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Monday, April 14th Menu:

Cheesy baked meat lasagna, bread rolls, garlic bread, green beans & garden salad. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served in the Penthouse after dinner.

What's inside:

- **March Program Summary, Carol Poh**
- **April Program, Dave Tomashefski on A Garden Party for Butterflies: How to be an Ideal Host**
- **Chicken Pot Pie Recipe, Bob McMahon**
- **May 15th - May 17th Plant Sale Update Photos**
- **NEW Updated Team Captains List (NEWLY REVISED 4/1/2025)**
- **Youth Gardening Application**



Hi Everyone,

Spring is officially here! I hope you all have had time to spend in your gardens, greenhouses, or grow rooms. If you have any extra plants you would be willing to donate, please remember to let Debbie Daniels know as she is still collecting for our plant sale which will take place on May 15, 16, and 17 at Rockefeller Greenhouse. The money raised will be going to an incredibly important cause; our scholarship fund. For those of you who may not know, we are fortunate enough to be able to allocate scholarships to area students interested in studying horticulture, arboriculture, and other plant-related fields. In addition to offering scholarships to students, we recently have released a youth gardening grant to support local learning gardens in our area. Information about the grant will be on our social media and our website by the time of this publication. If you are interested in helping review grant applications, please let Steve McIntosh know.

There are always a number of ways to get involved in the club. If reviewing grants and scholarships isn't your thing, consider submitting an article to The Spade. If you would rather be outside and help, I encourage you to volunteer at The Willott Iris Garden, the VA Hospital Garden, Red Oak Camp, or at Trinity Cathedral's Urban Farm. If you have any ideas for a different project you would like to get involved with, please let me know. Our club thrives when our members are active and engaged.

As always, please remember to RSVP to your team captain so that Gino and his staff can plan our dinner accordingly. I look forward to seeing all of you at our April meeting.

Sincerely,

Steve



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CATALOG OF A PARK NATURALIST

CAROL POH

As a lifelong hiker, most of my rambles have occurred in the “Emerald Necklace,” the collection of diverse reservations that comprise the Cleveland Metroparks. In recent years I have settled on a favorite destination offering varied habitats, often consulting the PlantNet app on my cell phone to identify plants I don’t recognize. Thus, I avidly anticipated an illustrated talk by Cleveland Metroparks naturalist Jake Kudrna at the club’s March 10 meeting.

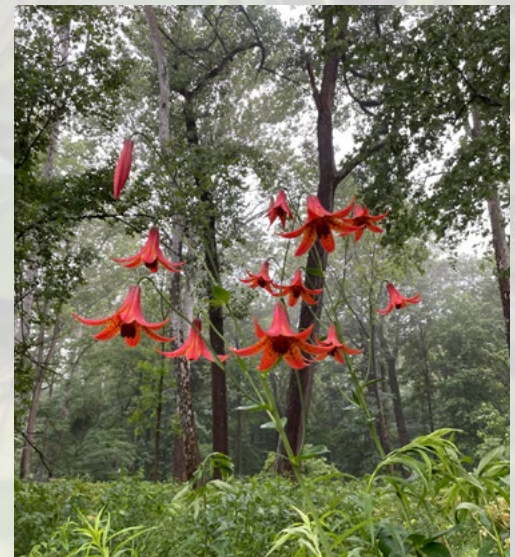
Jake manages the Watershed Stewardship Center located in West Creek Reservation. With degrees in wildlife and fisheries resource management, as well as biology, Jake has built a career around his love of the natural resources of northeast Ohio, spending countless hours exploring the park district and cataloging its flora with photographs. Constructing his talk loosely around the calendar year, Jake shared hundreds of images. He scrolled quickly and employed only common names. The photographs accompanying this account are mine, and provide both common and botanical names.

The first flower of spring, which makes its home in wetlands and blooms on sunny days in February and March, is the Skunk Cabbage. Jake showed examples he found in Bedford Reservation near the foot of frozen waterfalls. In Bedford’s craggy ravines, he said, he has found plants so rare that they have had to be fenced for protection. In the North Chagrin Reservation, where Jake began his career as a park naturalist, he was richly rewarded on spring hikes along a trail that begins at Squire’s Castle. There he found and photographed the tiny white flowers of Trailing Arbutus, a woody shrub, the prevalent Spring Beauty, Sharp-Lobed Hepatica, Trout Lily, Faun Lily, Great White Trillium, and Red Trillium. In Euclid Creek Reservation, Jake found Blue Cohosh; in Bedford’s Hermit Hollow picnic area, Twinflower.



Jake Kudrna, a naturalist with Cleveland Metroparks, addressed our club’s March Meeting.

Steve McIntosh photo.



