



The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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MONDAY, MARCH 14TH,

BUFFET DINNER MENU:

6:15 PM Dinner in The Bistro will be: Orange Sesame Chicken, Asian Vegetables, Fried Rice, Egg Roll. Coffee, Tea and Cookies will follow.

What's inside:

- **March 2022 Program Information, Bees in Your Ohio Backyard**
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Members, if you have any recipe that you would like to share, or a garden tip, please send it to [Jonny Prell](mailto:Jonny.Prell@Gardens.org) and she will publish it in The Spade!

Dear Members,

HAPPY MARCH AND SPRING! March marks the end of Winter (although we know all too well that winter is not done with us yet!) and the beginning of Spring. There are two "types" of Spring: meteorological and astronomical. Astronomical Spring begins when the sun crosses the equator traveling south to north, and our night and days are both 12 hours long, hence the "Spring equinox". The date and time for astrological Spring here in Cleveland is March 20th at 11:33 AM. Meteorological Spring starts March 1st and ends May 31st and these three months mark the transition from the three coldest months of the year to the three warmest months of the year. So no matter how you define Spring, it begins this month!

At the February 21st meeting, we welcomed new member, Debbie Daniels to our club! She was our guest at dinner and Debbie then briefed us about herself and love of gardening before the evening's program. Welcome aboard, Debbie!

Planning is underway for the combined 90th anniversary party and student scholarship awards for June. Details will be announced in forthcoming editions of *The Spade*. Tom Davis, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, has been working with committee members in preparing a draft of the revised bylaws with a meeting of the committee to occur later this month to make final changes before submitting the draft to the membership for a vote later this year.

I look forward to seeing you at the March 14th meeting.

Again, Happy Spring!

Bob McMahon





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Monday, March 14th Program - Bees in Your Ohio Backyard

Our speaker is Denise Ellsworth, Program Director, Pollinator Education, Department of Entomology/Extension, OSU Wooster. Click here for more more information: <https://entomology.osu.edu/our-people/denise-ellsworth>.



Monday, February 21st, Program Summary - Cleveland GardenWalk 2022

Kevin Borowiak, gave an informative and enjoyable Power Point presentation about the Cleveland GardenWalk 2022 that will occur on July 9th and 10th. This event is a free, self-guided tour of Cleveland's private and community gardens and unique spaces in selected neighborhoods within the city of Cleveland.

Kevin summarized how Club members living in Cleveland can apply to have their gardens on the walk and explained volunteering opportunities for all members during this event. Details how to apply online for having your garden included and to volunteer during the garden walk to staff information/ refreshment stations may be found at the CGW website <https://www.gardenwalkcleveland.org> Email questions to info@gardenwalkcleveland.org.





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Club Updates and Information



Our newest member, **Debbie Daniels**, was introduced at the February meeting. Debbie is an enthusiastic gardener who is also a Master Gardener. She has been a volunteer for the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway for over 24 years, and lives in the North Broadway/Slavic Village neighborhood of Cleveland. Welcome Debbie!

May Plant Sale

The dates for the plant sale are May 12 - May 14, 2022 and we will be back in-person at the Rockefeller Greenhouse. Dave Dawson is heading the committee. members will be asked to donate plants from their gardens. Please contact Dave directly if you wish to volunteer.

There is a plan to sell plants and vegetables to our members through OSU ATI as we had done last year, avoiding the 10% of member sales to Rockefeller Greenhouse. Last year's order will be edited for use this year.

Service Projects

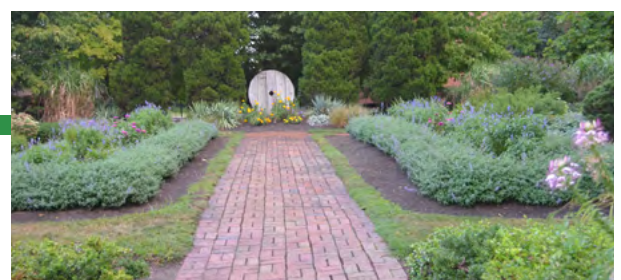
Steve McIntosh is heading the Youth Gardening Project at Willott Iris Garden and has interest from teacher in the Cleveland School system. There will be more information coming soon.

