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The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

First and foremost, on behalf of the members of the GoGC, I want to thank Jonny Prell for her service as President. Jonny took the GoGC through unprecedented times with the emergence of COVID and the subsequent disruption of Club activities. Jonny successfully led us through this past year, maintaining Board and monthly meetings via Zoom. Jonny's resignation was accepted by the Board, effective July 1, 2021. Thanks to everyone who attended the Zoom meetings and helped to continue the presence of the GoGC.

As per our by-laws, I will be acting President for the remainder of Jonny's term. Bob McMahon moves into the 1st Vice-President spot. Hiedi Winston will continue on as Treasurer until the end of the year. Bob and I will be reaching out for members to fill the 2nd Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer positions.

Bob and I will be setting some general goals for the GoGC as we take on the leadership. Some of those goals include: membership growth, service activity involvement, and Spring/Fall plant sales. There will certainly be additional issues as the need arises.

It appears that One Bratenhal Place and the Bistro will be open for business in September, 2021. Be aware that they will require GoGC members to show proof of vaccination to enter the building. More will be coming on this as we near the date.

I have decided to cancel the Horticultural show usually held in September and hold a regular meeting in it's place. I feel it is more important to get our membership together in typical fashion and resume our Club activities. It will be more than good to see each other again!

Hoping that the remainder of this summer brings you gardening success and bountiful crops for those who raise veggies and fruits. Until then, I remain -

Chuck Palsa



The Willott Iris Garden in Full Bloom!



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2021 Scholarship Winners

Caleb Kautz attended West Geauga High School and has participated in the Gates Mills Environmental Education program. He had a 3.87 GPA, including four AP courses, and took a wide range of horticulture courses at which he also excelled. He is highly recommended by his teachers, David Husat and Edward Tuhelat at the Gates Mills Environmental Center. Mr. Husat observed that “his maturity is beyond that of an average high school student.” And, Mr. Tuhela wrote “Caleb continually stretches himself and goes beyond what is expected of him.”

His employer for six years and social studies teacher, Ernie Cavasinni, said that “what truly makes Caleb stand out above all others is his incredible work ethic!” On top of all that he was on the varsity baseball team and was president of the local FFA chapter. Caleb’s career goal is to work in the landscaping industry. He will attend Tri-C upon graduation.



Sean Ward attended St. Ignatius High School where he has excelled academically at one of the most challenging high schools in Northeast Ohio. He took 12 AP courses and has a 4.38 GPA. He has been accepted at three Big 10 universities, Michigan State, Wisconsin-Madison and Purdue, as well as the University of Georgia. He plans on attending MSU where he will major in plant biology.

He is a self-motivating person as his school does not have a horticulture curriculum, but still he was able to immerse himself in horticultural activities, most notably the renovation of the British Cultural Garden. His AP Biology teacher, Tara Henderson, described Sean as “driven to succeed in all endeavors, especially in his academics.” His AP Literary teacher, Terra Caputo, observed that “he was a very self-directed student and consistent hard worker.” In addition to his academic excellence, Sean has found time to do landscaping work for his neighbor, Michael Globokar, who was impressed by Sean’s “hard work ethic...and positive attitude.”





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The Willott Iris Garden, Sandra & Bob Pindell

We had a beautiful bloom season this year at the Willott Iris Garden at the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse. Many visitors, local and from around the country, have been in the garden to see the over 600 clumps of iris since the Park re-opened on May 7th.

Region 6 (Ohio, Indiana and Michigan) of the American Iris Society had their scheduled spring meeting on May 22 here in Cleveland. As part of their 2 day meeting they visited the Willott Iris Garden for half a day. They were amazed and delighted with what the garden has become in the few years of its existence.

The Willotts and now the Willott Iris Garden are known around the country by irisarians. The Garden has been an ongoing project of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland since its inception in 2008. At this point in the growing season the tasks of keeping the garden healthy and presentable to the continuous flow of visitors to the park include weeding (of course), grooming, digging and dividing the iris clumps. As we dig the irises we pot the excess for sale to support the expenses of maintaining the garden.

The Willott Iris Garden Committee of the GoGC, Ron Hartmiller, Sandra and Bob Pindell, are in the garden Tuesday thru Saturday from about 10 AM until about 2 PM weather permitting during the growing season and could use a few hours of your help. Call Bob at 440-679-1943 or Ron at 216-671-1408 or just show up in the garden when we are there and we can put you to work, teach you about irises and their care or sell you some irises for your own garden!



