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The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

I hope everyone has stayed healthy and safe over the past months. The weather is finally turning into a summer and that will hopefully make us all feel much better.

There isn't any activity to report on as far as online webinars or videos. Most face-to-face meetings will not start until July, possibly. OSU ATI and Master Gardeners have not had any classes that I found due to the COVID-19 restrictions. However, if you are looking for something to do, the Iris Willot Garden is always in need of help! Contact Bob or Sandra Pindell.

If any member would like to volunteer for a committee or interested in being on the Board, please let me know.

Even though our Club did not have a plant sale, a few resourceful members chose to sell the plants that they had originally grown for the Club's plant sale. That plant sale is currently being held Friday and Saturday, June 5th and 6th in Painesville. If you are interested, contact Chuck Palsa or Dave Rittenhouse.

I know there are a few members who did not agree with my decision on the plant sale. Obviously the restrictions in place and taking business away from local businesses were my concerns. If any member would like to donate to the Scholarship fund, send your check to our Hiedi Winston, our Treasurer, and would be greatly appreciated.

We ARE planning on a September Club meeting. There will be no horticulture show as we will have much to go over. Letters with Scholarship Checks are going out this week to Trevor Puglis and Aleah Hartley.

Stay safe and healthy!
Jonny Prell



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I created a [FaceBook Group](#) for Gardeners of Greater Cleveland to share information or general discussions. If you are interested, please contact me by email so I can add your name to the Group.

Our Club has many experienced and knowledgeable members in almost all areas related to gardening, plants, and landscaping. This would be a good time to contact one of them with questions.

NATIONAL NEWS:

2020 Election Results:

Revised & Restated Bylaws were overwhelmingly approved. Tom Davis and Larry Kell from our Club played a leading role in writing the new National Club Bylaws.

The slate of officers for 2020-2022 was approved by a large margin. Officers are as follows:

- Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, President
- Lawrence A. Kell, 1st Vice President
- Heidi Logan, 2nd Vice President
- Lee Olson, Treasurer
- Carl Christensen, Past President

Larry Kell spearheaded the relocation of the National HQ from Iowa to OSU's Agriculture Campus in Wooster, Ohio.

The Gardeners of America lost an outstanding Life Member recently. Tom Wilten, DDS, was a dedicated National Scholarship Committee Chair, had two of his flower photos published in the national calendar for May 2020, and was a member of the Garden Club of Dallas, Texas.

There are many opportunities to honor Tom's memory and help members like Larry Kell by volunteering to serve on a national TGOA committee. Contact Larry or Tom Davis if you have an interest.

- **Keith Biehl: Gardener by profession**
- **Pat Boggins: Log & specialty planters**
- **Diane Circle: Hostas**
- **Tom Davis: Native plants**
- **Hank Doll: Dahlia growing**
- **Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold: Orchids**
- **Lou Drasler: Cannas and environmental issues**
- **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**
- **Robert McMahon: Insectivorous plant culture and balcony/patio container gardening**
- **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**



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STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Hank Doll, Chair; Tom Davis
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell, Chair (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media); Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold, (Publicity)
- *Finance:* Chuck Palsa, Chair; Hiedi Winston, Andy Kosiorek
- *Income Projects:* 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:* Kathy Kosiorek, Chair; Robert McMahon
Any program suggestions? Contact Kathy!
- *Scholarship:* Hank Doll, Chair; Deb Kramarz, Dave Dawson
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

MEETING INFORMATION:

WHEN: 2nd Monday of each month, September through June
Suspended Until September

WHERE: 1 Bratenahl Place
Bratenahl, Ohio

SCHEDULE: 6PM - Social
6:40 - Dinner
7:30 - General Meeting
8 to 9PM - Program



SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National & Regional Organizations: Larry Kell, Second 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: Kathy Kosiorek, Team Captains

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:	JONNY PRELL
1ST VICE PRESIDENT:	CHUCK PALSA
2ND VICE PRESIDENT:	OPEN
SECRETARY:	JODITH JANES (TEMPORARY)
TREASURER:	HIEDI WINSTON
ASST TREASURER:	ANDY KOSIOREK

DIRECTORS:

• HANK DOLL 2018-2020	• JULIE HENRY 2019-2021
• PAT BOGGINS 2018-2020	• LAWRENCE KELL 2020-2021
• KATHY KOSIOREK 2018-2020	• GARRETT ORMISTON 2019-2021
• PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD 2020-2023	• BOB McMAHON 2020-2023
• DAVE RITTENHOUSE 2020-2023	