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Monday, January 9th Menu:
Roasted Pork Loin with honey bourbon glaze, mashed sweet potatoes, brussel sprouts, salad and rolls & butter. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served in the Penthouse after dinner.

What's inside:

- Winter/New Year "What Can I Do List?", Deb Kramarz
- Chicken Paprikash Recipe, Bob McMahon
- Photos from our Holiday Party & Award Photos
- Updated Team Captains' List

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.

Happy New Year, everyone! We certainly ended the year on a festive note at our December Holiday Party. Members enjoyed a fun fellowship hour to start the festivities in the Penthouse, followed by eight awards and then a lovely buffet dinner downstairs. Photos are in this newsletter that summarize the fun evening.

My first year as President was a challenging one due to assuming the role much sooner than I expected. However, the club accomplished a lot during 2022, thanks to the challenging work of the Board, the Standing and Special Committees and our members. Here are some of the highlights!

The club Bylaws were revised by the Bylaws Revision Committee under the leadership of Tom Davis, and members voted to approve them during the May meeting. The club conducted its first May Plant Sale in three years at the Rockefeller Greenhouse and cleared \$1,890 for scholarships, thanks to the leadership of Dave Dawson. I was so gratified to see many club members help with the sale! The club celebrated its 90th anniversary and awarded student scholarships during the gala that was held in June at the Dunham Tavern Museum. TGOA President, Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, was our featured speaker, and we all enjoyed a delicious luncheon catered by Italian Creations. A big thanks to the event's Planning Committee! Steve McIntosh started up a youth gardening project at the Marion C. Seltzer Elementary School in Cleveland, serving as a role model for clubs nationwide. Larry and Bob resumed the garden project at the Wade Oval VA Hospital's Spinal Cord Unit, purchasing plants from Lakewood Garden Center at a significant discount, thanks to owner and fellow club member, Paul Bilyk.

The Horticulture Show under the leadership of Tom Davis in September was a lot of fun and educational with good participation by members. Speakers did an excellent job putting on a nice variety of programs during the year and Bob lead two field trips during the summer to the amazing orchid production greenhouse range at Green Circle Growers. Deb oversaw the planning and installation of the club's display at HF&G's Twinkle in the 216 Holiday Show. Under the leadership of Awards Committee Chair, Kathy Kosiorek, awards were once again given at the Holiday show for the first time in three years. Finally, our membership grew this year! I hope that your new year has started out well for you and I look forward to seeing you at the January 9th meeting!

Bob McMahon



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Winter/New Year “What Can I Do List?”, Deb Kramarz

Wondering what gardening activities to add to your already busy schedules this month and beyond? Here are some ideas.

- Brighten the season by reading a book on the latest gardening news to help with your gardening plans for 2023. Even the Cleveland Plain Dealer’s Metro Section features weekly gardening articles on Sundays by Susan Brownstein.
- Or check out what is happening at Holden Forests & Gardens, like the Annual Orchid Show.
- There are a number of virtual and in-person courses and symposiums happening soon:
 - Jan 11 1-3 pm Session 1 of 5 part of a Virtual Symposium “Inviting Biodiversity into Our Gardens” Hosted by Western Reserve Land Conservancy & Nature Spark. Registration: rboronka@wrlanconservancy.org.
 - Jan 14 9:30 am in-person or virtual Friends of Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH) will host: Dr. Robert Edwards, “Past, Present, and Future of Biological Diversity and the Environment in NE Ohio”.
 - March 1-April 5 Learn to be a Master Rain Gardener through Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. Contact Info: kchapel@cuyahogawcd.org, Registration: <https://www.cuyahogawcd.org/events/2023/03/01/master-rain-gardener-march-2023-in-person>.
 - March - Watch for information about the annual Lake County Master Gardener’s Symposium at Lakeland College.
 - Of course, plan to attend our interesting club meetings, where we can continue to learn from each other.



Fred Robinson - January 2nd

Melissa Supler - January 13th



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Chicken Paprikash, Bob McMahon

Paprikash:

- 3 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 medium size onion, sliced
- 1 whole cut-up chicken OR equivalent chicken pieces
- Enough water to cover chicken in the pot
- 2 or 3 Tbsp sweet paprika, per your taste
- 3 chicken bouillon cubes OR 3 tsp "Better than Bouillon" Roasted Chicken Base
- 3 tsp Lawry Seasoning Salt
- 8 oz sliced mushrooms
- 1 pint sour cream
- 1 cup water
- 4 Tbsp flour

Spaetzle:

- 4 eggs
- 3 cups water
- 6 cups flour
- 1 tsp salt

In a large pot, heat the oil and add onion, cook until just translucent and add sliced mushrooms, cooking until tender. Stir in the paprika and blend well. Add the chicken and brown slightly on all sides. Add water to almost cover the chicken. Bring to a boil. Add bouillon cubes/Better Than Bouillon and the seasoning salt. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer for 25 minutes.

Mix sour cream, water, and flour with mixer or whisk until very smooth. Add slowly to the chicken mixture after simmering for 25 minutes, stirring constantly. Keep warm while making the spaetzle.

Spaetzle:

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Combine the eggs, water, flour, and salt to form a moist dough. When the water is boiling, drop the dough into the water a tsp. at a time. After all the dough is in the water, let boil for 7 minutes or until all of the dough is floating. Stir occasionally while boil to prevent dough from sticking to the bottom of the pan. Drain. If the pan is not large enough for all the dough, do in batches. OR, do what I do! Simply buy the spaetzle at a grocery store and then sauté/brown the spaetzle in garlic butter before serving!

To serve: Ladle the chicken and sauce over the spaetzle.





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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:** ROBERT MCMAHON
- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** STEVE MCINTOSH
- SECRETARY:** JONNY PRELL
- TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON
- ASST TREASURER:** LARRY KELL

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,
- *Membership:* Jonny Prell, Larry Kell, Co-Chairs
- *Programs:* Robert McMahon, Chair
- *Scholarship:* Ed Tuhela, Co-Chair; Fred Robinson, Co-chair; 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; Garrett Ormiston, 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
- Nominating: Deb Kramarz, Chair
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh, Chair



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**Team Captains, Please call in your
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- Hiedi Winston
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- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux
- Kevin Borowiak
- Kathy Talty

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- Melissa Supler
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