



The SPADE



The "SPADE" is the newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland founded on January 1, 1932 as the Men's Garden Club of Cleveland. Its editor is Vince Staffileno who may be reached at vrs1023@gmail.com or 440-479-7897. Visit our web site at <http://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org>.

May 14th Meeting



Our May speaker is Judi Stauss. Her topic will cover growing herbs and what to give/make/share from your herb garden.

Judi Strauss began her career working for the horticulture department at the Extension office in Cuyahoga County. She specialized in urban gardening and designed and maintained the herb garden used for demonstration and teaching. She also lived on an herb farm.

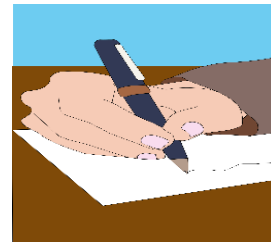
She has written two books on herbs: "The Charmed Garden" on growing herbs and "The Charmed Kitchen" on cooking with herbs and spices.

She currently lectures on a variety of gardening subjects including herbs, organic gardening, perennials and composting. She has lectured on "The History of Herbs" for the Cleveland Museum of Art as part of the grand re-opening of Armor Court and has also lectured at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, where she also had worked. She also teaches cooking classes and has a line of herbal products.

Please call your team captain with your "Dinner Reservation" by Thursday May 10th.

There will be a Board Meeting starting at 5:00 PM on 5/14/2018 in the Penthouse. PLEASE BE PROMPT.

Presidents Letter



I am sure that everyone is frustrated by the late arrival of spring. My potted cone flowers that are sprouting nicely have recently worn a mantle of white, which the experts tell us is good insulation but not what we expect the second half of April.

THE PLANT SALE - Let's look ahead to better weather for the Plant Sale which takes place at the Rockefeller Green House on MLK Drive on May 17-19. We will be selling plants to raise money for our scholarship fund. Last year we raised over \$2800 for scholarships for high school seniors to pursue an education in horticulture. Good but we can do better. This year we are growing plants to sell along with what we purchase from the nurseries. Deah and Vince have started tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, kale, sunflowers, milkweed and yarrow.

Thanks to John Budnik, we are using his greenhouse to grow the seedlings. After an early setback, due perhaps to some hungry critters, the seedlings are making good progress. The greenhouse crew consists of Julie Henry, Joyce Nesbit, John and Dave, with some sage (NPI, no pun intended) advice from Deah. We hope that once the weather begins to act more spring-like that you will find sprouting plants in your garden that can be dug, potted and brought to the plant sale.

As in the past, the vendors have increased prices. This puts more pressure on us to raise the scholarship funds. While we will have plenty of donated cone flowers and hosta, anything else that you think will sell such as Brunnera, Solomon's seal, Elephant Ears, and Bleeding

Hearts will be welcome. The plants, with identifying markers, should be brought to the Rockefeller Greenhouse on Thursday morning. If you need pots or markers or need help getting your plants to the sale on Thursday, contact Julie Henry (julanderso@yahoo.com) or Dave (dawson3290@gmail.com). With a good harvest, we should be able to conserve on the nursery plants. And, by the way, we still need volunteers to work at the sale, especially folks that can help us set up on Thursday (May 17) beginning at 8 AM and clean up around 3 PM on Saturday (May 19). Also, we need sales people to help customers with their purchases. Please sign up at the meeting on May 9 or send Julie an e-mail. The list of volunteer positions will be in the May issue of The Spade.

SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE - Your Board has been asked to develop a way for the club to share more of the expertise of its members. Sure, we wear badges which proclaim our areas of interest and/or expertise, but that doesn't really identify who are our members with expertise. Several ideas have been floated but we haven't come up with a solution. Our discussion will continue, so stay tuned.

MARY ANN'S GARDEN - Mary Ann Thesing has generously offered to make her garden available to club members to tour on May 12 and May 26. Details are in the April and May issues of The Spade and more details will follow. Thank you Mary Ann!

