



The Spade

The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland



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MAY 13TH MEETING:
Dining Menu:
Meatloaf Dinner,
Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy & Buttered Corn
Vegetarian Menu:
Chef's Choice

Cookies & Coffee served in the Penthouse before the meeting.

Please call your Team Captain with your Dinner reservation by Friday, May 10th. Lou Pelton is responsible for giving The Bistro at Bratenahl our reservations.

Team Captains:

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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:

In the Navy, it was "all hands on deck." For the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland, it is "all hands in the dirt." It is time to get out in the garden and do some digging for the plant sale on May 16-18. If you don't have anything sprouting yet, you can volunteer to dig in a member's garden. Just send Julie Henry an e-mail at julanderso@yahoo.com and she'll find you a garden in need. And, if you have plants that need to be dug, let Julie know that as well. If digging is not your thing, you can volunteer at the sale; just let her know when you're available. Remember that members' plant donations are where we make most of our scholarship money.

And, another thing: we need more tables to better display our plants at the sale. So if you have a 4'-6' table or two that you could lend us let Julie or Dave know (dawson3290@gmail.com) and we'll figure out how to get it to the Rockefeller Greenhouse.

It would also help with the turnout if you could post some flyers for the sale around your community. Places like coffee shops and libraries, or wherever you hang out, would work. Contact Jonny Prell (jonnyprell@gmail.com) to get those flyers. And, don't forget your neighborhood blog is a good place to tell your community about the sale.

Thank you for a job well-down by the Membership Committee of Lou Pelton, Chuck Palsa, Jonny Prell and Dave Rittenhouse at the April meeting in presenting the results of their survey and engaging the members in a wide-ranging conversation for the good of the club.

Dave Dawson

Volunteer Member Projects:

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. This is something that the Club prides itself on and we look forward to members helping out on these worthwhile projects.



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MAY 2019 PROGRAM SPEAKER

Laura Deeter, PhD, Professor - Horticulture Technologies, Ohio State ATI
Program Coordinator: Landscape Horticulture and Horticulture Science



Laura Deeter received her PhD in horticulture from The Ohio State University after studying road-salt tolerance in herbaceous perennials under Dr. Steve Still. She is currently a Full Professor of Horticulture at Ohio State ATI in Wooster, OH teaching a multitude of horticulture classes including: Woody and Herbaceous Plant Identification, Landscape Design, Sustainable Landscaping, Plant Health Management, Landscape Construction, and Ecology, to name a few. She was awarded the ATI Distinguished Teaching Award twice, the OSU Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, the Perennial Plant Association Teaching Award the American Horticulture Society Teaching Award, and the Perennial Plant Association Service Award. She travels extensively around the country speaking on a variety of topics ranging from taxonomy and nomenclature to shade gardens, design, color, and specialty gardens and plants. At home she gardens on her tenth of an acre with her hubby, three dogs, 100 pink flamingos and counts her 300+ species of perennials as dear friends.

If you have an idea for a program for one of the meetings, please contact Kathy Kosiorek!

Gardeners of Greater Cleveland in the News

April 23rd, New Day Cleveland

A Fox8 TV Production

Abbie Schrader, the producer, reached out to the Club via Jonny Prell. Hank Doll, one of our members, made a guest appearance on New Day Cleveland to participate in a gardening segment, and discussed our Club, gardening projects, events and answered many questions. The show aired on April 23rd. Click here for a link to view online. Great Job Hank!

Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability

Barcelona, Spain

Margarita Triguero Mas, a post doctorate researcher, reached out to our Club regarding scheduling an interview with a member of the Club to understand how we approach issues related to greening in Cleveland. She is mostly interested in discussing the issues that we see as the most important. This is currently in the process.

“This interview is part of long-term research I am doing for a European Union funded project on the relationship between urban greening and development and social equity. My team is examining trends across 40 cities in Europe and the US. Cleveland is one of our case study cities, so it would be wonderful to learn more about your work and how you view the relationship between urban greening and growth/equity.”



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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

STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Bob Pindell, Chair; Hank Doll; Tom Davis
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell, Chair (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media); Phylis 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
- *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; Andy Kosiorek, 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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Who Can I Ask?

The following is a list of members who have volunteered to help all members with questions about plants, trees, garden set-up or any problems that a member may have relating to gardening.

- 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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There is no danger of developing eyestrain from looking on the bright side of things.

