



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>.

October 8th Meeting



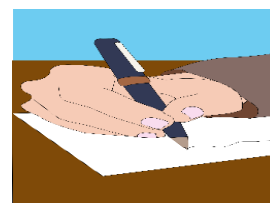
Our October 8th speaker is Nathan Rutz whose topic is "Compost for Healthy Soils". He is the director of Rust Belt Riders, a company that picks up items suitable for composting from many local restaurants.

His presentation will cover these topics: What is soil health? What in the soil can be healthy? How do we foster soil health? Also he will discuss how plants get nutrients in healthy natural systems, and how we can emulate that in our own gardening to bring us healthy abundant plants without the use of toxic chemicals or fertilizers. He'll discuss and show the web of relationships between the sun, plants, microorganisms, and rocks that make life on our planet possible and how to grow your own soil organisms at home (compost!). These will be covered thoroughly.

Please call your team captain with your "Dinner Reservation" by Thursday October 4th.

There will be a Board Meeting starting at 5:00 PM on 10/8/2018 in the Penthouse. PLEASE BE PROMPT.

President's Letter



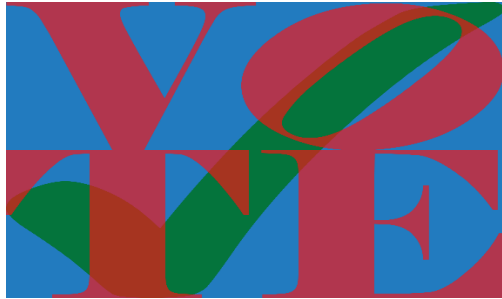
For those of you who braved the wet weather of September 10th and prowled your gardens for worthy specimens, you were rewarded with a great display of gardening at our annual Horticulture Show. Many thanks to Mark Occhionero, Julie Henry, Tom Davis and our judges from Akron and Youngstown for all of their hard work in organizing the evening and judging the plants. As a bonus we received a tutorial from Jim Bell about how to improve the presentation of plants. This was the second year that Ginnie and I entered, and we were surprised how well we did and the ease with which we could gather our entries and display them. It is not overwhelming.

The highlight of the evening for me was Hank Doll's description of how he found the best of show Swiss chard without a flaw at the bottom of a stack of Chard leaves. And, it was gorgeous. Which gets me to the question of why we don't have more members displaying theirs and nature's handiwork. I know that June would have more flowering plants, but do we really want to change scholarship night? I know that Mark, Julie and Tom would greatly appreciate your suggestions.

Of course, autumn is the best time of year in Cleveland. And to prove it, the Browns have won a game and the Indians are headed to the playoffs again. What better place to be for Game 3 than the penthouse at 1 Bratenahl Place on Monday night. See you there.

Dave

Board of Director Elections



At the November meeting we will elect three directors to replace those, whose term ends December, 2018. These are three year terms ending in December, 2021. Per our bylaws the slate is to be presented to the membership via the **SPADE** 10 days in advance of the election.

The election will take place during our “Annual Meeting” which is our November meeting.

The committee chaired by Bob Pindell will present the following members for election to these positions:

The nominees are:

- Harold Davis
- Herb Klein
- Garrett Ormiston

In addition Dave Rittenhouse will be nominated to fill the one year open term ending in 2019. This term was open due to the election of Jonny Prell as 2nd Vice President.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

June Board Meeting



The following are the minutes of the June Board Meeting:

Treasurer’s Report: John Budnik reported that income for the months of June and July was limited to interest money. He also noted that he has placed the financial records in the cloud so officers will have access to them.

Program: Kathy reported that she has speakers scheduled through February, 2019. She is currently discussing a trip to Brown’s Lake Bog Nature Preserve in May of 2019. Bob McMahon has volunteered to assist Kathy on the Program Committee.

Cleveland Botanical Garden Affiliation – Jane Davis reported that the Affiliate members met with Jill Koski, Director of Holden who encouraged our membership to become members of Holden which includes membership in the Cleveland Botanical Garden. She also note that at Holden there is an interesting collection of silver on display. It was suggested that we invite Ms. Koski to speak at one of our meetings.

