



# The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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### OCTOBER 10TH BUFFET DINNER MENU:

**SALISBURY STEAK** ...Mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy, mixed vegetables, garden salad & rolls. Coffee, tea & cookies will be served in the Penthouse.

All team captains please contact Hiedi Winston directly with the number of RSVPs for dinner.

Please be aware that if you rsvp for a dinner before the club meeting, you will be responsible for payment even if you do not attend! Thank you.

October! Time is flying by and fall gardening is in full swing! Garden centers continue to be stocked with garden mums, ornamental kale and peppers, bulbs, pumpkins, gourds, pansies, corn stalks, and other items to keep gardeners busy with planting for the season and for next spring and decorating their yards. There still are late-flowering cone flowers and black-eyed Susans, asters, and coreopsis in bloom and most ornamental grasses have sent up decorative plumes.

Larry Kell and I visited the VA Hospital's Spinal Cord Unit's gardens September 15th that we have been monitoring since we planted them in early June. The gardens have performed well!

The Gardeners of America's national convention was a fun and educational three days with seven OSU speakers giving presentations, and tours of the Ohio State ATI greenhouse complex, and Secrest Arboretum. A Horticulture Show and a TGOA Board meeting were held, along with meetings for the Central Great Lakes Gardeners and the TGOA membership. New officers were installed, including our Larry Kell, who is the new TGOA President. Congratulations, Larry! Tom Davis, Larry Kell and I also were presented with President's Citations for Outstanding Service to the TGOA. Next year's TGOA convention tentatively will be held in Grand Rapids, MI.

Please donate time to help weed at the Willott Iris Garden if you are able. I have helped with this project this summer and have enjoyed chatting and learning more about the garden from Ron Hartmiller, Bob and Sandra Pindell. Thank you in advance!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the October 10th meeting!

*Bob McMahon*





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## Board/Committee Nominations for November Meeting

Below is the list of nominations for the 2023 Board. According to the 2022 Bylaws, the Standing Committee Chairs serve on the Board. The nominees below will add to those already serving. We will also accept nominations from the floor. Voting will commence after dinner. Please note that this is occurring at the November meeting with swearing in after the vote.

### REPLACEMENT FOR SECRETARY POSITION:

- Jonny Prell (1 year term)

### STANDING COMMITTEES

- Awards: Kathy Kosiorek, Chair
- Income Projects: Debbie Danniels, Chair
- Scholarship: Ed Tuhela, Co-Chair
- Service Projects: Garrett Ormiston, Chair

**Membership Renewal is available online at:**

**<https://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org/plans-pricing>**



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## Showing Off the Fruits of Our (Garden) Work, by Carol Poh

On Monday, September 12, the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland marked the start of a new season with its traditional Horticulture Show. Participants dropped off their entries at the penthouse of 1 Bratenahl Place, where volunteers stood by to help tweak their “mechanics” to meet show rules and ensure that specimens were properly identified with the plant name and the variety. The show’s 17 sections ran the gamut—from cut annual and perennial flowers to fruits (large and small), vegetables (large and small), potted plants, succulents, native plant specimens, and a single leaf in a container.

Following the customary social hour and a delicious buffet, club members adjourned to the penthouse for coffee and cookies. There, accredited judges from the Central Great Lakes Gardeners region had already completed their work. From 45 entries, the judges had selected six finalists worthy of receiving both First Place and Best in Section awards, grouping them on a table set apart from their competition.

From this select group, the judges awarded Best in Show to Bob McMahon, GOGC president, for his Jabilly ‘Elephant Tree’ (*Operculicarya decaryi*). Bob described his 11-year effort to propagate and nurture his entry, native to Madagascar and characterized by lovely feathery foliage and a rough, thick trunk. The People’s Choice award, reflecting the popular vote by those present, went to Carol Poh for her specimen of Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*).



Carol Poh (with People’s Choice ribbon) and Bob McMahon (Best in Show ribbon), center, are flanked by, left to right, Mark Occhionero (show clerk), judges Tom Liggett (Gardeners of Greater Akron) and John Schinker (Gardeners of Greater Youngstown), and GOGC member Tom Davis (show chair).



The People’s Choice winner, (Carol Poh) Showy Goldenrod, stood almost three feet high.



Bob McMahon, GOGC president, discusses his Best in Show winner, Jabilly ‘Elephant Tree.’





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## More Photos from the Horticulture Show



## New Member Information

Al Hopf, a recent guest of Bob McMahon, has joined our Club! He is the owner of Granny's Attic Estate Sales in Fairview Park.

