May 2017





The "SPADE" is the newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Visit our web site at <u>http://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org</u>. Vince Staffelino is recuperating at home.

Our Club is celebrating its 85th Anniversary this year!

President's Letter

It's "SHOW TIME" at least in my garden. From now until the end of May is bloom time for the irises that I grow. Then pretty much the rest of the year it is just a bunch of green leaves until the snow flies for a while and spring comes again. But right now, it is exciting and a lot of work.

"SHOW TIME" may be different in your garden. Many years ago, when we lived in a small town in lowa the only time you locked your car in the church parking lot on Sunday was in "zucchini season." Because, if you didn't, you could expect to be surprised with one or more very large zucchini in the backseat of your car after coffee hour. "Zucchini season," was definitely "SHOW TIME" in their gardens and they certainly showed off.

May (and July this year, for that matter) is "SHOW TIME" for the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland. In May, we have the plant sale. That is definitely "SHOW TIME." The plant sale is our big fund raiser of the year. It provides much of the money for our scholarships and can also provide a bit of the money for projects like the one we are starting at Malachai House. So it is important that everyone SHOW UP! The sale is very labor intensive. It takes a lot of people hours to make it work. There will be sign up sheets at the meeting on May 8th. If you can't make the meeting send me an e-mail at <u>bobdell@ix.netcom.com</u> or a text message at 440-679-1943 or make a plain old fashioned phone call at 440-449-6301, and I will make sure that you are signed up to help.

July is "SHOW TIME" for the club, too. We, with the Akron and Youngstown clubs, are sponsoring the national convention July 19, 20 and 21 with optional activities on the 22nd. Again, this activity requires a lot of people hours. Sandra and I will be staying at the Marriott for the duration of the convention. It is tiring having to get your passport stamped every time you go over the river. We expect to have a good time and do a bit of work. Tom Davis will be "twisting arms," to get volunteers. West siders are especially valued as hosts. If I were asked by someone at the convention where to find a drug store my directions would include "drive east on I 480 to I 271 then drive north to Mayfield Road and finally go west a half mile or so and there is one on your right."

Tom will have other jobs as well even some an east sider like me can fill.

And one more "SHOW TIME." For the first time ever-there will be a Plant Show at the National Convention. I have not seen the show schedule yet but you can count on it being very similar to the show schedule for our show last fall. So, bring stuff. There will be a class for most of it. One thing for sure a Plant Show is no fun if there is no competition.

See you May 8th,

Bob Pindell

Member News

We're pleased to announce that we have another former member rejoin our Club – Heidi Winston. She will be volunteering at the May Plant Sale.

May 8th Meeting

om Davis will be speaking about the National Convention. Ron Hartmiller & Bob Pindell will report on the Willot Iris Garden at the Rockefeller Gardens.

There will be a 5:00 PM Board Meeting in the Penthouse. **PLEASE BE PROMPT.**

<u>Please call your team captain with your Dinner Reservation</u> <u>by Thursday May 6th, 2017</u>

Dinner Menu

MEAT LASAGNA Green Beans & Garlic Toast VECETARIAN OPTION: CHEESE LASAGNA Green Beans & Garlic Toast Meal includes salad and bread Cookies and coffee served in the Penthouse after dinner.



Dinner Responsibilities

Lou Pelton is responsible for giving Bratenhal Bistro Place our reservations for dinner. Lou does this by Saturday morning to give their Chef adequate time to order food. <u>Please call your team captain and let him</u> know if you are coming to dinner by the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Below is the list of Team Captains and their phone numbers and email addresses.

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Club Meeting Times

he Gardeners of Greater Cleveland (GOGC) is an organization of men and women who have joined together to learn about gardening as well as to share their experiences and enjoyment of gardening with others and with their community. Their meetings are:

WHEN	Second Monday of each month September through June	
WHERE	1 Bratenahl Place, Bratenahl, OH	
TIMES	Social Hour	6:00 PM
	Dinner <i>In the f^t Floor, Bratena</i>	6:45 PM Anahl Bistro Place
	Meeting <i>Penthouse</i>	7:45 PM

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85th Anniversary Dinner

Save the Date! The Club will celebrate it's 85th Anniversary with a dinner on August 21st, from 6 PM to 9 PM at <u>The Dunham Tavern</u> on Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. The Club will provide catering and a limited open bar to members.

