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Monday, May 13th, Dinner Menu:

Dinner served buffet style includes: Meatloaf, Parmesan mashed potatoes, brown gravy, and buttered corn. Coffee and cookies will be served in the Penthouse afterwards.

What's inside:

- April Program Summary, by Carol Poh
- 2024 Scholarship Winners
- 2023 Scholarship Winner Highlight
- Club News, Updates & Reminders
- Updated Team Captains List (Rev 04/28/2024)



We have finally May'd it!

We as an organization have a great deal to be excited about during the month of May. The Willott Iris Garden will be blooming, our May Plant Sale will be taking place, volunteering at Lantern Court has begun, and our very own Tom Davis will be the month's guest speaker, sharing his knowledge of woody plants with us. We are so fortunate to have such a knowledgeable membership. If you have a particular area of interest you would like to share with the rest of us, please consider signing up for October's Member Presentation Night. Talks only need to be 5-7 minutes. Click [THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION NIGHT LINK](#), to sign up.

As you all know, our organization has been around for quite a long time. We have collected a great deal of documents over the years including newspaper articles, photos, meeting minutes, etc. The many boxes containing these materials have been passed on to various members for decades. We do not have a space to store all of these and are looking to archive the important documents by scanning them and discarding those we do not need. If anyone would like to help in any capacity with this project, please click [THE ARCHIVE COMMITTEE SIGN-UP LINK](#). Thank you all in advance for your help with this important project.

I wish you all a happy May and hope that your spring gardening projects do well.

Best Regards,

Steve McIntosh



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A Glimpse of New Caledonia by Carol Poh

“When I got here, I was botanically lost,” Bill Hendricks confessed at the outset of his talk last month on the plants of New Caledonia. Small wonder. This overseas territory of France in the southwest Pacific Ocean lies 750 miles southwest of Australia and 11,000 miles from Paris! Nothing he saw—or showed in his slide presentation—would be familiar.



Hendricks, president of Klyn Nurseries (Lake County) since 1987, traveled to New Caledonia with the International Dendrology Society. He began with a sketch of the early history of *Nouvelle-Caledonie*, whose land area of some 7,000 square miles is divided into three provinces; the North and South Provinces are on the New Caledonian mainland, while the Loyalty Islands Province consists of a series of three islands off the east coast of mainland. New Caledonia’s population (271,407 in 2019) is of diverse origins. In the North and Loyalty Islands, the indigenous Kanak people predominate, while the wealthy South Province contains significant populations of Europeans, Kanak, Polynesian, and smaller groups of diverse heritages, including Southeast Asian and North African. The capital of New Caledonia is *Nouméa*.

The British explorer Captain James Cook was the first European to sight New Caledonia, on 4 September 1774, during his second voyage. He named it “New Caledonia” because it reminded him of Scotland. There followed sporadic visits by American whalers. After 1840, contacts with visiting ships became more frequent owing to commercial interest in the sandalwood (*Santalum austrocaledonicum*). Under orders from Emperor Napoleon III, France took formal possession of New Caledonia in 1854.

“This talk has less useful information than you might be expecting,” Hendricks said ruefully. Indeed, virtually every plant he photographed was exotic and new, with scant application to Ohio gardens. The islands’ bright red, nickel-rich soil was also a surprise. Here was a land where mosses grow up to one foot in height, and the conical Cook’s pine (*Auricularia columnaris*), classified by a botanist on Cook’s voyage, grows up to 200 feet tall. (Continued on Page 3).



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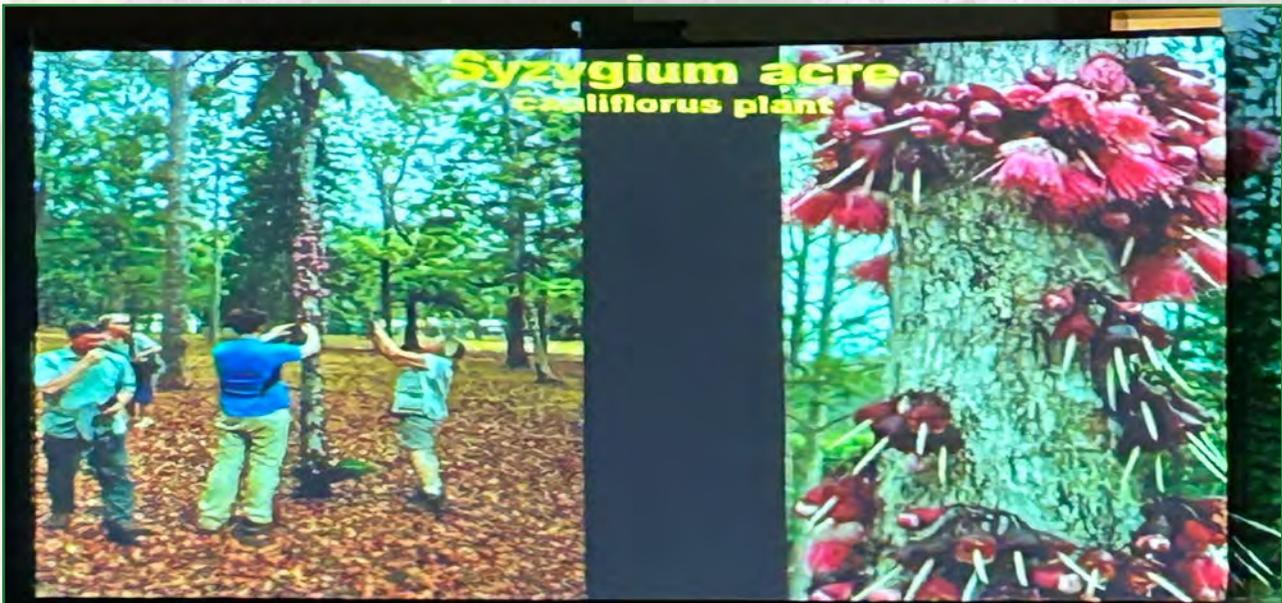
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A Glimpse of New Caledonia (Continued) by Carol Poh

