

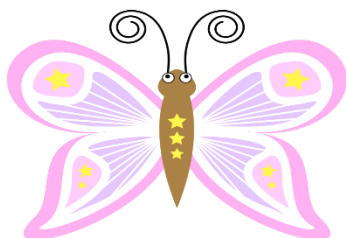


# The SPADE



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>.

## January 14th Meeting



**O**ur program for the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is "Planning and Planting Urban Gardens for Butterflies and Other beneficial Insects" to be presented by Judy Semroc.

Judy currently works in the Natural Areas Division for The Cleveland Museum of Natural History as a Conservation Specialist. She is the founder of "Chrysalis in Time", the first Ohio chapter of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA). Judy has co-authored two field guides, "Dragonflies & Damselflies of Northeast Ohio" & "Goldenrods of Northeast Ohio." As a former Petroleum Geologist and science teacher, Judy loves to learn about and share her passion for the natural world through hikes, interpretive programs and photography.

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

**There will be a Board Meeting starting at 5:00 PM on 1/14/2019 in the Penthouse. PLEASE BE PROMPT.**

**OUR NEXT GOGC MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>.**

## President's Letter



**S**o 2018 is gone and 2019 is upon us. 2018 was another active year with a VA garden planting, successful Plant and Bulb sales to replenish the Scholarship Fund and three excellent Scholarship recipients, another terrific Horticulture Show led by Julie and Mark, lots of excellent speakers thanks to Kathy Kosiorek and a wonderful Holiday Party due in large part to the work of Phyliss, Deb, Lou, Julie and Thom Segelin and the contributions of many. Unfortunately, we lost Don Morrison and did not add a community project to follow-up on the fantastic Malachi House tree lawn.

So what's in store for 2019? We have a lot to do. We need folks to step up to keep GoGC forging ahead. Already, Dave Rittenhouse has reorganized the Membership Committee with the help of Larry, Jonny, Lou and Chuck Palsa; more on that later this spring. We need some members to replace Bob Pindell for the VA Garden and Fred Robinson for Scholarship and Awards. As usual we will need volunteers for the many other activities: VA planting, Plant and Bulb sales, a community project, the Horticulture show and Holiday party. Can I suggest that each and every member be involved in at least one activity for 2019?

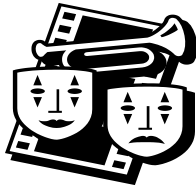
Dave

## December Board Meeting



**T**here was no Board Meeting in December

## Upcoming Events



**Philadelphia Flower Show** – Deah Stark is interested in getting a group together to attend the Philadelphia Flower Show. If you are interested please contact her at [wcstark@winstream.net](mailto:wcstark@winstream.net). The show takes place from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup> of 2019.

## Membership



### **2019 RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP- GARDENERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND**

The campaign for membership renewal started in November with an end date on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The intent was to have our completed roster available no later than February 2019. If you have not done so already please send in your renewal promptly.

Annual dues are \$40.00 per individual/year, \$60.00 per family/year and \$25.00 per associate member/year. Make your check payable to Gardeners of Greater Cleveland and bring it either to our January dinner meeting or mail it to John Budnik at 12401 Coit Rd., Bratenahl, OH 44108.

This will be the last notification in the SPADE.

**Please enter the following information and include it with your payment:**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \$ amount: \_\_\_\_\_

To keep the Roster current, if you have any changes to your address, phone, E-mail or Garden Club interests please fill out those areas listed below, otherwise the information will remain the same as for 2018.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Garden Club Opportunity Interests:**

Team Captain: \_\_\_ Dinner Greeters: \_\_\_

May Plant Sale: \_\_\_ Bulb Sale: \_\_\_ VA Garden \_\_\_

Membership \_\_\_ Scholarship \_\_\_

Christmas Dinner \_\_\_ Programs \_\_\_

Holiday Dinner \_\_\_ Gardening Interests

Community Projects \_\_\_\_\_

## Tip of the Hat



To Julie Giroux, Phyliss Donnelly-Ingold, Deb Kramarz, Lou Pelton and Tom Segelin for preparing all the amenities necessary for our outstanding Holiday Party.

To all our members for bringing the tasty hors d'oeuvres for our pre-dinner Holiday Party snack.