Service Projects Update

Malachi House:

Fred Robinson got permission from the City of Cleveland to prune the pear trees that are in front of Malachi House and directed a crew of 8 garden club members on April 12th to thin the trees. This will enable more light to filter through to the new garden we are installing. Malachi House provided the workers with a short tour of their facility and described the hospice care they provide to terminally ill, indigent individuals. To date this project has obtained financial support from Gardening From The Heart (\$1,000), Petitti's (\$250), Home Depot (plants) and Kurtz Bros (boulders). We could still use help finding a park bench and an electrician to install a motion sensor light for security. Contact Bob Rensel (at 216-409-0380 or email renselbob@gmail.com) if you have any leads for us on either of these. A planting day will likely be scheduled sometime before the end of spring.

VA Spinal Cord Injury Unit:

The VA approved a design for this year's raised bed displays and plants have been ordered from Urban Growers. This is the new vendor supplying annuals to the Botanical Garden and our VA plants will be delivered with the Botanical Garden plants sometime in May. As soon as this date is known, we will schedule the time to plant with the veterans.

Let's Think About Spring!

Less Fertilizer Needed For Perennials

Perennial flowers, ground covers and grasses generally don't need a lot of fertilizer and, in fact, some will react negatively if too much is applied. An over-fertilized perennial will reward gardeners with excess growth that flops over and becomes leggy half-way through the season. Over- fertilization can also affect bloom performance, producing ample foliage at the expense of blooms. Many perennial experts recommend no fertilization when plants are in a healthy garden soil. However, if your soil is composed primarily of sand with little organic component, your plants will most likely benefit from routine, light fertilization.

Understanding the types of plants and their natural growing range will enable you to create a growing environment similar to the plant's native habitat. It is helpful to keep a watchful eye and journal of plant "behavior" in hopes to correct situations later such as leggy growth and poor performance.

Perennials may benefit from a single fertilizer application just before or at the time that new spring growth is pushing up. The most common recommendation is to apply no more than 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet if no compost is used. (For comparison, this is about one-fourth of what you would apply to your lawn during the course of the growing season). Broadcasting a slow release fertilizer is the best choice to meet seasonlong plant nutrient requirements, but you can also use a balanced fertilizer such as 20-5-10. If your <u>soil</u> <u>test</u> indicates that you do not need phosphorous, choose a product such as 20-0-10.

Slow release products are formulated to be effective for either a "3 to 4" month window or a "5 to 6 month" window. If you top-dress and plan on using supplemental feed at any time during the season, the 3 to 4-month product should work well. If you only intend on fertilizing only once during the season, then the 5 to 6-month product should be used.

You can also use the "side dress" method, applying several tablespoons of fertilizer (according to the manufacturer's guidelines) in the general root zone of each plant. Make sure not to allow fertilizer granules to cluster in the crown of the plants as it may cause burning. In the early spring, cool soils can have an effect on uptake of certain nutrients, at times making the foliage appear light green or yellow (nutrient deficient). If this appearance does not diminish as the season progresses, spot treat with liquid feed to bring about a quick green up.

By applying 1 inch of compost or leaf mold to your garden every year, additional fertilizing can often be eliminated altogether. This is where having a good understanding of each plant's needs while observing leaf color and growth habit will help you avoid excess fertility.

Certain perennials tend to be heavy feeders by nature. Daylilies (Hemerocallis), peonies, mums (Chrysanthemum) and tall phlox will benefit not only from a spring feeding, but also with a secondary application during the summer.

Side dressing with a product that has immediate availability (not slow-release) or using a liquid product is the best choice for the summer feeding. Perennials that you cut back to the ground during the season, allowing new foliage to flush out and bloom a second time such as Delphiniums, daisies and lungworts (Pulmonaira) will also benefit from spot treating with a liquid product.

