



The SPADE



The "SPADE" is the newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Visit our web site at <http://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org>. Vince Staffelino is recuperating at home.

Our Club is celebrating its 85th Anniversary this year!

President's Letter

More years ago, than our son likes to admit he learned this folksong verse in his Host Nation Class while we lived in Germany.

*Der Winter ist vergangen
Ich seh' des Maien Schein
Ich seh' die Blümlein prangen
Des ist mein Herz erfreut
So fern in jenem Tale
Da ist gar lustig sein
Da singt Frau Nachtigalle
Und manch' Waldvögelein*

It is a song in praise of spring and May that roughly translates into English as,

"Winter has passed, I see the light of May.
I see the blooming of the flowers that makes my heart glad.

So far away in this valley, people can be merry well,
Mrs. Nightingale and other birds of the woods are singing there."

The song is an "April Showers Bring May Flowers." sort of thing and very fitting for these days. Winter has indeed passed and according to the calendar and the astronomers and as the weather improves we can see the light of May.

In the light of May, we see the blooming flowers that make our hearts glad. As gardeners in the light of May we also see and do the work that makes our gardens bloom. At home I have walked around my garden and cleaned up a bit here and there but it has been too wet to do much more. But that will change very quickly as the April showers pass and light of May gets brighter warming and drying the soil allowing spring to begin in earnest.

Just as the pace of activity increases in our individual gardens as spring arrives, so too, does the pace of activity increase for our garden club.

We have the May Plant Sale May 18, 19 and 20th which is an all hands-on deck project in both preparation and

execution. If you haven't been approached to help in one capacity or another you will be and you will be needed.

The National Convention preparation continues and there is plenty that will need to be done in the next few months. Again, if you haven't been approached to help, you will be and you will be needed as the task list is long and the time is getting short.

We also have two service projects that will be gearing up in May. The first is the maintenance and replanting of the garden at the VA Spinal Injury Unit in Wade Park. The date is to be determined. The second, in the planning stage, is the shade garden at Malachi House and you will be hearing more about it as the project progresses

Bob Pindell

April 10th Meeting

Tom Rabung, from Emerald Forest Nursery, will have a presentation - Hostas, the Number One Shade Perennial. There will be hostas for door prizes/raffles.

There will be a 5:00 PM Board Meeting in the Penthouse. **PLEASE BE PROMPT.**

Please call your team captain with your Dinner Reservation by Thursday March 9th 2017

Dinner Menu

COUNTRY FRIED CHICKEN (*Boneless, Skinless*)
Southern Gravy, Pineapple Cornbread, Succotash

VEGETARIAN OPTION:

POTATO & CHEDDAR EMPANADAS

Baked Plantains, Beans & Rice
Meal includes salad and bread

Cookies and coffee served in the Penthouse after dinner.

Dinner Responsibilities

Lou Pelton is responsible for giving Bratenahl Bistro Place our reservations for dinner. Lou does this 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 email addresses.

TEAM CAPTAINS - TELEPHONE & E-MAIL

TEAM 1	LOU PELTON LOUPELTON305@GMAIL.COM	440-666-6695
TEAM 2	LOU DRASLER LOUIS.DRASLER@GMAIL.COM	216-481-6854
TEAM 3	HAROLD DAVIS JR.	216-283-7111
TEAM 4	FRED BURKHALTER K1200RSL@AOL.COM	440-526-2888
TEAM 5	KEITH BEIHL	440-237-5824
TEAM 6	RON HARTMILLER R_HARTMILLER@YAHOO.COM	216-671-1408
TEAM 7	JANE DAVIS TSD123@ROADRUNNER.COM	440-498-0472
TEAM 8	CATHERINE ROSS ESTROGEN05@YAHOO.COM	216-970-2854
TEAM 9	DEBORAH KRAMARZ DEBORAHKRAMARZ@AOL.COM	216-731-6324

Club Meeting Times

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 PM
	<i>In the 1st Floor, Bratenahl Bistro Place</i>	
	Meeting	7:45
	<i>Penthouse</i>	

