



# The SPADE



The "SPADE" is the newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland founded on January 1, 1932 as the Men's Garden Club of Cleveland. Its editor is Vince Staffileno who may be reached at [vrs1023@gmail.com](mailto:vrs1023@gmail.com) or 440-479-7897. Visit our web site at <http://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org>.

## November 12th Meeting



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**O**ur November 12th speaker is Rebecca McFarland. She is a fourth generation Clevelander who enjoys researching and sharing a variety of topics on Cleveland's history. She serves on several committees impacting Cleveland as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Cleveland Police Historical Society and Museum as well as the Northeast Ohio Inter-Museum Council. Her topic for our November meeting is:

### **The Great Lakes Exposition with Emphasis on the Donald Gray Gardens**

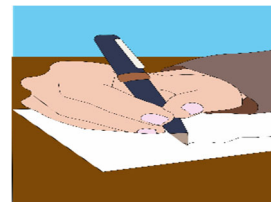
In 1936 our city leaders chose to recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of our city with an Exposition on the city's lakefront. This event promised to bring the city desperately needed resources when times were hard for everyone. For 50 cents guests could visit 125 acres of prime lakefront land to enjoy an Exposition that was truly world's fair caliber! The Expo was such a success that it was held over for a second summer and profited the city millions of Depression era dollars.

It was for this event that Donald Gray was hired to create the gardens that were north of the old Municipal Stadium. Although Rebecca's talk covers the entire Expo and, of course, includes the gardens, she will pay special attention to the gardens for us.

**Please call your team captain with your "Dinner Reservation" by Thursday November 8th.**

**There will be a Board Meeting starting at 5:00 PM on 11/12/2018 in the Penthouse. PLEASE BE PROMPT.**

## President's Letter

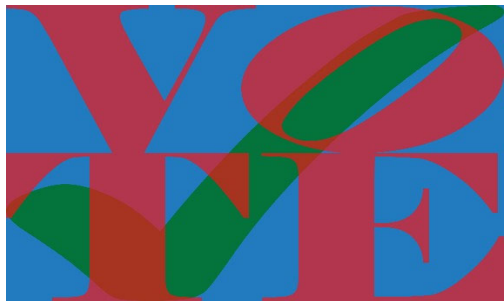


### **Ode to the Toad (Lily)**

The warm days end  
 asters spent  
 now chilly  
 alone the delicate toad lily.  
 Subtle yet exotic,  
 the regal daffodilly not;  
 for this beauty, thanks a lot.

Dave

## Board of Director Elections



**A**t the November meeting we will elect three directors to replace those, whose term ends December, 2018. These are three year terms ending in December, 2021. Per our bylaws the slate is to be presented to the membership via the **SPADE** in advance of the election.

The election will take place during our “Annual Meeting” which is our November meeting.

The committee chaired by Bob Pindell will present the following members for election to these positions:

The nominees are:

- Harold Davis
- Herb Klein
- Garrett Ormiston

In addition Dave Rittenhouse will be nominated to fill the one year open term ending in 2019. This term was open due to the election of Jonny Prell as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

## October Board Meeting



**T**he following are the minutes of the June Board Meeting:

**Treasurer’s Report:** John Budnik reported a quiet month. Calendars have been paid for. Ending asset balance: \$17,606.

**Program:** Kathy reported that she has speakers scheduled through February, 2019. Bob McMahon will speak about perennials with emphasis on the home garden.

**Nominating Committee** – Bob Pindell reported that the 2019 Nominating Committee have complete their work.

**Dining Room Liaison** – Tom Segelin reported that the cost for the meal remained the same as last year but the quality of food has been reduced. Discussion regarding increasing the cost for dinner ensued. The possibility of losing members if cost was increased was raised. If we lose attendance at dinner we lose members.

**Members Gardens** – Hank Doll reported that he has talked with most members about their areas of interest/expertise. Their names will be published in the SPADE.

**Membership** – Lou Pelton reported that there are two guests for dinner this evening. Both have been brought in by Deb Kramarz. Lou praised her for her efforts in bringing in new members.

**Willott Iris Garden** – Bob Pindell asked for volunteers from our group to come on any Tuesday through Thursday day to help with the maintenance of the garden. Bring a weeding tool and kneeling pad and help.

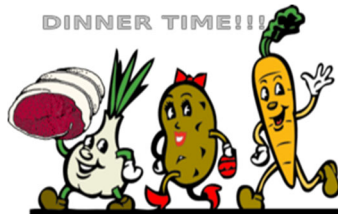
**Fall Bulb Sale** - Pat and Vince reported that the sale will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday October 11, 12 and 13. All is ready for the sale. Vince will pass out a sign-up sheet for helpers at the sale during the general meeting. Julie will be asked to help with setting up credit card sales.