<u>Michigan State University Extension</u> advises to not fertilize perennials in late summer or early fall. This may cause the plants to flush-out additional growth that will not harden-off in time for an early winter freeze. <u>www.migarden.msu.edu</u>

Spring Pools

These pools that, though in forests, still reflect The total sky almost without defect, And like the flowers beside them, chill and shiver, Will like the flowers beside them soon be gone, And yet not out by any brook or river, But up by roots to bring dark foliage on.

The trees that have it in their pent-up buds To darken nature and be summer woods -Let them think twice before they use their powers To blot out and drink up and sweep away These flowery waters and these watery flowers From snow that melted only yesterday.

A Poem by Robert Frost



ANNUAL CONVENTION OF TGOA/MGC

The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America Annual Convention

July 19 - 21, 2017

Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel

West 150th & I-71

he Gardeners of Greater Cleveland is a member club of the national organization "The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America." Membership in the national club provides our club with a beneficial relationship with similar clubs nationwide, access to gardening information, access to the American Horticulture Society and certification of horticulture show judges. The national organization holds an annual convention to elect officers, approve necessary business, tour gardens and present educational seminars on gardening.

For the first time since 1936, the convention will be held this year in Cleveland, OH. The Gardeners of Greater Akron, The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland and the Men's Garden Club of Youngstown will be the sponsoring clubs for this event. The location will be the Cleveland Airport Marriott located on W. 150th St. near I-71. The hotel is excellent and our special rate (\$94/night or \$35 better than best corporate rate) includes free Wi-Fi and free parking.

There will never be a better opportunity to participate in a national convention! We urge you to consider a "Staycation" right here in Cleveland this summer. Our own Larry Kell is organizing a tour of outstanding gardening locations in and around Cleveland. We have organized some outstanding seminars by local garden leaders including Mark Occhionero and Jeff Havel from our club. There will be a Horticulture Show at the convention. Make plans to submit an entry from your garden.

Please consider attending the convention! This is a golden opportunity to see the National Club in action, to meet gardeners from all over the USA, to get ideas for your garden and for our club, and experience one of the top hotels in Cleveland at an attractive price.

Attached are registrations forms (also on our website) for the convention and the hotel. There is also a link to the West Park Neighborhood and a map of the area. You can direct questions to Larry Kell or Tom Davis.

We hope to see many of our members there!

Convention Schedule

See <u>GOGC Website</u> for map and more information.

- Where: Cleveland Airport Marriot, 4277 W. 150th St., Cleveland, 44135, 216-252-5333. The hotel is newly refurbished with large meeting space, bar and restaurant. It is easily accessible to 'Kamm's Corners' restaurants and shops. (See Map on GOGC website.) For the Convention held at Cleveland Airport Marriott, rooms are \$94/night (well below government rate) for the whole stay. Each room has Wi-Fi, a coffee maker and mini-fridge. There will also be a hospitality room for the Convention. Underground parking for hotel guests & free parking for attendees.
- **Registration:** Tuesday at the Front Desk & Wednesday by Great Lakes Ballroom (1st floor). You will receive a list of local restaurants, shops and area map.
- **Meals:** Attendees are on their own for breakfast to keep the cost of the convention down. Lunch & Dinner will be provided. Th Hotel has an excellent restaurant. There is a Denny's next door, and several other fast food restaurants 5 minutes away. Ask at the Front Desk about full service restaurants nearby. A coffee maker and mini-fridge is in each room.
- Other Cleveland Attractions: Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Science Center, (located in Downtown Cleveland) and the Cleveland Indians play the Toronto Blue Jays on Friday & Saturday. Shopping is also available at nearby Great Northern in North Olmsted, Westgate Shopping Center in Fairview Park and Crocker Park in Westlake. Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Western Reserve Historical Society and Cleveland Botanical Gardens are in University Circle area easily accessible by the RTA Redline or by vehicle.
- **Price:** If application & payment made: by Mar. 1 \$240; by June 1 \$260; afterward \$290. Cancel: \$50 after June 1. Price by the day: Wed., July 19 \$85; Thur., July 20 \$90 + \$11 w/o AHS card; Sat., July 21, \$120.
- **Tuesday, July 18:** Executive Board Meeting in president's suite. Registration in lobby by front desk.
- **Wednesday, July 19:** Morning National Directors and E & I meetings. Tours of the Hotel Kitchen and Hotel Culinary Garden. There will be a horticulture show with a limited number of entries per person due to limited space. Noon - Lunch in Great Lakes Ballroom hosted by Pres. John Schinker and Past Pres. Tom Davis. Door prizes. Afternoon - First & Second Seminar sets. Sign up early to get choice. Seating limited.
- **Thursday, July 20:** Tour Day! University Circle including Cleveland Botanical Garden (save \$11 with American Horticultural Society or reciprocal