V.A. Project: Bob Pindell reported that the VA is doing very well and is much appreciated by the veterans. Bob is retiring from this project and is looking for a replacement.

Nominating Committee - Bob Pindell reported that Dave Rittenhouse has agreed to fill an open slot on the Board. He will the stand for election to the balance of the term at the Annual meeting in November. Bob asked for nominations for new members to the Board from those present.

Dining Room Liaison – Dave Dawson reported that Chef Gino inquired about increasing the cost of dinner from \$20.00 to \$22.00. It was decide to keep the price at \$20.00. It was proposed that Dave bring this up at our General Meeting and to further discuss this at a future Board Meeting.

Members Gardens – Hank Doll reported that 18 of our members have indicated areas of expertise that they are willing to share. Their names will be published in the SPADE. How and when discussions with our club resource members take place is yet to be determined.

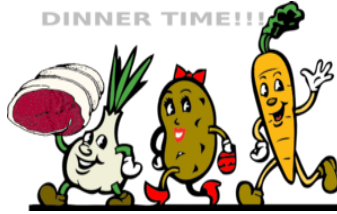
Membership – Lou Pelton reported that two former members said that they are planning to rejoin the club. As yet they have not sent their registration form nor money.

Sound System – Lou Pelton reported that the new sound system has lapel microphones.

Willott Iris Garden – Bob Pindell asked for volunteers from our group to come on any Tuesday through Thursday day to help with the maintenance of the garden. Bring a weeding tool and kneeling pad and help.

Fall Bulb Sale: Pat and Vince reported that the sale will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday October 11, 12 and 13. There will be excellent selection of bulbs to choose from. Help will be requested at the October meeting.

Dinner Menu



The Dinner Menu:

*House Garden Salad,
Three Cheese Lasagna, Garlic Toast and Green Beans*

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.

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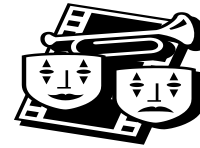
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Upcoming Events



BULB & IRIS SALE – Our annual bulb and iris sale will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday October 11, 12 and 13 from 10AM to 4PM each day. It will be held in the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse lobby.

SEED – THE UNTOLD STORY – A movie presented by the Cleveland Seed Bank on Wednesday October 17. See the article below for details

WILLOTT IRIS GARDEN – Come to the Willott Iris Garden on any Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday from 10 to 2 during October, weather permitting, and help prepare the garden for winter. Bring an appropriate weeding tool, knee and sun protection and dig in.

HOLDEN – As fall arrives take the opportunity to visit Holden and The Kalberer Emergent Tower which takes you above the trees to a height of 120 feet. From there you get a magnificent view of fall color and on a clear day you can see all the way to Lake Erie.

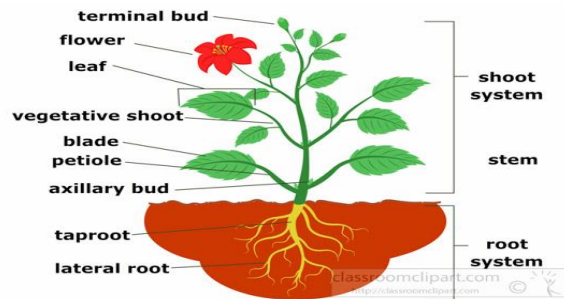
Tip of the Hat



- To **Julie Henry, Mark Occhionero and Tom Davis** for organizing the September Horticulture Show.
- To **Hank Doll** who very graciously swept the top awards at the September Horticulture Show.
- To **Larry Kell** who does such a fine job of picture taking at our various club events.
- To **Judges of our Horticulture Show** - From the Gardeners of Greater Akron - Jim Bell and Clark Bordner. From the Men's Garden Club of Youngstown - Tom Liggett, John Schinker, Rodney Toth and Terry Volland.