**Holiday Party** – There was a short discussion regarding whether or not to continue the long standing tradition of appetizers in the penthouse followed by dinner. The consensus was to continue this tradition. Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold will chair the event with help for specific items including budget for food and beverages.

**2018 Horticulture Show** – Tom Davis reported on the show. Tom has a detailed summary of the report, which due to its length, is not included as part of the minutes. If you wish a copy please contact the editor or Tom at [tsd123@roadrunner.com](mailto:tsd123@roadrunner.com). Overall the show was well supported and the quality of entries was excellent. It was proposed that the show next year be held at a location other than at Bratenahl Place and to change it to an August date instead of September. It was also suggested that winners or those with unusual entries be given an opportunity to discuss how it was grown. This would add to the educational aspect of the show.

**Book Sale** – Lou Pelton has two boxes of books donated by Chuck Evans. A minimum donation of \$1 per book is requested. This is only two of numerous boxes of books.

## Dinner Menu



### The Dinner Menu:

*House Garden Salad,  
Herb Roasted Turkey Breast, Green Beans, Parmesan  
Potatoes, Brown Gravy & Cranberry Glaze*

### Vegetarian Option

#### *Chef's Choice*

*If you wish a Vegetarian dinner please advise your  
team captain to order it.*

*Coffee, Tea and Cookies will be served in the  
Penthouse Prior to the Meeting*

## Dinner Responsibilities

**L**ou Pelton is responsible for giving Bratenahl 1 our reservations for dinner. This he does by Saturday morning to give their **Chef** adequate time to order food. Please call your team captain and let him 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 e-mail addresses.

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## Upcoming Events



**Poinsettia Sale** – At the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse on Nov. 30rd and Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be over 12 varieties of poinsettia for sale from 10 – 4 each day in the Greenhouse Lobby.

**Poinsettia Display** – The Staff of the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse will present its annual poinsettia display in the Greenhouse starting December 2<sup>nd</sup> and going through January 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 - 4 every day. The finest display in the city of Cleveland.

**GOGC Christmas Dinner Party** – To be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Bratenahl Place from 6 to 9pm.

## Tip of the Hat



**To:** Pat Boggins, Diane and Dave Circle, Joyce Nesbit, and Deah Stark for their contributions to a most successful bulb sale.

**To:** Bob and Sandra Pindell and Ron Hartmiller for conducting a very successful Iris sale as well as their efforts in putting to bed the Willott Iris Garden in pristine, ala weed free, condition.

## 2019 Membership

### 2019 RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP- GARDENERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND

The campaign for membership renewal starts in November. We plan to receive all renewals by the end of December. The intent is to have our roster available no later than February 2019. Annual dues are \$40.00 per individual/year, \$60.00 per family/year and \$25.00 per associate member/year. Make your check payable to Gardeners of Greater Cleveland and bring it either to our dinner meetings or mail it to Jon Budnik at 12401 Coit Rd., Bratenahl, OH 44108.

**Please enter the following information and include it with your payment:**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \$ amount: \_\_\_\_\_

To keep the Roster current, if you have any changes to your address, phone, E-mail or Garden Club interests please fill out those areas listed below, otherwise the information will remain the same as for 2018.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Garden Club Opportunity Interests:**

Team Captain: Dinner Greeters: \_\_\_\_\_

May Plant Sale: \_\_\_\_\_ Bulb Sale: \_\_\_\_\_ VA Garden Membership Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Dinner Programs \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019 Bulb & Iris Sale

**T**hanks to the efforts of Pat Boggins, Deah Stark, Dave and Diane Circle and Joyce Nesbit in the preparation and selling of bulbs and Bob and Sandra Pindell and Ron Hartmiller who sold iris. Both of these event were very successful.

The sale contributed over \$1000 to the programs conducted by the GOGC, the Willott Iris Garden and the Friends of Greenhouse.

In addition to the money made we also had the opportunity to talk with those who bought bulbs about what bulbs would look good in their gardens as well how and where to plant them. We also talked about how the funds made from the sale would be used for our scholarship program as well as membership in our club.

One of the disappointments of the sale was the limited participation of our members. Of the six openings there were to help with the sale only four were filled. In terms of buying bulbs only one of our members came to buy bulbs other than those who help with the sale.

One of the basic aims of our club is that of helping gardeners with their questions and concerns. We could have used more help in this area. I would hope in the future that more of our members would take the time to help with this very important part of our clubs purpose.

## Upcoming Holidays



### *Veteran's Day*

**V**eteran's Day originated as 'Armistice Day' on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of the Great War, later World War I, as WWII had not yet occurred.

In 1926, Congress passed a resolution of annual observance and, in 1938 it became a national holiday. Unlike Memorial Day, it is a tribute to all American veterans –living or deceased – but especially thanks living veterans who served honorably during war or peacetime.