membership card with your registration), and Rockefeller Greenhouse. Also, Lakeview Cemetery for memorial service, graves of famous people, and outstanding horticulture and arboriculture collections. Also, Eton Square for horticulture displays, shopping & snacks. Then dinner and door prizes at hotel.

- Friday, July 21: Morning Seminars. General membership meeting followed by lunch & door prizes. <u>Afternoon</u> Seminars. Central Great Lakes Region meeting. <u>Evening</u> President's Reception Dinner w/cash bar. Awards, installation of officers and after dinner speaker.
- **Saturday, July 22:** Tours for CGLR members (different from Thursday tour). Limited bus seating so sign up early.
 - Horticulture Show Basics Peggy Moody -Wed., 1pm - 2:15pm & 2:30pm - 3:45pm. Want to be a show judge or learn how to best present show entries? Peggy is a master level judge & chairs a flower show school.
 - Gardening & Garden Center Trends Jeff Griff
 Wed. 1pm 2:15pm & 2:30 3:45pm. Jeff is president of a large greenhouse, landscape, florist and garden center.
 - Hydrangeas Eric Barrett Wed., 1pm -2:15pm & 2:30 - 3:45pm. Since transferring to the Mahoning County OSU Extension a few years ago, Eric has shown a wide range of horticulture knowledge & expertly imparts it in lectures.
 - Plant Nutrition & Lighting Fri., Mark Occhionero - 10:45am - 11:45am. Mark is President/Owner of Top Garden Products and GOGC Club Member. Instruct how to grow indoors using hydroponics and the right lighting.
 - What's in A Name Fri., Ellen Speicher -10:45am - 11:45am & 1:30pm - 2:30pm. Ellen is the former Fellows Riverside Gardens Asst. Horticulture Director & Director of its Master Gardener program.
 - 6. Succulents Jeff Havel Fri., 10:45am -11:45am & 2:30pm - 3:30pm. Havel's Flowers & Greenhouse and GOGC Club Member.
 - Photography Richard States Fri., 1:30pm -2:30pm & 2:30pm - 3:30pm. Want to take horticulture photos suitable for framing? Learn from Photo Competition Sweepstakes winner many years running.
 - Pollinators -Denise Elsworth Fri., 1:30pm -2:30pm. Denise is Director of the Honey Bee and Native Pollinator Education Program, Ohio State University.

Convention Checklist

Overall leadership is by John Schinker, National President, is a member of the Men's Garden Club of Youngstown and a frequent judge at our Club's horticulture show. We'll be hosting about 100 members from Clubs as far away as Texas and Arizona.