Get ready to garden, Dave

April Board Meeting



The following are the minutes of the April Board Meeting:

TREASURER'S REPORT – John Budnik reported a \$500 donation from the Ohio Dahlia Society for our Scholarship program. This was facilitated by Hank Doll. We also received \$500 from the Euclid Veterans Association for plants at the VA Hospital. Bob Pindell facilitated the donation. We currently have 73 members.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS – None

MEMBERSHIP – Lou Pelton has membership packets for our two new members Bob Evans and Steve

Mackintosh. It was suggested that these packets be available at the May Plant Sale.

PROGRAMS – June is Scholarship month. September is Horticulture Show Month. Kathy is working on the summer event and would welcome ideas. There is interest in the Watershed Stewardship Center in Parma. A visit to Mary Ann Thesing's home garden was discussed.

CALENDARS – The purchase of 80 2019 calendars was approved.

FUND RAISING – Plant sale planning is moving ahead. Dave Dawson and Julie Henry have sent email memos about the sale. The sign-up sheet for the sale was distributed at the board meeting and will be passed around at the general meeting. Jonny Prell is working on publicity. Members can donate old magazines and books for the sale which will either be sold or given to plant purchasers.

SCHOARSHIPS – Fred Robinson reported that we have an application this year from a home schooled student. This is a first. The deadline for applications is April 18th and 3 to 4 more are expected.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Bob Pindell nominated Jonny Prell for the position of 2nd VP and it was approved. She will take the place of Larry Kell. She resigned as director and will be installed at the April Meeting.

GARDENER QUESTIONS – There is a need for a forum where members may ask gardening questions and obtain advice. Suggestions included Q & A section in the SPADE, a common interest table at dinner and/or the social hour, have a member per meeting present for five minutes and use Master Gardeners as consultants. No decision was made.

SOUND EQUIPMENT – Lou Pelton will continue to test sound equipment before we purchase anything.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR – Tom Davis, our National Director, reported on the election of National Officers, the Spring Meeting of the Central Great Lakes Region on 4/21/18 in Mansfield, OH, the GOGC Annual Horticulture Show during our September 10th meeting and the National Conventions on June 27 – 29 in Fort Wayne, IN.

Dinner Menu



The Dinner Menu:

*House Garden Salad,
Herb Roasted Turkey Breast, Parmesan Potatoes,
Brown Gravy-Cranberry Glaze
Vegetarian Option*

This is the Chef's Choice at dinner time. There is no advance menu.

If you wish a Vegetarian dinner please advise your team captain to order it.

Coffee and Cookies will be served in the Penthouse

Dinner Responsibilities

Lou Pelton is responsible for giving Bratenahl 1 our reservations for dinner. This he does by Saturday morning to give their **Chef** adequate time to order food. Please call your team captain and let him know if you are coming to dinner by the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Below is the list of Team Captains and their phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

TEAM CAPTAINS - TELEPHONE & E-MAIL

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TEAM 9 DEBORAH KRAMARZ
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Upcoming Events



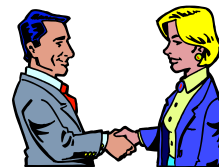
AT HOLDEN – Lantern Court – the Primrose area; Holden Grove, a tribute to Arlene Holden; Butterfly Garden; Rhododendron Discovery Garden – a walking tour.

Tip of the Hat



- To **Dave Dawson and John Budnik** for caring for plant seedlings of vegetables and flowers for the May Plant Sale.
- To **Mark Occhionero** for his presentation to the Gardeners of Greater Akron.
- To **Larry Kell** who is a candidate for 3rd VP of our National Organization.

New Members



Welcome the following new members to our club:

Steve McIntosh and Christine McIntosh – From Euclid, Ohio. He is a Special Education Teacher.

His gardening interests include learning gardens, sustainable and organic practices and community gardens. His other interests include cooking, hiking, bicycling and volunteering at the Hunger Center.

Horticulture Show 2018

In 2012 we started having a small horticultural show for our September meeting. The first year we had only a few entries, but every year since then the show has grown in size and quality. This year we hope that even more members will enter plants, fruits and vegetables. We have added some sections to allow for a larger variety of entries. This announcement is early to let you start planning your entries for September 10, 2018.