To the staff of the of the Bratenahl 1 restaurant who so graciously cared for us during our meal.

## 2018 Awards



Fred Robinson thanked members of the Awards Committee, Bob Pindell, Hank Doll and Tom Davis, for their help. Fred announced this would be his last year to Chair the Awards Committee. He then proceed with the following program:

**Certificates of appreciation** were presented to:

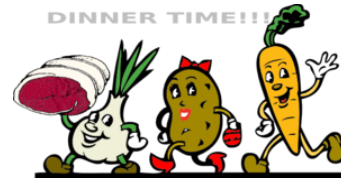
- **Pat Boggins** for his work on the Bulb Sale and making and donating planters for the Plant Sale.
- **John Budnik, Treasurer**, for upgrading the financial statement and opening his greenhouse for storing members plants for the plant sale.
- **Jane Davis** for her work as the Club's representative to Holden Forests and Gardens Affiliates Committee.
- **Julie Giroux** for all her years of Holiday party planning.
- **Ron Hartmiller** for the many hours of service to the club and his tireless work in the Willott Iris Garden.
- **Joyce Nesbit** for her work as Chair of the 85th Anniversary celebration.

The **Bronze Medal** award was presented to **Mark Occhionero** for sharing lots of knowledge and his work as a Horticulture Judge.

The **Potter Bowl** award was present to **Jonny Prell**. Jonny's creation, design, and maintenance of the Club's web site, her work with Shutterfly and her year round work for the Club are invaluable.

Prior to the presentation of the Potter Bowl Award Fred Robinson gave a short history of the Potter Bowl. In so doing he read the inscription that appears on the bottom of the bowl –"**PRESENTED BY LOUIS MELLEN IN MEMORY OF A DIRT GARDENER**". The dirt gardener he had reference to was Horace Potter.

## Dinner Menu



### The Dinner Menu:

*House Garden Salad,  
Lemon Chicken Cutlet, Spring Pea Risotto, and  
Broccolini*

### Vegetarian Option

### *Chef's Choice*

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

*Coffee, Tea and Cookies will be served in the  
Penthouse Prior to the Meeting*

## Dinner Responsibilities

**L**ou 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.

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# Gardening Tools



As our thoughts turn to gardening, especially with the sun shining as it has, below is a list of tools for you to review for possible use in the upcoming gardening year.

Each of us has items that we take into the garden and we all have our favorites. Here are some that you might consider putting into a five gallon bucket with tool organizer.

- Start with this bucket and organizer. The bucket is an ordinary 5 gallon container and the organizer can be found at any big box or hardware store.



- The best pair of pruning shears you can buy.
- A Hori Garden Knife which is excellent for weeding.



- A sharp pointed trowel for use with the clay you will be sure to encounter.
- A three prong hand rake.
- A large plastic zip lock bag of your favorite fertilizer.

- A folding five gallon canvas bag to hold the weeds you pull.
- And in your pocket a Swiss Army Knife with as many accessories as you are comfortable with.
- A ball of biodegradable twine.
- Several pieces of 12 to 14 gauge bare copper wire to reposition shrubbery branches that are in a poor location or have cracked and need to be held together while they heal.
- Several 12" tie wraps to hold plants to their support stakes.
- While this one will not fit into your bucket a kneeling stool it is for those of us who are not as young as we would like to be. It makes working in the garden as well as getting back up so much better. The one below is a picture of mine which you can find on Amazon as well as in garden stores or shops. NOTE: The picture below shows the stool opened for sitting. If you turn it around so the pad is closer to the ground it can be used while kneeling.



- Lastly my absolute essential: A bottle of your favorite analgesic. This of course is not for the garden but for you and your sore back which you have acquired while lugging all these supplies and tools around.

