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The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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Monday, October 9th Menu:

Chicken Fajitas, Mexican rice, black beans with bacon, flour tortillas, sour cream, salsa, tortilla chips. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served in the Penthouse after dinner.

What's inside:

- October Program - Bee Keeping
- September Plant Swap Report
- New Member Rachel Laughlin, by Julie Shaw
- Club Reminders & Updates
- Slate of Nominees - Board & Officers
- Team Captains List (Rev 8-23)

If you would like to share a favorite recipe with the members, please do so!

Also any gardening tip would be great. Send to [Jonny Prell](mailto:Jonny.Prell).



Hello October! Later this month peak foliage color usually brightens the landscape, typically the last ten days or so of October, depending on weather conditions. Since we've had abundant rainfall most of the growing season, I expect we will be treated to colorful foliage displays throughout the region. Fall gardening now includes replacing fading annuals with flowering mums, pansies, ornamental kale and spring-flowering bulbs/corms. Pumpkin and gourd displays also are adding to the beauty and interest of Fall gardens. Avoid pruning woody species until they are dormant as pruning now will encourage new growth just as the plants are starting to go dormant.

I want to thank Debbie Daniels for organizing our club's first Plant Swap that occurred during last month's meeting. It was a big success and Debbie's summary is in this newsletter.

I will be an apprentice judge at the Ohio Gourd Show on Saturday, October 7th at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Delaware. I am looking forward to judging this event, which I understand usually has several hundred exhibits!

I will be attending the HG&G Affiliate Fall Forum & Leadership Day with Deb Kramarz on October 19th at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. The new President and CEO, Ed Moydell, will introduce himself to affiliate club members, followed by the presentation, Gardening For Birds With Native Plants, by John Barber, for which I am really looking forward to hearing!

I want to thank the Nominating Committee: Jonny Prell, Chair; Debbie Daniels and Melissa Supler, for contacting officers and Board members to see if they will be running again, and I thank Melissa Supler for volunteering to be nominated for Secretary. The slate of nominated officers and Board members (i.e. Standing Committee members) is listed in this newsletter. Nominations from the floor will be accepted during the November meeting's elections.

Please RSVP to your respective Team Captains for the October 9th meeting by Thursday, October 5 at 5 PM. Your Team Captains, Hiedi Winston, Tom Segelin and Gino will appreciate your timely RSVPs! Thank you!

Happy Fall Gardening!

Bob McMahon



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October Program: Cyndi Konopka - Bee Keeping



The benefits of beekeeping are endless. Everything from the honey we can collect, the surrounding crops that get pollinated, to the lifestyle that you adopt and the relationship you build with your colonies; it all changes your life in the best ways.

Honeybee keeping is a very profitable hobby that is popular primarily in states within Middle America to the Midwest. Honey is not only a sweet, syrupy alternative to sugar, but it even provides many natural properties that can benefit human health. It is even said to act as a holistic form of therapy for some. This week, we are traveling to Northeast Ohio to speak with Cyndi Konopka. Cyndi is an Ohio native who spends many of her days engaging with fellow artists through the Geauga Arts Council, curating her garden with a combination of florals and art, and maintaining her community of beehives. Cyndi shares with us her journey as a beekeeper from bottom to top.

Ohio may have many chilly, cloudy days, but between all of that, our friend Cyndi is able to fulfill her hobby as a beekeeper.

Cyndi started her beekeeping journey in 2011 on her expansive, lush green plot of land tucked away in the woods of Chardon, Ohio. It all started when she was a little girl and Cyndi was "...into all kinds of animals and things you could imagine..." and she eventually told her parents "I wanna get bees!" Today, she keeps many hives spread across the property.

Blue Sky Bee Supply Blog





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September Plant Swap, Debbie Daniels

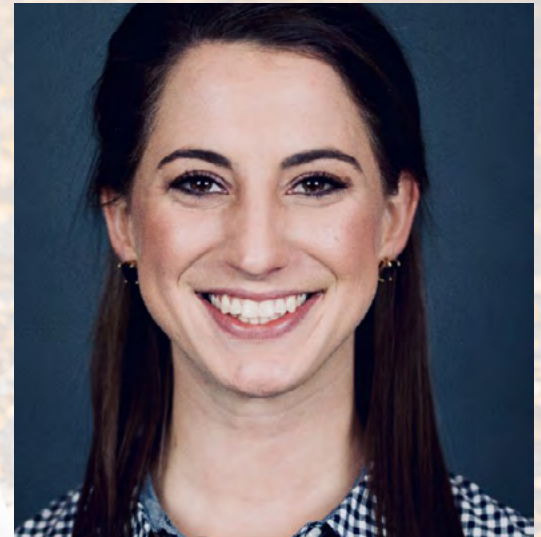
I would like to thank everyone that participated in the plant swap during our club's monthly meeting on September 11. This was our club's first plant swap event, and everyone really enjoyed it. There was a good member turnout and a wide variety of plants that members brought to swap. It was great to see everyone mingling to talk and share information about their plants before and after the plant swap. Bob gave a nice talk about how to get poinsettias to color up again from last year and how to get holiday cacti to bloom. Based on the positive feedback I received from many members, we will be holding this as an annual event!



