



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>.

December 10th Meeting Holiday Party



Our Annual Holiday Party and December Meeting will be held at Bratenahl Place on

December 10th 2018

It will feature a social hour with hors d'oeuvre's and drinks, buffet dinner, award presentations, and more.

See the announcement at the close for details.

To attend the dinner you must have your paid reservation to John Budnik at the address noted on the announcement by Monday December 3th.

PLEASE NOTE:

TEAM CAPTAINS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS.

There will not be a Board Meeting in December.

President's Letter

An Outing

The October program featured Nathan Rutz telling us about the work of Rust Belt Riders, a business formed by a small group of environmentally concerned young people to capture food waste and turn it into compost for the garden. Nathan explained how they started out, using bicycles – hence the name – to collect food waste from local restaurants and institutions, and then composting it.

As business grew, they acquired old trucks to make collection easier and more efficient. A couple of weeks ago, Carol Poh, my wife Ginnie and I decided to make a field trip to see the operation and purchase its product. RBR is located in an old warehouse at the northwest corner of Hamilton and Marquette in the St. Clair/Superior neighborhood.

Arriving in the midst of an icy rainstorm (welcome to winter), we met Nathan again, as well as his partners Daniel and Michael. Nathan gave us a tour of the facility, including a nascent worm farm and mechanical screening system developed from spare parts. Outdoors, in a succession of large bins, the compost was steaming away notwithstanding the cold air.

We collected our five-gallon bags, just \$10 each (quoting Carol, "it's like gold for the garden"), and headed down Hamilton Avenue in search of lunch. Hamilton is lined with vestiges of Cleveland's industrial past which hold promise, as well, for its future. Former factory buildings, such as the Brown Hoisting Machinery Co., have been repurposed for office space.

Our search for nourishment was rewarded at Marie's, a Croatian restaurant on the southeast corner of East 42nd and St. Clair that serves the specialties of the mother country in a homey setting. The stuffed cabbage, cauliflower soup, and strudel were tasty, the coffee hot. It

was a fun and educational outing. Check out Rust Belt Riders at rustbeltriders.com.

Happy Holidays, Dave

Board of Director Elections

Dave Dawson presented the following nominees, during the annual meeting, for election to our Board for three year terms beginning December 1, 2018 and ending November 30, 2021.

Z. Harold Davis

Garrett Ormiston

A third position remained open

They were elected by the membership present.

Dave also presented two members to fill open positions on the Board:

Dave Rittenhouse

Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold

The terms for the above Board members will begin December 1, 2018 and end on November 30, 2019.

They were elected by the membership present.

November Board Meeting



The following are the minutes of the November Board Meeting:

Treasurer's Report: John Budnik presented the Treasures report and it was approved as presented. He then presented the 2019 Budget. There was discussion regarding the amount to be budgeted for the purchase of calendars from National. The cost of mailing the SPADE to members was set at \$150. Service projects for 2019 will include maintenance of the VA Hospital gardens, as well as Carey West, Joseph Home and Malachi House. A Service Projects committee will meet to establish a 2019 budget. The 2019 Budget will be presented at the January

Meeting for approval. John distributed membership forms.

Directors: Outgoing Board members Jane Davis, Ron Hartmiller and Joyce Nesbit were thanked for their service and contributions to the club.

Memorial: A contribution of \$100 to the "Garden from the Heart Fund" in memory of Don Morrison was approved.

Program: Kathy reported that she has speakers scheduled through February, 2019. The March speaker has not been confirmed but she is working on four possibilities.

Holiday Party: The SPADE will be sent approximately two weeks in advance of the party and will include a reservation form for the dinner plus an agenda for the meeting. All reservations are to be received by John Budnik by December 3th to give Bratenahl Place time to make necessary plans for the drinks and dinner. Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold is chairing the holiday party and Julie Giroux-Segelin is organizing the table decorations.

Awards: Fred Robinson reported the committee of Bob Pindell, Hank Doll and Tom Davis are preparing for the December 2018 awards presentation during the December Meeting.

CBG Affiliates Meeting: This was attended by Dave Dawson in the absence of Jane Davis.

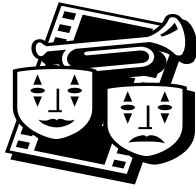
Membership: Lou Pelton, Larry Kell, Chuck Palsa and Dave Rittenhouse presented a statement regarding status of the committee. A full report will be made to the Board at a later meeting.

May Plant Sale: The 2019 May Plant Sale to be held at the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse will be chaired by Julie Henry and Dave Dawson.

Fall Bulb Sale: The Bulb Sale had an overall profit of approximately \$1100. There was \$300 contributed to the GOGC Scholarship Fund, \$600 for the Iris Garden and \$200 to the Friends of the Greenhouse. All of the purchased bulbs were sold.

National Convention: Larry Kell presented a report on the 2018 National Convention and note that the 2019 Convention will held in Des Moines, Iowa.

Upcoming Events



Poinsettia Sale – At the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse on Nov. 30rd and Dec. 1st. There will be over 12 varieties of poinsettia for sale from 10 – 4 each day in the Greenhouse Lobby.

Poinsettia Display – The Staff of the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse will present its annual poinsettia display in the Greenhouse starting December 2nd and going through January 6th from 10 - 4 every day. It is the finest display in the City of Cleveland.

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. The show takes place from March 2nd through March 10th of 2019.

