



The SPADE



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GOGC Summer Outing



GARDENERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND Summer Outing – Saturday August 4th, 2018 Note the change of date!!!!

The **dinner reservation deadline** is next Wednesday evening, August 1st.

Reservations: Call or email Fred Robinson at (440) 358-1464 or FJRtree@roadrunner.com. I need to have your names and phone number. I need to know if you are coming to the tour & dinner, tour only, or dinner only. Call Fred for last minute additions or subtractions.

Location: Watershed Stewardship Center at the West Creek Reservation, Cleveland Metroparks; 2277 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma, OH 44134 (440) 887-1968

Time: We will have a guided tour starting at 3:30 PM, until almost 4:30. Try to arrive about 3:00 PM to view the indoor displays, use the restrooms, and visit the gift shop.

Activities: You may sit to view the creek valley from inside or out on the patio waiting for the tour to start. The tour will start around the contour display of the watershed in the middle of the lobby. Our guide will then take us around the outside of the building; showing us water control measures and the plants used for bio-filtering, including those on the roof.

Dinner: After the tour is finished, we will head to a restaurant for dinner. Dinner: Stancato's Italian Restaurant, 7380 State Road, Parma, 44134 (440) 886-6242 It is only a 10 to 11-minute drive to Stancato's from West Creek Reservation.

Directions: Drive back out to W. Ridgewood Drive, turn left (west) until you reach State Road. From the left lane, turn left (south) up several hills, past Padua High School. Stancato's will be on the right just before W. Pleasant Valley Road. The hostess will seat you at one of our reserved tables. Cocktails are available. The buffet will not be open, so order off the menu.

Websites: Watershed Stewardship/West Creek: <http://westcreek.org/portfolioview/watershed-stewardship-center>. This is good background information to read before our visit.

Stancato's website: <https://www.stancatos.com>.

If anyone needs directions to West Creek, or from Stancato's, Fred will gladly help you. If you can't join us on August 4th, you can do a self-tour whenever the center is open. There is good labelling inside and out.

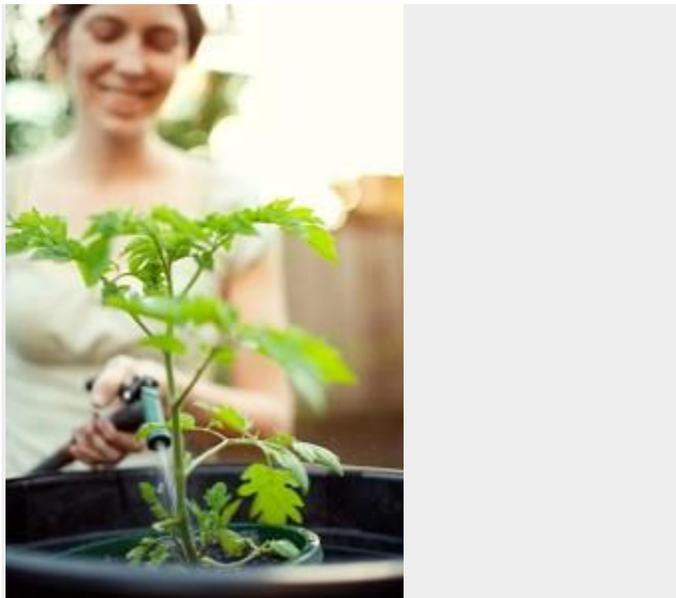
Directions to West Creek:

- **Take 480 to the State Road Exit.**
- **Take State Road South approximately 2 miles to West Ridgewood Dr.**
- **Turn Left on West Ridgewood Dr. and go approximately 1 mile.**
- **Entrance to West Creek Reservation is on the right.**

Please note that this is only one of several directions that may be taken. Google may have different directions.

Summer Garden Tip

How much water do vegetables need?



You can measure an inch of water by putting a rain gauge or even a plastic container or other container under your sprinkler, soaker, drip, or other watering system. You've applied an inch of water when the vessel collects water an inch deep.

Giving your plants ample water is one of the most important tasks of a gardener. This is especially true during the summer when rainfall doesn't provide enough. You then have to make up the difference.

A good general guideline is an inch of water per week, either by rain or watering; in arid climates, it is double that. In hot weather, vegetables need even more water, up to about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch per week extra for every 10 degrees that the average temperature is above 60 degrees.

By definition, the average temperature is the daytime high plus nighttime low, divided by 2. So, if the high is 95 and the low is 73, the average is $92 + 73$, divided by 2. The answer is 82.5. In this case, the garden needs at least another inch of water. This explains why most vegetable gardeners in hot climates just laugh at the "1 inch of water per week" recommendation. That simply doesn't work in really hot weather for squash, eggplant, tomatoes, and other crops that need lots of water and have big leaves that wilt easily.

Musings



The Glory of the Garden

Our England is [a garden](#) that is full of stately views,
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues,
With statues on the terraces and peacocks [strutting](#) by;
But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets [the](#)
[eye](#).

For where the old thick laurels grow, along the thin red wall,
You will find the tool- and potting-sheds which are the heart of all ;
The cold-frames and the hot-houses, the dungpits and the tanks:
The rollers, carts and drain-pipes, with the barrows and the planks.

And there you'll see the gardeners, the men and 'prentice boys
Told off to do as they are bid and do it without noise;
For, except when seeds are planted and we shout to scare the birds,
The Glory of [the Garden](#) it abideth not in words.
And some can pot begonias and some can bud a rose,
And some are hardly fit to trust with anything that grows;
But they can roll and trim the lawns and sift the sand and loam,
For the Glory of the Garden occupieth all who come.

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing:—"Oh, how beautiful!" and sitting in the shade,
While better men than we go out and start their working lives
At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner-knives

There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick,
There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so sick.

But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done,
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further [orders](#),
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders;
And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden,
You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden.
Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hand and pray
For the Glory of the Garden, that it may not pass away!
And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away!

By: [Rudyard Kipling](#)

Garden Quotes

Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas.

Elizabeth Murray

Gardening is a labour full of tranquility and satisfaction; natural and instructive, and as such contributes to the most serious, experience, health and longevity.

John Evelyn

Show me your garden and I shall tell you what you are."

Alfred Austin

A good gardener does not expect miracles.

Jules Oravetz Jr.

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