



The Spade



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**SATURDAY , JUNE 11TH,
90TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION - THE DUNHAM
TAVERN, CLEVELAND**

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Members, if you have any recipe that you would like to share, or a garden tip, please send it to [Jonny Prell](#) and she will publish it in The Spade!

Hello Members!

We had a successful plant sale last month! We were sold out of all the plants by 3 PM on Saturday, the third and final day of the sale. Sources of plants included North Coast Perennials, Middle Ridge Greenhouse, Schuster's Greenhouse and plants donated by members. I want to thank Dave Dawson for Chairing the committee and the members who volunteered to set up the sale, staff the sale and tear it down afterwards. The Willott Iris Garden also did well for their sale, staffed by GoGC members. More details will be in the next Spade.

I want to thank Tom Davis, Chair of the Bylaws Revision Committee and its members for revising the club's bylaws that were passed by a majority of the members at our May meeting. Enjoy the advance of Spring, and I look forward to seeing you at the September 12th Horticulture Show for the first time in a few years. More information to follow.

I am looking forward to seeing attendees at our club's 90th Anniversary and Scholarship celebration party on Saturday, June 11th at Dunham Tavern Museum. Catering will be provided by Italian Creations. Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, President of The Gardeners of America, will be our guest speaker. Fred Robinson and Deb Kramarz will interview our two scholarship winners this year, along with one of last year's scholarship winners. There will be a table set up for attendees to display items of historical significance for the club, so please bring such items to display. This promises to be a fun afternoon and let us hope the weather will cooperate so that you can tour the museum's gardens outside the party barn.

Enjoy the start of summer and I look forward to seeing those of you attending the 90th anniversary party June 11th!

Bob McMahon



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May Meeting Summary and Bylaws Revision

Revisions include that Board members will now be Chairs of Standing Committees. The Chairs will be elected by the membership. Student memberships now are included with the other member classifications and more than one family member at the same address can be included in the Family Membership. Virtual meetings are allowed. The election by the membership and installation of officers will be held at the November meeting.

Following the voting of the Bylaws, Tom Davis and Garrett Ormiston spoke about the natural plants in our area that are in bloom.

Trillium, an Endangered Plant

A report by the NY Times revealed that 32 percent of our native trillium species or varieties are threatened with extinction, thanks to human development. The US Forest Service states that forty-three species of trillium are known worldwide with a startling thirty-eight represented in North America. Within the United States, the bulk of Trillium diversity is found in the eastern states where Terrific Trilliums are among the favorites on many a spring wildflower walk. Their blooms can be either showy or obscure, a dazzling display of color on a hillside, or a chance surprise hidden under a leaf. With their eye-catching flowers, it is hard to imagine anyone not enjoying the sight of a trillium along a trail on a fine spring morning!



Despite the visual simplicity of trilliums (they all have three petals and three sepals) they are actually a very complex group of plants that can confuse even the best of botanists. The many different species of trillium exhibit only a few and obscure structural differences, making separating the species difficult. One might think that the striking colors of the flowers might be a useful character for identification, yet many of the species have a variety of color forms, and it is not uncommon to find the two growing together! Additionally, many species hybridize, making identifications more difficult.



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Awards Committee Recognition Article, Kathy Kosiorek

It's June and planting season is well underway. This month the Awards Committee would like to salute all those members who participate in the club's projects. But first a huge thanks to all who made the plant sale a success and stepped up when Dave Dawson, the plant sale's chair, experienced a medical emergency. Thanks to Diane and Dave Circle, Deb Kramarz, Joyce Nesbit, Bob McMahon, and Larry Kell and many others for stepping up and making the sale a success.

Bob Pindell, Sandra Pindell and Ron Hartmiller

These members are the champions of the Willott Iris Garden - one of the outstanding collections of iris varieties in the United States. Spring and summer not only mean planting and thinning, but also weeding and maintenance.

Garrett Ormiston and Bob Rensel

These two members have designed, selected plants and planted them and keep our projects at Kaki's Garden at Malachi House and the VA Spinal Cord Injury Center in top shape.

Cathy Ross, Deb Kramarz, Steve McIntosh and Larry Kell

Cathy and Deb both work with youth in gardens. Cathy in Cleveland and Deb in Euclid. Steve and Larry are putting together a special youth gardening project involving the Willott Iris Garden.

To all the other members I have missed – thank you, you all make our club great.