Cleveland Seed Bank

Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners



FALL SEMINAR

Gardening Through The Seasons

Saturday, November 3, 2018

*Location - Parma Snow Library, 2121 Snow Road,
Parma.*

Cleveland Seed Bank is hosting a movie night for the community on Wednesday October 17th and you are invited to attend! Doors open at Forest City Brewery 2135 Columbus Road, Cleveland, OH 44113 at 6:00 pm. The Movie starts at 7 pm and a short discussion follows the movie.

Few things on Earth are as miraculous and vital as seeds, worshipped and treasured since the dawn of humankind. In the last century, 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared. "SEED: The Untold Story" follows passionate seed keepers protecting our 12,000 year-old food legacy. As biotech chemical companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight a David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds. SEED features Vandana Shiva, Dr. Jane Goodall, Andrew Kimbrell, Winona Laduke and Raj Patel.

Suggested donation of \$5.00 to attend!

MORNING KEYNOTE: Scott Beuerlein, Horticulturist, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens Plants. "Too Good To Be Rare". Discover many beautiful and unusual, yet easily grown plants that will make your garden special and unique.

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE: Amy Roskilly, Education Specialist, Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District. Shrink Your Lawn: Landscaping with Native Plants. Landscaping for pollinators, wildlife and reducing pollution.

BEAKOUT SESSIONS: The Modern Cutting Garden, Nurturing a Child's Sense of Wonder of the Natural World, Extending the Seasons, Manageable Garden Renovation, Green Side Up: Tree Planting Best Practices, and Garden Music: Nature's Concert.

For Full Information and Registration:

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 29

www.cuyahogamg.org

REGISTRATION FEE is \$48.00 until October 17th. \$55 after October 18th. Pre-Registration includes continental breakfast, box lunch, and silent auction in addition to two keynote speakers plus 2 breakout sessions.

Gardening Tips



When perennials become overgrown and stop blooming well, it's time to dig up clumping perennials and cut them apart. By dividing a plant into sections — each with roots attached — you end up with both a reinvigorated smaller clump to set back in the same spot and others to use elsewhere in your garden.

Most clumps will look better and produce more if you divide them every three or four years. Blooms will be larger and more abundant, and foliage will look lusher. Divide spring-blooming perennials in fall, and fall-blooming perennials in spring. If you live in an area with harsh winters, divide the plants, then get them back in the ground six to eight weeks before the first hard freeze.

DIVISION IN 4 EASY STEPS

A mature daylily is ready for refreshing when bloom is sparse and clumps are tightly packed. Dividing will revive the main clump and produce additional plants.



Step 1

1. With a shovel or spading fork, loosen the soil a few inches around the base of the entire plant. Slide the shovel under the roots, then lift up the whole clump; keep as much of the root ball intact as possible. (If clumps are too large or heavy to move, divide them where they are.)

2. Shake or gently brush off the excess soil from the plant's root ball. Then divide the clump into two or more sections. Use sharp pruning shears to cut apart smaller clumps, and a shovel or spade to carefully poke through the base of larger or more fibrous-rooted clumps.



Step 2

3. Pull divisions apart by hand — each with a mass of roots and foliage attached. Continue dividing if you want even smaller clumps.

4. Snip off any damaged roots or foliage, then replant divisions as soon as possible in well-amended soil in the ground or in containers. Water well.



Step 3

DIVIDE THESE PLANTS IN THE FALL:

Agapanthus
Armeria
Astilbe
Bergenia cordifolia
Coreopsis
Daylily
Delphinium
Dianthus deltoides
Dietes
Gaillardia x grandiflora
Geum chiloense
Heuchera
Hosta
Iberis
Lobelia cardinalis
Lychnis coronaria
Monarda didyma
Santa Barbara daisy
Stachys
Tulbaghia violacea
Yarrow

Note: Having done the above you will be able to bring the divisions to the May Plant Sale

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.

