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The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH BUFFET DINNER MENU:

TURKEY DINNER! Herb roasted turkey breast, green beans, Parmesan potatoes, brown gravy, cranberry glaze. Coffee, tea & cookies will be served in the Penthouse.

All team captains please contact Hiedi Winston directly with the number of RSVPs for dinner.

Please be aware that if you rsvp for a dinner before the club meeting, you will be responsible for payment even if you do not attend! Also, any guests that a member invites, the dinner cost is the responsibility of that member!

Happy November, everyone! By now, fall gardening should be winding down before the ground freezes later this month or next, depending on weather conditions. Finish planting trees, shrubs, bulbs, perennials, etc. so that root systems become established in the soil before it freezes. Continue to cut back perennials as their tops die off; leave about 1 or 2 inches of their stems above the ground so that you know where they are located the following spring so you don't accidentally damage them when cultivating the soil before emergence. Exception: leave most ornamental grasses intact as their foliage and plumes will last most of the winter, adding interest an otherwise drab landscape. Your fall crops of spinach, lettuce and other cool season crops should continue to supply you with produce well into this month if weather permits. I continue to cut back my perennials in my container gardens and will be mulching them over later this month.

Mr. Mark Yoders gave a fine presentation about the art of Bonsai at the October meeting and please read the article by Carol Poh summarizing Mark's presentation.

During this month's meeting, we will be electing new Board officers (i.e. committee Chairs) and a new Secretary to finish out Jodith Jane's term.

Planning is underway for our annual Holiday Party December 12th. Awards will be given in the Penthouse to start the evening, followed by a delicious buffet dinner in the dining room. Details will be forthcoming.

Enjoy the foliage color while it lasts!

Bob McMahon





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November Meeting: Board/Committee Nominations

Below is the list of nominations for the 2023 Board. According to the 2022 Bylaws, the Standing Committee Chairs serve on the Board. We will also accept nominations from the floor. The nominees below will add to those already serving. We will vote on the nominees after dinner. The installation of the secretary and the directors will follow.

REPLACEMENT FOR SECRETARY POSITION:

- Jonny Prell (1 year term)

STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Awards:**
- **Income Projects:** Debbie Daniels, Chair
- **Scholarship:** Ed Tuhela, Co-Chair
- **Service Projects:** Garrett Ormiston, Chair

Membership Renewal is available online at:

<https://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org/plans-pricing>

**Save The Date! Our Holiday Party will take place on Monday,
December 12th.**

Detailed information will be sent next week in an invitation form.

Cost is \$25 per person to be paid in advance.

New Member Information

Our October speaker, Mark Yoders has become a Member. Mark is retired from OSU ATI and was our October speaker on bonsai culture.

Deb Kramarz is requesting volunteers to help load and take Holiday Show decorations to the Cleveland Botanical Garden by 9AM on Sunday, November 13th.

If you can help, please call Deb directly at 216.731.6324.



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It's Pronounced 'Bone-sigh', Says Dedicated Hobbyist, by Carol Poh

“You can bonsai anything,” according to Mark Yoders. The bonsai hobbyist, October’s guest speaker, presented an illustrated talk titled “An Introduction to Bonsai.” After graduating from Ohio State University’s Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Yoders worked at the same school for three decades as a horticulture technician specializing in nursery and garden center management, arboriculture, and grounds maintenance. Yoders has been a bonsai hobbyist for over 25 years, in that time creating a vast collection of bonsai plants in his home.

First, a definition: Bonsai is the art of dwarfing and shaping woody plants to convey the illusion of old age. Yoders discussed the elements and theory of bonsai and reviewed its classifications according to size and style. Sizes can range from ko (between 7 and 11 inches), chui (medium), and dai (largest). Bonsai styles include formal upright (Chokkan), informal upright (Moyogi), slanted (Shakan), cascade (Kengai), forest or group planting (Yose-ue), and more.

