

# GARDEN SCOOP

## WGC Events

**April Meeting: Saturday the 23rd, 10:30 a.m. at Porter Library**

**Keeping the Wildlife at Bay**  
\*4th Saturday because of Easter

**Affiliate Day at the CBG**  
(Cleveland Botanical Garden)  
**Thursday, April 2.** See p. 4. *Free but registration is required.*

**May 1 through June 15**  
**Spring Fundraiser:** Buy your plants at Dean's and WGC receives 30%. Just tell them that you are a Westlake Garden Club member before they ring the sale.

**May Board Meeting**  
1st Wednesday of the month  
May 4, Porter Library, 10:30 a.m.

**May Meeting: Saturday the 21st, 10:30 a.m. at Carolyn's**  
Members' Perennial and Houseplant Exchange.

## WGC Directory

The Contact List for our members along with the Program Schedule was distributed at the March meeting. If you missed it, please pick up your directory in April or make arrangements with Lavinia Cozmin.

**Lug-a-Mug:** We invite you to help reduce waste by bringing your own coffee mug to our meetings.

## April Meeting

# Keeping the Wildlife at Bay



Our next meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, in the Porter Room of the Library. Please note that this room is much larger than the room used in March. Our program will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. A Volunteer Master Gardener will present a program on "Keeping Wildlife at Bay". Formal

meeting and socializing to follow. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Thank you, Sally and Deb, for providing a Westlake Garden Club display in the case at Porter Library.**

## March Meeting Summary

Our March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was started with an informative program on Orchids, led by our own Carolyn Steigman. Carolyn gave us a brief history of orchids (did you know there are over 22,000 cultivars?). Orchids used to be the flora for only the Rich and Famous, but the introduction of cloning was a game changer. Now anyone can own these beauties. Of course, we need to know what we are doing and Carolyn was able to help with that too. Carolyn took us through the all-important steps of re-potting your orchid when you take it home, how to fertilize and water, and finally encourage those beautiful blooms that cheer our winter homes. Now is the perfect time of year to buy your orchids---what you are seeing at the Garden Center is not a "forced" bloom. *continued on p. 2*





## President's Letter

Dear club members,

Our club is off to a very good start after our first meeting of the year on March 19. It was so good to see everyone again after Covid shut us down last year. The presentation was on orchids and I hope everyone learned some useful information to help their orchids thrive or maybe to be more confident in trying that first orchid purchase.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on April 23 at the Porter Public Library. The speaker will be Master Gardener Holly McTernan. She will speak about keeping unwanted wildlife at bay. Thanks go to Eileen Drusendahl for

volunteering to provide snacks for that meeting.

I'm so glad that many people have stepped up to help with the many volunteer opportunities involved in a club. There are a few places that may need a little more support. We still need a new club photographer and we could use a few more people to help plant the Hilliard Road Flower Box on May 21.

Gale's Garden Center has invited the club to set up an information table for a few hours on Saturday, April 30. This is an excellent opportunity to make other gardeners aware of our club so I hope we can take advantage of it. Deb Dougherty has agreed to man the information table on April 30. This opportunity involves answering questions, giving out information about WGC and just being there from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If any of these volunteer opportunities appeal to you, please give me a call.

The club's directory with a list of the programs scheduled for the year and member contact information is now available. If you are a member and have not picked up your directory yet, you can do so at the meeting in April or call Lavinia Cozmin.

We have a wonderful year full of fun planned and hope you will come and join in. In the meantime, I hope you can get out and enjoy the beautiful spring weather.

*Carolyn Steigman*

### March Meeting Summary *continued from page 1*

Following the program, a brief business meeting was conducted. Kathy Bruening received a special recognition for all the many ways she supports our Club every year. This issue of the Garden Scoop is just one example! Carolyn also recognized Lavinia, Sally, and Deb for stepping up to the Board's needs this year. **A sign-up sheet was passed for the many volunteer opportunities available within our Club. Not everyone had an opportunity to sign up, so it will be available again at the April meeting.** We won't quit until everyone has found their special niche!

The 23 people in attendance at the March meeting raised \$75 in donations for the Garden Club of Ohio's (GCO) participation in the 2022 Seeds of Friendship Project. Well done! The donation will be used by the GCO to purchase crop seeds and gloves delivered to the country of Rwanda.

*Deb Dougherty*



## Welcome New Members

We are happy to welcome our newest Club members and are looking forward to greeting you at our April meeting. **Marie Pirozzola** and **Robin Mooney** both joined in early 2022. In March, **Vicki Emblom** who has often helped us out in the past, realized that she could attend because of our new meeting time. **Regina McCarthy**, a former president and strong supporter of our club, took a break for awhile and decided to rejoin last month. We are delighted to have her back as a member. **Maria Bowe**, **Beverly Wilkinson** and **Patty Frank** all signed on at the Rain n' Garden Show in April. We are looking forward to greeting all of you as you join us in learning about and promoting gardening and good environmental practices.

## *2022 Dean's Spring Plant Fundraiser*



*2022 Walk-in Fundraiser at  
Dean's Greenhouse is from  
May 1, 2022 through June 15, 2022*

*This year Dean's is offering 30% back on all walk-in sales. When you shop at Dean's, be sure to tell the cashier that you are with the Westlake Garden Club before they start totaling your order. Please tell your family and friends to also mention the garden club when making purchases and we will receive cash back on those purchases too. This is the easiest fundraiser in which we can participate and the proceeds will help fund the club's endeavors for this year.*



**The Rain n' Garden Show** at the Westlake Community Services Center drew a large number of people interested in the environment and gardening. Our garden club had a table with handouts, candy and our new brochures with the program list. Some of our visitors decided to join the club. We hope to welcome them at the April meeting. Thanks go to Deb, Sally and Lavinia for organizing our table and handouts. Maria Bowe, the Westlake butterfly lady, wore her wings and helped to explain our poster about the pollinator program. That program fit the theme of the Rain n' Garden show perfectly. Susan Baker, another WGC member, represented the Westlake in Bloom program for the city.



Saturday, April 9, 2022  
Community Services Center  
Rain n' Garden Show



**Garden Test: Find 3 hidden words.**

### Join Us for our Annual Holden Forests & Gardens Affiliate Day

April 21, 2022  
9:30am-11:00am

Call Sally Knurek or Kathy Bruening about carpooling.

The 2022 Affiliate Day program will include:

- o Hershey Children's Garden Planter Program Overview
- o Winter Show 2022 Update
- o Featured Presentation: Role of a Public Garden: Growing a Living Collection at Holden Forests and Gardens  
Tom Arbour, Curator of Living Collections  
Holden Forests & Gardens

Register for the Affiliate Day at <https://holdenfg.org/department-news/garden-club/>

If you have any questions please contact Ellie Rial, [erial@holdenfg.org](mailto:erial@holdenfg.org) or at (216) 707-2839