



# The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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*Lemon Peony*

## President's Letter

Dear Members,

I notified you all that my time as President of the Club was going to end soon due to extraordinary circumstances. June is officially my last month as President. I will stay on as a member **only** to update the Club website and publish The Spade monthly.

Chuck Palsa will be taking over as he is 1st Vice President. Discussions are now in place on how to encourage member participation in the Club leadership, and the overall Club organization. The Secretary and Treasurer positions need to be filled.

We now have a Zoom paid subscription so our June 14th meeting will not have to be broken up into 2 calls. The June meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and include our Scholarship Award program and a speaker. I encourage as many members as possible to participate. Steve McIntosh will be sending out the link to the Zoom call.

I appreciate all your thoughtful comments and support during this past year and a half.

*Gonny Prell*



*Edible Herb Garden*



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## 2021 Scholarship News - Monday, June 14th Meeting

Two \$1,500 scholarships are being awarded: Caleb Kautz and Sean Ward. Both are interested in pursuing their studies in plant science and are highly qualified to excel in those careers. Given the pandemic, we did not interview the students in person or by telephone. However, they both had excellent references from teachers and/or employers. Sean Ward has volunteered helping at the Iris Willot Garden, and volunteering with Deb Kramarz and Steve McIntosh.

**Caleb Kautz** attended West Geauga High School and has participated in the Gates Mills Environmental Education program. He had a 3.87 GPA, including four AP courses, and took a wide range of horticulture courses at which he also excelled. He is highly recommended by his teachers, David Husat and Edward Tuhelat at the Gates Mills Environmental Center. Mr. Husat observed that “his maturity is beyond that of an average high school student.” And, Mr. Tuhela wrote “Caleb continually stretches himself and goes beyond what is expected of him.”

His employer for six years and social studies teacher, Ernie Cavasinni, said that “what truly makes Caleb stand out above all others is his incredible work ethic!” On top of all that he was on the varsity baseball team and was president of the local FFA chapter. Caleb’s career goal is to work in the landscaping industry. He will attend Tri-C upon graduation.

**Sean Ward** attended St. Ignatius High School where he has excelled academically at one of the most challenging high schools in Northeast Ohio. He took 12 AP courses and has a 4.38 GPA. He has been accepted at three Big 10 universities, Michigan State, Wisconsin-Madison and Purdue, as well as the University of Georgia. He plans on attending MSU where he will major in plant biology.

He is a self-motivating person as his school does not have a horticulture curriculum, but still he was able to immerse himself in horticultural activities, most notably the renovation of the British Cultural Garden. His AP Biology teacher, Tara Henderson, described Sean as “driven to succeed in all endeavors, especially in his academics.” His AP Literary teacher, Terra Caputo, observed that “he was a very self-directed student and consistent hard worker.” In addition to his academic excellence, Sean has found time to do landscaping work for his neighbor, Michael Globokar, who was impressed by Sean’s “hard work ethic...and positive attitude.”

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*The scholarship awards will be formally acknowledged during our Monday, June 14th meeting. Caleb and Sean’s parents along with their teachers and advisors will be invited to joining our virtual meeting.*

*The Club meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. The first hour will be Club business and scholarship formal presentation and introductions of the winners, their family and teachers/advisors. The second part of the meeting will be the actual program speaker.*



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## Monday, June 14th Speaker- Tips for Growing Herbs in Your Garden

Beth Schreibman Gehring , Education Chairman for the Western Reserve Society is a lover of all things green, delicious, growing, beautiful, elegant and fragrant. She's also an Author, Life and Health Coach who uses an ever-changing seasonal palette of love, life and food to help her readers and clients fall madly in love with their lives.

For close to 30 years she was the president of Schreibman Jewelers, one of Northeast Ohio's largest and most prestigious bridal registries, jewelry, gift and tableware businesses.

Beth has had the distinct honor and pleasure of designing the table settings for several TV series, including "Julia Child Cooks at Home with Friends," "Julia Child cooks with Jacque Pepin" and the "Todd English and Olives restaurant" cooking show. She created the table setting designs for the books of the same name.

Somewhere along her journey, she discovered that many were drawn to her for her ability to teach them to live everyday with passion. So when she closed her business in 2003 she became a Life and Health Coach, Board Certified by The Institute of Integrative Nutrition in NYC and by The American Association of Drugless Practitioners and a Reiki Master

Beth is the Education Chairman for the Western Reserve Herb Society and sits on the Public Relations Committee of WRHS. Beth is a featured writer for the Herb Society of America , [Western Reserve Herb Society](#) and International Herb Association blogs. Beth is also a member of Herbalists without Borders, Les Dames d'Escoffier International (Cleveland ), The International Herb Association, The Herb Society of America and The Herb Society of the United Kingdom.