GOGC Executive Board

CLUB OFFICERS

<i>PRESIDENT</i>	<i>BOB PINDELL</i>
<i>1ST 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>ANDY KOSIOREK</i>
<i>LAWRENCE A. KELL</i>	<i>PAST PRESIDENT</i>
<i>THOMAS DAVIS</i>	<i>PAST PRESIDENT</i>

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<i>DEB KRAMARZ</i>	<i>JANE DAVIS</i>
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<i>JULIE HENRY</i>	<i>KATHY KOSIOREK</i>
<i>JONNY PRELL</i>	<i>VINCE STAFFILENO</i>
<i>PAT BOGGINS</i>	

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>PROGRAMS</i>	<i>KATHY KOSIOREK</i>
<i>PUBLICITY</i>	<i>CATHY ROSS</i>
<i>WEBMASTER & SOCIAL MEDIA</i>	<i>JONNY PRELL</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>PLANTS - MAY</i>	<i>KELL & COMPANY</i>
<i>BULBS - SEPTEMBER</i>	<i>PAT BOGGINS</i>
<i>SCHOLARSHIP</i>	<i>FRED ROBINSON</i>
<i>TELEPHONE</i>	<i>LOU PELTON</i>
<i>WELLNESS & MEMORIALS</i>	<i>VINCE STAFFILENO</i>

85th Anniversary Dinner

Save the Date! The Club will celebrate its 85th Anniversary with a dinner on August 21st, from 6 PM to 9 PM at [The Dunham Tavern](#) on Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. The Club will provide catering and a limited open bar to members.

6 Timely Gardening Tasks

from Jeff Griff, Lowe's Greenhouse

As much as spring seems slow to arrive, there many gardening tasks that are ideally done right now:

1. Start your weed control program. Bittercress and other early season weeds have already begun to sprout in landscape beds. Using Preen weed killer now will help keep your weed population under control.
2. Prune trees, shrubs and perennials. This is an ideal time to prune most of your landscape plants.
3. Begin your veggie garden. Provided your garden soils are already prepared, you can now begin to plant early season vegetables like onion sets, peas and lettuce seed. You can also start tomato and pepper seeds indoors for planting out in May.
4. Control pesky landscape pests. An application of organic horticultural oil spray provides excellent control of many harmful insects on susceptible landscape plants. Lilacs, Pines, Spruces, Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Birches, Magnolias and Roses are a few examples of plants that would benefit from a dormant oil spray.
5. Begin your lawn treatment program. Whether you are utilizing an organic program or if you want to get rid of last year's crabgrass issue, now is the time to begin feeding the lawn and taking out the weeds.
6. Feed your landscape plants. You don't need to feed every plant in my landscape, but new plantings, plants in trouble and favorite plants always get attention. Use organic Plant-tone, Holly-tone, Garden-tone and Flower-tone to not only feed plants but also enhance your garden soils.
7. It's a good time to check the garden tools. Are they clean, sharp and ready to go?

Jeff Griff has been a speaker at our club and is scheduled to give a seminar at the upcoming National Convention.

Note: Lowes Greenhouse is not related to Lowes's Home Center.

Regional Meeting at Kingwood Gardens

The Central Great Lakes Gardeners

Please plan to attend the next Regional Meeting at Kingwood Center Gardens, Mansfield, OH on Saturday, **April 22, 2017** from 10 AM to 2 PM.

There will be a brief business meeting, lunch and a seminar. Spring is a great time to visit Kingwood Center and see their outstanding gardens. The greenhouse will be open and there are often plants for sale. The daffodil display can be spectacular.

Contact Tom Davis for directions or more information. Kingwood is about 1 ½ hours from Cleveland. The address is 50 N. Trimble Rd, Mansfield, OH 44906. Their website is: www.kingwoodcenter.org.

There will be free parking for people coming to the meeting.

The Gardeners of America / Men's Garden Clubs of America Annual Election of Officers 2018

All TGOA/MGCA Members

Our election is very important. You have the opportunity to elect your 2018 Executive officers.

Voting instructions are as follows:

The ballot and instructions cover letter will be printed in one or more issues of the TGOA/MGCA National newsletter and The SPADE Newsletter.

