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REMINDER: 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:

- Horticulture Show Reminder
- New Member Information
- Tour of Green Circle Growers Information
- TGoA National Convention
- Caring for Your Summer Garden Article
- New Team Captains List

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 SUMMER!

I trust that you had a safe and fun July 4th holiday weekend. I worked at the Lakewood Garden Center on July 4th until we closed at 2 PM. It was fun to visit with GoGC club members Andy and Kathy Kosiorek who stopped by to do some shopping. My partner and I then hosted friends for a cookout followed by watching Lakewood's spectacular fireworks.

We all have been enjoying the succession of flowering trees, shrubs, and perennials since the start of the growing season this Spring. The flowering woody plants were lovely this year as late frosts/freezes were non-existent for the most part. The magnolias, redbuds, cherry and crabapple trees were especially beautiful across the region. The hydrangea cultivars continue to flower and I must say they were/are spectacular this year! Another woody species flowering now is rose of Sharon. As August begins, we are enjoying mid-to-late-summer flowering of perennials, including cone flowers, black-eyed Susan, bee balm, daylilies, coreopsis, sedum (just starting to flower), selected hosta cultivars, gaura, and garden phlox, to name a few. Annual bedding plants in gardens, containers and hanging baskets also are adding a lot of beauty to our surroundings. Vegetable gardens now are yielding ripe tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, kale and other tasty and healthy vegetable for our enjoyment!

The gardens at the VA Hospital's spinal cord unit have been thriving this summer. Veterans have taken an active role in caring for the gardens and are now harvesting veggies and herbs to enjoy with their meals. Before you know it, we will be changing out some of the gardens with Fall plantings, such as garden mums, kale and pansies. Photos were included in *The Spade* for July.

Be sure to look over the revised Team Captains lists that now includes Julie Shaw as a new Team Captain. Thank you, Julie! Please remember to call in your RSVP to your respective team captains by 5 PM Thursday of the week before the Monday monthly meetings, which will start in September! Thank you!

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and happy gardening!

Bob McMahon





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September 12th Horticulture Show Reminder

- 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.



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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.*

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. The Penthouse is on the top floor. Please contact Tom Davis at tsdavis62@gmail.com with any questions. Good luck!

New Member - Emily Dennis

Emily is a member of the Lakeshore Garden Club and resides in Euclid. She is a commercial property manager. Emily’s interests are shrubs, perennials, and food-productive plants in the home landscape. Hopefully, we will all be able to meet her at the September meeting! Welcome Emily!

Tour of Green Circle Growers

Two tours are schedule of their 25+ acre orchid greenhouse production range for 13 members of our Club, The dates are Friday, August 26th, and Friday, September 2nd. Their advanced automated technology has produced millions of flowering *Phalaenopsis* or moth orchids every year. They are sold as “Just Add Ice” orchids in many area grocery and big box stores across the country. Next months newsletter will feature a story with photos!



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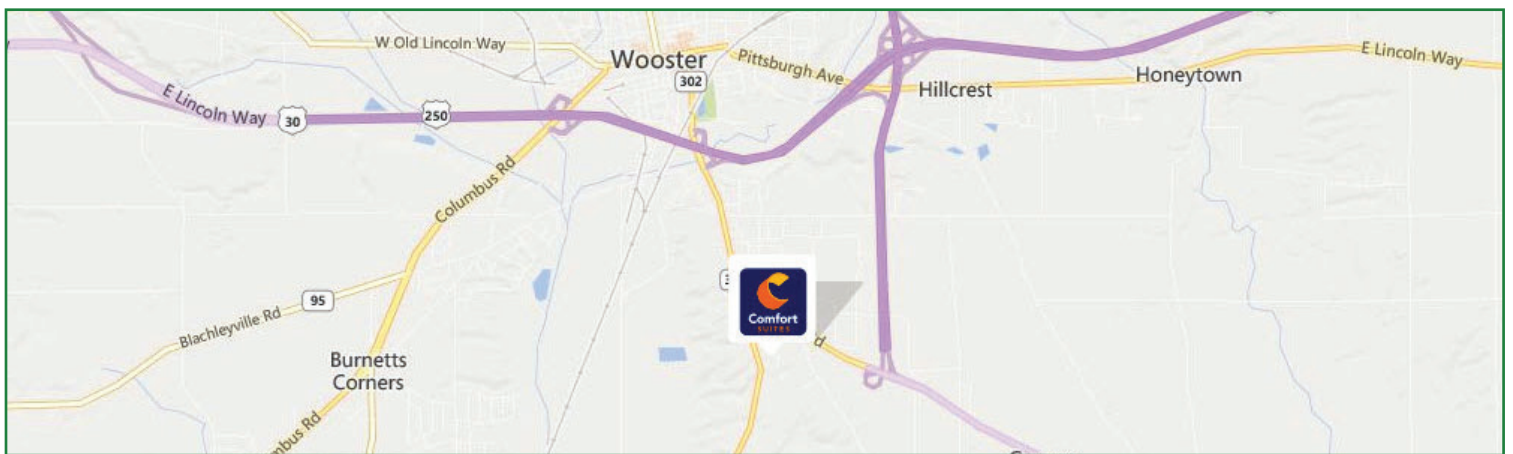


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The Gardeners of America 2022 Convention

Be sure to register for the convention if you are interested in attending. It will take place on September 22nd - 24th at the Ohio State ATI campus in Wooster. You can register online at the TGoA website - members only section. Password is 'lily' : <https://www.gardenersofamerica.club/2022-convention-home>.

Emails and hard mailings will be forthcoming with all the information you need to register and reserving a hotel room. Comfort Suites Hotel is located across the street from the campus and a block of rooms have been reserved for attendees (330.439.0190)



Caring for Your Summer Garden, by P. Allen Smith

Then comes summer—a different gardening experience altogether. Hotter temperatures, spent flowers, and insects and disease reassure me that I do play an important role in the health and beauty of the plants. A little garden maintenance and a few key chores can make the difference between a good summer flower garden, and a great one.

For me, the best summer gardening approach revolves around five main strategies: deadheading, fertilizing, disease and insect control, weeding, and watering. Full article here: <https://flowermag.com/caring-for-summer-flowers/#:~:text=A%20little%20garden%20maintenance%20and,control%2C%20weeding%2C%20and%20watering>.





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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
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- 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:* Robert McMahon, Debbie Danniels (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, 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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- Bob & Sandra Pindell
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- Deah Stark
- John Tilisky