



The Spade

The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland



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NOVEMBER 11TH MEETING: Buffet Dinner

Roasted Turkey, Green Beans, Parmesan Potatoes, Gravy, Cranberry Glaze, and Garden Salad

Vegetarian Dinner: Chef's Choice

Cookies & Coffee served in the Penthouse before the meeting.

Please call your Team Captain with your Dinner reservation by Friday, November 8th. Lou Pelton is responsible for giving The Bistro at Bratenahl our reservations.

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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

At both the Board and general meetings in October, we learned of some financial problems in our parent organization, The Gardeners of America (TGOA). Over the last several years it appears that the staff in Iowa has been using restricted funds to run our organization. And while we haven't heard that there has been any personal enrichment on their part, this activity is clearly contrary to the by-laws that they are expected to follow. To make matters worse, their financial statements seem to have concealed how these funds were used.

You may be asking why should GOGC stay affiliated with TGOA? What does our club gain by this connection? This is a question I have asked myself as a relative newcomer to the club. As one of the larger clubs in the Midwest, we pay substantial dues to the national. Fortunately, our interests are in the hands of extremely competent and trustworthy club members. Tom Davis, a current Director of TGOA and Larry Kell, the current 2nd VP, together with John Schinker of Youngstown, a former President of TGOA, and several others were part of an Ad Hoc committee to address these problems.

As we learned from Larry, this group proposed budget changes approved by the executive committee and the national board to ensure that funds are properly used, that the realistic budget they proposed is followed, and that the operations of TGOA will be moved to ATI in Wooster where the expenses are a fraction of those in Iowa. And, if you ask, as I think is appropriate, how our club benefits from this affiliation, I think this question was addressed by Larry and Julie at the last general meeting. Here's how we benefit: we learn from our affiliates ways of conducting meetings; we have learned how to judge horticulture shows; we get help in auditing our financial books. We have gotten support for our Plant Sale. Being connected with ATI holds the promise of substantial benefits for the club.

We are a better club for these associations. It appears to me that our club will benefit from these changes. Thank you to Tom, Larry and John and all others involved in these efforts to dig into these matters.

Dave Dawson



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Club Nominations for 2020-2021

Below is the list of Officers and Board Directors nominations:

OFFICERS

President serves a 2 year term: Jonny Prell

First Vice President serves a 2 year term: Chuck Palsa

Second Vice President serves a 2 year term: Open

Treasurer serves a 2 year term or more: Hiedi Winston

Secretary serves a 2 year term or more: Open

DIRECTORS to serve the 3 year term 2020-2022

- Bob McMahon
- David Rittenhouse
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold

We are still seeking member to serve as 2nd Vice President and Secretary

Larry Kell, as President of the Central Great Lakes Gardeners (our Regional) and will also serve as representative to the National organization.

The general meeting will start promptly at 7:30 for the election of Directors and Big Chuck's auction items.

2020 MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The membership campaign starts in November. Checks should be made out to **Gardeners of Greater Cleveland**, and are due the first meeting in 2020, January 13th. Dues are \$40 per individual/year; \$60 per family/year; and \$25 for associate member/year. You can give your checks to John Budnik at the monthly meeting, or sent them to him at [12401 Coit Road, Bratenahl, Ohio 44108](mailto:12401CoitRoad@bratenahl.org).



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CENTRAL GREAT LAKES REGIONAL MEETING

The Regional meeting was held Saturday, October 26th at Kingwood Center in Mansfield, Ohio. Visit our website or our Facebook page to view some photos of the grounds. The Regional meeting is held twice a year (April and October at Kingwood Center).

Officers were installed for 2020, they are

- **President** - Larry Kell
- **Past President** - Steve Maki
- **Treasurer** - Bob Bell
- **Secretary** - Marsha Davies



Awards were give out to the following:

- Horticulture Achievement Award - Mark Occhionero
- Certificate of Appreciation - Fred Robinson
- William Moorehouse Award - John & Cheri Kessen
- Green Bronze Award - Steve Maki
- Delbert R. Dunbar Award - Larry Kell





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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 2018-2020
- PAT BOGGINS 2018-2020
- KATHY KOSIOREK 2018-2020
- PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD 2017-2019
- DAVE RITTENHOUSE 2017-2019
- JULIE HENRY 2019-2021
- Z. HAROLD DAVIS 2019-2021
- GARRETT ORMISTON 2019-2021
- CHUCK PALSA 2017-2019

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:** Lou Pelton, Co-Chair; Dave Rittenhouse, Co-Chair; Larry Kell, Chuck Palsa, Jonny Prell
- **Programs:** Kathy Kosiorek, Chair; Robert McMahon
Any program suggestions? Contact Kathy!
- **Scholarship:** Harold Davis, Co-Chair; Hank Doll; Deb Kramarz; Lou Pelton
- **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 Show: Mark Occhionero, Julie Henry, Tom Davis
- Nominating: Bob Pindell, Chair; Jonny Prell, Deb Kramarz
- Wellness/Memorials: Harold Davis, Team Captains



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October Program Summary

Growing Roses,
By Carol Poh

Growing roses in northeast Ohio was the subject of an illustrated talk by Stuart Kline at the October meeting. Species roses, old European garden roses, hardy repeat-blooming roses, shrub roses, modern roses (including hybrid tea, floribunda, grandiflora, climbers).