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

Outgoing Directors

As a club we are beholden to those members who serve as our officers and directors. Their dedication makes it possible for our club to exist and to prosper.

Over the years we have had the expertise of many fine men and women who have given their time and energy to the direction of our club.

At this time we wish to thank Jane Davis, Ron Hartmeiller and Joyce Nesbit for their three years of service as directors on our board.

Membership

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

The campaign for membership renewal starts in November. We plan to receive all renewals by the end of December. The intent is to have our completed roster available no later than February 2019. 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 dinner meetings or mail it to John Budnik at 12401 Coit Rd., Bratenahl, OH 44108.

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 _____

**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



Photo by S. Cochran

Winter 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-leafed 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

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 hands on gardening through our monthly meetings, our newsletter **THE SPADE** and our website, 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 of gardening material one of plants and one of bulbs. Their purpose is to obtain funds for 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 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

PHYLISS DONNELLY-INGOLD (19)	VINCE STAFFILENO (19)
DAVE RITTENHOUSE (19)	PAT BOGGINS (20)
KATHY KOSIOREK (20)	HANK DOLL (20)
Z. HAROLD DAVIS (21)	GARRETT ORMISTOM (21)

GOGC Committees

STANDING COMMITTEES

AWARDS -	FRED ROBINSON, HANK DOLL; BOB PINDELL TOM DAVIS
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	TOM DAVIS LOU PELTON, LARRY KELL; DAVE RITTENHOUSE, CHUCK PAPLSA
PROGRAM	KATHY KOSIOREK
SCHOLARSHIP	FRED ROBINSON, HAROLD DAVIS
SERVICE PROJECTS	BOB RENSEL

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1 BRATHENAH PLAC LIAISON	TOM SEGELIN
FRIENDS OF GREENHOUSE	VINCE STAFFILENO, JOYCE NESBIT

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

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

Musings



SPECIAL PLACE

Light reflecting, in my eye,
Cloudless blue of august sky,
Shadows lurk in nature's womb,
I'll take this place to my tomb.
Morning wakening, air crisp,
a welcoming breeze, nature's breath,
an inward battle, self a test.

Tranquil freedom, warming calm,
A creative spec, of gods own palm,
Gone untouched, nearly unknown,
Those who see a place as such,
Can understand, it's more to touch.

We bring purpose, reason to go,
Return with peace, nothing to show,
like a mouse in a field, lost astray,
I continue my journey, alone on my way.

By - Colin F. Gload

WE ARE BORN INTO NATURE

Nature is of infinite meaning
but, within that interminable flow,
we humans exist.
Everywhere we are, there is nature.
Everyone we are, we are nature.
Nature is the broadcloth of humanity,
and, without its protective covering we are lost,
helpless against the wildness of chaos,
destined for destruction.

By - Adrian Keefe



Education is the progressive discovery of our own Ignorance.

Will Durant

Follow the course opposite of custom and you will almost always win out.

Jean Jacques Rousseau

Be not ashamed of mistakes and thus make them into crimes.

Confucius

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Holiday Party and Program



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HOLIDAY PARTY PROGRAM

December 10, 2018

Bratenahl Place

- 6:00 PM:** **SOCIAL HOUR IN THE BRATEN AHL PLACE PENTHOUSE WITH:**
OPEN BAR WITH WINE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS, COFFEE, TEA, ASSORTED SEASONAL PASTRIES, DANISH AND HORS D'OUEVRES
- 7:00 PM:** **MEETING AGENDA**
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| PRESIDENT'S REMARKS | DAVE DAWSON |
| THANKS TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS | DAVE DAWSON |
| AWARD PRESENTATIONS: | |
| BRONZE MEDAL | FRED ROBINSON |
| POTTER BOWL | FRED ROBINSON |
| CLOSING REMARKS | DAVE DAWSON |
- 7:15 PM** **BUFFET DINNER IN THE DOWNSTAIRS RESTAURANT –**
1ST FLOOR OF BRATEN AHL PLACE.

Annual Holiday Party

Monday, December 10TH 2018

Social Hour

Social Hour beverages will be hosted by the Club. Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks will be served.

Buffet Dinner Menu

*Garden Salad
Baked Salmon with Lemon/Wine Capers Sauce
Roast Beef Roulade with Mushroom Demi
Cheese Tortellini Primavera
Roasted Vegetable Medley
Herb Redskin Potatoes
Rolls and Assorted Desserts*

- We will not be able to accept walk-ins for dinner. If you phone in your reservation, you must pay for dinner even if you are unable to attend.
- Please note that we are limited this year to 60 reservations for dinner! In the event the number of reservations exceed the limit, we will use postmarks to determine the attendees. If we are unable to accept your reservation, we will return your check.
- If limited capacity prevents you from attending dinner please bring an hors d'oeuvre and join us for the Social Hour.

Hors D'oeuvres!!!

As is our custom for the Holiday Party, members are asked to bring a Hors d'oeuvre to serve 3-4 people. These will be served during the Social Hour which will be held in the Penthouse.

PAID dinner reservations must be RECEIVED BY JOHN NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

Name(s): _____ Telephone Number: _____

Guest's Name(s): _____

Number of reservations: _____ @ \$25.00 per person Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland and send your check along with this portion of the form to:

John Budnik, Treasurer at 12401 Coit Rd, Bratenahl, OH 44108

For questions or problems with your reservations please call John at 646-415-3579 or Email him at budnikj@gmail.com or call Dave Dawson at 216-374-8916