



The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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There will be a Board Meeting promptly starting at 5:00 PM in the Penthouse. Please be prompt!

FEBRUARY 10TH MEETING: Buffet Dinner:

Salisbury Steak, Yukon gold mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, garden salad.

Vegetarian Dinner: Chef's Choice
Cookies & Coffee served in the Penthouse before the meeting. Please make sure to pay for your dinner. Thank you!

Please call your Team Captain with your dinner reservation no later than **Friday, February 7th**. Lou Pelton is responsible for giving The Bistro at Bratenahl our reservations.

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

Although it is still winter out, planning our gardens is always exciting! We look forward to the days getting longer and slowly but surely, days getting warmer.

We are organizing our May plant sale and I encourage everyone to get involved! We have a few awesome members starting with Julie Henry who go out of their way to make this event a success. This is a big event for our Club and the monies raised will help support our Scholarship Fund! We did a great job last year with scholarships of \$2,000 each! Let's all work together to make the plant sale more profitable to award more and bigger scholarships!

If you would like to get more involved with the workings of the Club, we have the secretary and second vice president spots open. Judith Janes has graciously volunteered to stay on until we can recruit a new member to fill that position. Secretary is a very important position in our Club. You learn all the inner workings of how the Club runs.

It was great having Cynthia Andersen as the greeter in January. My plan is to have a greeter(s) at every meeting. With guests, speakers and very new members, it is a great way to make them feel welcome.

We have a new section on our Club website! It's called **MaryAnn's Corner**. MaryAnn Thesing has graciously agreed to share her many published articles. There is also a link to the actual published article on the site. This is an exciting addition to our Club website. MaryAnn has much knowledge and experience and is invaluable to our members and anyone who visits our site.

We love having guests at our dinner and meetings, but please let us know how many and their names ahead of time! Contact me, Lou Pelton or Dave Rittenhouse!

I look forward to getting many more members participating in our meetings and our Club events! As you know, the membership information is placed securely in the Members Only section of our website. Communications are important so check to see if all your contact information is there and accurate. Notify me and Hiedi Winston of any changes.

I hope to see you all at the February meeting!
Jonny Prell





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February 11th Program

Floral Design & Marketing - Terry Lanker

Terry is an Associate Professor at Ohio State ATI where she serves not only as the Coordinator of the Floral Design & Marketing Technology, she also is Chair of the Horticultural Technologies Division.

In addition to her teaching duties at Ohio State ATI, Terry is responsible for the operation of the campus flower shop, and she advises the campus Floral Design Club as well as the Anderson Student Chapter of the American Institute of Floral Designers.



Terry holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture and a Master of Education degree, both from the University of Illinois. Since 1999, she has written a monthly column for Florists' Review magazine, and contributes to many published works, and has been a featured designer in Florists' Review, and many more. Terry also has just published a completely revised edition of her textbook, Flower Arranging: A Step-by-Step Guide to Floral Design. Content includes principles and elements of design, mechanics of flower arranging, everyday designs, styles, wedding design, flowers to wear, and funeral flowers.

Terry presents many design seminars and workshops throughout the United States, and she has served on the education design teams for Teleflora and Redbook Florist Services.

January 13th Program Summary, by Carol Poh

Gardening, said Lisa Rainsong, our guest speaker on January 13, can be visual but also auditory. She proved it with an enchanting audiovisual program that paired images of her Cleveland Heights native-plant garden with the songs of birds, crickets, and katydids. (She calls the latter two “the singing insects.”)

Rainsong is devoted to connecting people with what she calls “Earth’s first musicians.” She holds a doctor of musical arts degree in Composition from the Cleveland Institute of Music and is a member of the Music Theory faculty. But from spring through fall you can also find her in the field throughout northeast Ohio, recording the songs of birds and insects, frogs and toads. She reports her observations in her blog, listeninginnature.blogspot.com, which includes upcoming programs at which she will be speaking

With global warming, Rainsong said, several species of katydids and crickets are steadily moving north to Lake Erie. She has even found species that have not been recorded in *northeast Ohio—including Jumping Bush Crickets and Handsome Trigs—in her backyard.*

Rainsong’s program focused on sounds recorded in her small yard at Noble Road and Monticello Boulevard: catbirds and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks at dusk; Snowy Tree Crickets and Jumping Bush Crickets after dark. Her yard hosts Wood Thrushes, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and Cooper’s Hawks. Swamp milkweed attracts Snowy Tree Crickets, Bush Katyids, and Swamp Cicadas.

