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The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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Monday, August 14th Menu:

Chicken Marsala, green beans, and salad. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served in the Penthouse after dinner.

What's inside:

- June Scholarship Program Summary
- Scholarship Winners Information
- Club Reminders & Updates
- Team Captains List (Rev 5-23)
- Horticulture Show Rules & Requirements



If you would like to share a favorite recipe with the members, please do so!

Also any gardening tip would be great.

Send to [Jonny Prell](#).

AH SUMMER! After a cool June (Cleveland averaged 3.2 degrees F below normal), we are enjoying long warm days with occasional rain to promote vigorous growth of our gardens and to keep our lawns green! What caught my attention last month and so far in July were the beautiful Japanese lilac trees and rhododendrons with prolonged blooming periods, thanks to the cool weather in June. In late June and early July, yuccas also were spectacular with their large spikes of white flowers. Of course, annual, perennial, and vegetable gardens have been flourishing as of late and soon tomatoes, peppers, zucchini and other tasty vegetables will be gracing our tables, if not already for early cultivars! I am looking forward to preparing delicious BLTs, salads, gazpacho and chilled cucumber soups, and zucchini patties! The gardens at the VA Hospital Spinal Cord Unit courtyard were looking great last month! Larry and I will be making a visit soon to check on the flowers, herbs and vegetable plants. The VA kitchen actually uses the vegetables and herbs that the veterans harvest. By the way, my iris divisions that I received from Bob, Sandra and Ron at the May meeting are thriving! How are your iris divisions doing?

Our Scholarship Night in June was a special event and I again thank Ed Tuhela and Fred Robinson who co-Chaired the Scholarship Committee and committee member Deb Kramarz who made the evening a big success. Look for Ed's article in this newsletter that summarizes the evening.

As members of the GoGC, we are "dirt gardeners" and I certainly am proud to be a GoGC dirt gardener! Not only do I have my balcony container gardens, but I also "dirt garden" at the Willott Iris Garden and will be doing the same soon at the club's adopted bed at the Lantern Court Estate at Red Oak Camp. Today I filled 100 6.5" pots with soil at the Willott Iris Garden for Bob, Sandra and Ron to pot up iris divisions from the garden. I truly got my hands dirty and the 75 minutes went by in a flash! Please make an effort to volunteer at the garden and any amount of time you can volunteer will be greatly appreciated. That also applies to the Lantern Court Estate bed where I also will be volunteering time. Thank you!

Our club's horticulture show will be held on Monday, August 14th. Tom Davis will be giving a Zoom session on Tuesday, August 8th at 7 PM to review how to prepare specimens for the show and filling out forms. You will be receiving the Zoom invitation from Jonny a few days before the Zoom session.

Friendly reminder: Please RSVP to your Team Captains by Thursday afternoon, August 10, and Team Captains, please RSVP to Hiedi Winston that Thursday evening for the August 14 meeting. Thank you!

Happy gardening and I will see you next month!

Bob McMahon



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June Scholarship Program, by Ed Tuhela

At our meeting, we honored three scholarship winners - Seth Hemmi, Hannah Akel and Patrick Robison.

Hannah Akel will be attending The Ohio State University this fall, and will be studying Environmental Sciences. We learned that Hannah is very active in sports and has worked intensively with environmental projects.

Seth Hemmi will be attending OSU ATI in August and will be studying Greenhouse and Nursery Management. He shared his love for running aquaponics growing systems. He might give us a lesson on this type of system in a future meeting. Seth's teacher Kym Judson also talked and gave us some thoughts on her teaching career.

Unfortunately, our third winner, Patrick Robison was unable to attend the meeting due to health concerns. He had a major operation the beginning of July. The long term prognosis is very good and he still plans to start classes at Purdue University this fall studying Turfgrass Management.

The members at the meeting asked many good questions and the scholarship recipients gave informative answers. We all learned a lot about these wonderful young people. It was a fun and informative evening. Thank you to all who helped with the scholarship committee and everyone who help with acquiring the scholarship money.



Seth Hemmi and Hannah Akel



Seth and His Parents



Hanna and Her Dad



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2023 Scholarship Winners

Seth Hemmi

Willoughby South High School and Gates Mills Environmental Education Center
Kym Judson; Teacher/FFA Advisor

Seth studied Floral and Greenhouse Management for two years at Gates Mills Environmental Center with his teacher Kym Judson. He will be pursuing a degree in Greenhouse and Nursery Management in College at the OSU ATI campus.

