



The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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DECEMBER 9TH HOLIDAY MEETING & BUFFET DINNER:

Carved Prime Rib with Au Jus Gravy & Horseradish Sauce, Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce, Honey Glazed Carrots, Roasted Redskin Potatoes and Garden Salad.

Vegetarian Dinner: Chef's Choice

The social hour and meeting will start at 5PM in the Penthouse. There will be appetizers (provided by Members), coffee, tea, beer, wine and soda. We will be presenting awards and electing the new Officers and Board Members.

Dinner will start promptly at 6:30 PM in the Bistro.

Cost is \$25/per person. Please see Page 7 for details on the Holiday Party and Dinner. RSVPs are needed no later than December 4th.

President's Letter

I have reached the end of my term as President of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland. It has taken a lot of work but I have enjoyed great support from the Board and members. I know that will continue as Jonny Prell takes over as president, Chuck Palsa as 1st VP and Hiedi Winston as treasurer. Our thanks goes out to Jodith Janes and John Budnik who are stepping down, having served ably as secretary and treasurer.

What have we done over the last two years? We have added new members who bring youth and vitality to the club. We continue to have excellent presentations thanks to Kathy Kociorek and Bob McMahon that top off some wonderful meals at The Bistro. The Horticulture Show grows and the Plant and Bulb Sales continue to support the Scholarship program which has refocused to support students in the midst of their horticultural college educations. And, we maintain gardens and plantings: Willott Iris Garden, VA Spinal Cord facility and Malachi House. There is also a rumor that the Spade has been cited as the best newsletter by our parent organization. Congratulations to Jonny Prell and its contributors.

What didn't we do? We were unable to put together a summer outing, but there is talk of two for next year, Eastside and Westside.

I thank you all for your cooperation, support and energy that make this a special gardening club.

Dave Dawson



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New Officers and Board Members for 2020-2021

Below is the list of Officers and Board Directors who were not nominated in November and will be elected at the December meeting.

OFFICERS

President: Jonny Prell

First Vice President: Chuck Palsa

Treasurer: Hiedi Winston

DIRECTORS

- Bob McMahon
- David Rittenhouse
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold

With much gratitude and appreciation, we thank Dave Dawson as outgoing President for his leadership of the Club over the past 2 years; John Budnik for his service and dedication in the role of Treasurer; and Jodith Janes for her service and expertise as Secretary.

The Secretary position is open and is much needed by the Club to record all the minutes for the benefit of our Members.

2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The membership campaign started in November. Checks should be made out to **Gardeners of Greater Cleveland**, and are due the first meeting in 2020, January 13th. Dues are \$40 per individual/year; \$60 per family/year; and \$25 for associate member/year. You can give your checks to John Budnik at the monthly meeting, or send them to him at **12401 Coit Road, Bratenahl, Ohio 44108**.



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ONE BRATENAHL PLACE

CURRENT OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:	DAVE DAWSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT:	JONNY PRELL
2ND VICE PRESIDENT:	OPEN
SECRETARY:	JODITH JANES
TREASURER:	JOHN BUDNIK
ASST TREASURER:	ANDY KOSIOREK

CURRENT DIRECTORS:

- HANK DOLL 2018-2020**
- PAT BOGGINS 2018-2020**
- KATHY KOSIOREK 2018-2020**
- PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD 2017-2019**
- DAVE RITTENHOUSE 2017- 2019**
- JULIE HENRY 2019-2021**
- Z. HAROLD DAVIS 2019 - 2021**
- GARRETT ORMISTON 2019 - 2021**
- CHUCK PALSA 2017-2019**

STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Bob Pindell, Chair; Hank Doll; Tom Davis
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell, Chair (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media); Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold, (Publicity)
- *Finance:* Jonny Prell (Chair); John Budnik; Andy Kosiorek
- *Income Projects:* Dave Dawson, Julie Henry (Plant Sale); Pat Boggins (Bulb Sale); John Budnik, Ron Hartmiller, Julie Henry (Auction / Raffle)
- *Membership:* Lou Pelton, Co-Chair; Dave Rittenhouse, Co-Chair; Larry Kell, Chuck Palsa, Jonny Prell
- *Programs:* Kathy Kosiorek, Chair; Robert McMahon
Any program suggestions? Contact Kathy!
- *Scholarship:* Harold Davis, Co-Chair; Hank Doll; Deb Kramarz; Lou Pelton
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National Organization: Tom Davis, Larry Kell
Central Great Lakes Region: Larry Kell, Past President
- 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: Mark Occhionero, Julie Henry, Tom Davis
- Nominating: Bob Pindell, Chair; Jonny Prell, Deb Kramarz
- Wellness/Memorials: Harold Davis, Team Captains



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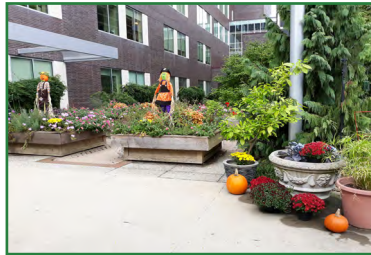
Member Program Interests

As the end of the calendar year approaches, I would like to thank the many members who suggested programs and those who provided programs. Thanks to Tom Segelin and Larry Kell and others who set-up the audio-visual equipment.

Recommendations for program presenters are an absolute essential for the program chair. If you have a recommendation for a program, would like to present a program or have heard a presenter who seems to be a perfect fit for the club, please email me or write down the name and contact number(s) so that I have this information. As program chair, I have tended to book programs several months in advance. If you feel that your suggestion has been neglected or ignored please let me know.