You can make up to five entries per person. There will be clerks at the show to help you with the final preparation of your entries. Ribbons will be awarded. There will be “Best in Show” and “Peoples’ Choice” (popular vote by all present) awards made again this year. Prize winning, or unusual entries will be discussed to carry out the theme of Gardening Education.

What’s New in 2018?

There will be a “Novice” category for some sections for people who haven’t entered the show before. This gives new participants an extra opportunity to win a ribbon. The Horticulture Judges – guests and the 3 from our own club – will limit their own entries to 2 or 3 items. This gives other members more of a chance to win. Only members of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland will be eligible for the “Best in Show” and “Peoples’ Choice” Awards. There will be new sections (categories) for entries this year.

The entry must be your property. You can submit a purchased plant if you have owned and taken care of it for **at least two months.** (Must be purchased before **July 10, 2018.**)

If you have questions or suggestions, please see Mark Occhionero, Show Chairman, Julie Henry or Tom Davis. All three of these members are Accredited Horticulture Judges.

What will your entry be?

Prepared by Tom Davis

Horticulture Show 2018 Schedule (Classes and Rules)

2018 GoGC Horticulture Show September 10, 2018 Show Announcement and Schedule

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- **The Horticulture Show is an educational opportunity for our members. The national judging manual stresses that all club members are expected to enter the show if they are able. We have made several changes this year to help members enter the show and succeed.**
- You can make up to five entries per person.
- Clerks will be present from 5:00 to 6:15 to receive entries and help you with the entry card and staging the entry. We will supply paper plates, etc.
- Ribbons will be awarded. There will be “Best in Show” and “Peoples’ Choice” (popular vote by all present) awards made again this year. Only members of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland will be eligible for the two top awards.
- If you have not entered the show before, you will be judged as Novice. Just tell the clerks when you arrive that you are a first-time exhibitor. This will give new exhibitors a chance to hone their skills. We have marked the sections below that are Novice eligible.
- Prize winning or unusual entries will be discussed to carry out the theme of Gardening Education.
- Judges will come from the Central Great Lakes Gardeners Region.
- The show committee reserves the right to modify this schedule at a later date.

Please read the information below! Every year someone is disappointed because they don't follow directions and don't win a ribbon.

We have these sections for the show this year:

- 1. Cut Annual Flowers in a Container** -Three specimens of the same variety of small flowers or one for larger blooms. **Novice entries welcome.**
- 2. Cut Dahlia flowers in a container** - Include 1 or 2 leaves on a shoot. Three specimens of the same variety of small flowers OR one of larger blooms.
- 3. Cut Perennial Flowers in a Container** -Three specimens of the same variety of small flowers or one of larger flowers. **Novice entries welcome.**
- 4. Small Vegetables** – Enter three specimens of smaller items (tomatoes, peppers, onions, and other smaller vegetables). All vegetables should include a stem. Stems may be trimmed but should be at least ½ inch. Cherry tomatoes must be displayed by the cluster. **Novice entries welcome.**
- 5. Larger Vegetables** – Enter one specimen of larger vegetables such as eggplant. All vegetables should include a stem. Stems may be trimmed but should be at least ½ inch. **Novice entries welcome.**
- 6. Small potted plants** (up to a 6-inch pot). It may hold a single plant or several plants of the same species and variety. The plant can be of any type except succulents. **Novice entries welcome.**
- 7. Small potted succulents** - (up to a 6-inch pot). It may hold a single plant or several plants of the same species and variety. The plant can be of any type of succulent including cacti.
- 8. Larger potted plants** (6 to 12 inch pots). It may hold a single plant, several plants of the same type or up to three different plants. The plant(s) can be of any type except succulents.
- 9. Larger potted succulents** (6 to 12 inch pots). It may hold a single plant, several plants of the same type or up to three different plants. The plant(s) can be of any type of succulent including cacti.
- 10. A branch** (12 to 30 inches in length) in a container. **A) Foliage Only. B) Foliage and Flowers. C) Foliage and Fruit.**
- 11. A single leaf** (like a Hosta Leaf) in a container.
- 12. One dish garden per member up to 14 inches in diameter.**
- 13. One hanging basket entry per member.**
- 14. Fruits** - One specimen of larger fruits such as apples, peaches, etc.

