



# The Spade



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**Monday, September 9th**

**Menu:**

Salisbury steak, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes and peas & onions. Coffee, tea & cookies will be served in the Penthouse after dinner.

**What's inside:**

- September Plant Swap
- Club Reminders & Updates
- Team Captains List



If you would like to share a **favorite recipe** with the members, please do so!

Also any **gardening tip** would be great.

Send to [Jonny Prell](#).

*I sincerely hope everyone had a fantastic summer in their gardens. Many of the native plants in our yard were right on schedule this year after sleeping and creeping the past two years. Our ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*) won the gold for biggest leaper in our garden by a landslide. As a teacher, September is always a busy, but incredibly exciting time. Former students are back tending to the vegetables they planted in May and many of the new students we have are getting to experience the joys of working in a garden for the very first time. It never ceases to amaze me how many students think they can impress their buddies by eating a whole habanero right off the plant. Some lessons just need to be learned through firsthand experience I suppose.*

*Speaking of learning, I hope you all have signed up for the National Convention being held in Wooster, September 12-14. I am especially looking forward to Mark Yoders' Bonsai Workshop. This September, we will also be having our plant swap during our monthly meeting. Please see my previous email for details. Please remember to reach out to your team captains promptly so that Gino and the other staff at Bratenahl Place have time to prepare for our visit. We are incredibly lucky to be able to hold our monthly meetings at such a nice location. My last reminder is that we are still in need of a replacement chair for the Membership Committee. Please consider helping the club if you can. Have a great September, everyone. I look forward to seeing you soon!*

*Steve McIntosh*

WELCOME  
*Autumn*





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All members are welcome to participate in the **PLANT SWAP**. The swap works like this: you bring a plant - indicate the name and care of the plant that you bring, and then you are able to pick a plant. The swap will go in rounds, so if you bring in 5 plants then you will be in 5 rounds. **You can bring up to 10 plants.** The plants can be a houseplant, or an outside plant. Could be something you have and are tired of it.

Debbie Daniels will have a sign in sheet of how many plants you bring to the swap, and then you will receive a ticket to pick that many plants.

Everyone stands around the table, maybe standing by the plant you want or are interested in. We will have a countdown, then the picking begins. Everyone goes at one time, this is what makes it fun and interesting. Everyone is welcome to talk about their

## Club News & Reminders

Bob McMahon was an apprentice horticulture judge at the Gardeners of Greater Youngstown's 59th annual Horticulture Show on Saturday, August 24th in the DD Davis Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens in Youngstown. Tom Davis and Melissa Davis (Kent Garden Club President) were the two Certified Horticulture judges that Bob worked with at the show. They judged exhibits in Perennials—Biennials (herbaceous), Dahlias, and Potted Plants. They judged by consensus, enjoying the experience, and Bob continued to learn from both judges on the finer points of evaluating exhibits! Bob has one more horticulture show to assist in judging, and then he will become a Certified Horticulture judge! Bob encourages other GoGC members to become Certified Horticulture judges as the Horticulture Judge School is so interesting and enjoyable, it is a lot of fun to judge at horticulture shows and gives our club more exposure!





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- There is still time to register for the 2024 Convention in Wooster. Forms were sent out earlier. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Kell at .
- A membership chair is needed to replace Jonny Prell. Please contact Bob McMahon or Steve McIntosh.
- Bob & Sandra Pindell and Ron Hartmiller are asking for volunteers at the Willott Iris Garden. Hours are 10AM to 2PM, Tuesday - Saturday. Volunteers are also needed at Lantern Court, Malachi House and VA Spinal Chord Garden.

- ***VA Spinal Chord Unit Update from Bob McMahon:***

On Thursday, August 22, I visited the VA Hospital's Spinal Cord Injury Unit's courtyard gardens to see how the vegetables, herbs and flowers were faring that club members planted in May. VA Hospital staff member, Alexandria Simmons and veteran Todd accompanied me as I toured the courtyard. I am happy to report that the tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers have been producing very well, and are being utilized by the kitchen. Alexandria told me that the kitchen recently made eggplant Parmesan that was a big hit! Alexandria told me that the kitchen was not accepting the green beans, and she did not know the reason why. The bean plants are fading but still producing some beans. All the white onions have been harvested and the leeks are now ready for harvest. The kitchen also has been using the basil, oregano and thyme, and tea is being made out of the lemon grass!

