



The Spade

The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland



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SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING:

Buffet Meal: Italian sausage & peppers, Red sauce penne pasta w/vodka sauce, grated Parm cheese-Garlic cheese, and Crostini on the side.

Please call your Team Captain with your Dinner reservation by Friday, September 6th. Lou Pelton is responsible for giving The Bistro at Bratenahl our reservations.

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Team 9 **Deb Kramarz**
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There will be a Board Meeting promptly starting at 5:00 PM in the Penthouse.

PLEASE BE PROMPT.

President's Letter

The stifling heat seems to have abated, there are signs that fall is just around the corner and happily our vegetables and flowers still flourish. The hummingbirds are introducing the fledgling to the Monarda and feeding for the long journey south. The Joe Pye Weed that I got from Fred has been sensational. We stalk our gardens looking for the blue-ribbon specimens for the annual Horticulture Show on September 9.

The summer months included the National Conference in Iowa which Larry Kell reports on in this issue of the Spade. I apologize that there was no Summer Outing this year, but we have the Bulb Sale to look forward to on September 19-21 at the Rockefeller Greenhouse. I suspect that Pat Boggins could use a hand or two, so let him know at the September meeting.

We are sad to report that Chuck Evans, widely known for his tomatoes, is in hospice. See information about contacting him and his family in this edition.

Hope to see you at the Horticulture Show on Monday, September 9th.

Dave Dawson

Chuck Evans was diagnosed with cancer last September and is now in the Hospice of Medina County. If anyone is interested in contacting him, please contact Chuck's wife, Margaret at moggymate@gmail.com or cell phone, 330-998-1798. She will be happy to give you Chuck's direct contact information.

September Horticulture Show Participants:

Bring your entries to the Penthouse of 1 Bratenahl Place between 5:00 and 6:15 PM on Monday, September 9th. Any entry after 6:15 will not be accepted. Use the elevators at either end of the corridor on the ground floor. The Penthouse is on the top floor.

Please contact the Show Chair, Mark Occhionero, Julie Henry or Tom Davis with any questions.



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STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Bob Pindell, Chair; Hank Doll; Tom Davis
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell, Chair (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media); Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold, (Publicity)
- *Finance:* Jonny Prell (Chair); John Budnik; Andy Kosiorek
- *Income Projects:* Dave Dawson, Julie Henry (Plant Sale); Pat Boggins (Bulb Sale); John Budnik, Ron Hartmiller, Julie Henry (Auction / Raffle)
- *Membership:* Lou Pelton, Co-Chair; Dave Rittenhouse, Co-Chair; Larry Kell, Chuck Palsa, Jonny Prell
- *Programs:* Kathy Kosiorek, Chair; Robert McMahon
Any program suggestions? Contact Kathy!
- *Scholarship:* Harold Davis, Co-Chair; Hank Doll
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National Organization: Tom Davis, Larry Kell
Central Great Lakes Region: Larry Kell, Past President
- Willott Iris Garden: Sandra and Robert Pindell, Ron Hartmiller
- Friends of the Greenhouse: Joyce Nesbit
- I Bratenahl Place & Bratenahl Place Bistro: Tom Segelin
- Horticultural Shows: Mark Occhionero, Julie Henry, Tom Davis
- Nominating: Bob Pindell, Chair; Jonny Prell, Deb Kramarz, Dave Dawson
- Wellness/Memorials: Harold Davis, 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:** DAVE DAWSON
- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** JONNY PRELL
- 2ND VICE PRESIDENT:** OPEN
- SECRETARY:** JODITH JANES
- TREASURER:** JOHN BUDNIK
- ASST TREASURER:** ANDY KOSIOREK

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2019 Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Horticulture Show

Our annual September Horticulture Show is Monday, September 9th. The Club started having a small horticultural show for our September meeting in 2012. Every year our entries have grown in size and quality. This year we hope that even more members and guests will enter plants, fruits and vegetables. We have added more categories to allow for a larger variety of entries.

