



# The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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## MONDAY, MAY 9TH, BUFFET

### DINNER MENU: 6:15 PM

Dinner in The Bistro will be Meatloaf with Parmesan mashed potatoes, brown gravy and buttered corn. Coffee, Tea and Cookies will follow.

### What's inside:

- Important Information about the new Bylaws
- April Program Summary
- May 2022 Awards Committee Recognition Article, by Kathy Kosiorek
- Club Updates
- April Native Plant Month, Tom Davis
- Baked Barley Risotto with Mushrooms and Carrots. Recipe from Tom Davis
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Members, if you have any recipe that you would like to share, or a garden tip, please send it to [Jonny Prell](#) and she will publish it in The Spade!

### Hello Members!

I attended the Holden Garden & Forests' Affiliate Day on April 21st at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. A good crowd turned out, representing many area garden clubs. Speakers summarized the Hershey Children's Garden Planter and Explorer programs, and GoGC member, Kevin Borowiak, summarized the 2022 HF&G Holiday Show. Kevin said that a theme is being formulated for the show and that ~30,000 visitors enjoyed this past year's show, pointing to the fact that this event is popular with members and the public. Tom Arbour, HF&G's Curator of Living Collections, gave a delightful presentation about growing a living collection at HF&G. Deb Kramarz distributed packets of sunflower seed to attendees that were donated by the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Central Great Lakes Gardeners held its regional meeting at Kingwood Center on Saturday, April 23rd. Members from the Akron, Cleveland, Ft. Wayne, Lima, and Youngstown clubs were present in person and virtually, including 5 members from our club. The following officers were installed: Tom Arens, President; Bruce Brungard, Vice President; Bob Bell, Treasurer; and Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, Secretary. Discussion centered on the need for new judges for fairs and horticulture shows, membership contact information and the national convention in Wooster this September. The guest speaker gave an informative Power Point presentation, Perennial Solutions for Problem Areas. Ellen discussed deer resistant plants, drought tolerant plants, plants for dry shade and plants for wet areas. She listed many perennial species for each category and gave various tips, including hanging Irish Spring bar soap by strings from trees or stakes to repel deer.

Enjoy the advance of Spring, and I look forward to seeing you at the May 9th meeting.

*Bob McMahon*



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## Bylaws Revision - Important Announcement

At the upcoming May meeting, the membership will have the opportunity to approve the proposed Bylaws of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland. This version is similar to the current 2014 Bylaws but simplified. The proposed Bylaws state that members directly will elect the Directors and the Officers. All members will receive a copy of both the 2014 and 2022 Bylaws before the meeting. The 2014 Bylaws are also located on the Club website under Members Only [Click Here](#). Included with the proposed Bylaws, will be a cover letter that explains the most important changes to the Bylaws. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to Bob McMahon or Steve McIntosh.

## Monday, April 11th Program Summary - Lawn Care Tips

Our Speaker, Ed Nangle from Ohio State ATI, at our April meeting gave an information-packed and enjoyable presentation about lawncare and showed that you still can give an excellent presentation without Power Point slides! Important points that Ed stressed were:

1. The best time to sow grass seed is mid-August through September;
2. Sow grass seed at a rate of 5 lbs./1000 square feet, but will vary on the grass species sown—check the label for exact rates, and use seed that is no older than one year;
3. Apply N at a rate of 4 lbs. per 1,000 square feet and avoid fertilizers with phosphorous that contributes to ground and surface water pollution;
4. The four turfgrass species most commonly used in lawn establishment in Ohio are Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, tall fescue and fine fescue.

Ed provided me with the following links for further information about caring for your lawns:

- Ohio State Factsheets <https://ohioline.osu.edu/>
- OARDC weather modelling and pest tracking system <https://weather.cfaes.osu.edu/gdd/>
- Turfgrass team times can be found on the YouTube channel with weekly updates Memorial Day through – Labor Day: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjqcPqQ66U\\_Hvc3hhinWRiQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjqcPqQ66U_Hvc3hhinWRiQ)



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## Awards Committee Recognition Article, Kathy Kosiorek

For many years, our Club raised scholarship funds by participating in the Rockefeller Greenhouse sale. In 2020 and 2021, there were no plant sales. However, in 2021 a combination of our Plant Sale Committee and the faculty and staff of the Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) arranged a members-only sale for us.