The flowers are looking great for this time of year, and I did some deadheading, explaining to Todd and Alexandria what to look for regarding faded flowers that need to be removed to promote more flowering. The two Kong coleus planters are spectacular with their huge colorful leaves! Late next month, garden mums, kale and pansies will be purchased from the Lakewood Garden Center and will be planted to replace fading annuals and vegetables. As I was leaving on Thursday, both Alexandria and Todd thanked me and our club profusely for our efforts to provide nutritious vegetables and herbs and the colorful flowers in the courtyard and how much it meant to them. That is what this project is all about!







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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:** STEVE MCINTOSH
- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** DEBBIE DANIELS
- SECRETARY:** MELISSA SUPLER
- TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON
- ASST TREASURER:** LARRY KELL
- PAST PRESIDENT:** ROBERT MCMAHON

## Current DIRECTORS:

- ROBERT MCMAHON  
ED TUHELA  
FRED ROBINSON  
GARRET ORMISTON  
LARRY KELL  
JONNY PRELL

## CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Jonny Prell, Larry Kell, Tom Segelin
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell, Chair; Steve McIntosh (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media);
- *Finance:* Larry Kell Chair; Hiedi Winston
- *Income Projects:* Debbie Daniels, Chair; Bob McMahon, Melissa Supler
- *Membership:* Jonny Prell, Chair, Larry Kell,
- *Programs:* Robert McMahon, Chair
- *Scholarship:* Ed Tuhela, Chair; Fred Robinson, Deb Kramarz,
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

## CURRENT SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National Organization: Larry Kell, President; Tom Davis, National Director;
- Youth Gardening: Steve McIntosh, Chair; 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: Open
- Nominating: Bob McMahon, Chair; Debbie Daniels, Melissa Supler
- Wellness/Memorials: Debbie Daniels
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh

## Team 1

**Team Captain: Ginnie Dawson**  
ginniedawson@gmail.com / 216.374.8916

- Dave Dawson
- Joyce Nesbit
- Carol Poh
- MaryAnn Thesing
- Rachel Laughlin
- John Barber

## Team 2

**Team Captain: Ron Hartmiller,**  
r\_hartmiller@yahoo.com / 216.671.1408

- Garrett Ormiston
- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- Herb Klein
- Bob Rensel
- Eddie Lagucki
- Deborah Dockery

## Team 3

**Team Captain: Andy Kosiorek,**  
kosiorek@cox.net / 216.226.4503

- Kathy Kosiorek
- Jodith Janes
- Larry Kell
- Hiedi Winston
- Bob McMahon & George Roscoe
- Paul Bilyk
- Darren Palmer

## Team 4

**Team Captain: Deb Kramarz,**  
deborahkramarz@aol.com / 216.731.6324

- Fred Robinson
- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux
- Kathy Talty
- Sharon Yarnell
- Susan Post

## Team 5

**Team Captain: Cathy Ross,**  
estrogen05@yahoo.com / 216.970.2854

- Patrick Boggins
- Jonny Prell
- Kelley Adkins
- Debbie Daniels
- Melissa Supler
- Ed Tuhela
- Lisa Skufca

## Team 6

**Team Captain: Keith Biehl, 440-237-5824 (NO EMAIL)**

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- Paula & Ron Koenig (440.212.5700)
- Deva Simon (440.915.0161)
- Scott Blanchard (330.322.8111)
- Timothy Homan (216.2190.0746)
- John Tilsky (440.256.1414)

## Team 7

**Team Captain: Julie Shaw,**  
julieoshaw@gmail.com / 914.525.3834

- Fred Burkhalter
- Tom Davis
- John Schinker
- Deah Stark
- Dave Tomashefski
- Susan Brownstein
- Cyndi Konopka

**Team Captains, please call in your RSVP number directly to Hiedi Winston. (440.752.2617 or email at [hwinston@naipvc.com](mailto:hwinston@naipvc.com)) by Thursday evening.**