



# 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. It's editor is Vince Staffileno who may be reached at [vrs1023@gmail.com](mailto:vrs1023@gmail.com) or 440-479-7897. Visit our web site at <http://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org>.

## January 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**O**ur January meeting will have Jeff Havel of Havel's

Flowers and Greenhouses, LLC and winner of the 2016 Plant Show's "Best of Show". He will be giving a demonstration "How to create a miniature succulent garden". The plants demonstrated will be selected for an indoor garden suitable for your home or apartment.

Jeff's family has owned and run Havel's Flowers since 1936. He is the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation in the business and has extensive hands on experience. He is a member of the Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society and the Lake County Nursery Association.

**Please call your team captain with your "Dinner Reservation" by Thursday January 5, 2017**

**There will be a Board Meeting starting at 5:00 PM on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Penthouse.**

**PLEASE BE PROMPT.**

## Presidents Letter



**L**et's start with a bit of New Year's trivia. You may have noticed that the names of the months in English and many other European languages are a bit odd. Four months are simply numbered in Latin, September, October, November and December, 7, 8, 9, 10 even though they are 9, 10, 11 and 12 in our calendar. July and August are named for Julius Caesar and Augustus Caesar. April may be derived from the Latin word "aperire" to be open as in the buds opening in the spring. February comes from the Roman festival of forgiveness for sins, "februare" Latin to purify. The rest are named for Roman gods or goddesses. June for Juno the chief Roman goddess, May for Maia a Roman goddess, mother of Mercury by Jupiter, March for Mars the Roman god of war and January for Janus the Roman god of beginnings, transitions, doorways and endings.

Janus is usually depicted as having two faces looking in opposite directions, forward and back. If nothing else, Janus is a great metaphor for the beginning of any year. Having two faces in our society has some strong negative connotations but being able to look back and forward is a great asset for individuals and for our club.

Beginning as the Business Men's Garden Club in 1932 we have a great history to look back upon; 85 years' worth of service projects, many hours of camaraderie and a great deal of horticultural education for both the members of the club and the public. We were among the first member clubs of the Men's Garden Clubs of America and hosted the fourth national convention in 1939. And today, after all these years and a few name changes, we are a growing club of around 90 men and women.

We not only look back but forward and this year we have a great many events coming up this year. There are, of course, our ongoing gardening projects at the VA Hospital Spinal Cord Injury Service and the Willott Iris Garden, and looking in on some of our past projects to help with maintenance. We are in the planning stages of installing a new garden at Malichi House. We also have a plant sale to raise funds for our scholarship program and the excitement of presenting scholarships to some young horticulturalists in late spring.

We do these kinds of projects every year but this year we have two more different, large and exciting projects, too. We will be hosting the National Convention of The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America with the Akron and Youngstown clubs in July and then later in the year we will hold our own 85th Anniversary Celebration. The planning for these last two events is well advanced with many details already in place. They will require a lot of people to make them successful. Most of the people are in place but not all. I suspect that if you haven't been asked to do something for the Convention or the Anniversary Celebration, you will be. They are just that big.

Happy New Year! 2017 certainly looks to be both busy and exciting.

Bob

**Awards** - Fred Robinson thanked members of the Awards Committee, Hank Doll and Tom Davis, for their help. The Bronze Medal recipient this year is Lou Pelton, who like the Energizer Bunny just keeps on running. He was a recipient of the Potter Bowl way back in 2002. Tom Davis announced two recipients of the Potter Bowl this year: Andy and Kathy Kosiorek. Andy for his important work as Treasurer, and Kathy for a fantastic job of arranging programs.

**Final remarks** - Bob Pindell ended the meeting with words of appreciation to Fred, Hank and Tom and to all members of the Club for camaraderie and expertise.

## Upcoming Events



**January 1 to September 1, 2017** - Cleveland Museum of Art has an exhibit of vestments from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Regardless your religion the craftsmanship of these vestment is spectacular.

**January 2017** - New floral display at the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse. A good way to get away from the snow and see flowers in bloom!

## December Board Meeting

The following are the minutes of the December Board Meeting:

**Election of Officers** - Larry Kell, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee announced the following nominations for Club Officers:

President; Bob Pindell, First Vice-President; Dave Dawson; Treasurer; John Budnik and Assistant Treasurer; Andy Kosiorek. Jodith Janes, Secretary was nominated for re-election. Three new Directors were nominated: Julie Henry, Vince Staffileno and Jonny Prell. The slate as presented was accepted.

**President's Remarks:** Many thanks to Dave Rittenhouse and Cathy Ross for their service to the Board and the club. Officers and Directors do important work for the club, which could not function without them. Many thanks to Andy for his long service as Treasurer. He provided great reports and has done a terrific job. Introducing Fred Robinson, Chair of the Awards Committee, Bob noted that he has been a member of the Club for over 50 years.

## Membership Renewal

Membership renewal has been underway. If you have not sent in your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Annual dues are \$40.00 per individual/year; \$50.00 per couple/year. Life/Associate member dues are \$25.00/year.

Make your check payable to Gardeners of Greater Cleveland and bring them to the January dinner meeting or return it per John Budnik's instructions.

To keep the Roster current please make any changes to your address, phone or E-Mail and fill out the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Dinner Menu



### *The Dinner Menu:*

*Garden Salad,  
Oven Baked Pork Loin, Apple Cider Glazed Squash and  
Brussel Sprouts*

### Vegetarian Option

*Spring Peas & Gnocchi w/Tomato Sauce  
If you wish a Vegetarian dinner, please advise your team  
captain to order it.*

*Coffee and Cookies will be served in the Penthouse*

## Dinner Responsibilities

**L**ou Pelton is responsible for giving Bratenahl 1 our reservations for dinner. This he does by Saturday morning to give their **Chef** adequate time to order food. Please call your team captain and let him know if you are coming to dinner by the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Below is the list of Team Captains and their phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

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## Winter Reading List



The following are reading suggestions from *The Economist*, December 6<sup>th</sup> Issue:

- **Freedom for the Thought that we Hate: A Biography of the /first Amendment.** By Anthony Lewis. Basic Books

A concise and wise presentation of the history and scope of freedom of thought in the United States, with conclusions the are well worth pondering.