Kline, who has been growing roses for 60 years, is an American Rose Society consulting rosarian. Established in 1892, ARS is the oldest and largest single-plant horticultural society, with more than 10,000 members. During his talk, Kline circulated the society's bi-monthly magazine, *American Rose*, and its annual *Handbook for Selecting Roses*. The Buckeye District of ARS dates to 1932.

To source roses, Kline recommended helpmefind.com. (The site is also useful for sourcing clematis and peonies.) He explained the pros and cons of buying budded versus own-root roses (the former may not be winter hardy, the latter are often more winter hardy). Kline is a proponent of buying own-root roses from reputable nurseries by mail order in January—no later—for the best selection. He has a low opinion of Knock Out® roses and of roses sold by big-box stores. For what to plant and where, he recommended *Right Rose, Right Place* by Peter Schneider (Storey Publishing, 2009).

Roses need not be intimidating, said Kline: think of them as just another shrub. They need 5 hours or more sun daily (“not 4½ hours, not 4¾”; a.m. sun is better than p.m. sun); good drainage, including placement away from the dripline of trees; a planting mix composed of equal parts good quality topsoil, compost, and sand. Do some digging—don't put “a \$40 rose in a \$2 hole.”

Proper care requires mulching (2-4 inches), fertilizing (10-10-10 or 12-12-12—“the plant doesn't care which”) in May, June/July, and August; and watering when the soil is dry 2-3 inches below the surface. To avoid the dreaded black-spot, avoid overhead watering—or water in the morning, allowing time for the leaves to dry before nightfall. Kline discussed the other perils that can beset roses: powdery mildew, downy mildew, aphids, Japanese beetles, and spider mites. He was loath to recommend specific commercial products to annihilate these. Prune roses in April, cutting the stem back to healthy tissue. Clean leaves out of rose beds before winter.

November Speaker: Cynthia Druckenbrod

Happy Houseplants

Cynthia Druckenbrod, M.S. served as Vice-President of Horticulture at Cleveland Botanical Garden from 2007 to 2017. Prior to that she oversaw the Gardens' 18,000 square foot Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse from 2000-2007. Her specialties include neotropical and Old-World desert plants and animals. In her spare time, she studies neotropical butterflies. Cynthia earned a BA in Biology from Case Western Reserve University and Masters degree in Entomology from Auburn. She was awarded the Professional Citation Award in 2016 from the American Public Gardens Association for her leadership in the field of horticulture, particularly in the Program Selection Committee.





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November Meeting - Auction of Gardening Tools from Chuck Evans Estate

Thanks to Margaret Evans, we have the chance to add to Big Chuck's legacy by buying his garden tools and donating the money to the Scholarship Fund. Tools and asking prices are listed below. Tool and minimum prices are listed below. Each purchaser gets to pick a book from Chuck's gardening library. Please be generous! Most items are show in the photos below.

- AXE, single bit Collins Axe made in USA; needs a wedge for the head: \$5
- AXE & ADZE, 36", 7+lb, for hard to get roots: \$10
- CULTIVATOR, 18 v. electric cordless oscillating cultivator: \$25
- DRAW HOE, Wolf-garten 18" hoe: \$5
- MACHETE, 18" blade w/cloth scabbard: \$5
- MINI-TILLER, groundbreaker 26" hand hoe and cultivator w/3 tines: \$5
- PITCHFORK, 42" w/wood handle, 4 pointed steel tines: \$10
- PITCHFORK, 66" by Union Tools w/5 tines for loose material: \$10
- SAW, 21" bow saw: \$10
- SAW, 21" folding Sven saw: \$10
- SAW, 7' Fiskars tree pruner for 1" branches, expands to 12': \$15
- SHEARS, lopping hedge shears by Bond w/10+" serrated blades: \$10
- SHOVEL, 56" Square Point digging shovel: \$10
- SHREDDER, corded 8 amp. B&D garden shredder made in Germany: \$25
- SPADE, 39" garden spade, ideal for transplanting perennials: \$10
- STYROFOAM CUPS, abt. 100, perfect for propagation: \$0
- TRIMMER, WORX 20v. cordless trimmer 10" by 120 deg.: \$25
- TRIMMER, Bushwacker corded reciprocating hedge trimmer w/20" blade, scabbard: \$25





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Upcoming Events:

Early Morning Bird Walks @ Holden Arboretum

Saturdays, November 9 and December 7,
7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Free for members, with admission for nonmembers



Gifts from the Heart of Nature @ Holden Arboretum

Friday, November 15 through Monday December 30

Garden Store Holiday Open House @ Cleveland Botanical Garden

Saturday, November 9, 9AM - 11AM (Member Preview); 11AM - 5PM - (Public Sale)

Putting the Garden to Bed @ Cleveland Metro Parks Brecksville Reservation

The Trailside Program Center / 9000 Chippewa Creek Drive, Brecksville

Saturday, November 9th, 10AM - 11AM

SCIENTIST Lecture Series @ Holden Arboretum

David Burke, Chief Program Officer for Research

Wednesday, November 13 at 7PM; \$5 for members; \$15 for nonmembers

Getting by with a little help from our friends: Soil Microbes and their important role in plant conservation.

GLOW @ Cleveland Botanical Garden

Saturday November 23 through Saturday, January 4

Free for Members, with Admission for nonmembers





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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
- John Budnik: Herbs and flowering bulbs
- Diane Circle: Hostas
- Tom Davis: Native plants
- Hank Doll: Dahlia growing
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold: Orchids
- Ron Hartmiller: Weeds
- Herb Klein: Unusual plants and perennials
- Deb Kramarz: Master Rain Gardener
- 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.