- 15. Fruits** - six specimens of smaller fruits such as berries. **Novice entries welcome.**
- 16. Herbs** - One stem of herbs such as rosemary, mint, borage, etc. **Novice entries welcome.**
- 17. Potted herb plants** (see 7 and 8 above).
- 18. Any of the above in an unusual or whimsical container.**

Judging Requirements: (please read carefully!!)

- The specimen must be properly identified with the plant name **and the variety**. We will supply entry forms and give you help filling them out.
- The specimen must be your property.** You can submit a purchased plant if you have owned and taken care of it for **at least two months**. (Must be purchased before July 10, 2018.)
- Any submission must be disease and insect free.**
- The specimen should be as perfect a sample as you can find. For example, a Hosta leaf should not be damaged or sun-scorched, and should be typical for the variety.
- Individual leaves and stems should be supported so just the bottom of the leaf – or no leaf on a stemmed plant – is in the water. They should be upright. You can use plastic wrap or aluminum foil to support the leaf or stem in the container. Just wrap it around the stem at the bottle neck. Use a plain container like a pop or beer bottle without a label.
- Fruit and vegetables should be on a plain, white paper plate.
- Potted and hanging plants should be “groomed” with all dead leaves and spent flowers removed. The pot must be clean. Fancy pots don't win; good plants in clean pots do.
- Orchid leaves are not judged, just the flower.

Bring your entries to the Penthouse of 1 Bratenahl Place between **5:00 and 6:15 PM** on September 10. Any entry after 6:15 will be **disqualified**. Use the elevators at either end of the corridor on the ground floor. The Penthouse is on the top floor. Please contact the Show Chair, Mark Occhionero, Julie Henry or Tom Davis with any questions.

Good luck!

Mark Occhionero, 2018 Horticulture Show Chairman

May 2018 Plant Sale

Our May Plant Sale takes place on May 17, 18 and 19 at the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse. Below is our current sign-up sheet. There are several slots open for which help is need. If you are able to fill one of these openings please e-mail to vrs1023@gmail.com with the date and time you are able to help. This is our principle fund raiser for our scholarship program and your support is needed.

SIGN-UP SHEET

2018 PLANT SALE

May 17th

Thursday

**7:00 a.m. (plant delivery) and
8:00 a.m. Set-up**

Mark Occhionero
Dave Dawson
Julie Henry
Joyce Nesbit
John Tilisky
Lou Drasler

May 17th

Thursday

10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	1:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Andy Kosiorek	Hank Doll
Kathy Kosiorek	Deb Kramarz
Ginnie Dawson	Theano Skordeles
John Tilisky	Tom Sheehan

May 18th Friday

10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	1:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Lou Pelton	Lou Pelton
Hank Doll	Theano Skordeles
Joyce Nesbit	MaryAnn Thesing
Gretchen Hallerberg	

May 19th Saturday

10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	1:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Jonny Prell	Tom Davis
Lou Pelton	Joyce Nesbit
Theano Skordeles	Harold Davis

4:00 PM Break-down

Dave D
Julie H.
Tom Davis

If you are donating plants for the sale please try to bring them by 9am in the morning or 4pm for sale the next day. Please see Julie Henry before leaving them so they can be placed in the correct area for sale. Also

be sure to note on each of your pots the name of the plant and any plant instructions such as for shade, part sun or full sun.

As mentioned at the last meeting, please bring in your old plant magazines and/or books to donate to the plant sale. This is a great way to clean out some unwanted piles and pass along plant information to others. Thanks!

For those who are coming early to help with plant deliver and setup you will be required to move your cars from the inside the gate parking area to the area across the street by 9:30 on Thursday. This inside parking space is used for those who are handicapped and for those picking up or delivering plant material.

