



# The Spade

The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland



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## MARCH 11TH MEETING:

**Menu:** Pasta &  
Meatballs, Salad  
and Bread

**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, March 8th. Lou Pelton is  
responsible for giving The Bistro  
at Bratenahl our reservations.

### Team Captains:

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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:

We are extremely grateful to Vince Staffelino for editing *The Spade* for thirty years and counting! We extend our hearty welcome to the new editor, Jonny Prell. She has large shoes to fill, but she has already demonstrated her mastery of editing and her enthusiasm for keeping us up-to-date by her work on our web site.

Now, on the cusp of March, it is time for the club to kick into gear for our Annual Plant Sale on May 16-18. The purpose of the plant sale is to raise funds for our Student Scholarships. Last year we were able to provide \$1,500 each for three highly qualified students. This is our main fundraising event. I hope that everyone is planning on supporting this effort. We need people to grow plants from seed. We have the pots, trays and access to a greenhouse once you have started the plants. (We still need 6"x 6" pots to be donated for Chuck Palsa's Canna tubers.) We hope you will volunteer to share your gardening expertise with our customers during the three days of the sale. You can help them select plants and give them tips on how to nurture them. Hopefully, a few will even think about joining our club. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be passed around during the meeting on March 11. Please sign up.

Dave

Arthur Steinmetz, a wonderful mentor and founder of the Club's Scholarship Program is in a 24/7 home skilled nursing facility for his care with Parkinson's. He will not be able to communicate or participate in any Club functions. We will have a card at the March meeting for everyone to sign to send to his wife.

Members, those of you who have not paid for your membership renewal, please do so as soon as possible.



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## MARCH 11TH PROGRAM

Chad Clink, Arborist Representative,  
Bartlett Tree Experts Cleveland

### *Understanding Standard Tree Pruning: Updates & Information for Tree Huggers*



Chad has a passion for trees and providing high quality care towards their preservation. As a child and adolescent, working outside in the garden and taking long walks in the woods led to an interest in outdoor careers. As a student at Kent State studying horticulture, Chad took arboriculture and urban forestry classes refining his career pathway to the tree care industry. Upon graduating from Kent State with an Associate and Bachelor's degree in Horticulture, Chad worked across the country as an arborist and urban forester providing expertise to various communities. During this time Chad was able to achieve the Board Certified Master Arborist (OH-6204BM) credential and complete his Master's degree from the University of Idaho in Natural Resource Management. His most recent accomplishment was becoming a Registered Consulting Arborist (#589) with the American Society of Consulting Arborists. Chad is also a Municipal Specialist and Tree Risk Assessment Qualified with the International Society of Arboriculture and a Licensed Commercial Applicator with the Ohio Department of Agriculture. He enjoys working as both an arborist and urban & community forester for 7 years in the industry, while giving back through education and outreach with the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture. You will find Chad hiking with his wife, son, and dogs in his free time – adding a new tree to the yard – or up a tree for a recreational climb.

## FEBRUARY 11TH PROGRAM RECAP

### *Preparing for Green Careers at Tri-C*

By Carol Poh

The Feb. 11 meeting of the GoGC featured an interesting presentation by Associate Professor Jim Funai and Program Manager Lori Zatroch of Cuyahoga Community College's Plant Science and Landscape Technology Program. The program offers an associate of applied science degree, preparing students for careers in landscape design/build or retail garden center and nursery management.

The pair discussed an array of horticultural service projects completed by the students, emphasizing the importance of the hands-on learning, both to impart real-world experience and to give back to the community that supports the college. (They noted the construction of a new pole barn at the Tri-C East campus, thanks to the recent passage of Issue 61, which will enhance year-round learning.)

Among the projects described in their illustrated talk were fall cleanup in Cleveland's British Cultural Garden; repairing tornado damage at Secrest Arboretum; community tree planting in Solon; and landscape installation and renovation at Liberty Hill Baptist Church; Orange Village Community Park, The Gathering Place in Beachwood, and the Boys and Girls Club in Slavic Village.