1. Print, copy or cut out the ballot. Tom Davis will have some copies at the April and May meetings.
2. To cast your vote: complete the ballot and indicate your club's name. Only the Credential Committee counting the ballots will see the votes.
3. Place the ballot in an envelope and mail to: Michael Auriene, TGOA/MGCA Election, 3806 Cross Country Trail, Arlington, TX 76001; phone number (817) 561-1040. This address is shown on the ballots.

DO NOT MAIL TO TGOA/MGCA HEADQUARTERS.

You can also give your ballot to Tom Davis and he'll mail a group of ballots from our club.

Thank you for your interest in the future of TGOA/MGCA. Michael Auriene, Chairman, TGOA/MGCA Credentials Committee

Annual Election of Officers

The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America

Dear GOGC Members:

Our Club is a Member of the National Organization "The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America (TGOA/MGCA). Every year Members are encouraged to vote for the officers for the next year (**vote now for the officers for 2018**). Those elected will be installed at the National Convention on July 21, 2017 in Cleveland.

You will find a ballot and voting instructions attached to this issue of the Spade. I suggest you print out or cut out the ballot, mark your choices and bring it to the April or May meeting. I will collect the ballots and mail them as a group to the committee (I am a committee member). You can mail your ballot individually if you prefer – the address is at the bottom of the ballot.

Thank you,

Tom Davis, National Director, TGOA/MGCA

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR 2018

THE GARDENERS OF AMERICA/ MEN'S GARDEN CLUBS OF AMERICA

PRESIDENT: FRANK MITCH (yes) (no) Write in _____ **

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: CARL CHRISTENSEN (yes) (no) Write in _____ **

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: LEE OLSON (yes) (no) Write in _____ **

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT: VACANT Write in _____ **

TREASURER: MILES DUCK (yes) (no) Write in _____ **

**IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS AT ALL, PLEASE WRITE THEM IN.

NOTE: You should have the person's permission to write in their name.

ALL SUGGESTIONS WILL BE REVIEWED

Members Name and Signature: _____

Member's club name: **The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland**

Mail ballot to: MICHAEL AURIENE
TGOA/MGCA ELECTION
3806 CROSS COUNTRY TRAIL
ARLINGTON, TX 76001

***Or Give your ballot to Tom Davis, our National Director, and he'll mail them as a batch.**

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Annual Convention of TGOA/MGC

The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America
Annual Convention

July 19 – 21, 2017

Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel

West 150th & I-71

The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland is a member club of the national organization "The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America." Membership in the national club provides our club with a beneficial relationship with similar clubs nationwide, access to gardening information, access to the American Horticulture Society and certification of horticulture show judges. The national organization holds an annual convention to elect officers, approve necessary business, tour gardens and present educational seminars on gardening.

For the first time since 1936, the convention will be held this year in Cleveland, OH. The Gardeners of Greater Akron, The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland and the Men's Garden Club of Youngstown will be the sponsoring clubs for this event. The location will be the Cleveland Airport Marriott located on W. 150th St. near I-71. The hotel is excellent and our special rate (\$94/night or \$35 better than best corporate rate) includes free Wi-Fi and free parking.

There will never be a better opportunity to participate in a national convention! We urge you to consider a "Staycation" right here in Cleveland this summer. Our own Larry Kell is organizing a tour of outstanding gardening locations in and around Cleveland. We have organized some outstanding seminars by local garden leaders including Mark Occhionero and Jeff Havel from our club. There will be a Horticulture Show at the convention. Make plans to submit an entry from your garden.

Please consider attending the convention! This is a golden opportunity to see the National Club in action, to meet gardeners from all over the USA, to get ideas for your garden and for our club, and experience one of the top hotels in Cleveland at an attractive price.

Attached are registrations forms (also on our website) for the convention and the hotel. There is also a link to the West Park Neighborhood and a map of the area. You can direct questions to Larry Kell or Tom Davis.

We hope to see many of our members there!

SCHEDULE ANNUAL CONVENTION

See [GOGC Website](#) for map and more information.

