, public speaking, and garden consulting in the private and public sectors. She has served on various local and national committees and boards that focus on education, the environment, and sustainability. She has championed those passions during her two-year term (2014-2016) as Honorary President of the Herb Society of America and as the Co-Chair of the Sustainability Committee of GardenComm. In addition, she mentored the future of the landscape industry at Columbus State Community College for 24 years. She loves being a gardener and has packed an amazing variety of perennials, trees, shrubs, and edible plants onto the 2/3-acre lot surrounding her home.

To register for the Zoom presentation please visit

www.natureinmybackyard.clevelandaudubon.org/programs

Nature in My Backyard is a program of the
Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and the Shaker Lakes Garden Club,
together with the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County.

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