In his senior year, his weighted GPA is 3.26. Seth's academic class load included a number of Honors and AP class work. Seth earned 3 college credits during his high school work. Seth was involved with his FFA chapter for two years with being elected the club's treasurer.

Seth was involved in numerous volunteer activities to round out his experience. Some of them were working to clean up a local beach and taking environmental quality observations, working with elementary students in which he introduced them to various floral and greenhouse operations, and working in the school's vegetable and flower garden during the summer to make sure that is in top shape for the following year for the new incoming students.

Seth showed his leadership skills by helping to recruit new students for the program and taking them under his wing to help them transition the demanding work of a tech program.

Seth found his passion in helping to design and build the new aquaponics feature in the school. Seth helped to get the system up and running and it will now be used to teach future students about this crucial growing system.

We applaud the accomplishments of Seth Hemmi, and we are confident his career goals will be met.

Hannah's extracurricular list of activities is impressive. She was involved in numerous sports activities including volleyball, track and field, swim team, cross country and wrestling. Her interests also include the study of music in which she was involved with marching and concert band. To round out her activities, Hannah was involved with Key Club and Decore Martial Arts.

Hannah's main interest is being out in the natural environment. She takes numerous walks in the Cleveland Metroparks. She was involved in working in the Cleveland Metroparks watershed program. Some of her work here included planting trees, removing invasive plant species, cleaning up local beaches and rehabilitating land.

Hannah's career goals are to work in air or water quality management with the Environmental Protection Agency or work with companies such as the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer district. We wish Hannah success with her all-important career goals.

Patrick Robison

Saint Ignatius High School
Rory Fitzpatrick; Teacher/Landscape Club Advisor

Patrick has a weighted GPA of 4.12 while taking a number of honors courses. He exceeded the school science requirement by taking a dual enrollment Environment Science class. He is earning college credits while taking these classes. Patrick plans to attend Purdue University and work toward a major in Turfgrass Management and Science.

Patrick mostly likes being outside in nature. All of his sporting activities involve the outdoors.

One of Patrick's passions is rowing on his school's rowing team. Being outside on the water led Patrick to want to get involved with Turf Science. This career goal will open up opportunities while still connecting him to his outdoor sports activities.

Patrick was involved with several activities including being a member of his school's Landscape Club. This showed him many areas of the landscape industry. He was also involved with the Pallbearers Ministry and Labre Ministry for the Homeless. Awards that he earned include National Latin Exam Medalist, National Greek Exam Medalist and Gold Medal-Midwest Scholastic Rowing Association.

Hannah Akel

Fairview High School

Hannah did not have the opportunity to attend a tech school, but she attended several Environmental Science courses. Hannah earned an impressive weighted GPA of 4.29 and had a class rank of 14 out of 118 while taking a number of AP and advanced courses. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Hannah will be attending The Ohio State University – Columbus in the fall. She will pursue a degree in Environmental Science.



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Club Reminders & Updates

- The TGOA convention is July 26-28 at the Springhill Suites in Dayton and I hope to see you there! Tom Davis and Bob McMahon will be speakers on the 26th, and there are six other excellent speakers lined up for the 27th and 28th. If you have not registered yet, please do so and make your hotel reservation by directly calling the hotel. You can access the registration form through our club's website's [home page](#) where the TGOA link is posted.
- **The Annual Horticulture Show will be held on Monday, August 14th.** Tom Davis will be giving a Zoom session at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 8th to educate members on how to enter your species. A Zoom invite will be sent out to all members. Rules and Regulations are included in this issue.
- We are having a plant swap at our September's meeting. Everyone is invited to participate. You just need to bring a plant to put in the swap, anywhere from 1 to 10 plants. This could be a plant you had in your home, and tired of looking at it. Plants can be a house or outside plant, as long as it is alive and potted. It does not have to be all the same kind - a variety of plants will make this a fun event. So it could be 10 different plants, or a couple of the same. Please provide a small description and care for it.
In exchange you will receive a raffle ticket for each plant you bring, then you could pick up to that many plants.
- Bob & Sandra Pindell and Ron Hartmiller are asking for volunteers at the Willott Iris Garden. Hours are 10AM to 2PM, Tuesday - Saturday.