Kathy Kosiorek

Chair, Awards Committee

Club Updates

90th Anniversary Celebration & Scholarship Awards

- Saturday, June 11th at Dunham Tavern Museum from 1 to 4 PM. Italian Creations from Lakewood will be the caterer. We will have a champagne (or cider) toast to kick off the festivities. Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, President of The Gardeners of America, will be our guest speaker.

Fred Robinson and Deb Kramarz will interview our two scholarship winners, Nicola Tartaglia and Graham Cruz, this year, along with one of last year's scholarship winners.

There will be a table set up for attendees to display items of historical significance for the club, so please bring such items to display. This promises to be a fun afternoon and let us hope the weather will cooperate so that you can tour the museum's gardens outside the party barn.

- GardenWalk Cleveland 2022 will be Saturday and Sunday, July 9th and 10th in ten Cleveland city neighborhoods (five different neighborhoods each day) from 10 AM to 5 PM. If you live in the city of Cleveland, you can apply to have your garden featured on the walk. Regardless of where you live, you may volunteer at one of the neighborhood information stations. For more information, access the GardenWalk's website at www.gardenwalkcleveland.org. Of course, you can just attend the garden walks and enjoy viewing the gardens—this is a free event!



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Club Updates (Continued)

- Planting at the VA Spinal Chord gardens on Friday, June 3rd, (weather permitting). Larry Kell, Bob McMahon and other members will be doing the planting. Plants are being purchased from Lakewood Garden Center, owned by our member, Paul Bilyk. There will be a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers for the veterans to enjoy and maintain this summer.

Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Youth Gardening Project

- In an effort to share our love of plants and inspire the next generation to pick up trowel and get into the soil, the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland have revived their focus on youth gardening. As a pilot program, students at Cleveland's Marion C. Seltzer Elementary received supplies to grow flowers in their classroom which will be planted around the school and taken home for their families to enjoy. Supplies they received, thanks to funds from Gardeners of America included grow lights, pots, trays, soil, and seeds. In addition to simply enjoying growing their own flowers, students are also able to address science learning standards through this project. Dustin Davis, whose class is piloting this program has expressed that his students are loving this experience. We hope to expand to more schools and districts next year. If you have any questions about youth gardening, please contact Steve McIntosh at Steven.A.McIntosh1@gmail.com.





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MEETING INFORMATION:

- WHEN:** 2nd Monday of each month, September 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:** JODITH JANES (TEMP)
- TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON
- ASST TREASURER:** LARRY KELL

DIRECTORS:

- PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD 2020-2023
- JOYCE NESBIT - 2021-2024
- LARRY KELL - 2022-2023
- DEBORAH KRAMARZ - 2022 - 2025
- TOM DAVIS - 2022 - 2025
- FRED ROBINSON - 2022 - 2025
- TOM SEGELIN - 2022 - 2025

STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Kathy Kosiorek, Chair; Bob Pindell, Hank Doll and Tom Davis
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media);
- *Finance:* Larry Kell Chair; Hiedi Winston,
- *Income Projects:* Dave Dawson, Robert McMahon, (Plant Sale), Pat Boggins (Bulb Sale), Dave Dawson, (Auction / Raffle)
- *Membership:* Larry Kell, Jonny Prell
- *Programs:* Robert McMahon
- *Scholarship:* Deb Kramarz, Co-Chair; Fred Robinson, Co-chair; Dave Dawson
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National Organization: Larry Kell, First Vice President; Tom Davis, National Director;
- Youth Gardening: Steve McIntosh, Garrett Ormiston, 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
- Nominating: Jonny Prell, Chair; Deb Kramarz
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains



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**JUNE
BIRTHDAY**

LARRY KELL - JUNE 17TH

Team 1

Team Captain: Harold Davis, Jr.
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- Dave & Ginnie Dawson
- Tom Davis
- Julie Shaw
- Joyce Nesbit
- Carol Poh

Team 2

Head Team Captain: Ron Hartmiller,
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- Garrett Ormiston
- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- MaryAnn Thesing
- Bob Rensel

Team 3

Team Captain: Andy Kosiorek,
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- Kathy Kosiorek
- Jodith Janes
- Larry Kell
- Hiedi Winston
- Bob McMahon
- Paul Bilyk

Team 4

Team Captain: Deb Kramarz,
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- Fred Robinson
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold
- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux
- Kevin Borowiak

Team 5

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- Patrick Boggins
- Jonny Prell
- Kelly Adkins
- John Tilisky
- Deb Daniels

Team 6

Keith Biehl, 440-237-5824

- Jeff Ardo
- Davd & Diane Circle
- Deva Simon
- Deah Stark
- Dave Rittenhouse
- Ed Nangle