- **When Markets Collide: Investment Strategies for the Age of Global Economics.** By Mohamed El-Erian. McGraw Hill.

Ignore the in your face cover. This is a fluent and intelligent account of the credit crisis: why it happened and how to survive it. Winner of the 2008 Financial Times and Goldman Sachs business book of the year award.

- **Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth and Happiness.** By Richard H. Thaler and Cass R. Sunstein. Yale University Press. How Behavioral economics affects everything- from what we eat in restaurants to our investments and our retirement choices.

- **Rivals: How the Power Struggle Between China, India and Japan Will shape Our Next Decade.** By Bill Emmott. Harcourt. The former editor-in-chief of *The Economist* analyzes the growing rivalry between China, India and Japan and what their competition for influence, markets, resources and strategic advantage will mean for America, the global economy and the world.

**And lastly for fiction readers one of their recommendations:**

- **Lush Life.** By Richard Price, Farrar, Straus and Giroux. The wry bartenders, brusque cops and gritty rhythmic dialogue of Manhattan's Lower East Side turn this fast paced murder mystery into a who dun nit with literary heft.

# 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 – 7:45 PM  
In the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Dining Room  
Meeting 7:45PM  
Penthouse*

## GOGC Executive Board

### CLUB OFFICERS

<i>PRESIDENT</i>	<i>BOB PINDELL</i>
<i>1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</i>	<i>DAVE DAWSON</i>
<i>2ND VICE PRESIDENT</i>	<i>OPEN</i>
<i>SECRETARY</i>	<i>JODITH JANES</i>
<i>TREASURER</i>	<i>JOHN BUDNIK</i>
<i>ASS'T TREASURER</i>	<i>DAVE DAWSON</i>

### DIRECTORS

<i>DAVE DAWSON (17)</i>	<i>DEB KRAMARZ (17)</i>
<i>JANE DAVIS (18)</i>	<i>JOYCE NESBIT (18)</i>
<i>RON HARTMILLER (18)</i>	<i>JULIE HENRY (19)</i>
<i>JONNY PRELL (19)</i>	<i>VINCE STAFFILENO (19)</i>

## GOGC Committees & Chairs

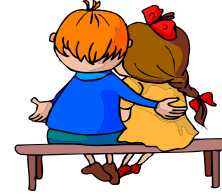
### STANDING COMMITTEES (PER BY-LAWS)

<i>FUND RAISING</i>	<i>OPEN</i>
<i>FINANCE</i>	<i>ROBERT PINDELL</i>
<i>MEMBERSHIP</i>	<i>LOU PELTON</i>
<i>PROGRAM</i>	<i>KATHY KOSIOREK</i>
<i>PUBLICITY</i>	<i>CATHY ROSS</i>

### OTHER COMMITTEES

<i>AWARDS</i>	<i>FRED ROBINSON</i>
<i>CLEVELAND BOTANICAL</i>	<i>JANE DAVIS</i>
<i>HISTORIAN</i>	<i>OPEN</i>
<i>GARDEN SHOWS</i>	<i>BOB PINDELL</i>
<i>NEWSLETTER</i>	<i>VINCE STAFFILENO</i>
<i>PLANT SALES</i>	
<i>MAY -</i>	<i>OPEN</i>
<i>BULBS - SEPTEMBER</i>	<i>PAT BOGGINS</i>
<i>SCHOLARSHIP</i>	<i>FRED ROBINSON</i>
<i>TELEPHONE</i>	<i>LOU PELTON</i>
<i>WEBSITE MASTER &amp; SOCIAL MEDIA</i>	<i>JONNY PRELLWELLNESS &amp;</i>
<i>MEMORIALS</i>	<i>VINCE STAFFILENO</i>

# Musings



### Vespers

The golden sun has gone, the busy day is done.  
Twilight has come and with it peace draws near  
to dwell an hour within my garden walls, while in  
the lambent sky the first pale stars appear.  
The wheeling shadows that so slowly marked the  
hours have left no impress on the tender grass,  
Nor does the air hold fast the patterns bold and  
free.

That winging birds weave as the warm days pass.  
The rued pool is stilled at last, and Lily buds  
prepare to open gently to the night and to the  
questing moth whose fragile, gauzy wings quiver  
too rapidly for human sight.

In this tranquility touch, hearing, sight are lulled.  
I am as selfless as the scented airs that wrap me  
round, while daylight's drowsy flowers send out  
the fragrance of their vesper prayers.

-MARIE NETTLETON CARROLL

### Indoor Gardener

A February wind blows dismally,  
The sky is full of dark clouds hanging low,  
The garden lies in numbed fridity  
And waits the falling of another snow.

Today, I planted seeds despite the cold,  
For my tomato plants will mind it not  
Their tiny leaves will presently unfold  
At my south window; in a flower pot!

-HELEN BATH SWANSON



**Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desires  
but according to our powers.**

**Henri F. Amiel**

**A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance and to turn  
around three times before lying down.**

**Robert Benchley**

**Experience suggests that the first rule of politics is  
never to say never. The ingenious capacity for  
maneuver and compromise may make acceptable  
tomorrow what seems outrageous or impossible today,**

**William Shannon**

**There is only one cure for gray hair. It was invented by  
a Frenchman. It is called the guillotine.**

**P.G. Wodehouse**

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