## Club Member Gardening Information List



The following is a list of our members who have volunteered to help members with questions about their

specialty. Please join with them during our social hour or during dinner to ask for help with your gardening question in their specialty. **(This is repeated for your information and use.)**

Keith Biehl	Many specialties because he is a “gardener by profession”
Pat Boggins	Log planters
John Budnik	Herbs and flowering bulbs
Diane Circle	Hosta
Dave Dawson	Many topics
Ginnie Dawson	Rockefeller Park History
Jane Davis	Flower arranging
Tom Davis	Native plants
Hank Doll	Dahlia growing
Phyllis Donnelly	Orchids
Ron Hartmiller	Weeds
Larry Kell	General gardening
Herb Klein	Unusual plants and perennials
Deb Kramarz	Tree canopy and pond and garden plants
Andy Kosiorek	Sprinkler systems above ground
Kathy Kosiorek	Veggies and container gardening
Lou Drasler	Cannas and environmental issues
Garret Ormiston	Native plants, azaleas and roses
Chuck Palsa	Knows “a little about everything”
Lou Pelton	Vines and clematis
Bob Pindell	Iris propagation
Sandra Pindell	Iris care
Jonny Prell	Perennials
Fred Robinson	Tree matters
Dena Sims	Perennials
Tom Sheehan	General landscape design, water gardening and tropical plants
Vince Staffileno	Veggies
Bill Stark	Begonias
Deah Stark	Perennials

## Gardening Tips



### WINTER CARE FOR HOUSEPLANTS



**W**inter weather adversely affects growing conditions for houseplants. Proper care during the winter months can help insure the health of houseplants.

Most houseplants grow well with daytime temperatures of 65 to 75 degrees F and night temperatures of 60 to 65 degrees F. Temperatures below 50 degrees F or rapid temperature fluctuations may damage some plants. Keep houseplants away from cold drafts, radiators, and hot air vents. Also make sure houseplant foliage doesn't touch cold windows.

Many houseplants prefer a humidity level of 40 to 50 percent. Unfortunately, the relative humidity found in many homes during the winter months may be only 10 to 20 percent -- a level too low for many houseplants. Humidifiers are an excellent way to increase the relative humidity in a single room or throughout the entire home. Group plants together. The water evaporating from the potting soil, plus water lost through the plant foliage (transpiration), will increase the relative humidity in the immediate vicinity of the houseplants. Another method is to place the houseplants on trays (saucers) filled with pebbles or gravel and water. The bottoms of the pots should be above the water level.

Misting houseplants is not an effective method to raise relative humidity. Misting would have to be done several times daily to appreciably raise the humidity level and is simply not practical. In general, houseplants require less frequent watering during the winter months than in spring and summer. Actively growing plants need more water

than those at rest during the winter months. Plant species also affects watering frequency. Ferns prefer an evenly moist soil and should be watered relatively frequently. Cacti and succulents, on the other hand, should not be watered until the potting soil is completely dry. The majority of houseplants fall between these two groups. Most houseplants should be watered when the soil is barely moist or almost dry to the touch.

When watering houseplants, water them thoroughly. Water should freely drain out of the bottoms of the pots. If the excess water drains into a saucer, discard the water and replace the saucer beneath the pot.

Houseplants need to be fertilized periodically when actively growing in the spring and summer. Fertilization is generally not necessary during the winter months because most plants are growing very little or resting. Indoor gardeners can begin to fertilize houseplants in March or April as growing conditions improve and the plants resume growth. Dust and grease often accumulate on the leaves of houseplants. The dust and grease not only makes them unattractive, it may slow plant growth. Cleaning houseplants improves their appearance, stimulates growth, and may help control insects and mites.

Large, firm-leaved plants may be cleaned with a soft sponge or cloth. Wash the foliage using a very mild solution of dishwashing soap and tepid water. Another method is to place the plants in the shower and give them a good "bath". Be sure to adjust the water temperature before placing the plants under the shower head.

By Mary Jane Frogge, Extension Associate

## Gardening Tips



**A**s you begin planning for gardening this spring here are some plants you may find of interest:

### **Verbascum ‘Southern Charm’**

**Bloom Time:** May to June

**Zone:** 5 -8

**Sun:** Full

**Water:** Dry to Medium

**Tolerate:** Deer, Drought



'Southern Charm' is an erect, clump-forming, short-lived perennial which can remain in the garden for many years by self-seeding. Forms a large basal rosette (to 2' wide) of woolly, ovate, silvery-green leaves from which rise multiple, erect, flowering stems (2-3' tall) bearing long terminal spikes of 5-lobed, nearly flat, 1 inch diameter flowers in soft pastel shades of lavender, buffy cream and rose with purple center stamens. Long late spring to summer bloom period with possible fall re-bloom.

