

# GARDEN SCOOP

## WGC Meetings

### Green Corps

Wednesday, May 15

11:15 a.m., away meeting

Cleveland Botanical Garden, 11030 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106

### Garden Walks

Wed. evening, June 19.

Locations & times to be announced. Members only.

## Spring Plant Sales

### North Olmsted at

Community Cabin, Sat.

May 11, 10 a.m. to 12:30, 28114 Lorain Rd.

### Avon-on-the-Lake at Godard School

Sat. May 11, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., 430 Avon Belden Rd (rt 83) Avon Lake, OH

### Ridgewood at Parma Family Center

Sat., May 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 11212 Snow Rd

### Master Gardeners at Kiwanis Pavilion

Sat., June 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 6363 Selig Dr, Independence

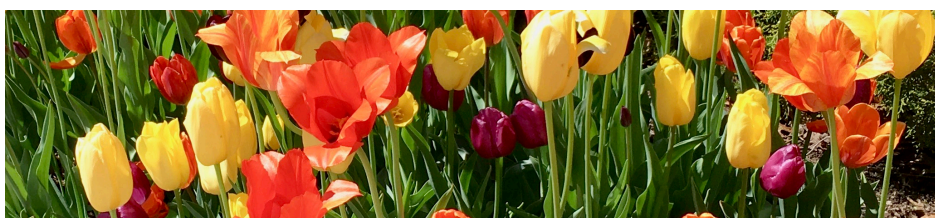
## May 15 Meeting

### Green Corps: Urban Agriculture

**Green Corps** is an urban agricultural work-study program for high school teens that was started in 1996 by the Cleveland Botanical Garden, now part of Holden Forests and Gardens. The teens work at urban farms in Cleveland, learning job, leadership and life skills while gaining valuable knowledge from a formal curriculum, hands-on farm work and real-life experience selling their produce at farmers' markets.

We will meet at the **Cleveland Botanical Garden** on our regular schedule: 11:15 business, lunch at noon followed by our program. Kelly Barrett, our speaker, will inform us about Green Corps beginning at 12:30.

**Carpooling** was setup at our last meeting. If anyone needs a ride, please email Shirley or call 400-871-8057.



*After our meeting, please take time to go outdoors to enjoy the gardens. Hope to see you at the Cleveland Botanical Garden!*

## April Affiliate Day at CBG

This year's Affiliate Day at the Botanical Garden was a true delight. Speaker **Lisa Waud** explained the inspiration, planning, pitfalls and execution of her 2015 art installation in a blighted neighborhood of Detroit, Michigan. Her **Flower House** project, inspired by a Dior couture art installation in Paris, brought together floral artists from across the US and Canada to mount an exhibition of American grown flowers in a vacant house. She brought beauty, joy and over 3,000 visitors to the neighborhood. The house was deconstructed after the event and the site is now used as a public park. See more p.4.

## Arbor Day Recap



**Rain and windchill** didn't stop the WGC Members and Officials from the City of Westlake from celebrating **Arbor Day, 2019** on Friday, April 26. Our Co-Presidents, Sally Knurek and Shirley Lutts were present for the planting of a Katsura Tree at the Recreation Center Playground. The Katsura Tree leaves emerge in March-April with reddish purple leaves, that turn orange-gold in the fall with a fragrance of cinnamon, ripe apples, and burnt sugar. Tiny flowers, either red or green, depending on the tree's gender, appear in the early spring. Known for its beautiful shape, the Katsura can reach a height of 40'-60'.

The involvement and support of local organizations, like the Westlake Garden Club, help the City maintain its "Tree City USA" status, said Mayor Dennis Clough. Stan Barnard, Urban Forestry Manager, gave us the description of the tree and assured us it would provide much needed shade around the playground area. Public Service Deputy Director, Chris Stuhm, and Facility and Grounds Director, Bill Beech, were also present. Our sincerest thanks to everyone who participated in the Arbor Day Celebration.

*Cathy Garlitz*

## The Rain n' Garden Show



at Crocker Park's Market Square was very well attended this year. If you have not been to it, mark your calendar to watch for it—usually the first week in April—next year. Our garden club always has a table, thanks to Marge Emblom and Margaret Schulz. Other

frequent helpers are Shirley Lutts, Sally Knurek and Regina McCarthy. The show features many vendors and organizations of interest to gardeners and those concerned about our



environment as well as many activities for children. There is a stand where the kids can stretch out their arms to compare their "wingspan" to that of many birds as well as free face-painting and origami. Among the attendees were two very familiar golden retrievers—belonging to none other than our club member Robert Pearl. And the chef from St. John's Westshore Hospital is usually on hand to offer samples of his delicious smoothies.

