



# The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, BUFFET DINNER MENU:

6:15 PM Dinner in The Bistro will be: Cavatelli & Meatballs in Red Sauce, Grated Parmesan Cheese, Garlic Cheese Bread, and Zucchini & Onions. Coffee, Tea and Cookies will follow.

## What's inside:

- Updates from our 2021 Scholarship Winners, Sean Ward and Caleb Kautz
- February 2022 Program Information
- Summary of January 2022 Program
- Winter Planning Guide from Member, Bob McMahon
- Another Family Recipe from Bob McMahon
- Meeting Schedule, New Officers, New Board Members and Committees
- New Team Captain Information

Dear Members,

January now is history. The days are starting to become noticeably longer and it's time to start thinking about planning for our gardens this spring! Seed catalogs are arriving to give gardeners impetus to start considering what flowers, shrubs and trees they want to plant this coming gardening season. This is a good way to conquer the mid-winter blues!

I recently received an email message from Pegg Lencewicz, Chair of the Affiliate Board of Holden Forests and Gardens, sent to all HF&G affiliate garden clubs. "We were the first Civic Garden Center in The Country. What began as a brick and mortar building to house a large, donated collection of horticulture books has grown exponentially into what is now Holden Forests & Garden." Please consider joining HF&G as there is so much to see and do for the entire family! The link for HF&G is <https://holdenfg.org> for you to check out this outstanding "gem" in Northeast Ohio.

Team Captains are back in place for members to contact the week before each monthly meeting to let their captains know they will be attending. Please contact your Team Captain by Thursday afternoon before the meeting so that counts may then be forwarded in a timely fashion to the Bratenahl Place Bistro. Team Captains and team members are listed on the last page of The Spade. Team Captains also will check on members who have not attended meetings recently.

Planning has started for our club's 90th anniversary—details will be forthcoming. Steve McIntosh and Larry Kell are planning a youth gardening project involving the Willott Iris Garden for this Spring and Summer, an exciting new development for our club. A Bylaws Revision Committee has been appointed, Chaired by Tom Davis. The Committee's goal is to present the revised Bylaws to the club for a member vote by June 30th.

Stay safe and warm as we head into mid-winter and historically the coldest time of the year. At least days are longer than 10 hours now, so there's hope that Spring isn't too far away!

*Bob McMahon*



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## Updates from our 2021 Scholarship Winners: Sean Ward and Caleb Kautz

### *From Sean Ward:*

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the High School Horticulture Scholarship possible. Not only has this made my first semester at Michigan State University a reality, but it has also helped me further my career by the unique opportunities available to me here. I am an active member of the Residential Initiative on the Study of the Environment (RISE), a Living-Learning Community with a greenhouse, bee hives, a hydroponics system and compost areas right outside my dorm building. Being accepted into this program has allowed me to stay active and learn new skills, including harvesting honey from start to finish, tending to compost piles and preparing edible flowers for the president of the university. I am co-leading a co-curricular mushroom team which provides over 30 members the opportunity to discuss and grow mushrooms. I helped organize and plant over 50 feet of morel mushrooms and am excited to harvest them at the end of the year! My fall semester was highlighted by meeting new friends, conducting paid research, joining the Student Horticulture Association and Sierra Club, and taking classes related to my major, namely Biology of Plants and Introduction to Horticulture. Taking these higher level classes as a first-year student was only a reality thanks to the Advanced Placement classes offered during my time at St. Ignatius High School. From my first few weeks on campus, I was making trips to restored prairie lands to survey grasses and flowers for the restoration ecology lab I am currently working in. I am very pleased to have earned a 4.0 GPA my first semester while making it into the MSU Honors College. Looking forward, I am excited to continue my education this semester with classes like Plant Geography and Physics for Life Scientists.

Without the generous support of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland, educational and professional opportunities in the Horticulture/Plant Biology field like these would not be possible for me. Again, I am so thankful for being chosen as the recipient of this scholarship and for all of your support. Go Green!

### *Sean Ward*

### *From Caleb Kautz:*

With one semester of college under my belt, I can say that I quite enjoyed my experience at Cuyahoga Community College. Entering college I didn't know what to expect; but I knew I was excited to learn about a subject that I am truly passionate about, being the green industry. After only one semester at Tri-C, I have learned so much about the industry. Of course, some tasks were challenging, but nonetheless beneficial in my overall learning experience. I am so grateful for the opportunity to continue my education, with help from the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland.