Bonsai demands clean, sharp tools, including Japanese pruning saws (which cut on the pull stroke), a root rake (to tease out roots), and solid annealed wire, preferably copper, to direct growth. Yoders showed off some of his past projects, including a Tam juniper (*Juniperus sabina*), and brought several of his own specimens to demonstrate the technique of bonsai. With bonsai, he noted, “you can dwarf the branches but not the flower or the fruit.” The dedicated hobbyist closed his presentation with a favorite Chinese proverb:

Keep a green tree in your heart and a singing bird will come.





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Certificate of Appreciation to the Euclid Veterans Association

Cheryl and Pat Ludwa, immediate past President and Trustee, respectively, of the Euclid Veterans Association (EVA), were our honored guests at the October meeting. The EVA has funded the club's gardening project at the VA Hospital Spinal Cord Unit gardens for several years now, budgeting \$500 annually for this project. Cheryl and Pat joined Larry and me at the gardens late last month to view the gardens and observe the planting of garden mums and kale, along with putting up four scarecrows. They were impressed and very pleased with the visit. At the October meeting, Cheryl and Pat were presented with the GoGC "Certificate of Appreciation" for the EVA's generosity in funding this noteworthy project. Photos are included in the newsletter. Many thanks go to Kathy Kosiorek, Chair, and the Awards Committee for the preparation of the certificate.





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Nellie & Joe's Famous Keylime Pie, Bob McMahon

1. ONE Keebler graham cracker "Two Extra Servings" large pie shell
2. TWO 14 ounce cans of sweetened condensed milk
3. FIVE egg yolks
4. ONE cup of Nellie & Joe's Key West lime juice (or any other brand)
5. ONE tablespoon vanilla

Combine the milk, egg yolks, lime juice and vanilla and blend until smooth.

Pour this mixture into the pie shell and bake at 350° F for 30 to 35 minutes. Allow to stand at least 10 minutes before chilling.

Once the pie is chilled, top with a generous layer of whipping cream or meringue. Enjoy!

NOTE: This recipe is for a large-sized pie. For a regular-sized pie, purchase a 9 ounce graham pie shell and halve the above ingredients (except for the egg yolks—use three yolks). Bake the smaller pie at 350° F for 20 to 25 minutes.





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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
SECRETARY: TO BE NAMED
TREASURER: HIEDI WINSTON
ASST TREASURER: LARRY KELL
PAST PRESIDENT: JONNY PRELL

Current DIRECTORS:

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

CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Kathy Kosiorek, Chair; Bob Pindell, Hank Doll and Fred Robinson
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media);
- *Finance:* Larry Kell Chair; Hiedi Winston,
- *Income Projects:* Robert McMahon, Debbie Daniels (Plant Sale),
- *Membership:* Jonny Prell, Larry Kell, Co-Chairs
- *Programs:* Robert McMahon
- *Scholarship:* Co-Chair; Fred Robinson, Co-chair; 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; 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: Deb Kramarz, Chair; Jonny Prell
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh, Chair



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**Team Captains, Please call in your
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Team 1

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- Joyce Nesbit (216.469.4892 Cell)
- Carol Poh (216.692.0747 Cell)
- MaryAnn Thesing (440.667.7764)
- Fr. Ralph Wiatrowski (330.467.7959 x109)
- Melissa Supler (216.310.5003)

Team 2

**Head Team Captain: Ron Hartmiller,
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- Garrett Ormiston
- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- Herb Klein
- Bob Rensel
- Theano Skordeles

Team 3

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

Team 4

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

Team 5

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- Patrick Boggins
- Jonny Prell
- Kelly Adkins
- Debbie Daniels
- Claire Posius
- Ed Tuhela

Team 6

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- Jeff Ardo (440.447.0022)
- Davd & Diane Circle (440.628.8063 Home)
- Paula & Ron Koeniz (440.212.5700)
- Deva Simon (440.915.0161)
- Dave Rittenhouse (440.357.7385 Home)
- Ed Nangle (614.208.2298)
- Mark Yoders (330.264.4944)

Team 7

**Team Captain: Julie Shaw,
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- Fred Burkhalter
- Tom Davis
- Emily Dennis
- John Schinker
- Deah Stark
- John Tilisky