



The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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Monday, September 11th Menu:

Salisbury steak, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, and peas & onions. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served in the Penthouse after dinner.

What's inside:

- National Convention Report, Bob McMahon
- Horticulture Show Report, Bob McMahon
- New Member, Sharon Yarnell, Julie Shaw
- VA Hospital Spinal Chord Unit Report, Bob McMahon
- September Plant Swap, Club Reminders & Updates
- Team Captains List (Rev 8-23)

If you would like to share a favorite recipe with the members, please do so!

Also any gardening tip would be great. Send to [Jonny Prell](mailto:Jonny.Prell).



September! The Fall equinox will occur Saturday, September 23, at 2:49 AM. Our day and night lengths will be 12 hours long as the daylengths continue to shorten. This changing photoperiod, along with cooler night temperatures, will promote the process of chlorophyll degradation within leaf chloroplasts, exposing the colorful masked pigments that produce our colorful tree and shrub leaf displays each fall. Continue to plant new trees and shrubs such that their root systems are established before the ground freezes. Bulbs may start to be planted now for colorful early spring gardens next year, and cool-season veggies may be continued to be planted early this month to get in a quick crop before cold weather sets in later this fall. Colorful garden mums, which appeared in garden centers last month, also may be added to your gardens. Of course, most annuals will continue to add beauty to your gardens along with late-flowering perennials and shrubs. One of my favorite fall-flowering perennials are colchicums or autumn crocus. Colchicums send up foliage from their bulbs in the spring which dies off during the early summer. Then their large crocus-type flowers appear "magically" this time of year. Be sure to stop fertilizing your perennials this month so that they may go dormant in a timely fashion before the onset of winter.

I did serve as one of four Apprentice Judges at the Akron Horticulture Show on August 21. We judged exhibits with four Certified Horticulture Judges: GoGC member Tom Davis, and Tom Ahrens, John Schinker, and Rodney Toth from Youngstown. Not only was it fun to actually judge exhibits for the first time, it also was a valuable learning experience as I learned a lot from the two judges on the judging team to which I was assigned. I thank Jim Bell who taught the four judging school classes I attended as I felt well prepared to start judging shows as an Apprentice Judge.

As we are "dirt gardeners" please volunteer time to help at the Willott Iris Garden and at our club's "Adopt-a-Bed" at the Lantern Court Estate at Red Oak Camp. Our committees would welcome new members, too, to assist in the numerous activities put on by the club! Thank you for your active participation!

Friendly reminder: Please RSVP to your Team Captains by Thursday afternoon, September 7th, and Team Captains, please RSVP to Hiedi Winston that Thursday evening for the September 11th meeting. Thank you!

Happy gardening and I will see you next month!

Bob McMahon



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National Convention Report, Bob McMahon

I attended the 2023 TGOA convention in Dayton July 26-28. It was great to see gardening friends from other clubs and to enjoy the speaker presentations. Two of the highlights of the convention was a tour of the nearby Cox Arboretum and the Historic Carillon Park. This was my first visit to both attractions and it won't be my last. These are a true "gems" for Dayton and features beautiful landscaping with an impressive collection of woody species at the arboretum and a fascinating history of Dayton, including the Wright Brothers' airplanes. Tom Davis and I were two of eight speakers and all speakers were well received by attendees. Read more about the convention in Larry Kell's article that was in the recent TGOA newsletter. Plans are underway to hold the TGOA convention in Cleveland next year! Details will be forthcoming in subsequent newsletters.



Wright Brothers Plane



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Horticulture Show Report, Bob McMahon

Our club's Horticulture Show was held August 14, and I was unable to be an apprentice judge for the event due to a nasty cold! Two of Tom Davis's entries won the People's Choice Award (miniature rose, Rainbow® Sunblaze) and the Best of Show Award (Spiny Pincushion cactus, *Mammillaria spinosissima*)—Congratulations, Tom!

A BIG "thank you" goes to Horticulture Show Chair Tom Davis for his hard work and planning to put on the show, to Certified Horticulture Judges Jim Bell and Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich from the Akron club, and to GoGC members Mark Occhionero and Tom Davis who clerked for the show. I also thank Apprentice Horticulture Judge, Melissa Davis, from the Kent Club, who also judged our show.