One of my favorite classes this past semester was Deciduous Woody ID, which focused on the identification of more than a hundred deciduous woody plants. Each week offered about fifteen new plants to learn, with detailed videos created by the professor. I felt that this class was among the most important for me, as identifying the right plants to select for a landscape will be an important aspect of my future career. At the end of the course, the final project was to select plants for specific spots that met certain criteria. This likely mirrors a real life scenario of a client giving specific instruction for their property. Assignments like this are what made me love this class; knowing that my time was being put towards experience that will translate into the real world.

The scholarship that I received from Gardeners of Greater Cleveland gave me a great start to my college career. With their generosity, I was able to make an easier decision on whether college was right for me. The cost of tuition is a major factor for many individuals when applying to schools, and I was no different. Applying for this scholarship was an easy process, and one that I would recommend to anyone thinking of going into a career in the green industry. As I mentioned, the green industry is one that I have a true passion for, and a growing industry at that, no pun intended. The opportunity to earn a scholarship is something that I never thought twice about and am glad I put the time into. To anyone considering an education in the green industry: applying for a scholarship is a great way to start.

### *Caleb Kautz*





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## Monday, February 21st Program

Our speaker for February is Kevin Borowiak. Kevin is the Coordinator for the Cleveland Botanical Garden's annual Glow Holiday Show, and he is on the Marketing Committee for the Cleveland Garden Walk. Kevin will give a presentation about [Garden Walk Cleveland 2022](#), which will be held July 9th & 10th in selected neighborhood locations within the City of Cleveland.

"Garden Walk Cleveland is a free, self-guided tour of private gardens, community gardens, and unique spaces in designated neighborhoods throughout the Cleveland region." Kevin will be giving a Power Point presentation that will cover the history of the garden walk, what is required for your Cleveland garden to be included in the garden walk, and volunteering opportunities for our members during the garden walk. Involvement of our club in this annual event will be a great recruiting tool for the club and give the club excellent exposure to the public. Joyce Nesbit was part of Little Italy's GardenWalk in 2021.

Below are photos from various gardens that were part of **Gardenwalk** tours:



## Monday, January 10th, Program Summary

Bill Hendricks is the President of [Klyn Nurseries, Inc.](#) in Perry, OH and was our speaker for the January 10th club's virtual meeting.

His virtual presentation, Sexy Succulents, was excellent! Bill's Power Point presentation was educational and featured slides that showed the amazing diversity and beauty of succulents that are found on all continents except Antarctica. Click the [link](#) for information on succulents. He summarized basic cultural topics regarding succulent culture, and all of you should have received Bill's handout electronically or by mail.



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## START PLANNING THIS YEAR'S GARDEN NOW! By Bob McMahon

While it might be cold, snowy and dreary outside, that does not mean you can't be starting to plan your Spring gardening activities now! A great way to beat the "winter blues" and to get excited for the upcoming gardening season.

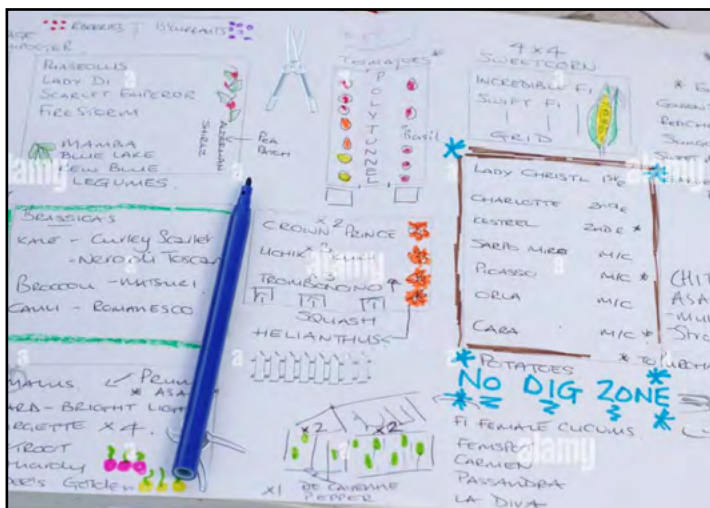
Begin by thinking about your garden (or gardens) last year. What did you like and what didn't you like regarding annuals, perennials, woody plants, garden design and hard landscaping (i.e., non-plant material such as pavers, statuary, fountains, etc.)? Make a "like" and "didn't like" list of these garden items to help you better plan how to move forward with this year's garden planning.

Next, start doing some research using seed and nursery catalogs you receive in the mail, accessing similar information online from seed and nursery companies and local garden centers. Peruse these resources to give you ideas as to what new plant species you'd like add to this year's garden and to see what new cultivars are available for plant species you already grow and want to continue this year.