Our “heroes” for this month are:

Nathan Donley, Greenhouse Manager who supervised the student growers who grew the bedding plants for us. He also prepared the plant list and prices for the sale

Uttara Samarakoon, Coordinator of Greenhouse Technology at ATI who supervised Nathan and served as liaison between Nathan and Bob McMahon.

Terry Lanker, Chair of the Horticulture Technologies Division who approved the project.

Shane Berner, Horticultural staff member who delivered the bedding plant orders for the Ohio State ATI in Wooster to Julie Henry’s home.

Our Plant Sale Committee:

Dave Dawson – Chair of the committee who facilitated the arrangements for proceeding with the sale.

Chuck Palsa – Chuck grew 75 canna lilies and assisted with the pick-up and distribution of the plants.

Julie Henry – For collecting orders, arranged for payment and opened her yard for the pick-up and delivery of the plants.

Bob McMahon – For delivering plants to members on the west side and facilitated the arrangements with ATI.

Finally, thanks to all the members who grew plants, bought plants, picked up and delivered plants and did so much work to make this sale a success

**Kathy Kosiorek**

*Chair, Awards Committee*

## Club Updates

**Reminder:** Please contact your Captain to RSVP for the dinner/meeting. If you do RSVP and you do not attend, you will be responsible for that cost. *See Page 7 for Captains & Teams.*

### **May Plant Sale at Rockefeller Greenhouse**

The dates for the plant sale are May 12 - May 14, 2022 from 10AM to 4PM. More volunteers are needed! Contact Dave Dawson at [dawson3290@gmail.com](mailto:dawson3290@gmail.com).

### **90th Anniversary Celebration**

Saturday, June 11th is the Club’s 90th Anniversary and scholarship celebration at Dunham Tavern Museum from 1PM to 4PM. The cost for the a dinner is \$30.00 per person. The reservation form will be sent to all members in the next few days. You can either pay with a Check mailed to our Treasurer, Hiedi Winston or pay online through the Club’s website. The invitation and payment options will be emailed in the next few days.



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## April Was Native Plant Month by Tom Davis

It's a good time to get out to the Metroparks in Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake County and see some of the beautiful wildflowers and native trees in bloom. Many wildflowers are what are known as "Spring Ephemerals." They come up, bloom, set seed and then the leaves die back. In a month or two there is no sign that they were ever there. That's a good reason to seek them out now while they are showy and easy to find.

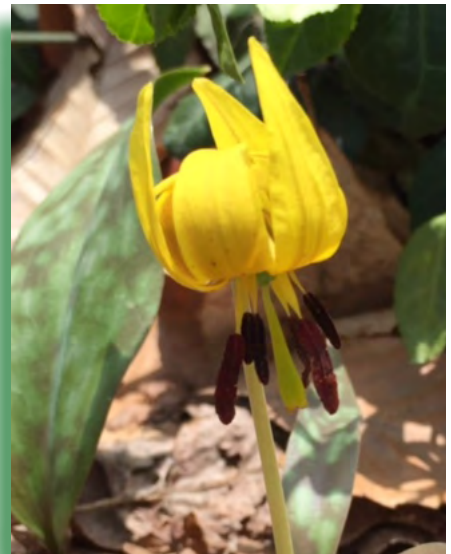
Identification of wildflowers can be easy for plants like Trilliums (three leaves and three petals) or quite a challenge for others. The best book is Wildflower Guide by Lawrence Newcomb. It is not easy for the beginner to use. The best way to learn about wildflowers is to go into the woods and fields with an expert.