Hank Doll

- Keith Biehl Many specialties because he is a “gardener by profession”
- Pat Boggins Log planters
- John Budnik Herbs and flowering bulbs
- Diane Circle Hostas
- 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

2018 Horticulture Show

The Horticulture Show at the September 10 meeting was quite a success. When the show started in 2012 we didn’t even fill one table with entries. This year we needed five tables to hold the entries in 18 sections. Our show is smaller than some of our sister clubs, but the quality is always high. We’re smaller because we have a five-entry limit for all participants. We did that from the beginning since we have limited room in the Penthouse, everything has to come and down by the elevators and the emphasis in our show is on education.

Some Comments on the 2018 Horticulture Show:

- The judges’ comments on the entries helped people understand the judging process and reasoning. Everyone learned something.
- Our club now has three accredited horticulture judges. They helped center the show on Education and got it well organized.
- Julie Henry helped people improve their entries to meet all requirements. This level of “entry coaching” is unique to all the shows in our area. Mark Occhionero provided table coverings and served as show chair. Tom Davis took care of the written details and supplies.
- Thanks to Deva Simon and others who jumped in to help the set-up without even being asked.
- We had a great judging crew: Jim Bell and Clark Bordner from the Gardeners of Greater Akron; John Schinker, Rodney Toth, Tom Liggett and

Terry Voland from The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown. Jim, John and Rodney are also judging instructors, so they are highly qualified.

- The members did a great job with their entries. We had more vegetables and native plants in the show this year. Mark added a category for "unusual container" that got some fun entries. We had some 'novice' entries and one of them from Chuck Palsa made it to the honor table.
- We limited the number of plants on the Honor Table to ten of the very best items in the show. Members voted for the "Peoples' Choice" award from these ten 'best of the best'. The process this year went very smoothly.
- Hank Doll was our first double winner for BEST IN SHOW (chosen by the judges) and PEOPLES' CHOICE AWARD (as voted by the members). His Swiss chard won out over some other spectacular entries.

The 2018 Plant Show will be reviewed at the November Board Meeting with a recommendation to continue the show in 2019.



Below is Hank Doll receiving both the "Best of Show" and the "People's Choice" awards for his beautiful red Swiss chard leaf.

Horticulture Show Pictures





Again thanks to Larry Kell for taking all the above pictures.

Purpose of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

Below is Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold with her three prize winning entries.



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

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

DIRECTORS

JANE DAVIS (18)	JOYCE NESBIT (18)
RON HARTMILLER (18)	PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD (19)
DAVE RITTENHOUSE (18)*	VINCE STAFFILENO (19)
KATHY KOSIOREK (20)	PAT BOGGINS (20)
HANK DOLL (20)	

GOGC Committees

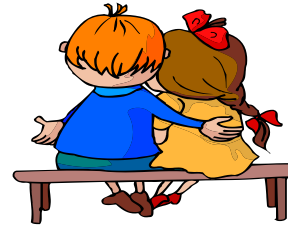
STANDING COMMITTEES

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Musings



AUTUMN'S MAJESTY

Sun with his artistic touch,
Streaks skies of blue with rosy blush,
Trimming Oak and Maple too,
Crimson reds with yellow hue.

Birch and Hemlock, purple and gold,
Apples, pumpkins bright and bold,
Burns by day and cools by night,
Cloaking trees in fiery might.

Wispy winds and tumbling leaves,
Cypress scents within the breeze,
Starry eyes and harvest moon,
Sets the stage for crickets tune.

As spiders spin their tapestry
And crickets sing in symphony,
Their final song of destiny,
It's clear for all the world to see,
Autumn's vibrant majesty!

By: PATRICIA L. CISCO

Fall, stand, learn, adapt.

Mike Norton

Days decrease, and autumn grows, autumn is everything.

Robert Browning

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

Albert Camus

I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself than be crowded on a velvet cushion.

Henry David Thoreau

A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween.

Erma Bombeck

I'll bet living in a nudist colony take all the fun out of Halloween.

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