Because she is deeply interested in nature, Rainsong is also deeply concerned about habitat loss. She emphasized the interdependency of plants, insects, and birds, and offered a list of what birds need—and gardeners can provide:

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| 1. Food. | 2. Water. | 3. Sheltering/hiding places. |
| 4. Places to nest. | 5. Places to lay their eggs. | 6. No pesticides. |

To “garden for a concert,” Rainsong recommended planting Red-twiggled dogwood, Spicebush, Buttonbush, and Swamp milkweed. At season’s end, don’t cut down the stalks and seed heads of plants. “The garden never sleeps,” she said, “so don’t put it to bed.”



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February Events

Men's Garden Club of Youngstown Winter Seminar

Gardens Aplenty in 2020, Saturday, February 15th, 2020

Mill Creek Park Davis Center, 123 McKinley Ave, Youngstown, OH 44509

[Click here to register.](#)

7:45 AM - 8:45 PM - Registration, Continental Breakfast and Basket Raffle Ticket Sales

Speakers:

- Dave Shetlar, Phd, professor of entomology at OSU College of Food Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. He will be speaking about "Garden Bugs: the Good, Bad and the Ugly" ..
- Laura Deeter, PhD, professor of horticulture technology at OSU's ATI. She will be speaking about "Hortus Mustus" or must have plants.
- George Weigel, garden writer, speaker and horticulturalist from the Pittsburgh area. He will be speaking about his garden failures.
- Kirsten Kurtz, manager of the Cornell University Soil Lab. She has more than 8 years of experience working with soil assessments. She is also a soil artist and will present a demonstration of her art. It will focus on soil science, but will also be accessible to the ordinary home gardener.



Orchid Mania at Cleveland Botanical Gardens: This year it celebrates the natural beauty of Vietnam and the Vietnamese Culture.

Begins Saturday, February 15th and continues thru March 1st, 2020.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 10AM - 5PM

Wednesday: 10AM - 9PM, Sundays: Noon - 5PM, Mondays: Closed

Adults: \$15, Children 3-12 \$10, Children 2 and under Free, Members Free

Master Gardener Volunteers of Medina County Annual Spring Workshop

Your Yard in Living Color, Saturday February 22nd, 2020

10AM to 2PM, Check in registration at 9:30 AM

Lunch Provided with Registration

Early Bird: \$45/per person before February 1, 2019

Late Registration: \$55/per person beginning February 1, 2019



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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
- Lou Drasler: Cannas and environmental issues
- 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
- Robert McMahon: Insectivorous plant culture and balcony/patio container gardening
- 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 educate and provide members with all types of information related to gardening - whether their own personal gardens or community projects through our monthly meetings, Club activities or our newsletter **The Spade** and our website, www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org.

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 Mahoning counties.

To join, please contact **Lou Pelton**, our Membership Co-Chairman at loupelton305@gmail.com.





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ONE BRATENAHL PLACE

MEETING INFORMATION:

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

WHERE: 1 Bratenahl Place
Bratenahl, Ohio

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



OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:	JONNY PRELL
1ST VICE PRESIDENT:	CHUCK PALSA
2ND VICE PRESIDENT:	OPEN
SECRETARY:	JODITH JANES (TEMPORARY)
TREASURER:	HIEDI WINSTON
ASST TREASURER:	ANDY KOSIOREK

DIRECTORS:

- HANK DOLL 2018-2020
- PAT BOGGINS 2018-2020
- KATHY KOSIOREK 2018-2020
- PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD 2020-2023
- DAVE RITTENHOUSE 2020-2023
- JULIE HENRY 2019-2021
- GARRETT ORMISTON 2019-2021
- BOB McMAHON 2020-2023

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); John Budnik, Ron Hartmiller, 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; Lou Pelton
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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