



# The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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## GOGC HORTICULTURE SHOW MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH!

### SEPTEMBER 12TH BUFFET DINNER MENU:

Chicken Schnitzel, cabbage & noodles, carrots with Tarragon Butter, garden salad & rolls. Coffee, tea & cookies will be served in the Penthouse.

### What's inside:

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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!

## Happy September Everyone!

Meteorological fall started September 1st and the official first day of fall, or the fall equinox, starts on Thursday, September 22 at 9:03 PM. This is when the length of day and night are equal as the days continue to shorten and nights lengthen until the first day of winter.

I want to thank other GoGC members who have volunteered at the Willott Iris Garden to help Bob & Sandra Pindell and Ron Hartmiller weed the garden! Sandra has told me that any amount of time that members can give to help weed the iris beds will be greatly appreciated as weeds are out of control! For sunny warm days, be sure to bring a wide-brimmed hat, wear light-colored tops and sunglasses, and bring water for water breaks if you stay for an extended period of time. I bring a kneeling pad, trowels and gardening gloves. I have learned a lot about the iris garden from these three dedicated members about the Willott iris garden and I plan to have them be speakers at a future meeting to enlighten us about this "gem" for all to enjoy!

Hopefully by now you have registered to attend the TGOA convention in Wooster, September 22-24. August 22nd was the last day to register to be guaranteed a room at the special TGOA discount at the Comfort Suites. I am looking forward to a fun and educational experience and to meet new fellow gardening enthusiasts. You may still register for the convention at the TGOA website. Please contact me, Larry or Tom Davis for password information.

Finally, we all are looking forward to gathering together again after a three-year hiatus for our September 12th dinner and Horticulture show!

Please check the revised Team Captain lists (including new Team #7) on the last page of The Spade to RSVP for our monthly dinner meetings. Be sure to call in your RSVP to your team captain by 5 PM on the Thursday before the monthly meeting. Remember that if you RSVP for a dinner meeting and you end up not attending, you still are responsible for paying for that dinner.

*Bob McMahon*





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## September 12th Horticulture Show Reminder

**Bring your entries to the Penthouse of 1 Bratenahl Place between 5:00 and 6:00 PM on September 12. Any entry after 6:00 will be disqualified. Use the elevators at either end of the corridor on the ground floor.**

- 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!

We have these sections for the show this year:

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.
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. 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 July 12, 2020.)*
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. *Fruit 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.*



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## **What does September mean for your garden, Bob McMahon**

September is the month to stop fertilizing your gardens so that perennials can start to “shut down” and be dormant once cold weather arrives. Start planning what spring bulbs and corms you want to plant this month and next. There’s still time (provided we have a mild fall) to put in another planting of lettuce. Gardens centers now are stocking fall crops such as garden mums, ornamental kale and pansies for gardeners to plant for fall color in their gardens. Pruning of shrubs and trees may be done now, and ditto for planting of same.

During my recent walks, I have observed the following woody and herbaceous species in bloom: various cultivars of hydrangea, rose of Sharon, roses, bedding plants/annuals, Russian sage, canna lilies, sedum, hosta, surprise lilies, ornamental grasses (i.e. plumes), black-eyed Susan and coneflowers to name a few. This month, autumn crocus or *Colchicum autumnale*, will start to flower along with chrysanthemums and asters, both of which are photoperiodic “short day plants”. With the shorter days and cooler nights upon us, there are a hints of fall color in the tree canopy now. How does that happen? Chlorophyll, the green pigment responsible for photosynthesis, starts to break down, unmasking the pigments (i.e. carotene, xanthophyll, anthocyanin) responsible for the yellows, oranges, reds and other colorful shades that we enjoy in the tree canopies.

## **New Members**

In last month’s Spade, Emily Dennis was introduced to the membership. She plans on attending the September meeting.



Melissa Supler is the CFO of a local steel company. She was referred by Debbie Daniels. Her interests are native plants, vegetable gardening, green house gardening and pollinators. We hope to see her at the September meeting.

## **Cuyahoga Tree Symposium, Bluestone Conservation**

There will be the first Cuyahoga Tree Symposium on Friday, September 23rd from 9AM to 3PM at the Beachwood Community Center. Learn about legacy tree studies, community health benefits of trees, assessing current planting programs, and getting trees to underserved neighborhoods. Take in nature-based means for improving tree canopy and science-based ‘tree means’ to improve the health of county residents. Register [here](#).



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## VA Garden Update

Larry and Bob have been out several times to help and check on the progress of the plantings. A few plants did not do well (woodchucks and burn out). Veterans are very happy with the garden and the kitchen has used the vegetables from the garden.



## Holden Forests & Gardens Book Club Launching in Fall

Arboretum Campus Book Club: <https://holdenfg.org/resources/arboretum-book-club/>.

Botanical Garden Campus Book Club: <https://holdenfg.org/resources/cbg-book-club/>

The book clubs are free with admission and open to anyone, please register in advance for the session you will be attending. Upcoming titles include:

- *Indefense of Plants* by Matt Candeias
- *This is Your Mind on Plants* by Michael Pollan

### Dates & Times

CBG : In Defense of Plants, September 28th 3PM - 4:30 PM, free with admission

CBG: This is You Mind on Plants, November 16rh 3PM - 4:30 PM, free with admission

Holden Arboretum: In Defense of Plants, October 19th, 3PM - 4:30PM, free with admission

Holden Arboretum: This is Your Mind on Plants, December 14th, 3Pm - 4:30 PM, free with admission

For more information about the book clubs, go to the websites - Cleveland Botanical Garden and Arboretum Campus.

Deb Kramarz attended a SEARCH Symposium at the CBG on Friday, August 5th. Sean Ward (one of our 2021 scholarship winners) was a winner in the symposium. He attended with his father.





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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



## STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Kathy Kosiorek, Chair; Bob Pindell, Hank Doll and Fred Robinson
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media);
- *Finance:* Larry Kell Chair; Hiedi Winston,
- *Income Projects:* Robert McMahon, Debbie Danniels (Plant 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

## OFFICERS:

**PRESIDENT:** ROBERT MCMAHON  
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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National Organization: Larry Kell, First Vice President; Tom Davis, National Director;
- 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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