



# The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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## Monday, October 14th 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:

- **Slate of Nominees - Board & Officers**
- **TGoA Election Report**
- **Convention Summary**
- **Club Member Speakers Programs**
- **Great Recipe from member, Bob McMahon**
- **Club News, Reminders & Updates**
- **Team Captains List (Rev 9/29)**

*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).*



I hope everyone is having a nice start to their fall season. There is something about an autumn garden display with mums, gourds, and cornstalks that just makes me smile. I would first like to start off by giving a huge thank you to everyone from our club that helped put together an incredible National Convention this year. While I was only able to attend the Saturday session, it was wonderful to hear from the engaging speakers, chat with members from clubs across the country, and to hone my bonsai skills under the supervision of a trained professional. I would encourage all of you to attend future National Conventions if you are able.

Our September Plant Swap was a blast. Thank you to Debbie Daniels for organizing it and to everyone that participated. So far, all four of the plants that I was able to take are enjoying their new home. Based on feedback from membership, this October's meeting will be a bit different. Instead of hearing from just one speaker, we will get to learn from four of our members. **Bob McMahon, Deb Kramarz, Eddie Lagucki, and I will be giving short presentations to our members about topics of expertise and interest.** We have such a wealth of knowledge in our club, and I can't wait to learn even more from all of them.

I may sound like a broken record, but please remember to send in your reservation to your team captain. Ideally, this should happen the Tuesday or Wednesday before the meeting so that everyone has enough time to get their count in. Having an inaccurate count puts an undue burden on Gino and the rest of the staff at Bratenahl Place. Thanks in advance for your help with this and I look forward to seeing all of you at the October meeting!

*Steve McIntosh*



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## OFFICERS AND BOARD NOMINEES TO BE VOTED ON

- Treasurer - Tim Homan
- Finance - Larry Kell, Chair
- Awards - Larry Kell & Tom Seglin, Co-Chairs
- Communications (Newsletter, Website & Social Media) - Jonny Prell, Chair
- Income Projects Committee - Debbie Daniels
- Membership - Larry Kell & Bob McMahon, Co-Chairs
- Scholarship - Ed Tuhela, Chair
- Programs - Bob McMahon, Chair
- Service Projects - Garrett Ormiston, Chair

*Floor nominations will be accepted during the November meeting's election of officers.*

## THE GARDENERS OF AMERICA ELECTION RESULTS

The TGoA Nomination Committee is pleased to announce the following election results:

- President - R. Daniel Logan III, Square County Gardeners, MS
- Vice President - Nicholas Calabro, Gardeners of Greater Akron
- Treasurer - Robert W. McMahon, Gardeners of Greater Cleveland
- Secretary - Julie K. Shaw, Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

There were 79 members who cast ballots. Those members represent 13 of the 16 member clubs of the TGoA.



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## 2024 CONVENTION SUMMARY

The 2024 convention of The Gardeners of America was held at the Wooster Comfort Suites and the Ohio State ATI campus September 12-14. Thirty-one people attended, representing clubs from Akron, Cleveland, Fort Wayne, Green Bay, Mississippi and Youngstown. Ten GoGC members attended. Eight speakers did a great job sharing their knowledge on a wide range of topics: tiny forests, native plants and climate change, OSU's Chadwick Arboretum in Columbus, floral design techniques, garden phenology, pollinators for gardens, tips for growing orchids, and a Bonsai workshop.

Meetings were held for the Executive Committee and for the membership. New officers were elected and installed: R. Daniel Logan III, President; Nicholas Calabro, Vice President; Robert McMahon, Treasurer; and Julie Shaw, Secretary. Among topics discussed were revising the TGoA bylaws and the rules for Gardening of The Heart to simplify these documents to make them easily understood.

A horticulture show was held Thursday night at the hotel Thursday after the BBQ dinner where Dr. Kristina Boone, Ohio State ATI Director, welcomed the club members to campus. Friday night Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich hosted the Photography Show with winners announced at the Saturday banquet that was held on the OSU Campus in the conference center.

The field trip to Coshocton on Friday was a lot of fun as members toured the beautiful Clary Botanical Gardens and the historic Roscoe Village, reflecting life as a canal town in the early 1800's. Bus transportation was paid for by E&I funds as was the banquet Saturday evening.

During the Saturday evening banquet, numerous awards were given, including Larry Kell who received a plaque in appreciation to his service as the 2023-2024 TGoA President, Bob McMahon receiving a TGOA Life Membership in appreciation for outstanding assistance for this and previous conventions, and awards given to several members for the Horticulture and Photography shows.

This convention was a lot of fun and educational, and now we are looking forward to next year's convention. You will find updates in the future TGoA Newsletters.



Dan Logan



Nick Calabro



Bob McMahon





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## MEMBER SPEAKERS PROGRAMS

### **Keeping Your House Plants Healthy** - Bob McMahon

Bob will be covering the most important aspects of keeping your house plants healthy: watering, soil, light, and fertilizers. Remember that you need to provide optimal environments for both the roots and shoots of your house plants!



