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*Happy Holidays to all the members of  
Gardeners of Greater Cleveland!*





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## President's Letter

**Dear Members,**

This has been a long and trying year. 2020 arrived as most other new years but quickly changed into a new way of life that has been difficult to get used to, and may be with us into 2021.

We had a virtual Club meeting in November with Cynthia Druckenbrod speaking about the history of some of our common plants. We plan to have Part 2 of her presentation next year with the hope that we can resume physical meetings.

Three new Board members were approved: Joyce Nesbit, Cynthia Andersen and Steve McIntosh. We are still looking for another Board Member and Secretary (to replace Bob, and Jodith Janes).

December's meeting will start off with the voting of Bob McMahon as the new 2nd Vice President. We are also planning on a presentation by Terry Lanker of OSU's ATI. She will be doing a presentation on holiday decorations.

The Gardeners of Greater Cleveland membership renewal is fast approaching. The Board has voted that the membership dues will remain the same, however, if the member is having financial hardships due to COVID 19, their dues can be reduced voluntarily to an amount that is affordable.

We are planning on a plant sale, but it may change from one central location to a few locations around the area.

Dave and Fran Rittenhouse are slowly improving. They have had so much help from their family and the community, and are very thankful of the kindness and prayers of everyone.

The Gardeners of America will be sending out via email (and hard copies) a survey for all members to fill out regarding a 2021 Convention. It will be fillable form that you will have the ability reply quickly via email.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or if you are interested in becoming a member of the Board!

Jonny Prell





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## How 9 top interiors experts are decorating for Christmas...BY ALLY HEAD 27/11/2020 (GH)

Find out how interior designers, home influencers, head buyers for leading interiors brands and our own in-house home experts are decorating this year – and prepare to be inspired...

We all know that Christmas may look a little different this year, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't be looking forward to celebrating and decorating your home. Putting up the tree, hanging your baubles, and turning on the Christmas lights, for many, brings joy and cheer, marking the beginning of the festive season.

As it's likely that many of us will be spending more time at home than ever before this Christmas, why not take this as an opportunity to mix things up a little? You could try a new festive theme or deck out new areas of your house.

Many people around the UK have already started putting their decorations up, but if you've yet to start transforming your home into a festive grotto, then prepare to be inspired...

Here, Good Housekeeping chats to nine of the UK's leading interior designers, home influencers, head buyers for top interior brands and our own in-house homes experts to get the inside scoop on how they'll be decorating for Christmas this year, covering 2020's big decoration themes and their top tips for recreating the looks at home.

For the full online article, [click here](#).





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## STANDING COMMITTEES

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

## MEETING INFORMATION:

**WHEN:** 2nd Monday of each month, September through June  
**Suspended**

**WHERE:** 1 Bratenahl Place  
Bratenahl, Ohio

**SCHEDULE:** 6PM - Social  
6:40 - Dinner  
7:30 - General Meeting  
8 to 9PM - Program



## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National & Regional Organizations: Larry Kell, First Vice President; Tom Davis, National Director;
- Central Great Lakes Gardeners: Larry Kell, 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: Tom Davis, Julie Henry
- Nominating: Dave Dawson, Chair; Deb Kramarz
- Wellness/Memorials: Kathy Kosiorek, Team Captains

## OFFICERS:

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	JONNY PRELL
<b>1ST VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	CHUCK PALSA
<b>2ND VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	OPEN
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	JODITH JANES (TEMP)
<b>TREASURER:</b>	HIEDI WINSTON
<b>ASST TREASURER:</b>	ANDY KOSIOREK

## DIRECTORS:

• HANK DOLL 2018-2020	• JULIE HENRY 2019-2021
• PAT BOGGINS 2018-2020	• LAWRENCE KELL 2020-2021
• KATHY KOSIOREK 2018-2020	• GARRETT ORMISTON 2019-2021
• PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD 2020-2022	• BOB McMAHON 2020-2022
• DAVE RITTENHOUSE 2020-2022	