



# 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](mailto:vrs1023@gmail.com) or 440-479-7897. Visit our web site at <http://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org>.

## July Special Edition

**T**his is a special edition of the **SPADE** to present a number of items for which there was no room in prior editions or which are current and I want you to have before the September edition.

- The Presidents letter intended for the June newsletter which I mistakenly left out of that issue.
- Pictures of our scholarship winners, parents and teachers during the June meeting.
- Pictures of the VA hospital plantings.
- Pictures of the Malachi house dedication.
- Special award to Chris Shaw and Trader Joe's
- I had hoped to include pictures of the May Plant Sale but unfortunately none were taken.
- Election of Larry Kell to a TGOA National office.

## Presidents June Letter

**A**s we approach the summer recess, it's a pleasure to report on two major accomplishments of our club, the awarding of three scholarships at our June meeting and a very successful plant sale in May to support those scholarships.

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 will be awarded to three Northeast Ohio students. With these awards, the club will have donated \$35,500 to 36 students since 2003. See pictures at pages 2 and 3.

The 2018 plant sale was, in all respects, a success. According to John Budnik we grossed \$7003.80, an increase from 2017 of 22%. Our expenses

were \$3124.36. We netted \$3879.44 for the Scholarship Fund, an increase of 25%. Lots of hard work by club members went into the plant sale. While there were many members who gave their time and energy to the sale, in particular the work of Deah Stark and Julie Henry was especially valuable. Deah raised from seed around 400 tomatoes, peppers, vegetables and flowers and Julie did everything from plant selection to pricing to displaying the plants and garden accessories. Julie's analysis of the 2017 sale allowed us to make better purchases from our vendors. The bottom line was that practically everything was sold with only a handful of leftovers compared to last year. Special thanks go to Pat Boggins whose planted logs sold out in record time, Keith Biehl who built an awesome trellis and birdhouses and Dave Circle whose pottery enhanced the sale. One of the things that I remember from this and past sales is how our members engage and interact with the customers. They value our advice which, fair to say, increases our sales.

Many thanks to MaryAnn and John Thesing for their hospitality in opening their stunning garden on two weekends in May. It is truly remarkable what they have done with their small lot in Euclid.

Thanks to Hank Doll the plan to utilize the expertise of the club members is underway. Hank circulated a list at the May meeting for members to identify their areas of expertise which will be published in the Spade. Members who were absent and would like to be added to the list should contact Vince Staffileno. From time to time throughout the year we will call on our experts to speak about their area for 3-5 minutes at the beginning of a general meeting. And, if we need a last minute substitute for a scheduled speaker, our experts could fill in. They are available to answer your questions at meetings or between meetings.

And finally, I extend our appreciation to the crew, led by Bob and Sandra Pindell, who planted the vegetable and flower gardens at the VA Spinal Cord unit. They were assisted by Lou Drasler, Dave Dawson, Larry Kell

and John Tilisky, veterans and a partner. See pictures at pages 3 and 4.

Until we meet again on September 10 for the Horticulture Show, have a safe and peaceful summer and enjoy your gardens. And, don't forget the National Convention in Fort Wayne, it is well worth it.

Dave Dawson



Scholarship recipient **Mary Brent**, who was homeschooled in Madison and attended the Auburn Career Center; w/ presenter Fred Robinson.



Scholarship recipient **Brandon Best** and parents Greg and Barbara Best.



Scholarship recipient **Mary Brent** and parents Peter and Nicole Brent.



Scholarship recipient **Madison/Holden Morra** and parents Ed Morra and Robin Ritz.

## June Scholarship Night

The following are photographs of our Steinmetz/Busta Scholarships winners, their parents and teachers and our evening host and presenter Fred Robinson taken during our June Scholarship Meeting.

The photographs of the presentations were taken by Past President Larry Kell in the penthouse of One Bratenahl Place.



Scholarship recipient **Brandon Best** a resident of Lyndhurst, OH who attended West Geauga High School and the Auburn Career Center w/ presenter Fred Robinson.



