Westlake Garden Club October 2019

GARDEN SCOOP

WGC Meetings and Events

Wed., Oct. 16, 7 p.m. Meeting at Porter Medical Marijuana

Wed., Oct. 30, 10:30 Glow ornament workshop at Sally's

Bring a bag lunch; beverages provided; RSVP: 440-331-8722

Mon. afternoon, Nov. 18

Trimming the WGC tree for the Cleveland Botanical Garden's Glow celebration

Wed., Nov. 20, 7 p.m. Meeting at Porter

Owls of Ohio by Jim Tomko of the Audubon Society

More Gardening Events

Sat., Oct. 12 Western Reserve Herb Society Herb Fair, Cleveland Botanical Garden, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 1 Garden Club of Ohio (GCO); Holiday Program St Michael's Woodside

See Affiliate Bulletin Board under Join & Support at cbg.org for many other gardening activities

Wed., Oct 16 WGC evening meeting

Medical Marijuana

The Westlake Garden Club welcomes Dr. Dvora Nelson, M.D.,

co-founder of the Lakewood Medical Clinic, who will discuss Ohio's newly implemented medical marijuana program. Dr. Nelson will speak to our club on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. She will explain how medical marijuana can alleviate suffering from certain conditions and will emphasize the importance of working with a doctor to assure that the product that you get is tailored to your disease or condition. Dr Nelson will talk about a few of the conditions that Ohio deems eligible for a medical cannabis recommendation



This program is free and open to the public. Space is limited. Non-garden club members are asked to register with the Westlake Library. Members need to reserve with Shirley Lutts by email. Kathy Bruening will take phone reservations from those without email. Please reserve by Friday, Oct. 11.

Nominees for next year's officers are:

Sally Knurek & Shirley Lutts, Co-Presidents Deb Dougherty, Program Chair Marie McCarthy, Treasurer,

Brian Thompson, Recording Secretary, general meetings Anne Engel & Marsha McEntee, Recording Secretaries, board meetings.

If you would like to be added to the list of candidates for office or make a nomination, please contact Alberta Ricciardi.

The Nominating Committee members are Alberta Ricciardi, Margaret Schulz, Debbie Dougherty and Jackie Crosier.

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Memories . . .

As some of you may remember, Lucy Kalbers passed away in July. We do like to attend services when members pass, but have had no word about them. The family does not live in the area. Lucy was a past president and member of long standing in the Westlake Garden Club. Regina McCarthy has made a donation to the club in her honer. Many thanks to Regina for a lovely tribute to an old friend.

Refreshments for October Meeting

This is an evening meeting open to the public. There will be beverages and simple finger foods. **Deb Dougherty** has graciously offered to be in charge as Ruth Bertrand recovers from an unexpected illness. The committee as designated in the April newsletter is: **Mona Newbacher**, **Kathy Shimko**, **Eileen Drusendahl and Steve Shimko**.

Looking ahead to **November** which is also an evening meeting at the library: *Regina McCarthy, Brian Thompson, Margaret Schulz, Al Svette, Cory Svette. Thanks in advance to all of our wonderful hosts and hostesses.

Westlake Expo 50+

The Senior Expo sponsored by the Westlake Library and the Westlake Senior and Community Center was a great success. Twenty-one exhibitors displayed ideas on the myriad possibilities for enrichment, learning and volunteering open to retirees. The Westlake Garden Club table was chosen for the photograph that was included in the cleveland.com article about the Expo.



Thanks to Linda Gandee, special to <u>cleveland.com</u> for using our table in the article.

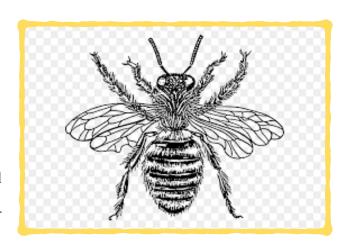
Many thanks to all those who helped by volunteering at the table, providing displays and give-aways or just stopping by to say hello and support our group. Guessing the number of seeds in the spice jar was quite popular and the lucky winner received a beautiful mum. Small bags of daffodil bulbs to plant were also a big hit as they are seasonal as well as being deer-proof. And of course, the candy dish is always very attractive. Many of our activities were pictured on the display board and there was also some good information on how to repot plants and get them ready to bring in for the winter. We hope that some of those who stopped by will decide to join the club. If you missed this year's first Expo 50+, be sure to watch for a repeat next year. There is a wonderful variety of things going on in Westlake and the surrounding communities. This is a great way to meet our neighbors and broaden our own interests.

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News from our board: Westlake High School

In April of 2018, our club had an interesting tour of the new Westlake High School **pollinator garden**. The students and their science teacher, Ms. Melissa Barth, gave an informative presentation on the garden and the bees. At that time the garden had just been planted but it has progressed very nicely and the Beekeeping Club is now under the umbrella of their larger Environmental Club. Since this is a high school project, the students involved are constantly changing and there is a need for training new beekeepers.



The Greater Cleveland Beekeeping Association offers classes at Rocky River Nature Center starting in February. Ms. Barth would like to have 2 or 3 students attend these classes. The cost is \$75 per student. Teshe WGC Board has decided to offer \$150 toward scholarships to these classes in order to encourage participation and to ensure the future of the beekeeping club and pollinator garden. We are pleased to be able to support young people who are interested in caring for the environment and we thank all of our members whose donations enable us to support such causes.

Margaret's Project We all know that our receptionist, Margaret Schulz, is generous with her time and a big help to our garden group. Margaret also has an ongoing project that benefits the Westlake schools. She collects box top coupons from products like soups, cereals, plastic bags, cake mixes etc. There is a complete list of participating products at boxtops4education.com If you use any of these products that have this coupon (it resembles a UPC symbol) and would like to donate to the Westlake PTO, you may pass them on to Margaret.

Glow Tree

Once again we are decorating a <u>Christmas</u>
<u>Tree</u> for the Glow celebration at the
Cleveland Botanical Garden. The overall
theme at Glow is 'Tiny Treasures' and the
theme chosen for our particular tree is
'Sow Many Seeds'. Please meet at Sally
Knurek's at 10:30 a.m. Wed., Oct 30 to
help out with the decorations.
Bring a bag lunch; beverages provided.
RSVP: 440-331-8722
Monday, Nov. 18 is tree trimming day at
Cleveland Botanical Garden.

GCO Holiday Program – North

Designer Darlene Hritz presents "Botanical Holidays" November 1, 2019 at St. Michael's Woodside Event Center.

Please join fellow garden club members and guests at our annual Holiday Program- North. This is a great occasion to celebrate this special season and our friendships. Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch at noon. \$25 for GCO members and guests. (All WGC members belong to the GCO.) Checks payable to GCO Cleveland District due by October 20, 2019 to: Barbara Schuh, Cleveland District Director, 570 Battles Rd., Gates Mills, OH 44040-9767. Contact Sally Knurek if you would like to attend.

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