Kathryn Kosiorek, Kathryn_k@cox.net, 216.226.4503

Autumn Updates for the VA Spinal Chord Injury Center Garden



January 13th Program Speaker: Lisa Rainsong

Gardening for a Concert

Lisa Rainsong's career combines music, natural history, and education. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition from the Cleveland Institute of Music and is a member of the Music Theory faculty. She is also a soprano who has performed as a soloist and choral musician specializing in Medieval, renaissance, and Baroque music.

As she became increasingly interested in teaching the songs of earth's first musicians - birds, crickets, katydids, amphibians - she earned a Naturalist Certificate from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, focusing on field work.

Lisa joins us in her capacity as a naturalist and is sharing a new program with us entitled "Gardening for a Concert" which is about gardening both for birdsong in the spring and summer and the songs of crickets and katydids in the late summer and early fall. Lisa states that "Since gardening for insects always benefits the birds, the two go together very well. In addition, it's nice to be able to continue the concert all the way through much of September. " She will emphasize habitat and protection of Earth's first musicians in her program.

As the days get longer minute by minute it is time to plan for a garden that enhances nature.





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Upcoming December Events:

GLOW @ Cleveland Botanical Garden Ginberbread House Display and Competition Focuses on "Home"

Saturday November 23 through Saturday, January 4
Free for Members, with Admission for nonmembers
Glow Member Day is Monday, December 2nd



Poinsettia and Green Arts Sale @ Rockefeller Park Greenhouse

Friday, December 6th at 10AM, and Saturday, December 7th at 10AM

Peace Love & Knitting by Emma Rose retired personal chef an avid knitter from an early age all items are hand knit one of a kind will have foods as well!

Alcohol Paintings by MA Thesing (GoGC Member)

Zolten Wood Design by Linda Zolten Wood

Guitar Pick Earrings Cut from Gift Cards, Collage Greeting Cards, Monster Plushie Pillow Toys, Ceramic Food Ware Home Accessories, Knitted Cowls & The Collinwood Painted Rain Barrel Project!

Keri Gortz

Soft Sculpture Animals, Monsters, pins, accessories, & Ornaments.

Food Truck: Friday Only 10-2:

*David Munford Smoky Sweet Soul - Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw,
Turkey Ribs & Fries!!*

With all of the white and gray of a Cleveland Winter, we can all use a pop of color!

Come in out of the cold at the Greenhouse to get some beautiful and festive holiday poinsettias to brighten your winter days!

While you're here, get some of your holiday shopping done at our local Green Artists' market!

Shop for one of a kind gifts and support small local business at the same time!

Free Parking & Admission to tour the Greenhouse & Grounds.



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If you have questions or problems with your garden, plants in your garden and need advice, our Club has many members who have the background and knowledge to help you.

- Keith Biehl: Gardener by profession
- Pat Boggins: Log planters
- John Budnik: Herbs and flowering bulbs
- Diane Circle: Hostas
- Tom Davis: Native plants
- Hank Doll: Dahlia growing
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold: Orchids
- Ron Hartmiller: Weeds
- Herb Klein: Unusual plants and perennials
- Deb Kramarz: Master Rain Gardener
- Andy Kosiorek: Above-ground sprinkler systems
- Kathy Kosiorek: Veggies and container gardening
- Lou Drasler: Cannas and environmental issues
- 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
- Fred Robinson: Care and knowledge of trees
- Deva Simon: Perennials
- Tom Sheehan: General landscape design, water gardening and tropical plants
- Bill Stark: Begonias
- Deah Stark: Perennials

The purpose of the **Gardeners of Greater Cleveland** is to provide members with all types of information related to gardening - whether their own personal gardening or community projects through our monthly meetings, our newsletter **The Spade** and our website.

We promote horticulture in our community by installing and caring for gardens at various community service facilities such as the VA Hospital, Joseph's Home for Disadvantaged Men, and Malachi House among others.

We hold two sales per year at Rockefeller Greenhouse. In May, we have the plant sale. This is a major source of funds for our scholarship program. It is also a great time to meet gardeners, answer questions and recruit new members. In the fall, we also have a bulb sale.

Membership is open to residents of the Greater Cleveland Area including Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Lorain counties. To join, please contact **Lou Pelton**, our Membership Co-Chairman at loupelton305@gmail.com.





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Holiday Party & Program

Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Holiday Party

Monday, December 9th, 2019

Bratenahl Place

5:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR AND MEETING:

Appetizers and Assorted Pastries, Wine, Beer, Soda, Coffee, Tea
Members are asked to bring an appetizer or holiday pastry to share.

President's Remarks

Election of Officers

Award Presentations

- Certificates of Appreciation
- Bronze Medal
- Potter Bowl

President's Closing Remarks

6:30 PM BUFFET DINNER IN THE BISTRO

Carved Prime Rib with Au Jus & Horseradish Sauce

Salmon in Lemon/Wine Capers Sauce

Honey Glazed Carrots

Roasted Redskin Potatoes

Garden Salad

- **We will not be able to accept walk-ins for dinner.**
- **You must pay for your dinner in advance. There will not be any refund even if you were not able to attend.**
- **Limited seating capacity for 60 only. We hope that as many members as possible join us for the awards and dinner.**
- **In the event the number of reservations exceed the limit, we will use the postmark dates to determine the dinner attendees. If we are unable to accept your reservation, your check will be returned.**
- **If limited capacity for dinner prevents you from attending, please bring an appetizer and join us for the social hour and meeting.**



Name(s) _____

Telephone No. _____

Guest Name(s) _____

No. of Reservations _____ @ \$25/Person

Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to:

The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

Send your check with this RSVP to:

John Budnik

12401 Coit Road

Bratenahl, Ohio 44108

Questions or problems with your reservations, contact him at 646.415.3579 or email him at budnikj@gmail.com, or contact Dave Dawson at 216.374.8916.