Once you have a list of seeds and plants that you want to plant in your garden, then you need to figure out how and when to obtain them. If you germinate seeds indoors using grow lights and heating mats, make sure they are in good operating order and you have a good seed germination medium that has good water-holding capacity, yet has good drainage and aeration and a fine enough texture to not interfere with seed germination and subsequent growth. Order seeds from seed catalogs or purchase them in person at local garden centers when they become available. Wait until April to purchase and plant woody plants and perennials, and wait until the danger of frost is past in May to purchase annuals.

Check your inventory of gardening supplies and make notes of what you need to replenish and new items you might need. By this I mean mulch, garden soil, fertilizers, fungicides and insecticides, equipment, and tools, to name a few.

Speaking of tools and equipment, inspect them to see if they need to be cleaned/oiled/sharpened before gardening season begins: shovels/spades, trowels, bulb planters, edgers, hedge trimmers and lawn mowers. Investing in high quality gardening gloves and kneeling pads will avoid blisters and sore knees if you haven't been using them.







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## Bob McMahon's Family Recipe

### IMPOSSIBLE CICHE

3 large eggs

½ cup Bisquick

½ cup melted butter

1-1/2 cups milk

1 tsp dry/powdered mustard

¼ tsp salt and ¼ tsp ground black pepper

1 cup shredded imported Swiss or Jarlsberg cheese

½ cup of cubed ham and/or several slices of crumbled crispy bacon

**NOTE:** Feel free to add other items as well, such as sauteed mushrooms and/or sauteed diced sweet onions (~1/4 cup each), baby spinach leaves, etc. Just be sure your pie pan is large enough to hold everything!

Place all but the last two ingredients in a blender/food processor to mix until well blended—e.g. 10 seconds or so. Pour into a well-greased (I use Pam cooking spray) 10" or 11" pie pan. Sprinkle meat and cheese (and any other toppings) uniformly over the top of the egg mixture and push down into the egg mixture with the back of a spoon. Bake at 350°F for ~45 to 50 minutes until nicely browned. Remove from oven and allow to "rest" for 10 to 15 minutes before cutting and serving. ENJOY!





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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:** ROBERT MCMAHON
- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** STEVE MCINTOSH
- 2ND VICE PRESIDENT:** OPEN
- SECRETARY:** JODITH JANES (TEMP)
- TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON
- ASST TREASURER:** LARRY KELL

## DIRECTORS:

- PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD 2020-2023
- JOYCE NESBIT - 2021-2024
- LARRY KELL - 2022-2023
- DEBORAH KRAMARZ - 2022 - 2025
- TOM DAVIS - 2022 - 2025
- FRED ROBINSON - 2022 - 2025
- TOM SEGELIN - 2022 - 2025

## STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Kathy Kosiorek, Chair; Bob Pindell, Hank Doll and Tom Davis
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media);
- *Finance:* Larry Kell Chair; Hiedi Winston,
- *Income Projects:* Dave Dawson, Chair; Dave Dawson, Robert McMahon (Plant Sale), Pat Boggins (Bulb Sale), Dave Dawson, (Auction / Raffle)
- *Membership:* Larry Kell, Jonny Prell
- *Programs:* Robert McMahon
- *Scholarship:* Deb Kramarz, Co-Chair; Fred Robinson, Co-chair; Dave Dawson
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National Organization: Larry Kell, Second Vice President; Tom Davis, National Director;
- Central Great Lakes Gardeners: Larry Kell, President
- Youth Gardening: Steve McIntosh, Garrett Ormiston, 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: Tom Davis
- Nominating: Jonny Prell, Chair; Deb Kramarz
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains



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## Revised Team Captains and Team Members

### **Team 1**

**Team Captain: Harold Davis, Jr. 216-283-7111**

- Dave & Ginnie Dawson
- Tom Davis
- Julie Shaw
- Joyce Nesbit
- Carol Poh

### **Team 2**

**Head Team Captain: Ron Hartmiller,  
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- Garrett Ormiston
- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- Mary Ann Thesing
- Bob Rensel

### **Team 3**

**Team Captain: Andy Kosiorek,  
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- Kathy Kosiorek
- Jodith Janes
- Larry Kell
- Hiedi Winston
- Bob McMahon
- Paul Bilyk

### **Team 4**

**Team Captain: Deb Kramarz,  
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- Fred Robinson
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold
- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux

### **Team 5**

**Cathy Ross, estrogen05@yahoo.com  
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- Patrick Boggins
- Jonny Prell
- Kelly Adkins
- Lou Pelton
- John Tilisky

### **Team 6**

**Keith Biehl, 440-237-5824**

- Jeff Ardo
- Davd & Diane Circle
- Deva Simon
- Deah Stark
- Dave Rittenhouse