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Monday, January 13th Menu:

Southern fried chicken, buttered corn, mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw & butter milk biscuites. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served in the Penthouse after dinner.

What's inside:

- **Holiday plant sale summary and photos**
- **Holiday party photos**
- **Night-Before French Toast Recipe, Bob McMahon**
- **Committees & Members**
- **Team Captains List (NEWLY REVISED 12/1/2024)**



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that you are excited for another year as members of The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland. 2024 was a very productive year for our club. We saw new members join, service projects expand, and our fundraisers were incredibly successful. I have no doubt we will be able to carry this momentum with us as we get ready for 2025.

As we navigate the new year, I would like to inform everyone that we will be looking for a new Treasurer, Program Committee Chair, and Membership Chair for 2026. These positions are a critical part of what makes our club successful, and I encourage everyone to consider taking on one of these roles. If anyone interested has any questions, please reach out to Hiedi, Jonny, or Bob. They will be happy to help. If this type of role isn't for you, please consider volunteering your time in 2025 to help out at the Willott Iris Garden, the VA Hospital Garden, or at one of our fundraisers. If you wish to assist with the Scholarship Fund or Youth Gardening Grants, please let Ed or myself know.

As always please remember to let your team captains know if you plan to attend our monthly meetings a week in advance. I look forward to seeing all of you on January 13th for Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Trivia Night!

Steve McIntosh





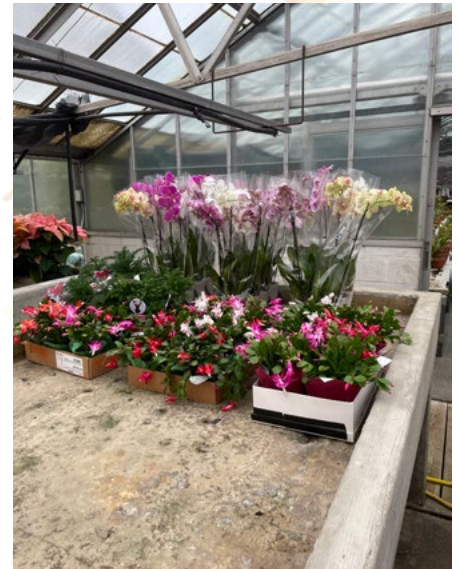
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DECEMBER HOLIDAY PLANT SALE

On Friday and Saturday, December 6th & 7th, the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland held its second annual very successful Holiday Plant Sale at the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse. A BIG “thank you!” to Income Projects Chair, Debbie Daniels, and to Bob McMahon, who together planned, organized the set-up, and ran the sale. Many thanks to the following club volunteers who helped to set up and run the sale: Dave & Diane Circle, Dave Dawson, Ron and Paula Koenig, Deb Kramarz, Steve McIntosh, Ed Tuhela, and Hiedi Winston. Items sold at the sale included: flowering Thanksgiving cacti, Phalaenopsis orchids, and amaryllis; miniature decorated Norfolk Island pines; live evergreen wreaths, wooden and metal Christmas trees, wooden reindeer, painted pots and water-inflatable vases. The club thanks greenhouse manager Perrin Verzi, who assisted in coordinating the sale with the Friends of Greenhouse’ concurrent poinsettia sale on both days, and also thanks Friends of Greenhouse for providing lunch both days to all volunteers. Debbie already has new ideas for the 2025 Holiday Plant Sale and for the May 2025 Plant Sale.





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DECEMBER 2024 HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS





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NIGHT-BEFORE FRENCH TOAST, Bob McMahon

- 1 10 ounce long, thin loaf of French bread
- 8 large eggs
- 3 cups milk
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon coffee liquor (optional....
I just add more vanilla!)
- 2 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces
- 350° pre-heated oven



Grease a 13" X 9" baking pan. Cut bread in 1-inch-thick slices and arrange them in one layer on the bottom of the pan. In a large bowl, beat the eggs and then add in the rest of the ingredients except the butter and mix thoroughly. Pour the mixture uniformly over the bread, cover with foil and refrigerate 4 to 36 hours. To bake, uncover the pan, dot the bread with butter and place the pan in the oven. Bake 45 to 50 minutes until the bread is puffy and lightly browned. Remove from the oven and let the French toast stand about 5 minutes before serving. SERVES 8. ENJOY!



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

2025 DIRECTORS:

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Awards: Larry Kell, Tom Segelin, Co-Chairs
- 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, Fred Robinson, Co-chairs; Deb Kramarz,
- Service Projects: Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Holden Forest & Garden Council: Deb Kramarz & Joyce Nesbit
- National Organization: Larry Kell, Past President; Bob McMahon, 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: Vacant
- Nominating: Bob McMahon, Debbie Daniels, Melissa Supler
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh, Chair

Team 1

Team Captain: Ginnie Dawson
ginniedawson@gmail.com / 216.849.2781

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

Team 2

Head 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
- Susan Post

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
- Cyndi Konopka

Team 5

Cathy Ross: estrogen05@yahoo.com
216.970.2854

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

Team 6

Keith Biehl: 440.539.2019 (NO EMAIL)

- Davd & Diane Circle (440.628.8063 Home)
- Paula & Ron Koenig (440.212.5700)
- Deva Simon (440.915.0161)
- Scott Blanchard (330.322.8111)
- Timothy Homan (216.219.0746)
- John Tilsky (440.256.1414)

Team 7

Team Captain: Hiedi Winston,
hwinston@naipvc.com / 440.752.2617

- Fred Burkhalter
- Julie Shaw & Tom Davis
- John Schinker
- Deah Stark
- Sherry Doughten
- Dave Tomashefski
- Susan Brownstein
- Laurie Burke

Please contact Hiedi Winston by Thursday evening with a dinner count!