- **Where:** **Cleveland Airport Marriott**, 4277 W. 150th St., Cleveland, 44135, 216-252-5333. The hotel is newly refurbished with large meeting space, bar and restaurant. It is easily accessible to 'Kamm's Corners' restaurants and shops. (See Map on GOGC website.)
For the Convention held at Cleveland Airport Marriott, rooms are \$94/night (well below government rate) for the whole stay. Each room has Wi-Fi, a coffee maker and mini-fridge. There will also be a hospitality room for the Convention. Underground parking for hotel guests & free parking for attendees.
- **Registration:** Tuesday at the Front Desk & Wednesday by Great Lakes Ballroom (1st floor). You will receive a list of local restaurants, shops and area map.
- **Meals:** Attendees are on their own for breakfast to keep the cost of the convention down. Lunch & Dinner will be provided. The Hotel has an excellent restaurant. There is a Denny's next door, and several other fast food restaurants 5 minutes away. Ask at the Front Desk about full service restaurants nearby. A coffee maker and mini-fridge is in each room.
- **Other Cleveland Attractions:** Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Science Center, (located in Downtown Cleveland) and the Cleveland Indians play the Toronto Blue Jays on Friday & Saturday. Shopping is also available at nearby Great Northern in North Olmsted, Westgate Shopping Center in Fairview Park and Crocker Park in Westlake. Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Western Reserve Historical Society and Cleveland Botanical Gardens are in University Circle area easily accessible by the RTA Redline or by vehicle.
- **Price:** If application & payment made: by Mar. 1 - \$240; by June 1 - \$260; afterward - \$290. Cancel: \$50 after June 1. Price by the day: Wed., July 19 - \$85; Thur., July 20 - \$90 + \$11 w/o AHS card; Sat., July 21, \$120.
- **Tuesday, July 18:** Executive Board Meeting in president's suite. Registration in lobby by front desk.
- **Wednesday, July 19:** Morning - National Directors and E & I meetings. Tours of the Hotel Kitchen and Hotel Culinary Garden. There will be a horticulture show with a limited number of entries per person due to limited space. Noon - Lunch in Great Lakes Ballroom hosted by Pres. John Schinker and Past Pres. Tom Davis. Door prizes. Afternoon - First & Second Seminar sets. Sign up early to get choice. Seating limited.
- **Thursday, July 20:** Tour Day! University Circle

including Cleveland Botanical Garden (save \$11 with American Horticultural Society or reciprocal membership card with your registration), and Rockefeller Greenhouse. Also, Lakeview Cemetery for memorial service, graves of famous people, and outstanding horticulture and arboriculture collections. Also, Eton Square for horticulture displays, shopping & snacks. Then dinner and door prizes at hotel.

- **Friday, July 21:** Morning Seminars. General membership meeting followed by lunch & door prizes. Afternoon - Seminars. Central Great Lakes Region meeting. Evening - President's Reception Dinner w/cash bar. Awards, installation of officers and after dinner speaker.
- **Saturday, July 22:** Tours for CGLR members (different from Thursday tour). Limited bus seating so sign up early.
 1. **Horticulture Show Basics - Peggy Moody - Wed., 1pm - 2:15pm & 2:30pm - 3:45pm.** Want to be a show judge or learn how to best present show entries? Peggy is a master level judge & chairs a flower show school.
 2. **Gardening & Garden Center Trends - Jeff Griff - Wed. 1pm - 2:15pm & 2:30 - 3:45pm.** Jeff is president of a large greenhouse, landscape, florist and garden center.
 3. **Hydrangeas - Eric Barrett - Wed., 1pm - 2:15pm & 2:30 - 3:45pm.** Since transferring to the Mahoning County OSU Extension a few years ago, Eric has shown a wide range of horticulture knowledge & expertly imparts it in lectures.
 4. **Plant Nutrition & Lighting - Fri., Mark Occhionero - 10:45am - 11:45am.** Mark is President/Owner of Top Garden Products and can show how to grow indoors using hydroponics and the right lighting.
 5. **What's in A Name - Fri., Ellen Speicher - 10:45am - 11:45am & 1:30pm - 2:30pm.** Ellen is the former Fellows Riverside Gardens Asst. Horticulture Director & Director of its Master Gardener program.
 6. **Dragonflies - Judy Semroc - Fri., 10:45am - 11:45am & 2:30pm - 3:30pm.** Co-Author of a book on N.E Ohio Dragonflies & Damselflies. Judy is also a featured speaker at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.
 7. **Photography - Richard States - Fri., 1:30pm - 2:30pm & 2:30pm - 3:30pm.** Want to take horticulture photos suitable for framing? Learn from Photo Competition Sweepstakes winner many years running.
 8. **Pollinators -Denise Elsworth - Fri., 1:30pm - 2:30pm.** Denise is Director of the Honey Bee and Native Pollinator Education Program, Ohio State University.