Scholarship recipient **Madison/Holden Morra** who attended Orange High School and Gates Mills Environmental Education Center w/ presenter Fred Robinson.



Scholarship recipients **Madison/Holden Morra, Mary Brent, and Brandon Best** with their respective teachers **Kim Haydu, Jessica Szoka and Ed Tuhela** all from left to right. Jessica was filling in for teacher Dave Richards from the Auburn Career Center.

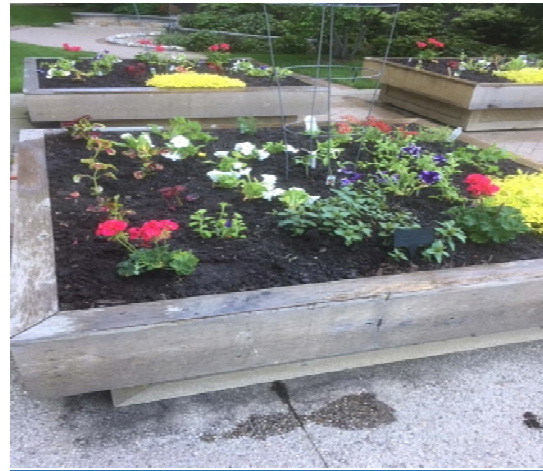
## VA Hospital Plantings



Members of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland who participated in the planting of flowers in beds at the Cleveland VA hospital. From left to right they are Larry Kell, John Tilisky, Sandra Pindell, Lou Drasler, Bob Pindell and Dave Dawson.



John Tilisky amending the soil in the VA planting beds.



The completed planted beds.



Pictures of John, a VA Helper, Bob and Sandra during the planting of the beds.



## Upcoming Events

- **SEPTEMBER 10th MEETING** - Our Annual Horticulture Show. See the note below.
- **AT WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP CENTER AT THE WEST CREEK RESERVATION OF THE CLEVELAND METROPARKS** - Club outing on Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>. Tour begins at 3:15 and dinner at 4:45 at Stancato's located at 7380 State Rd., Parma. A request for reservations and further details will be forthcoming via the SPADE in mid-July.
- **WILLOTT IRIS GARDEN PLANT DIGGING** – See the attached article for more details.
- **AT ROCKEFELLER GREENHOUSE – GOGC Annual Bulb Sale on October 11, 12 and 13.**

## TGOA/MCGA

### Installation of Officers



The above photo is of the installation of the incoming vice presidents of TGOA/MGCA. They are left to right:

- **Larry Kell**, Gardeners of Greater Cleveland, 3rd V.P.
- **Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich**, Gardeners of Gtr. Akron, 2nd V.P.
- **Lee Olson**, Gardeners of North Iowa, 1st V.P.
- **Karen Clark**, Past National President, is installing the Vice Presidents. Their terms will begin in January 2019.
- **Carl Christensen** will be the President of TGOA/MGCA in 2019 will, Gardeners Club of Green

## September Horticulture Show

**T**he September horticulture show is quickly approaching. It is quite the spectacle and we really want it to stand out this year. Be sure and make plans now to bring your flowers and veggie to the show!

The Judges from Akron and Youngstown were very impressed with our growth each year in both the quantity and quality of our plants. We added a new category for an “Unusual Container” this year. Your plant will still be judged but unusual or whimsical are key to getting a Blue Ribbon in this class.

We also added some Novice areas for members who have never entered a plant before. We will be more ginger with the judging on these plants and give constructive criticism for the member’s growth.

We are one of only three clubs in the entire Gardeners of America who offer a horticulture show! This is really something that makes our club stand out in the national spotlight! The Akron and Youngstown shows are still bigger than ours but this is only because I feel many of our members do not participate.

The main aspect of the show is Education. I am more than happy to help any member or guest get their entry ready for the show if you get to the penthouse early enough. If you want help before the show please contact me and I will do my best to advice. The “Best in Show” and “People’s Choice” can only be won by a GOGC member this year. Last year I invited the Judges to enter plants as well. This way members won’t be worried about being not having a chance at beating judges from other areas. I love having the entries from the Judges and it is fun for them to share their plants with us as well.