In 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower officially changed the holiday's name to Veterans Day. In 1968, Congress passed a bill setting the holiday to be celebrated on the fourth Monday in October, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned it to the original Nov. 11.

Over 16 million living veterans served in at least one war. Six million veterans served in peacetime; two million veterans are women; seven million veterans served during the Vietnam War; five and a half million served during the Persian Gulf War.

Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 558,000 are still alive. Two million veterans served during the Korean War. As of 2014, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service connected disabilities.

The Veterans Administration system includes 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for injured and disabled veterans.

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*



## **Thanksgiving**

**S**ixty-six days after leaving Plymouth, England, 105 religious separatists seeking freedom of worship landed at Cape Cod, far north of their original destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. A month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay where the passengers began work establishing a village at Plymouth.

Most of the colonists remained on board the ship during that first brutal winter, suffering from exposure, scurvy and contagious diseases. Only half the ship's original passengers and crew lived to see the following spring.

Upon going ashore in March, the settlers came in contact with Squanto, a Pawtuxet Native American who had learned English when kidnapped by an English sea captain who sold him into slavery. Squanto taught the sick and starving Pilgrims how to grow corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with another local tribe, the Wampanoag, a relationship which would last more than 50 years, and one of the very few examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, after settler's first successful corn harvest, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited the colony's Native American allies. Not known as 'Thanksgiving' at the time, the festival lasted 3 days. While there is no officially recorded menu, there are indications that the colonists brought game birds (not necessarily turkeys) and the natives brought 5 deer. Contemporary deserts now associated with the holiday were very unlikely then.

A second celebration was held in 1623 after a draught had ended, and Gov. Bradford called for a religious fast. Days of fasting and thanksgiving became an annual or occasional practice throughout the New England colonies.

In 1863, during the height of the Civil War, Pres. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the fourth Thursday in November be celebrated as Thanksgiving Day. In 1939,

Pres. Franklin Roosevelt moved the holiday to the last Thursday in November.

Source for both: [www.history.com](http://www.history.com).

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## **Gardening Tips**



### **What to Do Now for a Super Spring**

**T**ake care of a few simple clean up tasks now, and your garden will look better than ever come next spring. Here are a few tips to help your plants survive even the toughest winters and burst with beauty when the snow melts.

#### **Restoring the Soil**

Balanced, rejuvenated soil is key for plant health, so garden maintenance should include autumn weed removal. Although weeds lie dormant in winter, they can still help diseases and insects survive the cold weather. Tackling weed and yard debris removal now means fewer pest problems next spring and that means stronger soil.

Fall is a good time to test your soil before the ground freezes. You can do so with a kit or take a sample to your local [Cooperative Extension Office](#) to have them test it for you. This will indicate what amendments you need to add to your soil to ensure healthier plants, based on what you intend to plant.

Ideally, it is best to amend the soil now to allow the amendments to start doing their job over the winter. A light application of fertilizer or a thin layer of compost can be added anytime from late fall to early summer on established beds to maintain the health of the bed. And if you're planning to add any new perennial beds, preparing the site for them now will save you a lot of time in the spring.

#### **Watering**

Continue watering your lawn or garden until the soil freezes and can no longer accept water. Keeping plants well-hydrated helps them maintain strong root



- Garret Ormiston Native plants, azaleas and roses
- Chuck Palsa Knows “a little about everything”
- Lou Pelton Vines and clematis
- Bob Pindell Iris propagation
- Sandra Pindell Iris care
- Jonny Prell Perennials
- Fred Robinson Tree matters
- Dena Sims Perennials
- Tom Sheehan General landscape design, water gardening and tropical plants
- Vince Staffileno Veggies
- Bill Stark Begonias
- Deah Stark Perennials

## Gardening Tips



How about the leaves you just raked?

Make use of them, advised **Bob Rensel a professional gardener** at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. They are landscaping gold.

Use them to fertilize your grass by running over them with you lawn mower a few times or until they are ground fine Rensel suggested. If your leaf carpet isn't too thick you can just leave the leaf pieces on the lawn. Over the winter they will decompose and work their way into the soil. This adds composted material to the lawn thereby enriching it just as

The excess leaves can be used for mulch in your various planting beds to moderate soil temperature in the winter as well as adding composted material for next year. “It’s a great thermal blanket,” Rensel said.

You don't have to chop the leaves before putting them on the beds, he said. But the smaller pieces decompose faster because there is more surface area for bacteria and microbes to cover. (This is especially helpful if left to decompose in the lawn.)

In the spring you can pull the leaves away from the emerging plants if a thick mass remains he said or just dig the leaves into the top layer of soil. Don't worry;

they won't rob the soil of nitrogen as they decompose the way grass clipping and fresh wood chips will Rensel said.

