



The Spade

The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland



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Are you interested in becoming a more active member in the Club?

Our current Treasurer, John Budnik, has resigned as of December 31, 2019. Also Jodith Janes has resigned as the Club's Secretary, effective December 31st, 2019.

These positions are open. Treasurer and Secretary are very critical positions to the Club.

If you are interested, contact Bob Pindell, Chair, of the Nominating Committee, Andy Kosiorek, Dave Dawson, Jonny Prell or Deb Kramarz for more information.



Reminder, that The Gardeners of America / Men's Garden Clubs of America's national convention is being held July 15th, 16th and 17th in Des Moines, Iowa.

Information is available on our website and the national's website at www.gardenersofamerica.club.

2019 Scholarship Award Winners

At the Club's annual scholarship award dinner and meeting in June, we were pleased to award two scholarships. Sean Fitzgerald and Mary Brent (last year's award winner) were awarded each a \$2,000 scholarship. Sean Will be attending OSU/ATI in the Fall and Mary will be in her second year at OSU/ATI.

Fred Robinson will be stepping down as Scholarship Chair this year. He has done a fantastic job working with the schools and scholarship applicants.



Sean Fitzgerald
2019 Scholarship Winner



Mary Brent
2019 Scholarship Winner





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2019 Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Horticulture Show September 9th, 2019

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. 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. This announcement is early to let you start planning your entries for September 9, 2019.

- 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 made again this year.
- Prize winning, or unusual entries will be discussed to carry out the theme of Gardening Education.
- What was new in 2018 and 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.

What will your entry be?

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Julie Henry julanderso@yahoo.com
Tom Davis tsd123@roadrunner.com



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2019 Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Horticulture Show Rules & Schedule

1. 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. We have made several changes this year to help members enter the show and succeed.
2. You can make up to five entries per person.
3. Clerks will be present from 5:00 to 6:15 to receive entries and help you with the entry card and staging the entry. We will have paper plates and other supplies.
4. Bring two return address labels per entry. That will make filling out the entry cards much faster and easier.
5. Entries like cut flowers should be in a clear glass container with no labels.
6. 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.**
7. If you have not entered the show before, you will be judged as Novice. Just tell the clerks when you arrive that you are a first-time exhibitor. This will give new exhibitors a chance to hone their skills.
8. Prize winning or unusual entries will be discussed by the entrant and/or the judges to carry out the theme of Gardening Education.
9. Judges will come from the Central Great Lakes Gardeners Region.
10. The show committee reserves the right to modify this schedule at a later date.

Please read the information on the following pages!

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



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We have the following categories 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, several 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. One dish garden per member up to 14 inches in diameter.
13. Native Plant Specimen in any category.
14. Fruits - One specimen of larger fruits such as apples, peaches, etc.
15. Fruits - six specimens of smaller fruits such as berries.
16. Herbs - One stem of herbs such as rosemary, mint, borage, etc.
17. Potted herb plants (see 7 and 8 above).
18. Any of the above in an unusual or whimsical container.



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Judging Requirements: (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!)

1. The specimen must be properly identified with the plant name and the variety. We will supply entry forms and give you help filling 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 9, 2019.)
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 and hanging 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 6:15 PM on September 9th. Any entry after 6:15 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 the Show Chairman, Mark Occhionero, Julie Henry or Tom Davis with any questions.

Good luck!

Mark Occhionero

2019 Horticulture Show Chairman

A few winners from last year





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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

DIRECTORS:

HANK DOLL	DAVE RITTENHOUSE
PAT BOGGINS	JULIE HENRY
KATHRYN KOSIOREK	Z. HAROLD DAVIS
PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD	GARRETT ORMISTON
	CHCUK PALSA

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
- *Scholarship:* Fred Robinson, Co-Chair; 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
- 1 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
Members, please remember to notify Harold Davis or your Team Captain with any information you may have regarding wellness of any member or yourself.



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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: Tree canopy, pond and garden plants
- 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

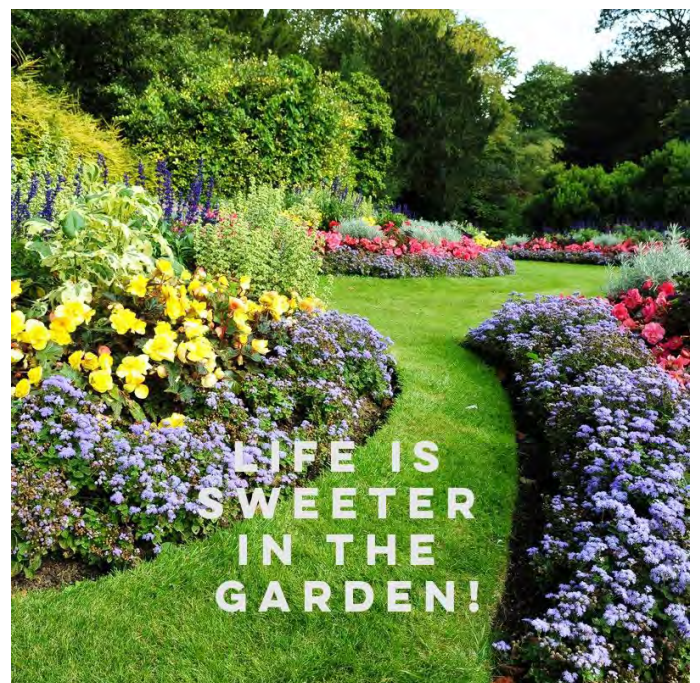
The purpose of the **Gardeners of Greater Cleveland** is to provide members with all types of information related to gardening - whether their own personal gardening or community projects through our monthly meetings, our newsletter **The Spade** and our website.

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.





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Upcoming Events & Projects

GardenWalk Cleveland 2019

Sunday, July 14th: Little Italy

Joyce Nesbit's Garden (our member) will be part of the tour!

City of Euclid Garden Tour

Saturday July 13th, and Sunday July 14th

Deb Kramarz's Garden (our member) will be part of the tour!

Northeast Ohio Daylily Society Show

Cleveland Botanical Gardens

Saturday, July 20th, Noon to 5PM

Enjoy the 2019 Daylily Show with hundred of daylily varieties on display. This is an official American Hemerocallis Society sanctioned show held by the Northeast Ohio Daylily Society at the Botanical Gardens.

Volunteer Member Projects and Events:

The iris garden at Rockefeller Greenhouse and Gardens is always in need of maintenance help. Saturday afternoon is a great time to stop and spend a few hours helping with weeding! If you have any questions, contact Bob Pindell or Ron Hartmiller!

Any member interested in volunteering to work on one of our projects (iris garden, VA project, etc), please contact Bob Pindell, or contact Garret Ormiston on other upcoming projects.

There is a suggestion for a August Club outing to Gardenview Horticultural Park in Strongsville. There are a number of restaurants nearby. Another suggestion was the Culinary Vegetable Institute in Milan.

The Club will have their annual Bulb Sale in the Fall at Rockefeller Greenhouse. Pat Boggins will be running the sale. If you have any questions, or wish to participate, please contact him by phone.

Chuck Palsa is already planning for the 2020 May Plant Sale. Chuck is looking for someone who is growing Variegated Liriope in their yard and is considering splitting it for next season. Please contact Chuck to let him know, and maybe split it this Fall so he can start as many shoots as he can, and have them ready for the May sale.