### **Pulmonaria ‘Trevi Fountain’**

**Bloom Time:** April

**Zone:** 4 - 9

**Sun:** Part shade to full shade

**Water:** Medium

**Tolerate:** Deer, Heavy Shade



'Trevi Fountain' is a mounding variety that features slender, silver-spotted leaves and large cobalt-blue

flowers. It typically grows in a basal clump to 11” tall and spreads to 25” wide. Narrow, lance-shaped, green leaves are spotted with silver. Drooping clusters (terminal cymes) of funnel-shaped, cobalt blue flowers appear on short stalks just above the foliage in spring.

**Bergenia ‘Dragonfly Angel Kiss’**

Bloom Time: April - May

Zone: 4 - 9

Sun: Part shade to full shade

Water: Medium

Tolerate: Deer, Rabbit, Drought, Heavy Shade



Outstanding large-leaved foliage plant that serves as an excellent ground cover for shady areas of the landscape. Edging for paths and walkways. Border fronts. Best in areas where the flowers can be seen and appreciated in spring. Foliage provides excellent greenery in floral arrangements.

**Photos From the 2018  
Holiday Party**





## Purpose of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

**T**he purpose of the **GARDENERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND** is to provide members with a better understanding of all varieties of hands on or dirt gardening through our monthly meetings, our newsletter **THE SPADE** and our website, [www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org](http://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org).

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. We hold two sales per year of gardening material one of perennials and one of fall bulbs. Their purpose is to obtain funds for our various programs including our scholarship program, to answer questions about gardening and to recruit new members.

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:

**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

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>DAVE DAWSON</b>
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<b>OPEN (21)</b>	

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<b>CBG LIAISON</b>	<b>DEBORAH KRAMARZ</b>
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<b>FINANCE</b>	<b>JOHN BUDNIK, ANDY KOSIOREK, JULIE HENRY (CHAIR)</b>
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<b>NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>TOM DAVIS</b>
<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>LOU PELTON, LARRY KELL; DAVE RITTENHOUSE, CHUCK PAPLSA</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>KATHY KOSIOREK</b>
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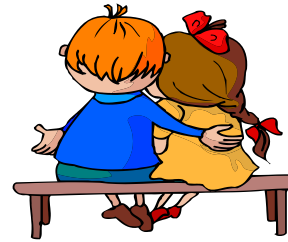
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<b>FRIENDS OF GREENHOUSE</b>	<b>VINCE STAFFILENO, JOYCE NESBIT</b>

**HORTICULTURE SHOW  
NOMINATING  
WELLNESS/MEMORIALS  
WILLOTT IRIS GARDEN**

**MARK OCCHIONERO, JULIE HENRY  
BOB PINDELL  
VINCE STAFFILENO, TEAM CAPTAINS  
BOB PINDELL, RON HARTMILLER**

## Musings



### JACK FROST

"The door was shut, as doors should be,  
Before you went to bed last night;  
Yet Jack Frost has got in, you see,  
And left your window silver white.

He must have waited till you slept;  
And not a single word he spoke,  
But pencilled o'er the panes and crept  
Away again before you woke.

And now you cannot see the hills  
Nor fields that stretch beyond the lane;  
But there are fairer things than these  
His fingers traced on every pane."  
- Gabriel Setoun, *Jack Frost*

### JANUARY MORN

"Bare branches of each tree  
on this chilly January morn  
look so cold so forlorn.  
Gray skies dip ever so low  
left from yesterday's dusting of snow.  
Yet in the heart of each tree  
waiting for each who wait to see  
new life as warm sun and breeze will blow,  
like magic, unlock springs sap to flow,  
buds, new leaves, then blooms will grow."  
- Nelda Hartmann, *January Morn*



He loves nature in spite of what it did to him.

Forrest Tucker

He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp posts –  
for support rather than illumination.

Andrew Lang

Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desires  
but according to our powers.

Henri F. Amiel

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance and to turn  
around three times before lying down.

Robert Benchley

Experience suggests that the first rule of politics is  
never to say never. The ingenious capacity for  
maneuver and compromise may make acceptable  
tomorrow what seems outrageous or impossible  
today,

William Shannon

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