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REMINDER: GOGC HORTICULTURE SHOW MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH!

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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*!

HAPPY SUMMER!

I hope that you've been enjoying this long-anticipated season and are enjoying your gardens and spending quality time with family and friends.

The VA Hospital Garden adjacent to the Spinal Cord Unit of the CARES Tower was planted June 3rd by Larry Kell, me, and four VA Hospital staff and veterans. We planted well over 200 individual plants into the ground, raised beds, and free-standing planters. There are photos in the newsletter and our website.

The 90th Anniversary of the GoGC and Scholarship event on June 11th was a lot of fun. A few photos are included in *The Spade* and our website.

The 2022 GardenWalk Cleveland was Saturday, July 9th and Sunday, July 10th in ten Cleveland city neighborhoods. Five neighborhoods were scheduled each day. Click here: <https://www.gardenwalkcleveland.org/>.

The August 19th & 26th tours of the Green Circle Growers' orchid production greenhouse are arranged and I have sent out emails to the participants for the tours with details.

Also, if your schedule permits, please stop by the Willott Iris Garden to help Bob and Sandra Pindell. Contact them for details.

The September 12th Club meeting is the Horticulture Show. Details are included and posted on our website.

Enjoy your summer and Happy Gardening!

Bob McMahon

A few photos from my balcony garden



Lilly of the Valley



Variegated Solomon's Seal



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September 12th Horticulture Show Announcement, Tom Davis

In 2012 we started having a small horticultural show for our September meeting. The first year we had only a few entries, but every year since then the show has grown in size and quality. We missed the last two years due to the pandemic, but 2022 will be the start of a renewed show.

This year we hope that even more members and guests will enter plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables. We have added some sections to allow for a larger variety of entries. This announcement is early to let you start planning your entries.

The Horticulture Show is an educational opportunity for our members. The national judging manual stresses that all club members are expected to enter the show if they are able.

There will be a Zoom session in September to help you prepare for the show.

- You can make up to five (5) entries per person.
- Clerks will be present from 5:00 to 6:00 PM to receive entries and help you with the entry card and staging the entry. We have paper plates and other supplies.
- Bring two return address labels per entry. That will make filling out the entry cards much faster and easier.
- Entries like cut flowers should be in a clear glass container with no labels.
- Ribbons will be awarded. There will be “Best in Show” and “Peoples’ Choice” (popular vote by all present) awards made again this year. Only members of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland will be eligible for the two top awards.
- Prize winning or unusual entries will be discussed by the entrant and/or the judges to carry out the theme of Gardening Education.
- Certified judges will come from the Central Great Lakes Gardeners Region.
- The show committee reserves the right to modify this schedule at a later date.



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PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW!

Every year someone is disappointed because they don't follow directions and don't win a ribbon.

We have these sections for the show this year:

1. Cut Annual Flowers in a Container -Three specimens of the same variety of small flowers OR one for larger blooms.
2. Cut Dahlia flowers in a container - Include 1 or 2 leaves on a shoot. Three specimens of the same variety of small flowers OR one of larger blooms.
3. Cut Perennial Flowers in a Container -Three specimens of the same variety of small flowers or one of larger flowers.
4. Small Vegetables – Enter three specimens of smaller items (tomatoes, peppers, onions, and other smaller vegetables). All vegetables should include a stem. Stems may be trimmed but should be at least ½ inch. Cherry tomatoes must be displayed by the cluster.
5. Larger Vegetables – Enter one specimen of larger vegetables such as eggplant. All vegetables should include a stem. Stems may be trimmed but should be at least ½ inch.
6. Small potted plants (up to a 6-inch pot). It may hold a single plant or several plants of the same species and variety. The plant can be of any type except succulents.
7. Small potted succulents - (up to a 6-inch pot). It may hold a single plant or several plants of the same species and variety. The plant can be of any type of succulent including cacti.
8. Larger potted plants (6 to 12 inch pots). It may hold a single plant, two plants of the same type or up to three different plants. The plant(s) can be of any type except succulents.
9. Larger potted succulents (6 to 12 inch pots). It may hold a single plant, several plants of the same type or up to three different plants. The plant(s) can be of any type of succulent including cacti.
10. A branch (12 to 30 inches in length) in a container. A) Foliage Only. B) Foliage and Flowers. C) Foliage and Fruit.
11. A single leaf (like a Hosta Leaf) in a container.
12. Native Plant Specimen in any category.
13. Fruits - One specimen of larger fruits such as apples, peaches, etc.
14. Fruits - six specimens of smaller fruits such as berries.
15. Herbs - One stem of herbs such as rosemary, mint, borage, etc.
16. Potted herb plants (see 6 and 8 above).
17. Largest Hosta Leaf. It won't be judged on condition; it can be imperfect.



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Judging Requirements (please read carefully):

1. *The specimen must be properly identified with the plant name and the variety. Example: “hybrid tea rose, Peace.” We will supply entry forms and help you fill them out. Bring two return address labels per entry to paste on the entry forms.*
2. *The specimen must be your property. You can submit a purchased plant if you have owned and taken care of it for at least two months. (Must be purchased before July 12, 2020.)*
3. *All submissions must be disease and insect free.*
4. *The specimen should be as perfect a sample as you can find. For example, a Hosta leaf should not be damaged and should be typical for the variety.*
5. *Individual leaves and stems should be supported so just the bottom of the leaf – or no leaf on a stemmed plant – is in the water. They should be upright. You can use plastic wrap or aluminum foil to support the leaf or stem in the container. Just wrap it around the stem at the bottle neck. Use a plain container like a pop or beer bottle without a label.*
6. *Fruit and vegetables should be on a plain, white paper plate.*
7. *Potted plants should be “groomed” with all dead leaves and spent flowers removed. The pot must be clean. Fancy pots don’t win; good plants in clean pots do.*
8. *Orchid leaves are not judged, just the flower.*

Bring your entries to the Penthouse of 1 Bratenahl Place between 5:00 and 6:00 PM on September 12. Any entry after 6:00 will be disqualified. Use the elevators at either end of the corridor on the ground floor. The Penthouse is on the top floor. Please contact Tom Davis at tsdavis62@gmail.com with any questions. Good luck!