Among the specimens Hendricks showed were *Cerberiopsis candelabra*. Unlike most trees, the species is monocarpic, flowering once in its lifetime before dying. Northofagus, also known as the southern beeches, is a genus of trees and shrubs with about 43 species native to the Southern Hemisphere. *Megastylis gigas* is a flowering plant in the orchid family, several of which have been found nowhere else.

Of particular interest is Pancharia, a genus of shrubs and trees in the family Cunoniaceae. It is endemic to New Caledonia and contains 27 species, some of which are nickel hyperaccumulators. (A hyperaccumulator is a plant capable of growing in soil or water with high concentrations of metals, absorbing these metals through their roots, and concentrating extremely high levels of metals in their tissues.) The carnivorous *Drosera neocaledonica* is striking for its rosette-forming habit and tentacle leaves that glisten with sticky dew to trap insects.

New Caledonia's only mammals include several endemic bat and flying fox species. The flightless kagu (or cagou) (*Rhynochetos jubatus*) is a crested, long-legged, and bluish-grey bird endemic to the dense mountain forests of New Caledonia. It is the only surviving member of its genus.





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2024 Scholarship Winners

Madeline Weller

Avon High School

Madeline will attend Georgia Institute of Technology and will study Environmental Science. She has a passion for environmental science and sustainable ecosystems.

Emilie Lewis

Cleveland Heights High School

Emilie will attend Bowling Green State University and will study Environmental Science. She volunteers to rebuild gardens and parks.

Caden Buccier

Cuyahoga Heights High School

Caden will attend Baldwin Wallace University and will study Environmental Science. Caden has plans for growing coffee beans and will talk about his plans on scholarship night.



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Scholarship Recipient Spotlight: Hannah Akel

Hannah Akel was awarded a GoGC Scholarship in 2023 to attend The Ohio State University for Environmental Science. Hannah recently provided an update about her first year at school which Ed was happy to share with all of you. Our goal is to reach out to other past scholarship winners to update our members on their progress.

During her first semester, Hannah was able to take classes towards her Environmental Science degree and decided to specialize in water science. One of her favorite memories from the first semester was visiting the OSU Stone Lab near Put-in-Bay. During this visit, she was able to learn about ecosystem restoration and water quality research conducted at Stone Lab while also making new friends. Additionally, she is a member of The Ohio State's Women's Rowing Team where she practiced everyday and is able to receive



instruction from top level coaches. During her first semester, she raced against the University of Indiana and Michigan State which she described as an amazing opportunity. Hannah also joined the Sierra Club on campus where she is able to participate in volunteer events, hiking trips, and discussions about how to make campus more sustainable. Hannah is really enjoying her time at Ohio State and is incredibly grateful for the support provided to her by the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland.

GoGC Club News, Updates and Reminders

- We have a new member, **Susan Post** from Shaker Heights. Welcome Susan!
- April's program will be presented by our member, Tom Davis about woody plants in your garden.
- Steve's letter this month has information that will benefit and interest our members.
- **PLANT SALE NEWS!** Debbie Daniels will conduct a crafting session before the May meetings (4:30 PM) to create items to be sold at our plant sale. All members are invited to participate. Items created will be sold at our May plant sale (May 16th - May 18th). Also, please bring in any item you would like to donate to the raffle baskets.
- *More information about our National convention held in Wooster, Ohio on September 12th, 13th and 14th was included in The March-April edition of The Gazette.*
- Volunteers are needed regularly at the Willott Iris Garden, Lantern Court and VA Spinal Chord Unit raised garden beds.



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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:** STEVE MCINTOSH
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JONNY PRELL

CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Jonny Prell, Larry Kell, Tom Segelin
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell, Chair; Steve McIntosh (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media);
- *Finance:* Larry Kell Chair; Hiedi Winston
- *Income Projects:* Debbie Daniels, Chair; Bob McMahon, Melissa Supler
- *Membership:* Jonny Prell, Larry Kell, Co-Chairs; Julie Shaw
- *Programs:* Robert McMahon, Chair
- *Scholarship:* Ed Tuhela, Chair; Fred Robinson, 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; 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: Open
- Nominating: Bob McMahon, Chair; Debbie Daniels, Melissa Supler
- Wellness/Memorials: Debbie Daniels
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh



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- Kathy Talty
- Sharon Yarnell
- Susan Post

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- Melissa Supler
- Ed Tuhela
- Lisa Skufca

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**Team Captains, please call in your
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(440.752.2617 or email at hwinston@naipvc.com) by Thursday evening.**