Rachel Laughlin - New Member, Julie Shaw

Please give an especially warm welcome to Rachel, who comes to the Cleveland area from Winter Park, FL. Rachel decided to grow some roots here in our area after graduating from Denison University with a degree in biology, and completing her Physician Assistant's program at CWRU.

Rachel started her career at Metro Health in the trauma area, precisely when Covid arrived. Developing her gardening interests seemed a healthy antidote to this stressful job. Rachel favors tropical plants, and is experimenting with what she can grow successfully indoors. A most recent experiment is with ornamental turmeric, which is completely new to me. Rachel's interests in our club include meeting other people, sharing interests in tropical plants, and exploring options for sustainable living and gardening. Rachel's other interests include photography, films/movies, and her dear pet, Pippin, her middle-aged parrot! What is middle-age for a parrot? 19 years. Many thanks to Bob Pindell for introducing Rachel to our club at the Iris Garden during the Rockefeller Greenhouse sale. Rachel thanks everyone for their friendly welcome at the September meeting.





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Cub Updates & Reminders

- Fellow Dirt Gardeners, your assistance always is appreciated at the Willott Iris Garden and our club's Adopt-A-Bed! Even if you can spare only an hour, it would be greatly appreciated! Someone is at the Willott Iris Garden Tuesday-Saturday from 10 AM to 2 AM, so if you work during the week, you can still volunteer on Saturdays. Contact the Pindells or Ron Hartmiller for the Willott Iris Garden and Eddie Lagucki for the Adopt-A-Bed at Lantern Court Estate at Red Oak Camp. Thank you!
- The VA Hospital's Spinal Cord Unit gardens overall thrived this summer, producing an abundance of tomatoes and peppers, herbs and colorful flowering annuals. The fading annuals will be replaced soon with garden mums, flowering ornamental kale and pansies to finish out the 2023 growing season.
- **Membership Renewal deadline is December 31st! You can pay online (<https://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org/plans-pricing>) or by check made out to Gardeners of Greater Cleveland! Please note that members not renewing by December 31st will be dropped from the membership.**
- The **Holiday Party** will be held on **Monday, December 11th!** Invitations will be sent out to you in the near future, so please RSVP by the stated deadline. This is a special evening with awards, fellowship and a lovely buffet dinner to appropriately end another year in a

GoGC Officer & Board Nominees

Steve McIntosh, President
Debbie Daniels, Vice President
Melissa Supler, Secretary
Hiedi Winston, Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer, Larry Kell
Tom Davis, Awards Chair
Jonny Prell, Communication, Chair (Newsletter, Website, Social Media)
Larry Kell, Finance Chair
Ed Tuhela, Scholarship, Chair
Jonny Prell, Membership, Co-Chair
Larry Kell, Membership, Co-Chair
Bob McMahan, Programs, Chair
Garrett Ormiston, Service Projects, Chair

FLOOR NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THE NOVEMBER MEETING'S ELECTION OF OFFICERS.



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MEETING INFORMATION:

- WHEN:** 2nd Monday of each month, August 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
- SECRETARY:** JONNY PRELL
- TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON
- ASST TREASURER:** LARRY KELL
- PAST PRESIDENT:** JONNY PRELL

Current DIRECTORS:

- DEBORAH KRAMARZ / 2021-2024
- ROBERT MCMAHON
- DEBBIE DANIELS
- ED TUHELA
- FRED ROBINSON
- GARRET ORMISTON
- LARRY KELL
- TOM DAVIS

CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Tom Davis, Chair
- *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, Fred Robinson, Co-chairs; 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: Tom Davis, Chair
- Nominating: Debbie Daniels, Melissa Supler
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh, Chair



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Team 1

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- Carol Poh (216.692.0747 Home)
- MaryAnn Thesing (440.667.7764)
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- Garrett Ormiston
- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- Herb Klein
- Bob Rensel
- Eddie Lagucki
- Deborah Dockery (New Member)

Team 3

Team Captain: Andy Kosiorek,
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- Kathy Kosiorek
- Jodith Janes
- Larry Kell
- Hiedi Winston
- Bob McMahan & George Roscoe
- Paul Bilyk
- Al Hopf
- Rachel Laughlin (New Member)

Team 4

Team Captain: Deb Kramarz,
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- Fred Robinson
- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux
- Kevin Borowiak
- Kathy Talty
- Sharon Yarnell (New Member)

Team 5

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- Patrick Boggins
- Jonny Prell
- Kelly Adkins
- Debbie Daniels
- Melissa Supler
- Ed Tuhela
- Lisa Skufca

Team 6

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- Deva Simon (440.915.0161)
- Ed Nangle (614.208.2298)
- Mark Yoders (330.264.4944)
- Chancy Jackson (216.322.8343)

Team 7

Team Captain: Julie Shaw,
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- Fred Burkhalter
- Tom Davis
- Emily Dennis
- John Schinker
- Deah Stark
- John Tilisky
- Dave Tomashefski
- Susan Brownstein

**Team Captains, please call in your
RSVP number directly to Hiedi Winston.
(440.752.2617 or email at [hwinston@
naipvc.com](mailto:hwinston@naipvc.com)) by Thursday evening.**