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## May 10th Program Summary- Bees and Native Plants

Ann Cicarella has been designing landscapes for twenty-seven years, predominantly in the Cleveland area, but was thrilled to design gardens at an eco-boutique resort in Caldera, Panama, as well as, residential gardens in Fairfax, VA and Sea Island, GA.



In 2005, Ann Cicarella Landscape Design LLC was awarded a Gold Medal by the Association of Professional Landscape Designers for a project she designed and managed in the category of \$150,000 and above. Ann received her Certificate in Landscape Horticulture from Cleveland State University and continued to absorb landscape design ideas and principles by visiting fantastic gardens in the US, Italy,

France, England, Germany and the Netherlands. Hopefully, her husband will agree to explore the gardens in Kyoto, Japan with her in the near future. She has been featured in numerous magazines throughout her career and was most recently on the cover of the 2015 April Ohio Magazine and 2016 May cover of Country Gardens.

In 2015, Ann founded the [Cleveland Pollinator and Native Plant Symposium](http://www.clevelandpollinatorsymposium.org) to bring in expert speakers to address ways in which we can design, build and maintain biodiverse landscapes and habitats for pollinators and wildlife. [www.clevelandpollinatorsymposium.org](http://www.clevelandpollinatorsymposium.org). Ann has designed a pollinator and vegetable garden for her four grandchildren so they can experience firsthand the wonder of the rich insect life and beauty you find in gardens.

Ann hand raises monarch butterflies and is a beekeeper with six hives in her garden. She also maintains the beehive at the Cleveland Botanical Garden.





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## April 12th Program Summary - Hydroponic Crops

The April program was presented by Dr. Uttara Samarakoon. She is Assistant Professor (70% teaching and 30% research), and Coordinator for Greenhouse and Nursery Management program (Started in 2016)

Dr. Samarakoon defined hydroponics, where and how hydroponic crops are produced, and if you have hydroponic produce as part of your diet. She summarized the contributions and opportunities of hydroponic food crop production in the U.S. Also, hydroponic food production systems at Ohio State ATI was discussed regarding teaching and research.





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## STANDING COMMITTEES

- Awards: Hank Doll, Chair; Tom Davis
- Communication: Jonny Prell, Chair (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media); Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold, (Publicity)
- Finance: Chuck Palsa, Chair; Hiedi Winston, Andy Kosiorek
- Income Projects: Bob McMahon, Dave Dawson, Julie Henry (Plant Sale); Pat Boggins (Bulb Sale); Dave Dawson, Julie Henry (Auction / Raffle)
- Membership: Lou Pelton, Co-Chair; Dave Rittenhouse, Co-Chair; Larry Kell, Chuck Palsa,
- Programs: Robert McMahon, Chair; Kathy Kosirek, Cynthia Andersen, Scholarship: Hank Doll, Chair; Deb Kramarz, Dave Dawson, Fred Robinson
- Service Projects: Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National & Regional Organizations: Larry Kell, First Vice President; Tom Davis, National Director
- Central Great Lakes Gardeners: Larry Kell, 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 Show: Tom Davis, Julie Henry
- Nominating: Dave Dawson, Chair; Deb Kramarz
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains

## MEETING INFORMATION:

**WHEN:** 2nd Monday of each month,  
September through June  
*Suspended*

**WHERE:** 1 Bratenahl Place  
Bratenahl, Ohio

**SCHEDULE:** 6PM - Social  
6:40 - Dinner  
7:30 - General Meeting  
8 to 9PM - Program



## OFFICERS:

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	JONNY PRELL
<b>1ST VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	CHUCK PALSA
<b>2ND VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	ROBERT MCMAHON
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<b>TREASURER:</b>	HIEDI WINSTON
<b>ASST TREASURER:</b>	ANDY KOSIOREK

## DIRECTORS:

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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, wooden bird feeders
- Diane Circle: Hostas
- Tom Davis: Native plants
- Hank Doll: Dahlia growing
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold: Orchids
- Lou Drasler: Cannas and environmental issues
- Ron Hartmiller: Weeds, grasses
- Herb Klein: Unusual plants and perennials
- Deb Kramarz: Master Rain Gardener
- Andy Kosiorek: Above-ground sprinkler systems
- Kathy Kosiorek: Veggies and container gardening
- Robert McMahon: Insectivorous plant culture and balcony/patio container gardening, and houseplant care.
- 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
- Deah Stark: Perennials
- Hiedi Winston: Vegetable gardening

The purpose of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland is to educate and provide members with information related to all types of gardening - whether their own personal gardens or community projects - through our monthly meetings, Club activities, or our newsletter *The Spade* and our website, [www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org](http://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org).

We promote horticulture in our community by installing and caring for gardens at various community services 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 Lorain, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Mahoning counties.

To join, please contact **Dave Rittenhouse** our Membership Co-Chairman at [dwrittenhouse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwrittenhouse@sbcglobal.net).



*Malachi House Community Streetscape*