### **Learning Gardens** - Steven McIntosh

Steven will discuss how to establish them, maintain them and provide examples of how they positively impact students and their community. He will also highlight the agriculture program at Cuyahoga Falls High School.



### **Clean Water Rooted in Nature** - Deb Kramarz

Deb will have a demonstration of an educational activity directed at children. Deb designed it for this year's public works event at the City of Cleveland's Water Pollution Control Center. WPC promotes native plants as a stormwater management best practice. Deb was invited to host a table because of her many activities educating the public about the benefits of native plants.

### **Bluebird Boxes** - Eddie Lagucki

Eddie will talk about bluebird boxes - how to build one, when and where to place it.





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## GREAT RECIPE FROM BOB McMAHON

### CHICKEN CURRY CREPES

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 3+ cups of finely diced cooked chicken
- 8 oz. can finely diced water chestnuts
- ¼ cup finely diced green onions (or more if you prefer)
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 2 tsp curry powder
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 4 TBSP milk
- ½ cup toasted slivered almonds
- 12 crepes (see crepe recipe below)



#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Blend mayonnaise, curry powder, garlic powder, and milk; divide mixture into two equal halves. Add chicken, water chestnuts, and onion to HALF the mayonnaise mixture. Fill crepes with ¼ cup of the chicken-mayonnaise mixture—put the ¼ cup of the mixture on one side of the crepe; roll up and place in pan with the crepe's seam side down (you may make this recipe up to this point 1 to 2 hours in advance) in a 9"X13" baking dish. Spread the other half of the mayonnaise mixture on the top of the crepes and bake at 350o F for 20 minutes. Sprinkle the crepes with almonds when serving. ENJOY!

### CREPES

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 eggs
- 1 TBSP oil
- 2 cups of milk
- 1.25 cups sifted flour
- ½ cup of melted butter

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Beat eggs until light and then add milk, butter and oil and whisk together. Stir in the flour and beat until batter is smooth. Spray small skillet (or crepe pan) with cooking spray and heat the skillet or crepe pan. Pour ¼ cup of crepe batter into skillet/pan such that the thin crepe is ~6" in diameter. When brown on one side (a minute or two), turn over and brown lightly on the other side. Keep warm until filled with the chicken mixture.





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## CLUB NEWS, UPDATES & REMINDERS

- 61st Annual Ohio Gourd Show will be held on Friday, October 4th through Sunday, October 6th. Members of the Cleveland, Akron and Youngstown clubs will be acting as judges for the competition on Saturday, October 5th. [ohiogourdsociety.com/ohio-gourd-show/](http://ohiogourdsociety.com/ohio-gourd-show/)
- Fellow 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 peppers, eggplant, herbs and colorful flowering annuals (see photos below). The fading annuals will be replaced soon with garden mums, flowering ornamental kale and pansies to finish out the 2024 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 16th! 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 festive and upbeat manner!*





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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:** STEVEN MCINTOSH
- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** DEBBIE DANIELS
- SECRETARY:** MELISSA SUPLER
- TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON
- ASST TREASURER:** LARRY KELL
- PAST PRESIDENT:** BOB MCMAHON

## Current DIRECTORS:

- ROBERT MCMAHON  
DEBBIE DANIELS  
ED TUHELA  
FRED ROBINSON  
GARRET ORMISTON  
JONNY PRELL  
LARRY KELL  
TOM DAVIS

## CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEES

- Awards: Larry Kell, Tom Seglin, 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, Melissa Supler
- Membership: Jonny Prell, Larry Kell, Co-Chairs
- 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 Holden Forest & Garden Council: Deb Kramarz & Joyce Nesbit
- 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: Vacant
- Nominating: Bob McMahon, Debbie Daniels, Melissa Supler
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh, Chair

## Team 1

Team Captain: Ginnie Dawson  
ginniedawson@gmail.com / 216.374.8916

- Dave Dawson
- Joyce Nesbit
- Carol Poh
- MaryAnn Thesing
- Rachel Laughlin
- John Barber
- Susan Post

## Team 2

Head Team Captain: Ron Hartmiller,  
r\_hartmiller@yahoo.com / 216.671.1408

- Garrett Ormiston
- Hank Doll
- Lou Drasler
- Herb Klein
- Bob Rensel
- Eddie Lagucki
- Deborah Dockery

## Team 3

Team Captain: Andy Kosiorek,  
kosiorek@cox.net / 216.226.4503

- Kathy Kosiorek
- Jodith Janes
- Larry Kell
- Hiedi Winston
- Bob McMahon & George Roscoe
- Paul Bilyk

## Team 4

Team Captain: Deb Kramarz,  
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- Fred Robinson
- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux
- Kathy Talty
- Sharon Yarnell

## Team 5

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216.970.2854

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

## Team 6

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- Davd & Diane Circle (440.628.8063 Home)
- Paula & Ron Koenig (440.212.5700)
- Deva Simon (440.915.0161)
- Scott Blanchard (330.322.8111)
- Timothy Homan (216.219.0746)
- John Tilsky (440.256.1414)

## Team 7

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

**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.**