

# GARDEN SCOOP

## Deck the Halls: Glow & Porter

### WGC Meeting

Wed., Dec. 19

### Holiday Luncheon

Installation of Officers

RESERVE BY DEC. 14, See p.3

### Glow at CBG

Mon., January 7

Take down Glow tree. Gift shop open: seasonal discounts. Contact Marsha McEntee for details. *Help is needed.*

### Porter Library Tree

Wed., January 9

Help take down our Porter Library tree in January. Contact Robert Pearl for details.

### Time to Renew 📞

We hope to see you and any friends who might like to join the group in **2019**. Annual dues are **\$25** for an individual or **\$35 a couple**. Please mail to:

Kathy Bruening,  
30978 Walden Dr. Westlake,  
OH 44145-6815

**Suggestion:** bring a check payable to **Westlake Garden Club** to the December luncheon.

**\*Please note any changes in your address, phone or e-mail.**



Becky, Chris, Shirley, and Sally helping our Glow Christmas Tree Chair, Marsha McEntee.

November has been a busy month preparing for the holiday decorations at the Cleveland Botanical Garden and Porter Library. Marsha's group of volunteers who helped to make the ornaments for the old-fashioned tree at Glow included several not pictured who were all part of the team:

**Lynn Motsch, Al Svette, Judy Hullinger, Jean Smith, Alberta Ricciardi and Cathy Garlitz.** Many thanks to **Robert Pearl and Marsha McEntee** for again heading up the committees to plan, make decorations and trim the trees. It is a fun activity: you may still participate by helping to take down the trees in January.



Robert Pearl and his crew of helpers at Porter: Kathy, Carol, Margaret and Shirley





Sandra Albro of Holden Forests and Gardens



Cathy Samiec from Porter Library, Sally Knurek, president of Westlake Garden Club, Sandra Albro from Holden Forests & Gardens, Cathi Lehn of the City of Cleveland and Shirley Lutts, our program chairperson.



Cathi Lehn of the City of Cleveland

## THE CLEVELAND TREE PLAN: Reforesting Forest City

The November 28th Garden Club meeting featured speakers Sandra Albro, Research Associate of Applied Urban Ecology at Holden Forests and Gardens and Cathi Lehn, Sustainable Cleveland Manager in the Mayor's Office of Sustainability. They spoke of the collaborative efforts to restore the green space and tree canopy to the once nicknamed "Forest City".

As many older homes have been torn down, Cleveland now has 30,000 vacant lots (5000 acres). More houses will be lost in the future. The plan is to turn these now vacant properties into green space. One goal is to have 100% of the population within a 10-minute walk to green parkland. Examples were shown of both the before & after appearance of several of the restored green spaces. The recovery efforts include the planting of trees, grasses, flowerbeds and areas of urban agriculture. Some include a swing set, benches, or even a picnic table.

The tree canopy of Cleveland now covers only 19%. The city is still losing nearly 100 acres of trees a year to development, disease, infestation and old age. The goal is to restore a 30% canopy cover by 2040. That would include a kick-start planting of 50 thousand trees by 2020, and a total of 361,000 trees by 2030.

The benefits of an increased tree canopy include reducing storm water runoff and soil erosion. It would reduce energy use by providing shadier, cooler areas, and lessening the impact of high heat days. The canopy also provides carbon reduction, cleaner air, and better health, as well as habitat for wildlife. It will increase property values, and provides a noise and pollution barrier to highways. Also, it is shown that business districts do better in landscaped, shaded areas.

For a thorough look at the Cleveland Tree Plan, simply Google the Cleveland Tree Plan or go to [clevelandtrees.org](http://clevelandtrees.org).

*Bill Hock*



## A Special Award for a Special Lady

At Jackie Crosier's suggestion the board decided to honor former member **Thea Steinmetz** with a special edition of our Outstanding Achievement Award for all her years of work on projects. Thea is a past president and has provided beautiful floral arrangements and presented programs for our club. Jackie arranged to meet Thea for what was a delightful tea and visit at her home. She was totally surprised and appreciative of our thoughtfulness. She showed Jackie where she would hang her award so she could see it every day.

### *The Westlake Garden Club*

*Cordially invites you and your guest to our*

### *Annual Christmas Luncheon / Officer Installation*

*Wednesday December 19th*

*Westwood Country Club  
22625 Detroit Road  
Rocky River, Ohio 44116*

*Social Hour 11:30 AM (cash bar) Luncheon 12:00 PM*

*Please use the side door for valet service - same as the fundraiser*

*Luncheon - \$23 for members, \$25 for non-members*

*Cost includes tax, gratuity and valet service*

*Please select your entree(s):*

- 1. Lemon Garlic Chicken and Pasta – Sautéed scaloppini simmered in white wine butter paired with Linguini Olivo*
- 2. The Ludwig Bistro Plate – Grilled mélange of vegetables and rotisserie chicken, selection of dressing*
- 3. Cobb Salad – Salad with grilled chicken breast, selection of dressing*
- 4. Soup and Sandwich – Club sandwich and cup of chicken noodle soup*

*Dessert – Apple Fritter and Ice Cream*

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*Reservations must be received by December 14th*

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*Please make your check payable to Westlake Garden Club and mail along with your entree selections to:*

*Marie McCarthy, 1196 French Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107*

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*Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_*

*Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Check amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Menu selection(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Special diet request: Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_*