Again Education is the goal of the plant show. The more plants and variety of entries we have the more we can all learn. This also inspires us to try and grow different plants outside of our comfort zone and learn from the other participants as to what works for them. Everyone benefits from a Plant show not to mention it is a magnificent spectacle of flowers and vegetables. I would really like to see more vegetable this year. We are really lacking in those entries.

I am very excited for this year’s show and can't wait to see everyone there. If anyone needs supplies please

come to my shop. I am happy to help with soil, nutrients or lighting.

**Please Note: Plants must be purchased two months before the show or by July 10.**

You may contact me, **Mark Occhionero** with questions on the web at: [www.topgardenproducts.com](http://www.topgardenproducts.com).

Mark

## Malachi House Garden

During the week of June 28<sup>th</sup>, the Malachi House dedicated the garden installed under the leadership of Bob Rensel and aided by several of our members.



Guests for the dedication.



The dedication and a view of the garden.

## Willott Iris Garden

It is now time to start digging and dividing the irises. We have some extra clumps, duplicates, to remove completely to make room for other irises that we are planning to acquire. There are some other clumps that have grown too large and in some cases are impinging on their neighbor's space. And there are some clumps that we will only take a rhizome or two off the edge to satisfy a request.

There are plans for all the plant material removed. Most of the rhizomes will be potted and readied for sale to support the garden. The sale of irises from the garden provides about 25% of the yearly funding requirement of the garden. The rest comes from donations from individuals, garden clubs and other organizations.

The irises that are dug by request will be sold as bare root rhizomes or held in pots until the requester can pick them up. A few irises will be shipped to other gardens with a similar mission as the Willott Iris Garden in exchange for irises that we do not have.

Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> is just the start date of the digging season. We will be digging and dividing irises until at least Labor Day.

This is where you come in. Digging, dividing, potting or preparation for shipment are time consuming tasks that take a bit of skill and knowledge. Most of you are knowledgeable gardeners to begin with and we can make you, if not experts, very capable of accomplishing these tasks with a bit of supervision in the Willott Iris Garden and independently at home.

We will have on hand the required supplies to begin potting or otherwise distribution the excess rhizomes beginning this coming Saturday. All we need are the people ready to help.

Many of you have asked for specific irises from the garden. If you come and help we will make every effort to dig your requested iris while you are at the garden. Ron will be in the garden from 10 AM until 2 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Sandra and I will be in the garden Wednesday and Saturday from about 10 AM until 1 PM. While we would like you for 3 or 4 hours a couple of days a week we know that is not possible but an hour or two whenever you can make it when any of us are in the garden would be a great help.

While it would be helpful, it is not required for you to let us know you are coming by sending us an e mail the day before. That would help us schedule our digging efforts and match digging with the volunteer's requests. Also, bring with you a potting trowel, fine weeding tools, garden scissors and if you use them, garden gloves and a garden seat. Of course, bring sun screen, hat, water etc. as you feel the need.

Ron, Sandra and Bob

## Award to Trader Joe's

Here's a photo of the award presentation to Trader Joe's for donating the bags for the 2017 convention in Cleveland. The store manager is Mike McGinnis and I'm on his right. The staff at the Woodmere, OH store was really pleased to receive this certificate. Chris B. ("Crispy") Shaw was their employee and a member of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland before his untimely passing. One of his last actions was to finalize the donation for the convention and this award is also in memory of him.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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:

<b>WHEN</b>	<b>Second Monday of each month</b>
	<b>September through June</b>
<b>WHERE</b>	<b>1 Bratenahl Place, Bratenahl, OH</b>
<b>TIMES</b>	<b>Social Hour                    6:00 PM</b>
	<b>Dinner                            6:45 PM</b>
	<b>Meeting                           7:45 PM</b>