## October Program Information

Mark Yoders, retired OSU ATI staff member, will speak on Bonsai culture.

## Garden Holiday Show at the Holden Forests & Gardens

### Attention: Volunteers Needed

Helpers are needed to set up our club's Garden Holiday Show display on Sunday Nov. 13th at the Cleveland Botanical Garden facility.

Also, helpers are needed to paint and assemble the display at Deb's house in Euclid on Tuesday, October 18 and/or Wednesday, October 19.

The "Garden Holiday Show" was formerly know as "Glow". This winter event is HF&G's largest fund raiser and membership recruitment event of the year; providing a great deal of the year's operating budget. Therefore, our Affiliate Club support and participation is greatly appreciated.

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## Green Circle Growers - Club Outings, Bob McMahon

I had the pleasure to lead two field trips to tour the amazing 25-acre greenhouse orchid production range at Green Circle Growers (GCG), located near Oberlin, OH.

Our tour guides were Alejandro Salazar and Jake Ringler for the August 26th tour, and Alejandro and Deanna Sindelar for the September tour. Deanna is a former student of mine and the tours covered the entire orchid production cycle.

GCG produces over 2 million flowering Phalaenopsis orchids every year in three sizes. These orchids are wholesaled under the brand name of "Just Add Ice Orchids", the watering method recommended especially for beginners whereby three ice cubes are placed weekly on the bark growing medium. These orchids are sold nationwide to various retailers.

The plantlets are shipped to GCG in plastic containers, growing on nutrient agar, from various tissue culture facilities from the U.S. and abroad. They are initially kept in a lighted "nursery" until they are ready for transplanting into a container made on site from a mixture of peat and foam. The plantlets are then grown for several months and then transplanted into their containers to be grown on to maturity. The orchids are placed on "tables" or rolling benches that are placed in rows of 52 in the production greenhouses. The environment is precisely controlled by a PRIVA greenhouse environment control computer, that monitors and controls light intensity, temperature, humidity, and irrigation/fertilization parameters using Dutch technology.

Initially, the plants are grown relatively warm and humid to promote vegetative growth. To initiate flowering, the tables are then moved by a "table mover" to the part of the greenhouse range where the air temperature and humidity are lowered. It was amazing to see how uniform the plants were regarding both the foliage and the flower spikes! Once the orchids produce flower spikes showing bud color, they are then moved on to the next phase of growth.

However, the plants first are individually and rapidly photographed in a compartment whereby the plants are rotated 360 degrees so all of the plant is measured regarding leaves, spikes and number of flower buds.

Finally, the plants are then harvested for shipping. The packing and shipping area is lighted only artificially so that plants are better acclimated for their journey to retailers in shipping crates. As a "thank you", Alejandro treated everyone to a complimentary orchid! Alejandro stopped the tour in one of the finishing greenhouses from which members chose their orchid. What a wonderful parting gift as a living reminder of the fun we had during the tour!





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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:** TO BE NAMED

**TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON

**ASST TREASURER:** LARRY KELL

**PAST PRESIDENT:** JONNY PRELL

## Current DIRECTORS:

JONNY PRELL - PAST PRESIDENT

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

## CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEES

- Awards: Kathy Kosiosek, Chair; Bob Pindell, Hank Doll and Fred Robinson
- Communication: Jonny Prell (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media);
- Finance: Larry Kell Chair; Hiedi Winston,
- Income Projects: Robert McMahon, Debbie Daniels (Plant Sale),
- Membership: Jonny Prell, Larry Kell, Co-Chairs
- Programs: Robert McMahon
- Scholarship: Deb Kramarz, Co-Chair; Fred Robinson, Co-chair;
- Service Projects: Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

## CURRENT SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National Organization: Larry Kell, 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: Deb Kramarz, Chair; Jonny Prell
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh, Chair



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Team Captains - Please call in your RSVP number directly to Hiedi Winston. (440.752.2617 or email at [hwinston@naipvc.com](mailto:hwinston@naipvc.com))

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- MaryAnn Thesing (440.667.7764)
- Fr. Ralph Wiatrowski (330.467.7959 x109)
- Melissa Supler (216.310.5003)

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- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- Herb Klein
- Bob Rensel
- Theano Skordeles

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- Jodith Janes
- Larry Kell
- Hiedi Winston
- Bob McMahan
- Paul Bilyk
- Al Hopf

## Team 4

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

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- Kelly Adkins
- Debbie Daniels
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- Tom Davis
- Emily Dennis
- John Schinker
- Deah Stark
- John Tilisky