Students enrolled in the program come from diverse backgrounds, said Ms. Zatroch. Many are older, some are veterans, and still others are preparing for second careers. The students "prove the worth of a community-college education," said Professor Funai, in the annual "Landscape Olympics": the National Collegiate Landscape Competition, a three-day event sponsored by the National Association of Landscape Professionals, which brings together top landscape and horticulture students, top industry companies, and dozens of the biggest industry manufacturers and suppliers. Students from two and four year colleges demonstrate their skills in real-world, competitive events and network with top companies.

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



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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:** Dave Rittenhouse, Co-Chair; Lou Pelton, 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

## 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; 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.**

## 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:

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>PRESIDENT:</b>          | DAVE DAWSON   |
| <b>1ST VICE PRESIDENT:</b> | JONNY PRELL   |
| <b>2ND VICE PRESIDENT:</b> | OPEN          |
| <b>SECRETARY:</b>          | JODITH JANES  |
| <b>TREASURER:</b>          | JOHN BUDNIK   |
| <b>ASST TREASURER:</b>     | ANDY KOSIOREK |

## DIRECTORS:

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| HANK DOLL               | DAVE RITTENHOUSE |
| PAT BOGGINS             | JULIE HENRY      |
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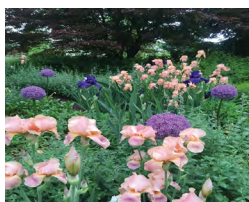
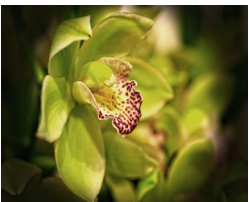
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## Who Can I Ask?

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
- Larry Kell: General gardening
- 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](mailto:loupelton305@gmail.com).



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Each spring...a gardening instinct, sure as the sap rising in the trees, stirs within us.  
We look about and decide to tame another little bit of ground. Lewis Gannett

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Philadelphia Flower Shower

March 2nd thru March 10th, contact Deah Stark if you are interested in attending. She would like to get a group together.



### 2019 Home Gardeners Workshop

The Lake County Master Gardeners is offering this workshop on Saturday, March 9, 2019, consisting of 8 programs on gardening. For more information on the program, go to [www.lake.osu.edu](http://www.lake.osu.edu), go to events calendar and click on more events, or our website.

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

Monthly Gardening Programs: March thru November, 2019. See the Club's website for more information, or go to [lake.osu.edu](http://lake.osu.edu).

### CBG Orchid Mania Show

Saturday, January 26th thru Sunday, March 10th. Hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10AM to 5PM; Wednesday from 10AM to 9PM; and Sunday from Noon to 5PM. There is a paid admission. Tickets maybe purchased on-line or at the entrance. Click here for more information.



### CBG Affiliate Day is April 11th.

**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.



## 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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## SPRING-FLOWERING TREES FOR URBAN GARDENS

Old Man Winter is finally releasing his gray, icy grip, and hardy plants like snowdrops and daffodils are signaling the changing of the seasons. Over the next few weeks Mother Nature will put on a flirty display with ornamental trees of all colors and fashions. Dozens of trees will bring flowers in reds, purples, yellows, and whites; in spikes, plumes, puffballs, and cascades.

Below are some of my favorite spring-flowering trees for cities. Their shorter stature, tolerant dispositions, and hardy constitutions make them great assets for urban lots and yards. Check with local nurseries for cultivars that flourish in your area.



Chinese Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis mollis*). Very early spring-flowering small tree with intensely sweet-smelling flowers. Cut branches make a cheerful and fragrant arrangement.



Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* spp.). Early spring-blooming small tree covered in delicate white flowers, similar to crab apples. Edible berries ripen in early summer. Suitable for large containers.



Flowering Cherry (*Prunus* spp.) Famous for its early spring bloom. Double-flowered varieties have fewer flowers but hold blossoms for longer periods.



Redbud (*Cercis* spp.). Branches and twigs are literally cloaked in reddish buds, then pinkish flowers. Multi-season interest from heart-shaped leaves and graceful habit. Spectacular displays near Louisville and Lexington.



Star Magnolia (*Magnolia stellata*). Spring-blooming small tree with large, star-like flowers. One of the least messy magnolias.

*By William Moss, National Gardening Association*

*Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest, keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.*

*Robert Frost*