



The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

September 2020

Visit us on the web at www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org.

Vol.88 No. 9

President's Letter

Dear Members,

Hello and welcome September! Rain on last Friday even though a downpour, was really needed for our gardens and lawn.

Bob Rensel shared a photo (below) of the continuing progress of Malachi House curbside garden. Bob and Garrett did a tremendous job this season working on it.

One of our scholarship winners, Aleah Hartley, made a change in where she would be attending classes. She had originally planned on OSU Agricultural Technical Institute but to academic requirements, will be attending Kent State for the same major, environmental science teacher.

Cleveland Botanical Gardens will be hosting **Glow 2020**, "Hearth and Home for the Holidays". Deb Kramarz as our liason, knows more about this. She will be picking up all the Clubs decorations stored at Bratenahl Place. This event would a great time to finally get together as a Club on a Project! Please think about participating. Contact Deb for more information

Still no word on when we will be able to meet physically as a group at Bratenahl Place. I will keep you updated when I know more.

As a reminder, volunteers are always needed at The Willot Iris Garden! Contact Sandra or Bob Pindell.

Stay safe and healthy

Jonny Prell





The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

Member's Garden Photos

Below are a few photos from Katky and Andy Kosiorek's garden. Enjoy!





The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

8 Simple Ways You Can Save the Bees

Did you know that one-third of the world's crop production is dependent on bees and other pollinators? Without bees, we wouldn't have many of our favorite foods. Bees play such a vital role in our global food system, but in recent years, they have been dying at alarming rates. Luckily, there are ways we can help. Here are 8 simple ways you can do your part to help save the bees:

1. Plant pollinator-friendly flowers and plants to help feed the bees in your area. Bees get their food from the nectar and pollen in flowers and other plants. Just like humans, bees need a diverse diet to get all the vitamins and nutrients they need, so plant a variety of things to help keep them healthy. Find out what pollinator-friendly plants are native to your region—they are the most nutritious for bees and the most eco-friendly!
2. Don't use pesticides—they are incredibly harmful to bees! Pesticide use is a major factor in the recent decline of bees. You should also try to eat local foods that are organic or grown without pesticides to support the health of bees in your area—or better yet, grow your own pesticide-free food!
3. Don't buy mass-produced commercial honey—its production is often harmful for bees. Instead, buy alternatives such as agave nectar, make your own vegan honey from apples, or buy from a local beekeeper who supports bee conservation and uses ethical, earth-friendly practices.
4. Call a beekeeper rather than an exterminator if you have a bee infestation. They are trained to safely relocate them, rather than killing them. While you may not want the bees in your home, we need them elsewhere!
5. Leave the weeds in your yard. Large flowerless lawns are essentially food deserts for bees, who can only travel a short distance to find food. Leaving weeds such as dandelions, creeping charlie, and wild geranium in your lawn provides plenty of food for bees. Since many weeds are among the first flowers to bloom each year, they can offer bees fresh food for the first time after a long winter. Plus, you'll save money, time, energy, and harmful chemicals by simply leaving them be!
6. Provide a water source for bees. Just like every other living creature, bees need water to survive! Put a small dish of fresh water near your flowers, and put something in it for the bees to land on such as twigs, pebbles, or a wine cork so they don't drown. Don't add sugar to it, though—this is a myth that can do more harm than good!
7. Donate to organizations that work to protect bees. The Center for Honeybee Research and Pollinator Partnership both support the health of bees and other pollinators through conservation, research, and education.
8. Spread the word! Talk to your friends and family about how they can help save the bees and why they should. Contact your elected officials about planting pollinator-friendly flowers in parking lots, highway medians, and other flowerless areas, and urge them to take action to protect bees in other ways, too. We can all play a role in saving the bees!

To learn more, check out this TED Talk from Marla Spivak or this video from [MinuteEarth](#).

From CleanChoice Energy website, July 29th, 2020 Blog.



The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland



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:* 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:* Kathy Kosiorek, Chair; Robert McMahon **Any program suggestions? Contact Kathy!**
- *Scholarship:* Hank Doll, Chair; Deb Kramarz, Dave Dawson
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

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



SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National & Regional Organizations: Larry Kell, Second 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: Kathy Kosiorek, Team Captains

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:	JONNY PRELL
1ST VICE PRESIDENT:	CHUCK PALSA
2ND VICE PRESIDENT:	OPEN
SECRETARY:	JODITH JANES (TEMP)
TREASURER:	HIEDI WINSTON
ASST TREASURER:	ANDY KOSIOREK

DIRECTORS:

• HANK DOLL 2018-2020	• JULIE HENRY 2019-2021
• PAT BOGGINS 2018-2020	• LAWRENCE KELL 2020-2021
• KATHY KOSIOREK 2018-2020	• GARRETT ORMISTON 2019-2021
• PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD 2020-2023	• BOB McMAHON 2020-2023
• DAVE RITTENHOUSE 2020-2023	