Sharon Yarnell - New Member, Julie Shaw

Our newest garden club member, Sharon Yarnell, is a person of MANY interests! But some background first. Sharon retired from social work in 2021; she received her master's from CWRU, and worked in a variety of social work fields, including social justice advocacy work. Her interest in gardening probably stems from her grandparents who were farmers in Wooster, OH. She received a horticultural certificate from the Cleveland Botanical Garden. At her condo in University Circle, she currently has a rooftop garden including perennial flowers, strawberries, cabbages, peppers, and lettuce. Sharon experiments, testing the boundaries of container gardening! Sharon's travels included a tour of gardens in England; she is a self-professed Anglophile. A trip to Cuba may be in store for 2024. In addition to travel, her many other interests include theatre, cooking, and basketry. Sharon visited us at the Rockefeller Gardens plant sale, and picked up a membership application there. Please welcome Sharon at our next garden club meetings





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September Plant Swap, Club Reminders & Updates

- This month, our program is a plant swap, organized by Debbie Daniels! Tables will be set up in the Penthouse for people to bring their plants for the plant swap. Members will receive a raffle ticket for each plant that they bring, allowing members to pick up that many plants. After dinner, people will first describe their plant(s) by giving the name(s) and basic cultural requirements. Once everyone is done describing their plants, Debbie will supervise the plant swap.
- If time permits, Bob will give tips on how to induce holiday cacti and poinsettias to flower in time for the holidays.



- Fred Robinson is now residing at Legacy Willoughby. Fred would love visitors. He has his cell phone in case you would like to visit.
- Bob & Sandra Pindell and Ron Hartmiller are asking for volunteers at the Willott Iris Garden. Hours are 10AM to 2PM, Tuesday - Saturday.
- Team Captains, please call in your RSVPs by Thursday, September 7th to Hiedi Winston.



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MEETING INFORMATION:

- WHEN:** 2nd Monday of each month, August through June
- WHERE:** 1 Bratenahl Place
Bratenahl, Ohio
- SCHEDULE:** 5:30 PM - Social
6:15 PM - Dinner
7:15 PM - General Meeting
7:30 PM - Program



OFFICERS:

- PRESIDENT:** ROBERT MCMAHON
- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** STEVE MCINTOSH
- SECRETARY:** JONNY PRELL
- TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON
- ASST TREASURER:** LARRY KELL
- PAST PRESIDENT:** JONNY PRELL

Current DIRECTORS:

- DEBORAH KRAMARZ / 2021-2024
- ROBERT MCMAHON
- DEBBIE DANIELS
- ED TUHELA
- FRED ROBINSON
- GARRET ORMISTON
- LARRY KELL
- TOM DAVIS

CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Tom Davis, Chair
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell, Chair; Steve McIntosh (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media);
- *Finance:* Larry Kell Chair; Hiedi Winston
- *Income Projects:* Debbie Daniels, Chair; Bob McMahon, Melissa Supler
- *Membership:* Jonny Prell, Larry Kell, Co-Chairs; Julie Shaw
- *Programs:* Robert McMahon, Chair
- *Scholarship:* Ed Tuhela, Fred Robinson, Co-chairs; Deb Kramarz,
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

CURRENT SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National Organization: Larry Kell, President; Tom Davis, National Director;
- Youth Gardening: Steve McIntosh, Chair; Larry Kell
- Willott Iris Garden: Sandra and Robert Pindell, Ron Hartmiller
- Friends of the Greenhouse: Joyce Nesbit
- 1 Bratenahl Place & Bratenahl Place Bistro: Tom Segelin
- Horticultural Show: Tom Davis, Chair
- Nominating: Debbie Daniels, Chair, Melissa Supler
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh, Chair



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Team 1

Team Captain: Harold Davis, Jr.
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- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- Herb Klein
- Bob Rensel
- Eddie Lagucki
- Deborah Dockery (New Member)

Team 3

Team Captain: Andy Kosiorek,
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- Jodith Janes
- Larry Kell
- Hiedi Winston
- Bob McMahon & George Roscoe
- Paul Bilyk
- Al Hopf
- Rachel Laughlin (New Member)

Team 4

Team Captain: Deb Kramarz,
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- Fred Robinson
- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux
- Kevin Borowiak
- Kathy Talty
- Sharon Yarnell (New Member)

Team 5

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- Jonny Prell
- Kelly Adkins
- Debbie Daniels
- Melissa Supler
- Ed Tuhela
- Lisa Skufca

Team 6

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Team 7

Team Captain: Julie Shaw,
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- Fred Burkhalter
- Tom Davis
- Emily Dennis
- John Schinker
- Deah Stark
- John Tilisky
- Dave Tomashefski
- Susan Brownstein

**Team Captains, please call in your
RSVP number directly to Hiedi Winston.
(440.752.2617 or email at hwinston@naipvc.com) by Thursday evening.**