- You can make up to five entries per person.
- There will be clerks at the show to help you with the final preparation of your entries.
- Ribbons will be awarded for: “Best in Show” and “Peoples’ Choice” (popular vote by all present) awards again this year.
- Prize winning, or unusual entries will be discussed to carry out the theme of Gardening Education.
- What was new in 2018, will be continued in 2019.
- There will be a “Novice” category for people who haven’t entered the show before. This gives new participants an extra opportunity to win a ribbon.
- The Horticulture Judges – guests and the 3 from our own club – will limit their own entries to 2 or 3 items. This gives other members more of a chance to win.
- Only members of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland will be eligible for the “Best in Show” and “Peoples’ Choice” Awards.
- There will be new categories for entries this year.
- The entry 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 9, 2019.)

If you have questions or suggestions, please see Mark Occhionero, Show Chairman, Julie Henry or Tom Davis. All three of these members are Accredited Horticulture Judges.

We hope to see many more entries and winning Members!

Mark Occhionero, Julie Henry, Tom Davis





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News and Events

One of our Board Members, **Deb Kramarz** is now Cuyahoga S.W.C. D. certified Master Rain Gardener and N.W.F. Wildlife Habitat Ambassador. Congratulations Deb!



- **The Club's Bulb Sale will be held SEPTEMBER 19TH, 20TH AND 21ST at the Rockefeller Greenhouse. Pat Boggins has taken over this event and is always looking for volunteers. Please contact him if you would like to help!**
- **The Club is looking for a replacement for Jodith Janes as Secretary. If you are interested in becoming more involved and want to participate, please contact Dave Dawson.**

HOLDEN ARBORETUM:

Butterfly Gardening Basics - Saturday, September 7th - 9th, 11AM. Cost is \$15 per member or \$30 per non member
New Landscape Design & Renovation - Thursday, September 12th, 2 - 3:30PM. Cost is \$10 per member or \$25 per nonmember.

Nature's Brew Beer Tasting: Saturday, September 14th, 6-9PM. Cost is \$45 per member, \$55 per nonmember and \$15 per designated drivers.

Lantern Court Garden Tours - Sundays, September 15th and October 13th, 1:30 - 2:30PM. Free for members, with admission for nonmembers.

New Essential Small Gardening Tools - Saturday, September 28th, 10AM - Noon. Cost is \$20 per member or \$30 per nonmember.

CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDENS:

Annual Hoppy Hour: Wednesdays, September 11th, September 25th, October 9th, October 23rd, 5:30 - 8:30PM. Free for members with admission for nonmember.

Good Night, Garden: Prepping for Winter: Saturday, September 7th, 10AM - Noon. Cost is \$10 per member, \$25 per nonmember.

5th Annual Cleveland Pollinator & Native Plant Symposium: Friday, September 20th, 8AM - 4:30PM. Cost is \$70 per person.

New Growing an Herbal Tea Garden: Saturday, September 21st, 10AM - Noon. Cost is \$35 per member or \$50 per nonmember.

For more events and information, visit Holden Forests & Gardens: holdenfg.org.



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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
- John Budnik: Herbs and flowering bulbs
- Diane Circle: Hostas
- Jane Davis: Flower arranging
- Tom Davis: Native plants
- Hank Doll: Dahlia growing
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold: Orchids
- Ron Hartmiller: Weeds
- Herb Klein: Unusual plants and perennials
- Deb Kramarz: Master Rain Gardener
- Andy Kosiorek: Above-ground sprinkler systems
- Kathy Kosiorek: Veggies and container gardening
- Lou Drasler: Cannas and environmental issues
- 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
- Tom Sheehan: General landscape design, water gardening and tropical plants
- Bill Stark: Begonias
- Deah Stark: Perennials

The purpose of the **Gardeners of Greater Cleveland** is to provide members with all types of information related to gardening - whether their own personal gardening or community projects through our monthly meetings, our newsletter *The Spade* and our website.

We promote horticulture in our community by installing and caring for gardens at various community service 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 Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Lorain counties.

To join, please contact **Lou Pelton**, our Membership Co-Chairman at loupelton305@gmail.com.