**The North Coast Hosta Society** has invited members of the Westlake Garden Club to the **June 21 - 23, 2019 Hosta Tailgate**. The Friday Kickoff will begin at 3 p.m. at the Bay Community House in Bay Village, with garden related vendors, a silent auction, Hosta bingo, dinner, and a plant auction at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, NCHS members will open their gardens for self-guided garden tours. Non-Hosta Society attendees are asked for a \$10 fee or you may join NCHS for the same price and partake in a variety of club activities like the Hosta swap or bonfire meeting scheduled at one of our member's nursery. Hope to see you at the Tailgate ! Diane Morris ([4dianemorris@gmail.com](mailto:4dianemorris@gmail.com))

## April Meeting: Westlake Watershed Projects

**Wesley M. Davis, Engineer and head of the City of Westlake's Watershed Group**, addressed the WGC at its April 17 meeting. Wes first reviewed past initiatives, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1948 and the Clean Water Act of 1972. In 2003 the City initiated Stream Restoration Projects, beginning with a Board of Health study that determine the water in our creeks and streams was badly contaminated. The City has six major creeks/watersheds (Cahoon, Porter, Schwartz, Sperry, Wischmeyer and Wolf) that flow into Lake Erie. These creeks and their tributaries comprise over 100 miles of waterways that are fed by 150 miles of storm sewers. They collect water run-off from parking lots, roadways, buildings and landscape areas. During urbanization, riparian buffers have been removed allowing contaminants to flow freely into our streams. Preventing debris, fertilizers, oils and chemicals from contaminating storm water and eventually reaching the lake is the goal of the City and the Watershed Group.



Wetland projects in the Southbridge Circle and Columbia Creek areas have been completed. The Dover Ditch project started in 2017 created 20 acres of wetland preserve at Crocker and Center Ridge Roads. This project will reduce flooding in the Cahoon Creek Watershed. Wes showed us amazing slides of the “before” and “after” of this project. Over 100,000 cu. yds. of soil and debris were hauled off this site. The stream channel has been reestablished, three settling ponds have been added, and trees and other native flora added. A walking path and viewing platform are available for visitors.

The City's Engineering Department in conjunction with the Watershed Group also promotes sustainability by promoting the use of rain barrels, organic fertilizers, other GoGreen ideas, and by sponsoring an annual Rain and Garden Show held at Crocker Park, at which our members participate. An ongoing project in conjunction with the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District, is reviewing for compliance all detention basins in the City, both public and privately owned, numbering over 350. Grants have been applied for the Point West and Woodpath upcoming projects.

In sum, Wes' presentation was very informative, and we are proud of the City of Westlake's efforts to clean and restore our waterways.

*Regina McCarthy*

*Kevin, Bill and Prudy  
listening attentively to our  
presenter, Wes Davis.*





## Some photos from the April 11 Affiliate Day Presentation



*Lisa Waud, our presenter and the driving force behind Flower House.*



*Slide of vacant house used for the art installation in Detroit, MI.*



*Table decor at the CBG*

Here's the **Flower House website** if you'd like to see photos or hear more about the exhibit, the book or the park that has been created on the site.

<https://www.theflower.house>



*From Blight to Bloom*

### Membership Update

A special welcome to 2 people who joined us in April and May: **Lavinia Cozmin** and **Deb Dougherty**. Lavinia attended the April Meeting and Deb filled out the library brochure application. We extend a warm welcome to them as well as to those who joined just last year: **Eileen Drusendahl, Prudy Hock, Lynn Motsch, Steve Shimko and Cory Svette**. We now have 43 active members and 2 emeritus members.

*Many thanks to Marge Embloom, Carol Lewellen, Claire Evangelista, Barbara Fabinak, Cathie Karls and Bill & Prudy Hock for last month's luncheon. The salads were delicious and so healthy!*

### Upcoming refreshment committees:

**May 15** at the Botanical Garden:  
\*Anne Engel, Tom Engel, Cathy Garlitz, Brian Brandstetter, Lynn Motsch

**June 19** (5p.m.) Garden Walk:  
\*Jean Smith, Robert Pearl, Cathrin Peter, Carolyn Steigman, Alberta Ricciardi