Below are a few photos from 2019 and 2018 Horticulture Shows:





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90th Anniversary and Scholarship Event

The 90th Anniversary and Scholarship party on June 11th was a lot of fun as we toasted 90 wonderful years of our club, enjoyed a lovely buffet luncheon and the programs that followed. The party started with social time so members could reconnect and also mingle with our guests. I then gave a toast to our club, with members toasting with either champagne or apple cider. Italian Creations prepared and served a delicious buffet luncheon that featured chicken piccata, penne pasta with pesto sauce, Italian vegetables, salad, focaccia bread and assorted gourmet desserts.

Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, President of the Gardeners of America, next presented a check to Vice President Steve McIntosh to fund his youth gardening project at the Marion C. Seltzer Elementary School in Cleveland. Mary Ann then gave a fine presentation about the history of the Gardeners of America, followed by “Tips for Growing an Asparagus Patch”. Asparagus should be grown in full sunlight and be allowed to grow at least two years after planting to become established before harvesting. Harvesting should always leave some shoots to mature to provide energy for next year’s crop, with the harvesting period lasting about four to six weeks in the Spring to early summer. Harvest the thickest shoots, skipping the thin shoots.

Next, Fred Robinson gave the scholarship program. While our two 2022 scholarship winners, Nicola Tartaglia (separate photo included) and Graham Cruz were not able to attend, Graham Cruz’s mother, Kate Hickner, and Caleb Kautz, one of two 2021 scholarship recipients, were present and interviewed by Fred. Fred also interviewed one of their teachers, Mr. Ed Tuhela from the Gates Mills Environmental Education Center. Kate, for her son, and Caleb summarized their goals regarding careers in the green industry and were thankful for the scholarships awarded to them by our club. Ed gave a background about himself and also summarized the present status of some of the students he referred to the club for scholarships. Finally, Bob McMahon, as a thank you to Ed from the club, informed Ed that the Board approved a complimentary club membership through December, 2023 for him, since he has referred over a dozen students over the years for scholarships.

Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and programs to celebrate the club’s major milestone of 90 years of existence that has beautified the Cleveland metro area and educated countless members and the public about the joys and benefits of gardening!



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90th Anniversary Celebration and Scholarship Photos





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VA Spinal Chord Unit June Planting Photos





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May Plant Sale Update

The May Plant Sale was a big success, thanks to the members who helped plan and implement the sale. Sales grossed \$4,424.50 and after expenses, netted approximately \$1,700. BIG thanks to Plant Sale Committee Chair, Dave Dawson! He researched the three plant vendors for our sale to determine plants to purchase that would turn a decent profit, arranged for club members Deb Kramarz, Bob McMahon and Joyce Nesbit to meet Dave at North Coast Perennials to select plants in person for the sale, made arrangements to secure the tents needed for the sale and other items, and sale day items, such as start-up cash and the cash box. Dave also contacted club members to donate plants to sell. After all these preparations, Dave had to undergo emergency surgery the first day of the sale and had to miss the sale. He was greatly missed and everyone at the sale was thinking of him and Ginnie.

Many club members were involved during the three-day sale from setting up the sale, donating plants to sell, running the sale and tearing down after the sale ended on the 14th. In addition to members named above, BIG thanks go to Keith Biehl, Patrick Boggins, Dave and Diane Circle, Debbie Daniels, Tom Davis, Hank Doll, Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold, Lou Drassler, Ron Hartmiller, Larry Kell, Herb Klein, Andy and Kathy Kosiorek, Garrett Ormiston, Sandra and Bob Pindell (who, with Ron, ran the successful Willott Iris Garden Plant Sale), Carol Poh, Cathy Ross, Deva Simon, Deah Stark, Mary Thesing, and John Tilisky. Thanks also go to Treasurer, Hiedi Winston, for processing the receipts and depositing them in the club's bank account. Thanks to Joyce Nesbit and Friends of Greenhouse for providing cold drinks and lunch all three days. It was gratifying to see club members work so well together towards our common goal to raise funds for the club!

Canada Lily, Tom Davis

The Canada Lily is native to most of the eastern United State and eastern Canada. It is easily recognized as a lily by the shape of the flower, and the form of the plant and the leaves. It can be 2 to 5 feet tall and grows in meadows and swamps. The flowers are nodding, several inches wide, and are more bell shaped than some other native lilies like the Turk's Cap Lily. In the east the flowers are yellow, but in the mid-west they can be red. The flowers are streaked and spotted with black. The Canada lily is under threat from browsing by the white-tailed deer.

I got my plant from the Holden Arboretum plant sale in 2019 and this is the first year it has bloomed since then. It is protected from the deer by my fence. I am impressed with the beauty of the flower and by how long the bloom lasts (over 2 weeks). My plant is the red variety.





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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



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

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

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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**JULY
BIRTHDAY**

BOB MCMAHON - JULY 15TH!

Team 1

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

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- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- MaryAnn Thesing
- Bob Rensel

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- Bob McMahon
- Paul Bilyk

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- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux
- Kevin Borowiak

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

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