TGOA/MGCA Election of Officers

Annual Election of Officers

The Gardeners of America/Men’s Garden Clubs of America

Our club is a member of the National Organization “The Gardeners of America/Men’s Garden Clubs of America (TGOA/MGCA).” Every year members are encouraged to vote for the officers for the next year (vote now for the officers for 2019). Those elected will be installed at the national convention in Ft. Wayne June 27 – 29, 2018. This year our own Larry Kell is running for 3rd V.P. of the National Organization. Having a lot of our club members vote for Larry would be a sign of support and respect for him.

You will find a ballot and voting instructions attached to this issue of the Spade. I suggest you print out or cut out the ballot, mark your choices and bring it to the April or May meeting. I will collect the ballots and mail them as a group to the committee (I am a committee member). You can mail your ballot individually if you prefer – the address is at the bottom of the ballot.

If you have suggestions for candidates for next year, please mark them on the ballot. That will make the job of finding nominees for 2020 much easier.

Thank you,

Tom Davis, National Director, TGOA/MGCA
Chair, Nominating Committee, TGOA/MGCA

TGOA/MGCA Election of Officers - Ballot

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR 2019

THE GARDENERS OF AMERICA/ MEN’S
GARDEN CLUBS OF AMERICA

PRESIDENT: CARL CHRISTENSEN, THE
GARDENERS CLUB OF GREEN BAY

(Yes)___ (No) ___ Write in_____ **

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: LEE OLSON,
GARDENERS OF NORTH IOWA

(Yes) ___ (No) ___ Write in_____ **

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: MARY ANN
FERGUSON-RICH, GARDENERS OF GREATER

AKRON (Yes) ___ (No) ___ Write In
_____ **

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT: LARRY KELL,
GARDENERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND

(Yes) ___ (No) ___ Write in_____ **

Larry A. Kell has accepted the nomination for 3rd V.P. for TGOA/MGCA. Larry has been the president of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland (preceded by Secretary, 2nd V.P., and 1st V.P.) and is currently President of the Central Great Lakes Gardeners (our regional organization). He has attended several national conventions and was on the central planning committee for the 2017 Cleveland Convention. Most convention goers would recognize him as the person who organized and led the outstanding convention tour in Cleveland.

TREASURER: MILES DUCK, GARDENERS OF
NORTH IOWA

(Yes) ___ (No) ___ Write in_____ **

Member’s club name: **The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS AT ALL,
PLEASE WRITE THEM IN. ALL SUGGESTIONS

WILL BE REVIEWED. **NOTE:** You should have the person's permission to write in their name.

Mail ballot to: MICHAEL AURIENE
TGOA/MGCA ELECTION
3806 CROSS COUNTRY TRAIL
ARLINGTON, TX 76001

OR; Give your ballot to Tom Davis, our National Director, and he'll mail them as a batch.

Prepared by Tom Davis

**2018 TGOA/MGCA
National Convention
Information**

The 2018 National Convention for the Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America (TGOA/MGCA) will be held **June 27 – 29 in Ft. Wayne IN.** Everyone who was involved with the 2017 convention here in Cleveland knows how important, educational and fun these National Conventions can be. There will be speakers (including Tom Davis from our club), a Horticulture show, and an all-day tour on Thursday with an Amish dinner that night, and lots of time to get to know gardeners from all over the country. There will be one business meeting for all club members where some important announcements will be made and possibly a vote on an important issue.

You will find the registration form and the hotel information at the end of The Spade. All the convention information (Registration, Hotel, Horticulture Show, Convention Schedule, Ft. Wayne information, etc.) is also on the club's web site: www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org

You can also find that information on the National Website: www.TGOA/MGCA.org

You can also contact Tom Davis at tsd123@roadrunner.com with any questions.

See You in Ft. Wayne!

Gardeners Reign in Fort Wayne!

**2018 TGOA/MGCA National Convention
June 27-29, 2018 Fort Wayne, Indiana**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please use separate form for each person
Convention Fee (per person) \$230 Fee after May 15 \$280

Cancellation Fee after May 15 \$ 50
INCLUDED: Day Tour on Thursday, June 28 to Old Fort Wayne gardens, a private garden and Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site gardens and prairie/wetlands restoration. The day includes a guided tour of Amish land and dinner in an Amish home, ending with a winery visit.