Convention Volunteers Needed

The Organizing Committee could use volunteers to help the Convention run smoothly. We'll be hosting about 100 members from Clubs as far away as Texas and Arizona. The Convention running smoothly and efficiently will reflect positively on the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Club and its Members. Here is how you can help:

1. We need one or more "technical" folks to help with the A/V so presentations run smoothly. There will be help from the hotel, so you wouldn't be on your own.
2. We will need people to cover the registration tables all three days.
3. We would like to have "locals" available to direct out-of-town guests to places to eat, the closest drugstore and ATM, etc. This can make a huge positive impression. The hotel will have maps and lists of restaurants available.
4. For the first time ever, there will be a judged horticulture show at the convention! Our own Mark Occhionero is one of the organizers and Jim Bell from Akron is the show chair. The details are in an attachment. You'll notice it is very similar to the schedule our Club uses for our horticulture shows.
5. Sign up to attend. Make your reservations to stay at least one night at the hotel (best bargain rates!). Plan to meet, greet, learn and enjoy the convention!



TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION
JULY 19- 21, 2017



GARDEN SCENE IN SEVENTEEN

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE USE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON

CONVENTION Fee: Per Person

Early Bird Until March 1, 2017 \$240.00

March 2 - June 1, 2017 \$260.00
After June 2, 2017 \$290.00

Cancellation Fee after (June 1, 2017) - \$50.00
Enclose a copy of current AHS card - AHS Card Reduce Fee by \$11.00

If interested in Optional extra tour day July 22, Cost TBD

**DAY RATES AVAILABLE: JULY 19TH: \$85; JULY 20TH, \$90
plus \$11 if you do not have an AHS card; JULY 21ST, \$120.**

Name (Please Print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Name on Badge: _____

TGOA/MGCA Club: _____

Location: _____

Handicap or Other Special Needs: _____

SEMINARS

Wednesday Seminars

1:00 PM - 2:15PM

- Horticulture Show Basic by Peggy Moody
- Gardening & Garden Centers Trends by Jeff Griff
- Hydrangeas by Eric Barrett

2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

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- Gardening & Garden Centers Trends by Jeff Griff
- Hydrangeas by Eric Barrett

Friday Seminars

10:45 AM- 11:45 AM

- Plant Nutrition and Lighting by Mark Occhionero
- What is in a name by Ellen Speicher
- Succulents by Jeff Havel

1:30 PM- 2:30 Pm

- What is in a name by Ellen Speicher
- Photography by Richard States
- Pollinators by Denise Elsworth

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

- Succulents by Jeff Havel
- Photography by Richard States

MEALS

Friday Night Dinner Chose One Chicken Steak

Vegetarian Meals if preferred.

Medically Required Diet: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

MAIL REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:

**The Gardeners of America / Men's Garden Clubs of America
PO Box 241
Johnston, Iowa 50131-6245**

FOR CGLR USE ONLY

Registration Number _____

Check Number _____

Date Received _____

Date Processed _____



Cleveland Airport Marriott

The Gardeners of America National Convention

July 19, 20, and 21, 2017

The Cleveland Airport Marriott is proud to be hosting The Gardeners of America National Convention. All affiliates attending this convention will receive a special rate of \$94 per night (plus tax) effective July 19 through July 22. This includes free parking and free WiFi. Cutoff date to receive the room discount is June 27. To reserve a room, please call (216) - 252 - 5333 and identify that you are with The Gardeners of America.

Cleveland Airport Marriott

4277 West 150th Street
Cleveland Ohio 44135

Phone (216) 252-5333

<http://www.clevelandairportmarriott.com>

The Cleveland Airport Marriott has a shuttle between Airport and Hotel. It is located 3.6 miles from the Cleveland Hopkins Airport and one block off I-71 (exit 240)

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/cleap-cleveland-airport-marriott/>