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MEETING INFORMATION:

- WHEN:** 2nd Monday of each month, August through June
- WHERE:** 1 Bratenahl Place
Bratenahl, Ohio
- SCHEDULE:** 5:30 PM - Social
6:15 PM - Dinner
7:15 PM - General Meeting
7:30 PM - Program



OFFICERS:

- PRESIDENT:** ROBERT MCMAHON
- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** STEVE MCINTOSH
- SECRETARY:** JONNY PRELL
- TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON
- ASST TREASURER:** LARRY KELL
- PAST PRESIDENT:** JONNY PRELL

Current DIRECTORS:

- DEBORAH KRAMARZ / 2021-2024
- ROBERT MCMAHON
- DEBBIE DANIELS
- ED TUHELA
- FRED ROBINSON
- GARRET ORMISTON
- LARRY KELL
- TOM DAVIS

CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Tom Davis, Chair
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell, Chair; Steve McIntosh (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media);
- *Finance:* Larry Kell Chair; Hiedi Winston
- *Income Projects:* Debbie Daniels, Chair; Bob McMahon, Melissa Supler
- *Membership:* Jonny Prell, Larry Kell, Co-Chairs; Julie Shaw
- *Programs:* Robert McMahon, Chair
- *Scholarship:* Ed Tuhela, Fred Robinson, Co-chairs; Deb Kramarz,
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

CURRENT SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National Organization: Larry Kell, President; Tom Davis, National Director;
- Youth Gardening: Steve McIntosh, Chair; Larry Kell
- 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, Chair
- Nominating: Deb Kramarz, Chair
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh, Chair



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Team 1

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Team 2

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- Garrett Ormiston
- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- Herb Klein
- Bob Rensel
- Eddie Lagucki
- Deborah Dockery (New Member)

Team 3

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- Jodith Janes
- Larry Kell
- Hiedi Winston
- Bob McMahon & George Roscoe
- Paul Bilyk
- Al Hopf

Team 4

Team Captain: Deb Kramarz,
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- Fred Robinson
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold
- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux
- Kevin Borowiak
- Kathy Talty

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- Patrick Boggins
- Jonny Prell
- Kelly Adkins
- Debbie Daniels
- Melissa Supler
- Ed Tuhela
- Lisa Skufca

Team 6

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Team 7

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- Tom Davis
- Emily Dennis
- John Schinker
- Deah Stark
- John Tilisky
- Dave Tomaszewski
- Susan Brownstein

**Team Captains, please call in your
RSVP number directly to Hiedi Winston.
(440.752.2617 or email at hwinston@naipvc.com) by Thursday evening.**



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2023 Horticulture Show Announcement - August 14th

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, flowers, fruits, and vegetables. We have moved the show from September to August to match the time of peak garden growth. We have added some sections to allow for a larger variety of entries. This early announcement is to let you start planning your entries.

- 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.
- There will be a Zoom session in August to help you prepare for the show.
- You can make up to five (5) entries per person.
- Clerks will be present from 5:00 to 6:00 PM to receive entries and help you with the entry card and staging the entry. We have paper plates and other supplies.
- Bring two return address labels per entry. That will make filling out the entry cards much faster and easier.
- Entries like cut flowers should be in a clear glass container with no labels.
- 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.
- Prize winning or unusual entries will be discussed by the entrant and/or the judges to carry out the theme of Gardening Education.
- Certified judges will come from the Central Great Lakes Gardeners Region.
- The show committee reserves the right to modify this schedule at a later date.

Please read the information below! Every year someone is disappointed because they don't follow directions and don't win a ribbon.

2023 GOGC HORTICULTURE SHOW SCHEDULE

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, two plants of the same type or up to three different plants. The plant(s) can be of any type except succulents.



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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. A Native Plant Specimen in any category.
13. Fruits - One specimen of larger fruits such as apples, peaches, etc.
14. Fruits - six specimens of smaller fruits such as berries.
15. Herbs - One stem of herbs such as rosemary, mint, borage, etc.
16. Potted herb plants (see 6 and 8 above).
17. Largest Hosta Leaf. It won't be judged on condition; it can be imperfect.

Judging Requirements: (Please read carefully!!)

1. The specimen must be properly identified with the plant name and the variety. Example: "hybrid tea rose, Peace." We will supply entry forms and help you fill 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 June 14, 2023.)
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. Fruits and vegetables should be on a plain, white paper plate.
7. Potted 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 6:00 PM on August 14. Any entry after 6:00 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 Tom Davis at tsdavis62@gmail.com with any questions.

Good luck!

Tom Davis tsdavis62@gmail.com