INCLUDED: Lunch and dinner all three days. (Restaurant breakfast free for hotel guests.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Badge Name _____

TGOA/MGCA Club _____

Location _____

Day Rates: Special Diets:

Wednesday, June 27 \$75 Vegetarian Gluten Free
 Other

Thursday, June 28 \$85 Friday Night Banquet:

Friday, June 29 \$90 Beef Medallions Chicken Chardonnay

I need an airport shuttle

AMOUNT INCLUDED IN CHECK: \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TGOA/MGCA National Convention

MAIL REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:

The Gardeners of America / Men's Garden Clubs of America

PO Box 241

Johnstown, Iowa 50131-6245

SEMINARS

See Schedule for Details

Wednesday, June 27

SESSION I 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- Growing Fruit Organically
- Butterflies
- Youth Gardeners

Friday, June 29

SESSION II 10:15 – 11 a.m.

- Native Plant Gardens
- Gardening for the Birds
- More than Weeds

SESSION III 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- Native Plant Gardens
- Rain Gardens
- More than Weeds

SESSION IV 1:15 – 2 p.m.

- Youth Gardeners
- Rain Gardens
- Native American Plants

SESSION V 2:15 – 3 p.m.

- Flower Pounding (limit 20)
- Gardening for the Birds
- Native American Plants

Gardeners Reign in Fort Wayne!

**2018 TGOA/MGCA National
Convention Headquarters
Ramada Plaza Fort Wayne Hotel &
Conference Center
305 E. Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
260-484-0411**

Home base for the 2018 national convention June 27-29 is the Ramada Plaza Fort Wayne Hotel & Conference Center, a member of Wyndham Hotels. Located just off Interstate 69 at Coldwater and Washington Center roads, the Ramada Plaza provides easy access to all that Fort Wayne has to offer. [Link to map.](#)

The \$99 per night rate includes two breakfasts in the Ramada Plaza's full-service restaurant, free Wi-Fi and free parking. A limited number of pet-friendly rooms are available for a \$50 fee for the duration of your stay. Book before May 29 to receive The Gardeners of America rate.

To reserve rooms, call the hotel direct at **260-484-0411** and request The Gardeners of America block rate.

Check out the rooms and facilities on the Ramada Plaza Fort Wayne website.

Prepared by Tom Davis

Battle of the Invasive Species

Our member Garrett Ormiston, presented a very interesting talk at our April meeting entitled "Battle of the Invasive Species: Management Techniques in Our Natural Areas and Our Home Gardens." Garrett is the Geographic Information Systems and Stewardship Specialist at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in their Natural Areas Division. He also owns a small landscaping business called Ormiston Landscaping.

An advocate of native plants and natural landscaping, Garrett stressed that timing is everything when it comes to trying to combat invasive plants. They should be addressed as early as possible in the spring before they drop their seeds and take over your garden.

Invasive species are usually aggressive. They disrupt ecosystems, driving out native species. This reduces your garden's biodiversity. Two weeds he likes are May Apples, because they spread slowly, and Dandelions, which are from Eurasia, but have been here since the nineteenth century—and are good to eat!

He showed slides of invasive species he has encountered and controlled in the Museum's 57 reserves. They include Garlic Mustard, Oriental Bittersweet, Tree of Heaven, Buckthorn, Japanese Knotweed, English Ivy, Myrtle or

Periwinkle, Japanese Honeysuckle Vine, Japanese Brush Honeysuckle, and Multiflora Rose. Particularly in spring, these invasive plants can be pulled up or treated chemically before they spread. Garrett uses products with glyphosate, such as Roundup, with care on particularly difficult to remove weeds, but he cautioned that they are toxic to amphibians. Other products, such as Aqua Neat, can be used safely in aquatic environments.