## GOGC Executive Board

### CLUB OFFICERS

<i>PRESIDENT</i>	<i>DAVE DAWSON</i>
<i>1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</i>	<i>JULIE HENRY</i>
<i>2ND VICE PRESIDENT</i>	<i>JONNY PRELL</i>
<i>SECRETARY</i>	<i>JODITH JANES</i>
<i>TREASURER</i>	<i>JOHN BUDNIK</i>
<i>ASS'T TREASURER</i>	<i>ANDY KOSIOREK</i>

### DIRECTORS

<i>JANE DAVIS (18)</i>	<i>JOYCE NESBIT (18)</i>
<i>RON HARTMILLER (18)</i>	<i>PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD (19)</i>
<i>OPEN (19)</i>	<i>VINCE STAFFILENO (19)</i>
<i>KATHY KOSIOREK (20)</i>	<i>PAT BOGGINS (20)</i>
<i>HANK DOLL (20)</i>	

## GOGC Committees

### STANDING COMMITTEES

<i>AWARDS -</i>	<i>FRED ROBINSON, HANK DOLL</i>
<i>CBG LIAISON</i>	<i>JANE DAVIS</i>
<i>COMMUNICATIONS</i>	<i>VINCE STAFFILENO (SPADE) JONNY PRELL (SPADE, WEBSITE-SOCIAL MEDIA) ----- (PUBLICITY), LARRY KELL, PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD</i>
<i>FINANCE</i>	<i>JOHN BUDNIK, ANDY KOSIOREK, JULIE HENRY (CHAIR)</i>
<i>INCOME PROJECTS</i>	<i>DAVE DAWSON, JULIE HENRY (PLANT SALE); PAT BOGGINS, VINCE STAFFILENO (BULB SALE); JOHN BUDNIK, RON HARTMILLER, JULIE HENRY (AUCTION-RAFFLE)</i>
<i>NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM</i>	<i>TOM DAVIS</i>
<i>SCHOLARSHIP</i>	<i>LOU PELTON, LARRY KELL</i>
<i>SERVICE PROJECTS</i>	<i>KATHY KOSIOREK</i>
	<i>FRED ROBINSON, HAROLD DAVIS</i>
	<i>BOB RENSEL</i>

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

<i>1 BRATHENAHL PLACE</i>	<i>TOM SEGELIN / ARANCINI LIASON</i>
<i>FRIENDS OF GREENHOUSE</i>	<i>VINCE STAFFILENO, JOYCE NESBIT</i>
<i>HORTICULTURE SHOW</i>	<i>MARK OCCHIONERO, JULIE HENRY</i>
<i>NOMINATING</i>	<i>BOB PINDELL</i>
<i>WELLNESS/MEMORIALS</i>	<i>VINCE STAFFILENO, TEAM CAPTAINS</i>
<i>WILLOTT IRIS GARDEN</i>	<i>BOB PINDELL, RON HARTMILLER</i>

## Musings



### Old Glory

I am the most famous icon on earth,  
on display all over the world...  
standing guard at majestic official buildings,  
in courtrooms, churches,  
and even on the moon.  
I fly from the houses  
of families who revere America,  
and snap in the breeze on parade.

I stand for freedom, honor, justice,  
service, prosperity and power.  
My stars and stripes—my red, white and blue,  
evoke respect and admiration from the good,  
apprehension and fear from the evil.

Sometimes soiled and tattered,  
even bloodstained,  
I survived the grinding toil of wars,  
urging my weary warriors to fight on.  
I lie precisely folded,  
held by mothers of fallen soldiers  
as their fingertips caress me  
for comfort and strength.

I am invincible.  
I have been burned, spat upon,  
trampled and cursed,  
but I overcome all  
to unfurl, soar, and inspire again.  
I am the Star Spangled Banner;  
I am Old Glory;  
I am the American Flag,  
a symbol of freedom, forever.

By Joanna Fuchs



Compared to gardeners, I think it is generally agreed that others understand very little about anything of consequence.

*Henry Mitchell*

Adapt the pace of nature; her secret is patience.

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

A good gardener does not expect miracles.

*Jules Oravetz Jr.*

The fair weather gardener, who will do nothing except when the wind and the weather and everything else are favorable, is never a master of his craft.

*Henry Ellacombe*

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