...Anonymous

UPCOMING EVENTS

May Plant Sale | Rockefeller Park May 16th, 17th and 18th

We will have a fully-stocked section of plants and herbs for sale. Please contact Julie Henry for volunteering!

Master Gardener Volunteers of Lake County Meet Us in the Peace Garden

Monthly Gardening Programs: March thru November, 2019.

Native Gardens, a comedy, will be at the Cleveland Playhouse, April 27th through May 16th. Native Gardens is a comedy about good fences making good neighbors and their gardens. For more information click on Cleveland Playhouse.

CFAES Ohio State University Extension Hydrangea School

Tuesday, May 14th from 1PM - 3PM
New Russia Township Lodge
46300 Butternut Ridge Road, Oberlin, OH
Cost is \$30 per person
Contact: Ann Chanon - 440.326.5851

Club Special Outing Saturday June 1st (Rain Date June 8th)

Brown's Lake Bog Preserve, Shreve, Ohio
Depart Cleveland Area 10AM, Return Around 3:30PM
Tour is limited to 15 Adults. Lunch will be at the Pine Tree Barn's Granary Restaurant before the tour. Contact Kathy Kosiorek beginning May 1st if you are interested. Member Robert McMahon will guide members on a hike along the Bog trails. Hiking gear and boots, and insect repellent are recommended.

Pollinator Week - June 17 - June 23

- Give a presentation about honey bees at the Library
- Plant seeds for pollinators at the community garden
- Host an education table at your local park

2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION



TGOA/MGCA in 2019

We Dig It!

July 15-16-17

The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America celebrates 87 years as a national organization and the headquarters celebrates its Golden Anniversary, and 50 years at 5560 Merle Hay Road in Johnston, Iowa. It is also Johnston's 50th Anniversary of Incorporation.

The Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 4800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines is ready with renovated rooms and refreshed spaces. The confirmed room rate is \$99/night and is available for three (3) days before and after the convention. The hotel is less than one mile from National's headquarters.

National's headquarters will be used for several of the convention's events.

- **July 15:** Registration, Meetings, Workshops and Seminars
- **July 16:** Tours
- **July 17:** Business Meetings, Workshops and Seminars

This is a special time for the Club as our own Larry Kell is an officer in the National Organization as a Vice President.

Additional information and registration forms can be found on our website Gardeners of Greater Cleveland, and on the National's website **Gardeners of America.**



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It's bloom season in the **WILLOTT IRIS GARDEN!**



Ron, Sandra and I have been back in the Willott Iris Garden for about 6 weeks beginning in late March to get a jump on the growing season. We are there because the Willott Iris Garden has been an ongoing project of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland beginning with the rescue of hundreds of iris plants from the weeds at the Rockefeller Greenhouse in 2008. Today, due to the efforts of many people and organizations, including the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland, the Willott Iris Garden is a recognized Display Garden of the American Iris Society and the Historic Iris Preservation Society.

The Garden is also well on its way to being a part of the National Collection as an individual horticulturalist garden once that program gets fully established.

The Garden receives hundreds of visitors a year in bloom season and out. When we talk with the visitors we find that many are repeat visitors from previous years while many first timers are surprised that a garden dedicated to irises even exists in a public park. During bloom season the visitors are all in awe of the dazzling colors and varieties of irises in the garden.

The Willott Iris Garden requires at least 2,500 hours of work a year to maintain the garden at the standard expected for a public display garden and to talk to visitors about the garden and irises. Another couple hundred hours a year is required to do the paperwork to keep the holdings of the garden organized and identified and to comply with the continuing requirements of the national recognitions it has received.

All this work to keep the Willott Iris Garden requires dollars and people. The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland has been generous with both over the years. Because the Willott Iris Garden is an ongoing project of the club the membership is invited to lend a hand with the work, we are dirt gardeners after all. Ron, Sandra and I are in the garden off and on from the beginning of November through the end of March. From the first of April through the end of October at least one of us is in the garden weather permitting (and sometimes without the weather's permission) from about 10 AM until about 2 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. May is the busiest time of the year in the garden. We have the most visitors to greet, the weeds are growing the fastest and the irises must be deadheaded and groomed more often.

We need your help. The weeding is obvious but the grooming and deadheading isn't "rocket science." Come to the garden, when one of us is there. Bring the garden tools you think helpful to weed and groom the irises and we will put you to work teaching you all you need to know about keeping the garden ready for the public and the irises healthy and growing as you work along side us.

For more information visit us in the garden or call Bob Pindell at 440.679.943.