Here are some photos from my property of wildflowers you might find:



**Large-flowered Trillium** / *Trillium grandiflorum*

**Yellow Trout Lily**  
/ *Erythronium Americanum*



**Marsh Marigold**  
/ *Caltha palustris*  
(look in the wetlands)



**Fly Honeysuckle**  
/ *Lonicera canadensis*, an early blooming shrub



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## Tom Davis' Family Recipe

### **BAKED BARLEY RISOTTO WITH MUSHROOMS & CARROTS**

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ small white or yellow onion, finely chopped (about 1/2 cup)
- 5 garlic cloves, thinly sliced (optional)
- 1 pound mixed mushrooms, such as white button, cremini and shiitakes, halved if small, quartered if large (about 7 cups total) I used “Baby Bellas.”
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 10 ounces pearl barley (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 2 medium carrots, very thinly sliced into rounds (about 2 cups)
- 2 ounces grated Parmesan (about 1/2 cup), plus more for serving
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ¼ cup chopped chives

### **PREPARATION**

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees. In a large Dutch oven or heavy pot, heat 2 tablespoons oil over medium. Add onion and garlic, and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 3 minutes. Add mushrooms and remaining 1 tablespoon oil, and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mushrooms start to soften, about 3 minutes.
2. Stir in barley, carrot and 4 1/2 cups water, and bring to a boil over high heat. Cover, transfer to the oven and bake until barley is tender and chewy and almost all of the liquid is absorbed, about 30 minutes.
3. Stir in Parmesan and the butter until slightly thickened and creamy. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Divide among shallow bowls. Sprinkle with chives and more Parmesan, to taste.





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## MEETING INFORMATION:

- WHEN:** 2nd Monday of each month, September 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
- 2ND VICE PRESIDENT:** OPEN
- SECRETARY:** JODITH JANES (TEMP)
- TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON
- ASST TREASURER:** LARRY KELL

## DIRECTORS:

- PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD 2020-2023
- JOYCE NESBIT - 2021-2024
- LARRY KELL - 2022-2023
- DEBORAH KRAMARZ - 2022 - 2025
- TOM DAVIS - 2022 - 2025
- FRED ROBINSON - 2022 - 2025
- TOM SEGELIN - 2022 - 2025

## STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Kathy Kosiorek, Chair; Bob Pindell, Hank Doll and Tom Davis
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media);
- *Finance:* Larry Kell Chair; Hiedi Winston,
- *Income Projects:* Dave Dawson, Chair; Dave Dawson, Robert McMahon (Plant Sale), Pat Boggins (Bulb Sale), Dave Dawson, (Auction / Raffle)
- *Membership:* Larry Kell, Jonny Prell
- *Programs:* Robert McMahon
- *Scholarship:* Deb Kramarz, Co-Chair; Fred Robinson, Co-chair; Dave Dawson
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National Organization: Larry Kell, Second Vice President; Tom Davis, National Director;
- Central Great Lakes Gardeners: Larry Kell, President
- Youth Gardening: Steve McIntosh, Garrett Ormiston, 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
- Nominating: Jonny Prell, Chair; Deb Kramarz
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains



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**MAY  
BIRTHDAYS**

**GARRET ORMISTON - MAY 10TH**

**HIEDI WINSTON - MAY 15TH**

### Team 1

**Team Captain: Harold Davis, Jr.**  
**216-283-7111**

- Dave & Ginnie Dawson
- Tom Davis
- Julie Shaw
- Joyce Nesbit
- Carol Poh

### Team 2

**Head Team Captain: Ron Hartmiller,**  
**r\_hartmiller@yahoo.com / 216-671-1408**

- Garrett Ormiston
- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- MaryAnn Thesing
- Bob Rensel

### Team 3

**Team Captain: Andy Kosiorek,**  
**kosiorek@cox.net / 216-226-4503**

- Kathy Kosiorek
- Jodith Janes
- Larry Kell
- Hiedi Winston
- Bob McMahon
- Paul Bilyk

### Team 4

**Team Captain: Deb Kramarz,**  
**deborahkramarz@aol.com / 216-731-6324**

- Fred Robinson
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold
- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux
- Kevin Borowiak

### Team 5

**Cathy Ross, estrogen05@yahoo.com**  
**216-970-2854**

- Patrick Boggins
- Jonny Prell
- Kelly Adkins
- John Tilisky
- Deb Daniels

### Team 6

**Keith Biehl, 440-237-5824**

- Jeff Ardo
- Davd & Diane Circle
- Deva Simon
- Deah Stark
- Dave Rittenhouse
- Ed Nangle