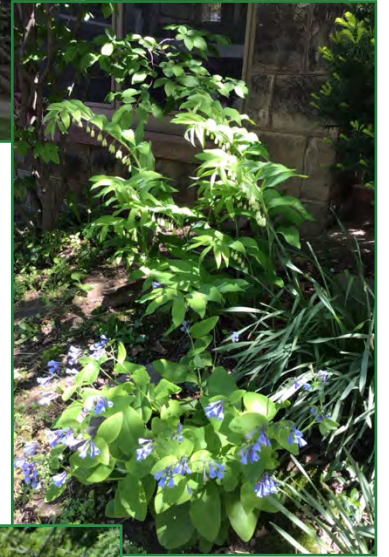


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Member Garden Photos - Summer 2021



**Ginnie & Dave
Dawson's Garden**

**Carol Poh's old
Crabapple Tree &
Solomon Seal**



**Hiedi Winston's
angelface
snapdragons &
daylilies**



**Tom Davis' garden
Bottlebrush Buckeye
Tree & Stokes Astor**





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STANDING COMMITTEES

- Awards: Hank Doll, Chair; Tom Davis
- Communication: Jonny Prell, Chair (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media)
- Finance: Chuck Palsa, Chair; Hiedi Winston, Andy Kosiorek
- Income Projects: Bob McMahon, Dave Dawson, Julie Henry (Plant Sale); Pat Boggins (Bulb Sale); Dave Dawson, Julie Henry (Auction / Raffle)
- Membership: Lou Pelton, Co-Chair; Dave Rittenhouse, Co-Chair; Larry Kell, Chuck Palsa,
- Programs: Robert McMahon, Chair; Kathy Kosirek, Cynthia Andersen, Scholarship: Hank Doll, Chair; Deb Kramarz, Dave Dawson, Fred Robinson
- Service Projects: Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National & Regional Organizations: Larry Kell, First Vice President; Tom Davis, National Director
- Central Great Lakes Gardeners: Larry Kell, President
- 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, Julie Henry
- Nominating: Dave Dawson, Chair; Deb Kramarz
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains

MEETING INFORMATION:

- WHEN:** 2nd Monday of each month, September through June
- WHERE:** 1 Bratenahl Place, Bratenahl, Ohio
- SCHEDULE:** 6PM - Social
6:40 - Dinner
7:30 - General Meeting
8 to 9PM - Program



OFFICERS:

- PRESIDENT:** CHUCK PALSA
- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** ROBERT MCMAHON
- 2ND VICE PRESIDENT:**
- SECRETARY:** JODITH JANES (TEMP)
- TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON
- ASST TREASURER:** ANDY KOSIOREK

DIRECTORS:

- JOYCE NESBIT 2021-2023
- CYNTHIA ANDERSEN 2021-2023
- STEVE MCINTOSH 2021-2023
- PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD 2020-2022
- DAVE RITTENHOUSE 2020-2022
- JULIE HENRY 2019-2021
- LAWRENCE KELL 2020- 2021
- GARRETT ORMISTON 2019-2021
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If you have questions or problems with your garden, plants in your garden and need advice, our Club has many members who have the background and knowledge to help you.

- Keith Biehl: Gardener by profession
- Pat Boggins: Log planters, wooden bird feeders
- Diane Circle: Hostas
- Tom Davis: Native plants
- Hank Doll: Dahlia growing
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold: Orchids
- Lou Drasler: Cannas and environmental issues
- Ron Hartmiller: Weeds, grasses
- Herb Klein: Unusual plants and perennials
- Deb Kramarz: Master Rain Gardener
- Andy Kosiorek: Above-ground sprinkler systems
- Kathy Kosiorek: Veggies and container gardening
- Robert McMahon: Insectivorous plant culture, balcony/patio container gardening, and houseplant care
- 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
- Fred Robinson: Care and knowledge of trees
- Deva Simon: Perennials
- Deah Stark: Perennials
- Hiedi Winston: Vegetable gardening

The purpose of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland is to educate and provide members with information related to all types of gardening - whether their own personal gardens or community projects - through our monthly meetings, Club activities, or 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 services facilities such as the VA Hospital, Joseph's Home for Disadvantaged Men, and Malachi House among others.

We hold two sales per year at Rockefeller Greenhouse. In May, we have the plant sale. This is a major source of funds for our scholarship program. It is also a great time to meet gardeners, answer questions and recruit new members. In the fall, we also have a bulb sale.

Membership is open to residents of the Greater Cleveland Area including Lorain, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Mahoning counties.

To join, please contact **Dave Rittenhouse** our Membership Co-Chairman at dwrittenhouse@sbcglobal.net.



Volunteering at the Cleveland Sight Center's Pollinator Garden