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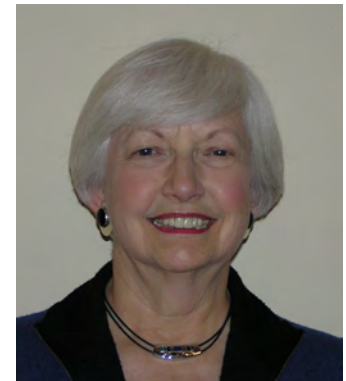
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Presentation by Nancy Verber on April 5 **“The Evolution of English Gardens”**

Traveling with a group from Ohio State University’s Chadwick Arboretum in August 2013, Nancy Verber had the opportunity to visit some spectacular English gardens: large and small, public and private, formal and informal, and those suited to various habitats.

In her Torch paper on Thursday, April 5, Nancy will help Columbus Torch Club members to become acquainted with some of these various garden styles and specific plants that can be used to enhance their own gardens. “Even if you’re not a gardener, you will be able to admire the colors and designs of these special places,” Nancy advises.

Her Torch paper was initially planned to compare English and Italian gardening styles, but she had a skiing accident earlier this year. Her hospitalization and recovery interfered with planning time, so she will only address the development of English gardens.



Nancy Verber

Biography of Nancy Verber

Nancy Verber was born in Columbus when her parents lived on Frambes Avenue, now part of the Old North Columbus neighborhood of the University District. That makes her a true native Buckeye. She holds two degrees from The Ohio State University and a Ph.D. in higher education and public policy from Georgia State University. Having worked in special education, juvenile delinquency education, psychology, higher education and public policy, she retired as an education policy research specialist for a U. S. Department of Education laboratory in the southeastern states.

Retirement allowed Nancy the opportunity to become an avid world traveler, gardener, amateur photographer, community volunteer and downhill skier. A member of the Worthington Hills Garden Club, she has spent 16 years developing a perennial garden around her home in Powell. In recent years, she has developed an interest in landscape design and has participated in several landscape design courses sponsored by the National Garden Club. Her Torch paper combines her amateur photography skills with various developmental stages of landscape design.

President's Message: The Torch Foundation

We will have a special guest attending our April Torch meeting: Anne D. Sterling, president of the Torch Foundation. She is past president of the International Association of Torch Clubs, past director of IATC Region 3, recipient of a Gold Torch Award and currently serves as an *ex officio* member of the IATC Board. She is a member of the Richmond, Va., Torch Club. She has served Torch well at the local, regional and international level and now leads its companion organization.



**Anne D. Sterling,
president of the Torch
Foundation**



Rich Davis

Anne will be making some brief comments about the Torch Foundation, a tax-exempt corporation separate from the IATC, but which helps to support the IATC's mission. This includes support for the Paxton Lectureship (our own Steve Sterrett is the most recent awardee), *The Torch* magazine, and new club development. The foundation has a Memorial and Honor Roll Program at multiple levels, supported by charitable contributions. Inspired by attending a meeting in Kalamazoo last year, I joined. I hope you will be inspired by Ann's words and, perhaps, consider joining as well.

Nominating Committee offers slate of officers for 2018-19

The Nominating Committee reported to the club's Board of Directors on March 1 that it will propose the following slate of nominees for 2018-19: Violet Meek as president-elect, and Deborah Stevens and Tom Davison as directors-at-large with terms ending in 2020. The report will be formally presented to the club's membership on May 3. Election of officers will be held at that time.

The following board members will continue in their current positions: Howard Gauthier as treasurer, Susan Tilgner as assistant treasurer, Thom Seelbach as secretary, Susan Warrener Smith as assistant secretary, and Dorothy Driskell and Richard Meyer as directors-at-large with terms ending in 2019.

The Nominating Committee is composed of Jeff Caswell, chair, Rich Davis, and Tom Costantiello.



Tom Atzberger (left) and Scott Doellinger pose with Brutus Buckeye. Scott highlighted Tom's life in the Member's Moment at the Torch Club meeting March 1.

Responding to the Evite from Secretary Seelbach

Club secretary Thom Seelbach has sent you via electronic mail an Evite to attend the Torch Club meeting on April 5. Respond promptly to the Evite so he will have an accurate count of meals needed. You also may respond to him at tseelbach@gmail.com or (614) 457-5103.

The directions for responding to the Evite are:

1. After you click on the email from Evite, it will bring up a new window on the Evite website. You must click your response in this new window for Evite to register your response.
2. The guest count is the actual number of attendees. If only you are attending, the count will be 1. The cost for a guest to attend the meeting and dinner is \$30.

Schedule of Torch Club speakers and their papers for 2017-18

Thursday, October 5, 2017

"History of the OSU College of Optometry" by Robert Newcomb

Thursday, November 2, 2017

"Cuba Then and Now: A Contemporary Perspective" by Tricia Herban

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Chamber Music Connection String Quartet

Thursday, January 4, 2018

"Sicily: So Much More" by Christina Atzberger

Thursday, February 1, 2018

"Antarctica, Past and Present" by Thomas Baughman

Thursday, March 1, 2018

"Improving Performance Using an Integrated Theory of Constraints, Six Sigma and Lean" by Gordon Clark

Thursday, April 5, 2018

"The Evolution of English Gardens" by Nancy Verber

Thursday, May 3, 2018

"A Few of My Favorite Things: A Piano Recital" by Thomas Seelbach and the Faculty Club's Steinway

Torch Club's monthly meeting agenda

4:30-5:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting

5:30-6:15 p.m. Cocktails and conversation

6:15-6:35 p.m. Business matters

6:35-7:30 p.m. Speaker presents Torch paper

7:30-8:45 p.m. Dinner and table discussion

Meetings are conducted in The Ohio State University Faculty Club, 181 S. Oval Drive; (614) 292-2262.

Board of Directors of Torch Club of Columbus, Ohio, for 2017-18

President – Rich Davis

President-elect – Tom Costantiello

Immediate Past President – Jeff Caswell

Secretary – Thom Seelbach

Assistant Secretary – Susan Warren Smith

Treasurer – Howard Gauthier

Assistant Treasurer – Susan Tilgner

Fellowship Chair – Violet Meek

Membership Chair – Dorothy Driskell

Nominating Chair – Jeff Caswell

Newsletter Editor – Steve Sterrett

Director-at-Large Violet Meek (2018)

Director-at-Large Deborah Stevens (2018)

Director-at-Large Dorothy Driskell (2019)

Director-at-Large Richard Meyer (2019)