Composting your leaves is another good option, Rensel said. A compost pile needs 95 % brown matter , so all you need to do is toss in some green material such as grass clipping or green kitchen scraps (no meat, dairy products or fat!!) and you will get a the makings of a nutrient packed soil additive.

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Making your own compost lets you control what goes into it, he noted. Compost made from community collections of yard waste can contain road salt from leaves left at the curb or diseased plant material.

Beside, Rensel said why give away the raw materials and then pay for the same product in the spring.

When you're done with your raking and composting duties, pat yourself on the back. You've benefited your own health and the earth's.

By Mary Beth Breckenridge of the Akron Beacon Journal and Bob Rensel of the Cleveland Botanical Garden and The Gardeners of America of Cleveland.

## Purpose of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

**T**he purpose of the **GARDENERS OF GREATER CLEVELAND** is to provide members with a better understanding of all varieties of gardening through our monthly meetings, our newsletter **THE SPADE** and our website, [www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org](http://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org).

We promote horticulture in our community by installing and caring for gardens at various community service facilities such as the VA Hospital, Joseph Home, and Malachi House among others. We hold two sales of gardening material one of plants and one of bulbs. Their purpose is to obtain funds for our scholarship program, to answer questions about gardening and to recruit new members.

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, September through June, at 6PM at 1 Bratenahl Place, Bratenahl, OH.

Membership is open to residents of the Greater Cleveland Area including Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Lorain counties. To join contact us via Lou Pelton, our Membership Chairman at [loupelton305@gmail.com](mailto:loupelton305@gmail.com) or write to him 305 Woodstock Rd., Eastlake, OH 44095.

## Gardeners of Greater Cleveland



The 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 6:45 PM  
Meeting 7:45 PM*

## GOGC Executive Board

### CLUB OFFICERS

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>DAVE DAWSON</b>
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### DIRECTORS

<b>JANE DAVIS (18)</b>	<b>JOYCE NESBIT (18)</b>
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<b>DAVE RITTENHOUSE (18)</b>	<b>VINCE STAFFILENO (19)</b>
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<b>HANK DOLL (20)</b>	

## GOGC Committees

### STANDING COMMITTEES

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<b>CBG LIAISON</b>	<b>JANE DAVIS</b>
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	<b>WEBSITE-SOCIAL MEDIA)- (PUBLICITY), LARRY KELL</b>
<b>FINANCE</b>	<b>JOHN BUDNIK, ANDY KOSIOREK, JULIE HENRY</b>
	<b>(CHAIR)</b>
<b>INCOME PROJECTS -</b>	<b>DAVE DAWSON, JULIE HENRY (PLANT SALE); PAT</b>

**BOGGINS, VINCE STAFFILENO (BULBS SALE); JOHN BUDNIK, RON HARTMILLER, JULIE HENRY (AUCTION-RAFFLE**

<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>TOM DAVIS</b>
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<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>KATHY KOSIOREK</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>FRED ROBINSON, HAROLD DAVIS</b>
<b>SERVICE PROJECTS</b>	<b>BOB RENSEL</b>

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<b>ARANCINI LIASON</b>	
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<b>HORTICULTURE SHOW</b>	<b>MARK OCCHIONERO, JULIE HENRY</b>
<b>NOMINATING</b>	<b>BOB PINDELL</b>
<b>WELLNESS/MEMORIALS</b>	<b>VINCE STAFFILENO, TEAM CAPTAINS</b>
<b>WILLOTT IRIS GARDEN</b>	<b>BOB PINDELL, RON HARTMILLER</b>

## Musings



### **THE GARDEN**

Across the road a garden grew,  
And bent among the flowers,  
A spare old man stooped to his task  
Or he sat and dreamed for hours.

He had slaved away his early youth  
In a pharmacy day and night.  
A pallid drudge year in, year out,  
He was starved for color and light.

He had no time for romance,  
He grew to shun mankind.  
Too stingy to spend emotion,  
He closed his heart and mind.

He reaped the fruits of frustration,  
In that dull round of care.  
A life out of doors, the learned man said,  
Might bring surcease from despair.

The gay nasturtiums stirred his heart,  
Velvet dahlias woke his pride  
The roses he loved like children,  
The lily was his bride.

He left this mortal plane long since,  
But the garden calls him still:  
He walks there when the moon is low,  
A bent form, dim and chill.

**-FRANCES STRAWN LIVINGSTON**





**Be not ashamed of mistakes and thus make them into crimes.**

**Confucius**

**A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.**

**Winston Churchill**

**A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval.**

**Mark Twain**

**Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony.**

**Mahatma Gandhi**

**Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight.**

**Benjamin Franklin**

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