There are a lot of things to do to make the convention a success. The check list the convention committee is using to make sure all items are completed are as follows:

- Registration will be on Tuesday night (7/18/17), and on other days as needed. Our Cleveland Club will be responsible for running registration. A signup sheet will be at the May and June meetings.
- 2. We want to have local "hosts" who can help convention attendees with local directions. Our Cleveland Club will be acting as "hosts." A signup sheet will be at the May and June meetings.
- 3. We need to have greeter/checkers at the door for all sit-down meals. A signup sheet will be at the May and June meetings.
- 4. We should have a couple of A/V tech. people available to make sure presentations run well. Herb Klein has volunteered; anyone else available?
- 5. We have Larry Kell and Dave Rittenhouse as "Bus Captains" for the tour on Thursday, July 20. They could use assistants/back-ups. Anyone available?
- 6. Need speaker monitors. The Akron Club will be responsible for this.
- 7. Need a crew to run the Door Prizes. The Youngstown Club will be responsible for this.
- 8. We need a group to organize the "Goody Bags." The Akron Club will be responsible for this.
- 9. The Horticulture Show on Wednesday morning needs local entries. Everyone in our club is welcome to enter plants.
- 10. We need three projectors. Akron, Cleveland and Youngstown have all offered their club's projector.

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer for any of the items above, see Tom Davis at the May or June Meetings. You can send an Email to Tom anytime:

tsd123@roadrunner.com

Description of Duties

- <u>Registration.</u> Duties: Cover the registration desk. Check folks in against the registration list. Give them the registration packet and "goody bag." Give directions to points in the hotel. People needed on July 18 – 22 (Tuesday evening and part time on the rest of the week).
- 2. <u>Host.</u> Duties: On Tuesday, be near the Registration table near the hotel's front desk. Other days, be available as needed. Answer questions and provide information to out-of-town guests. Be familiar with the locations of the nearest bank, drug store, places to eat, etc. There will be a hand out from the hotel with a lot of local information.
- 3. <u>Meal Greeter/Checker.</u> Duties: Minimum of two greeters at the door for every sit-down meal. Greet people, welcome them, direct them to a table if necessary, assist anyone with disabilities, seat speakers with people, check that everyone is part of the convention, and make a head-count of all diners. Give Head-Count to Tom Davis.
- 4. <u>Bus Hosts:</u> Larry Kell and Dave Rittenhouse will be Bus Captains. They could use some folks who can assist them getting folks on/off the bus, counting riders, etc.
- 5. <u>A/V Techs</u>: Herb Klein will attend the convention to assist as needed with presentations. Could anyone else be available to help as needed? Note; the hotel will have an A/V tech available for major problems.
- 6. <u>General Stuff:</u> See Tom Davis with any comments, questions or suggestions for the convention. This is our chance to shine on the national stage!

The TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL O JULY 19- 21, 20 Garden Scene GARDEN SCENE II	
	EASE USE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON
CONVENTION Fee: Per Person	SEMINARS
Early Bird Until March 1, 2017 \$240.00	Wednesday Seminars
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March 2 - June 1, 2017 \$260.00 After June 2, 2017 \$290.00	Horticulture Show Basic by Peggy Moody
Cancellation Fee after (June 1, 2017) - \$50.00	Gardening & Garden Centers Trends by Jeff Griff Hydrangeas by Eric Barrett
Enclose a copy of current AHS card - AHS Card Reduce Fee by \$11.00	2:30 PM - 3:45 PM
If interested in Optional extra tour day July 22, Cost TBD	Horticulture Show Basic by Peggy Moody
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	Gardening & Garden Centers Trends by Jeff Griff
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Name on Badge:	Succulents by Jeff Havel
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Handicap or Other Special Needs:	Photography by Richard States
	Pollinators by Denise Elsworth
	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
<u>MEALS</u>	Succulents by Jeff Havel
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Cleveland Airport Marriott

The Gardeners of America National Convention

July 19, 20, and 21, 2017

The Cleveland Airport Marriott is proud to be hosting The Gardeners of America National Convention. All affiliates attending this convention will receive a special rate of \$94 per night (plus tax) effective July 19 through July 22. This Includes free parking and free WiFi. Cutoff date to receive the room discount is June 27. To reserve a room, please call (216) - 252 - 5333 and identify that the you are with The Gardeners of America.

Cleveland Airport Marriott

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3.6 miles from the Cleveland Hopkins Airport and one block off I-71 (exit 240)

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