



The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

Even though we are still in a state of restrictions, it's nice to be able to 'see' as many members that we have had in our virtual Club meetings over the past few months. I hope that we will have more members at the upcoming virtual Club meetings!

February's speaker will be Dr. Josh Stephens. Josh is the Farmer-in-Chief at the The Urban Renaissance Farms. He also launched an Urban Agricultural Program at Euclid High School. [More Information Here.](#) Also, [Here.](#) See images below. Steve McIntosh will be setting up the Zoom call and sending out the link to all Members. Thank you Deb! I think this will be a program that our members will be interested in.

Julie Shaw, has rejoined our Club and we are excited to have her back!

I will be sending out the Club roster and email/phone number list at the end of every month. So PLEASE, any contact changes that you may have, please email me as soon as you can, so I can make changes accordingly. I'd like to receive any changes BEFORE I send out the roster.

Our Club still needs another Board member, and looking for a new Secretary to replace Jodith Janes, who graciously agreed to stay on until we found a new Secretary. If you are interested, please contact Dave Dawson or me.

Jonny Prell





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2021 Holden Forests & Gardens Affiliate Club Membership Benefits

- **Dedicated pages on the Cleveland Botanical Garden website**
 - Affiliate Garden Clubs home page
 - “Bulletin Board” page
 - Club Contact page
- **Club subscription to the quarterly member magazine, Forests & Gardens**
- **Acknowledgment of our Club in the Holden Forests & Gardens publications and on website**
- **Spring Affiliate Day at CBG - TBD per COVID restrictions**
 - Open to all Affiliate Club members
 - Educational programming
- **Fall Forum at CBG**
 - Open to Affiliate Club Presidents and Club CBG Representatives
 - Primary purpose is organizational update from HF&G and club updates
 - Programmatic Speakers
- **Glow/Winter Show Thank You Opportunity**
 - Open to members of Affiliate Clubs that participate in Glow/Winter Show
- **Smith Classroom for Meetings (subject to availability)**
 - (2) Free rentals per year (a savings of \$324)
 - \$35 per rental thereafter
 - Day-time parking at member rate (\$6)
- **Free or discounted room rentals for sales or shows (not including Smith Classroom)**
- **Other Opportunities:**
 - Participate in Cleveland Botanical’s seasonal celebrations
 - Spring container planters in the Hershey Children’s Garden
 - Trees/wreaths, etc for Glow/Winter show
 - Other opportunities as they arise
- **Volunteer Activities**
 - Educational programming
 - Summer Horticulture Internships
 - Program or event sponsorships





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What to Do in the Garden in February, by Michelle Slatalla for [GARDENISTA](#)

What to do in the garden in February—is this some kind of a joke? Here's a thing I like to do in February: sit by the fire and look at the garden through a window.

However. If you (or I) can find the motivation to throw on a coat, a hat, gloves, a heavy woolen scarf, thick socks, boots, and lip balm—this is what I wear to brave the chilly weather in Northern California; if you live in New England or Colorado, you might want to add a layer of thermal underwear and a second coat—we will be well rewarded for our efforts in springtime.

If you live in a warmer climate, your to-do list for February garden chores will be different from what you can accomplish in colder regions. (For instance, in my USDA zone 10a garden, where the ground does not freeze, I can weed even in cold months. In winter, before weeds spread, is an ideal time to get rid of them.)

Here are a few things we all can do in the garden this month.

PRUNE TREES

Winter is the best time to prune deciduous trees. After trees lose their leaves in late autumn, their structure and shape are revealed. It's easier to see which branches are growing inward (get rid of those) or crossing others (get rid of those too). Winter pruning will encourage new growth in spring. During this dormant period, insects and diseases that could harm fresh-cut trunks or branches also are dormant.

An exception to this rule is spring-flowering trees. Wait to prune those in late spring after their flowers fade. If you prune them now, you'll be cutting off this spring's blossoms.

PRUNE SHRUBS

Like trees, deciduous shrubs go dormant in cold weather. Prune them now before leaves start to appear, to encourage healthy growth and flowering in spring. (You can wait to prune evergreen shrubs—

if they don't produce showy spring flowers—until next month.) See more growing tips in *Boxwood: A Field Guide to Planting, Care & Design*.

ADD ARBOR & TRELLIS

Without flowers and foliage to confuse your eye, you can really see the shape of your garden in winter. What's missing? "Now is a good time to think about—and add—screening elements like trellises and tuteurs," says Barb Pierson, nursery manager at White Flower Farm in Connecticut. Read more of her ideas in *Expert Advice: 10 Tips to Get Your Garden Ready for Spring*.

With bare spots visible, you'll also see where there's room in the garden to install new arbors, trellises, pergolas, and tuteurs. See more ideas in *Everything You Need to Know About Arbors*.

ORDER PLANTS & SEEDS

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Michelle Slatalla is the Editor-in-Chief for **Gardenista**.

For the complete 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

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: Team Captains

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



OFFICERS:

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

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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, wooden bird feeders
- 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
- Bill Stark: Begonias
- Deah Stark: Perennials
- Hiedi Winston: Vegetable gardening

The purpose of the **Gardeners of Greater Cleveland** is to educate and provide members with information related to all types of 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 Lorain, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Mahoning counties.

To join, please contact **Dave Rittenhouse** our Membership Co-Chairman at dwrittenhouse@sbcglobal.net.