Canada Lily
(*Lilium canadense*)



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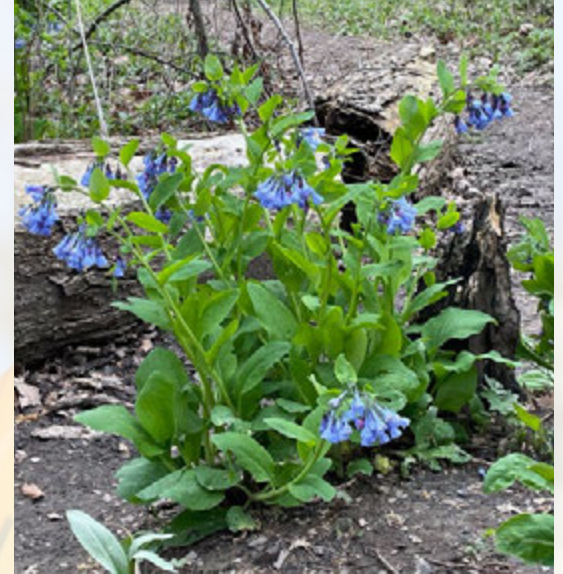
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CATALOG OF A PARK NATURALIST (CONTINUED)

CAROL POH

As spring unfolds in the South Chagrin Reservation, the Virginia Bluebells appear, so too the elusive Dutchman's Breeches (which, Jake noted, is seeded by ants), Squirrel Corn, Wild Phlox, and Blood Root. In late spring come Jack in the Pulpit, Wood Betony, Highbush Blueberry, the rare Seneca Snakeroot, and Yellow Lady's Slipper. Jake noted the gorgeous "blue carpet" created by Wood Hyacinth that may be seen in woods adjacent to the Chagrin River just south of Chagrin Road. In Big Creek Reservation, he lamented that patches of Dragon-Root or Green Dragon "are being annihilated" by deer.

Come summer, in Bedford Reservation, one can see Ghost Pipe, Maidenhair Fern, the elegant Canada Lily, Eastern Teaberry, and Steeplebush. In the Metroparks' CanalWay Center, where Jake spent four years as naturalist, he was surprised to spot a rare Butternut tree (*Juglans cinerea*). Also commonly seen there are Pawpaw trees and both Fringed and Bottle Gentians. In West Creek, his current station, Jake highlighted the copious orchids, including Ladies Tresses, that grow there, as well as Highbush Cranberry. He closed his catalog of local flora with images of the autumn majesty of Sweet Gum and Dawn Redwood trees.



Virginia Bluebells
(*Mertensia virginica*)



False Solomon's Seal
(*Maianthemum racemosum*)



Dragon-Root
(*Arisaema dracontium*)



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PILLSBURY'S CHICKEN POT PIE RECIPE

Prepare two pie crusts for a 9" pie pan OR purchase prepared pie crusts at the grocery store!

FILLING INGREDIENTS:

- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground pepper
- 1/2 to 1 tsp of Tandoori curry powder
(optional, but DELICIOUS!)
- 1-1/2 cups chicken broth
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2-1/2 to 3 cups of cubed cooked chicken (or turkey)
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables, THAWED



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat oven to 425° F. Make pie crusts as directed on package for a two-crust 9" pie
2. In a medium-sized saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion, cook 2 or 3 minutes until tender, then add minced garlic and cook 1 minute more. Add flour, salt and pepper (and curry powder if desired) until well blended. Gradually stir in the broth and milk, cooking and stirring constantly until bubbly and thickened. Stir in chicken cubes and thawed vegetables, mixing thoroughly. Remove from heat and spoon into crust-lined pie pan. Top with the second crust, seal edges and flute. Cut slits in several places in the top crust to allowing steam to escape.
3. Bake for about 40 to 50 minutes until the crust is golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.
4. ENJOY!



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MAY PLANT SALE UPDATE - PHOTOS





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GENERAL 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:** STEVEN MCINTOSH
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STANDING COMMITTEES

- Awards: Larry Kell, Tom Segelin, Co-Chairs
- 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, Hiedi Winston
- Membership: Jonny Prell, Chair; Larry Kell
- Programs: Robert McMahon, Chair
- Scholarship: Ed Tuhela, Fred Robinson, Co-chairs; Deb Kramarz,
- Service Projects: Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Holden Forest & Garden Council: Deb Kramarz & Joyce Nesbit
- National Organization: Larry Kell, Past President; Bob McMahon, 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: Vacant
- Nominating: Bob McMahon, Debbie Daniels
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh, Chair



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- Deah Stark
- Sherry Doughten
- Dave Tomashefski
- Susan Brownstein
- Laurie Burke
- Bob DiLiberto & Jan Horvath

Captains, please contact Hiedi Winston by Thursday evening with a dinner count!