Prepared and submitted by Ginnie Dawson

Garden Planning



May Rule For Pruning

Serious pruning – when large limbs need to be removed – should be done during the plant’s dormant season or depending on the plant’s flowering schedule. If a plant blooms before May 1st, prune immediately after flowering has ended. These flowers are produced on old wood or last year’s growth. If the plant blooms after May 1st, prune during the dormant season. These produce flowers on new growth. One exception to the May rule: All hydrangeas (summer bloomers) should be pruned immediately after flowering. All other pruning is best done lightly throughout the main growing season. Fruit trees should be pruned in summer to train and shape the tree, as well as open up the center to sunlight and remove new upright growth. Prune non-blooming ornamental shade trees and hedges in the late winter or spring. Corrective pruning, due to injury or dead tissue, should be done as soon as the problem is confirmed.

www.learn2grow.com

Turf Tips

Weeds germinate more rapidly when grass is cut too short or when not mowed frequently enough.

Both mistakes decrease turf density causing an open canopy that favors weeds like crabgrass. Recommended mowing heights for specific grass types are:

- Kentucky bluegrass – 2.5 to 3.5 inches
 - Tall fescue – 3.0 to 4.0 inches
 - Fescue/bluegrass – 3.0 to 3.5 inches
 - Bluegrass/ryegrass – 2.5 to 3.5 inches
 - Perennial ryegrasses – 2.5 to 3.5 inches
 - Creeping red fescues – 3.0 to 3.5 inches
- Remember that no more than a third of turf height should be cut at any one time. If grass blades turn brown after mowing it may mean that your mower blade needs sharpening. www.agebb.missouri.edu

A white powdery film on the lawn in cool spring or fall weather is probably powdery mildew. This is most common in shaded areas with Kentucky bluegrass being especially susceptible. While unattractive, it rarely causes significant damage.

www.savvygardener.com

From “The Germinator” Youngstown MGC

Purpose of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

The purpose of the **GARDENERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND** is to provide members with a better understanding of all varieties of gardening through our monthly meetings, our newsletter **THE SPADE** and our website, www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org.

Also we promote horticulture in our community by installing and caring for gardens at various community service facilities such as the VA Hospital, Joseph Home, and Malachi House among others.

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, September through June, at 6PM at 1 Bratenahl Place, Bratenahl, OH.

Membership is open to residents of the Greater Cleveland Area including Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Lorain counties. To join contact us via Lou Pelton, our Membership Chairman at loupelton305@gmail.com or write to him 305 Woodstock Rd., Eastlake, OH 44095.

Gardeners of Greater Cleveland



The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland (GOGC) is an organization of men and women who have joined together to learn about gardening as well as to share their experiences and enjoyment of gardening with others and with their community. Their meetings are:

WHEN -- *Second Monday of each month
September through June*

WHERE – *1 Bratenahl Place, Bratenahl, OH*

TIMES - *Social Hour 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:45 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM*

GOGC Executive Board

CLUB OFFICERS

<i>PRESIDENT</i>	<i>DAVE DAWSON</i>
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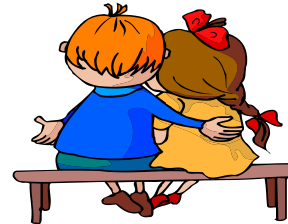
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Musings



Spring

The snow is melted and gone away,
The greens are coming out,
The trees are not bare anymore,
And the branches are filled with sprouts.

The plain canvas of nature
Is primed with green.
Then, the sprinkle of colors
Has made this beautiful scene.

So many sparkling colors!
So much to adore!
Daffodils, tulips, croci
And many many more.

The spring time is going on,
Open the window wide.
Now we'll get the warmer sun,
Let the breeze come inside.

Jyoti Sunit Chaudhary



I know how to do anything - I'm a mom.

ROSEANNE

**Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners
of their own minds**

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

**The first idea that the child must acquire is that
of the difference between good and evil.**

MARIA MONTESSORI

**Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner
everywhere.**

CHINESE PROVERB

**You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if
you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity,
he will continue the learning process as long as he
lives.**

CLAY P. BEDFORD

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