CBG's Affiliates Meeting

Deb Kramarz announced the Affiliates' meeting will be held Thursday, April 21st . The speaker will be Tom Arbour, Curator of Living Collections at Holden Forests & Gardens (HF&G).

90th Anniversary Celebration

We are in the process of organizing the event. Hiedi Winston, Joyce Nesbit, Kathy Kosiorek and Deb Kramarz are currently working on the committee. The most likely location will be The Dunham Tavern where the Club hosted our 85th Anniversary. The celebration will be held it in June and will also have the Scholarship Awards Presentation at the event.





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What is Phenology? By Bob McMahon

According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, phenology is a branch of science dealing with the relations between climate and periodic biological phenomena (such as bird migration or plant flowering). My parents taught me about phenology at an early age and I have been a phenology observer ever since. My Spring observations include when herbaceous perennial and woody plant species break dormancy and then flower/leaf out, lawns greening up and the first mowing of the season, annual gardens being planted, and migratory bird arrivals.

We now are in the month of March and the beginning of Spring! What have I observed so far? Right on schedule, daffodils started emerging last month and are now 1" to 2" high, depending on their proximity to relatively warm buildings. These shoots are tough and usually are not harmed by the cold weather. Two common examples of the first herbaceous Spring-flowering perennials are Snowdrops and snow crocus, both of which are showing buds, and will be flowering soon. Add to this the Lenten Rose or Helleborus, which typically flowers this month as do Skunk Cabbages. I have observed Hyacinths just starting to emerge as well. Buds are starting to swell on numerous tree species and maple syrup production is in full swing with the sap "running" in maple trees.

Migratory birds start to arrive in late February and this ramps up significantly this Month. Red-winged blackbirds started arriving in February and I also have observed American coots on Lake Erie. As you know, a significant number of robins overwinter here, but migratory robins will be arriving soon, increasing the numbers robins you see in your yards and gardens and that you start hearing their melodious songs again, especially in the mornings and evenings, a welcome sign of Spring! Many raptor species start nesting in February and March, including bald eagles and great horned owls.

I could go on and on here, but I just wanted to give you an idea about phenology and how much fun—and uplifting—it can be as you observe Nature starting to wake up in your yards and gardens this month after a long and cold winter. Enjoy!

What is Phenology?

According to the World Book Encyclopedia, *phenology* "is the study of when certain biological events that depend on climate take place."¹

leaves changing colors



plants sprouting



birds migrating



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Bob McMahon's Family Recipe

BECKE'S SOUR CREAM CINNAMON COFFEE CAKE

3 large eggs
1.5 sticks of butter
1 cup of sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons of baking powder
1 teaspoon of baking soda
1/8 teaspoon of salt
1 cup of sour cream



Crumb Filling/Topping Preparation:

1 cup of brown sugar
1 tablespoon of cinnamon
Blend these two ingredients thoroughly in a separate bowl

Coffee Cake Preparation:

Cream the butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla, blend well.
Add the dry ingredients and sour cream and blend well.

- Spread half the batter uniformly in an 8" X 8" pan (spray with Pam beforehand to prevent sticking)
- Sprinkle HALF the crumb filling uniformly over the batter
- Add the remainder of the batter over the crumb filling and spread the batter uniformly over the filling
- Sprinkle the remainder of the crumb topping uniformly over the batter

Bake in a 350° oven for 35 to 50 minutes, depending on the oven—start checking the coffee cake for doneness at 35 minutes. When a knife is inserted into the coffee cake and it comes out clean, then the coffee cake is done. Remove, cool and 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

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- Garrett Ormiston
- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- MaryAnn 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

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- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold
- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux

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- Patrick Boggins
- Jonny Prell
- Kelly Adkins
- Lou Pelton
- John Tilisky

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