



# The Spade



The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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## JANUARY 13TH MEETING:

### Buffet Dinner:

Lemon Chicken Cutlet, Spring Pea Risotto and Broccoli, and Garden Salad

Vegetarian Dinner: Chef's Choice  
Cookies & Coffee served in the Penthouse before the meeting. Please make sure to pay for your dinner. Thank you!

**Please call your Team Captain** with your dinner reservation by Friday, January 10th. Lou Pelton is responsible for giving The Bistro at Bratenahl our reservations.

### Team Captains:

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Team 8 **Cathy Ross**  
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Team 9 **Deb Kramarz**  
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**There will be a Board Meeting promptly starting at 5:00 PM in the Penthouse.**

**PLEASE BE PROMPT.**



## President's Letter

*I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family, friends and loved ones! This is a special time of year to bring people together and share love and kindness.*

*I look forward to my new position as the first woman club president, and I want to assure you that I am here to make the Club the best it can be with the help of everyone. It is not just a Club for Officers and Board members - it's a Club for all members.*

*I hope we can all be active in the projects and activities that our Club will offer. I look forward to helping direct our Club to broaden our activities and membership. Our past activities and projects show how great we are, and we can continue into the future. I look for input on new activities from you.*

*I am excited to have Chuck Palsa as First Vice President and Hiedi Winston as our new Treasurer. I want to give a big thank you to John Budnik for his work as Treasurer over the past several years. I am grateful that Jodith Janes has agreed to continue as Secretary until one of you steps forward to take on this very important position. Chuck Palsa and Dave Rittenhouse are going to make the captains a stronger means of communication with our members.*

*Thanks to Phyllis for all her hard work in setting up the Penthouse for our Holiday Party, and all the members who worked hard in making sure her vision became reality! The Penthouse looked fabulous.*

*My thanks to Tom Segelin for being the liaison with The Bistro and Gino. The food was excellent. And to Julie Giroux of course, for her superb skills in the arrangement of the centerpieces at our tables. I was excited to bring one home!*

*Thanks to Dave Dawson for his term as President and to the Board members who contributed their time and leadership.*

*In any organization, communication is important, and I want to hear from you. Tell me if I missed something, and let me know how we can make the Club better. If I do something you feel good about, I would appreciate feedback on that also. You don't have to be asked. If you have an idea for a project, or an idea for an activity, let me know. If you have an idea for a program, let Kathy Kosiorek know.*

**Jonny Prell**



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## December 2019 Meeting and Holiday Party

### Officers installed:

Jonny Prell, President  
Chuck Palsa, First Vice President  
Hiedi Winston, Treasurer



### Directors installed:

Bob McMahon  
David Rittenhouse  
Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold

### Certificates of Appreciation awarded:

Fred Robinson for his involvement with Central Great Lakes Gardeners  
Mark Occhionero as Chair of the Horticulture Shows  
Jodith Janes as Secretary

### Plaques awarded:

Dave Dawson, as Immediate Past President for his leadership over the past 2 years  
Jonny Prell, as Incoming President and outstanding service

### Life Memberships awarded:

Lou Pelton  
Bill and Deah Stark



### Bronze Award:

Julie Henry as a treasured member, and an enthusiastic volunteer

### Potter Bowl:

Fred Robinson for his outstanding work in the Club for over 50 years. Fred is only the 2nd two-time winner of the Potter Bowl.





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## December 2019 Meeting



Dane Vannater, Dave Rittenhouse, Dave Dawson and Todd Barr. Dane and Todd were recognized as two of our new members.



Mark Occhionero, Tom Davis and Dave Dawson. Mark was recognized for his work in the Club's Horticulture Show



Bob McMahon installed as a Director by Dave Dawson.



Jodith Janes receiving her Certificate of Appreciation as Club Secretary from 2015 - 2019.



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## December 2019 Holiday Party Photos





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## January 13th Meeting and Program

We will start the general meeting off with the auction of an one-of-a-kind ceramic piece, a hand-crafted ceramic dish donated by our member, Dave Circle. This is such a beautiful piece of pottery, whomever wins this is one lucky member!



### *“Gardening For a Concert”, by Lisa Rainsong*

Lisa Rainsong’s career combines music, natural history, and education. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition from the Cleveland Institute of Music and is a member of the Music Theory faculty. She is also a soprano who has performed as a soloist and choral musician specializing in Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque music.

As she became increasingly interested in teaching the songs of earth’s first musicians - birds, crickets, katydids, amphibians - she earned a Naturalist Certificate from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, focusing on field work. She shares her interest through recordings, sonograms and photography.

Lisa joins us in her capacity as a naturalist and is sharing a new program with us entitled “Gardening for a Concert” which is about gardening both for birdsong in the spring and summer and the songs of crickets and katydids in the late summer and early fall. Lisa states that “Since gardening for insects always benefits the birds, the two go together very well. In addition, it’s nice to be able to continue the concert all the way through much of September.” She will emphasize habitat and protection of Earth’s first musicians in her program.

As the days get longer minute by minute it is time to plan for a garden that enhances nature.





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**If you have questions or problems with your garden, plants in your garden and need advice, our Club has many members who have the background and knowledge to help you.**

- Keith Biehl: Gardener by profession
- Pat Boggins: Log planters
- John Budnik: Herbs and flowering bulbs
- Diane Circle: Hostas
- Tom Davis: Native plants
- Hank Doll: Dahlia growing
- Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold: Orchids
- Ron Hartmiller: Weeds
- Herb Klein: Unusual plants and perennials
- Deb Kramarz: Master Rain Gardener
- Andy Kosiorek: Above-ground sprinkler systems
- Kathy Kosiorek: Veggies and container gardening
- Lou Drasler: Cannas and environmental issues
- Garret Ormiston: Native plants, azaleas and roses
- Chuck Palsa: “knows a little about everything”
- Lou Pelton: Vines and clematis
- Bob Pindell: Iris propagation
- Sandra Pindell: Iris care
- Fred Robinson: Care and knowledge of trees
- Deva Simon: Perennials
- Tom Sheehan: General landscape design, water gardening and tropical plants
- Bill Stark: Begonias
- Deah Stark: Perennials

The purpose of the **Gardeners of Greater Cleveland** is to educate and provide members with all types of information related to gardening - whether their own personal gardens or community projects through our monthly meetings, Club activities or our newsletter **The Spade** and our website, [www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org](http://www.gardenersofgreatercleveland.org).

We promote horticulture in our community by installing and caring for gardens at various community service facilities such as the VA Hospital, Joseph's Home for Disadvantaged Men, and Malachi House among others.

We hold two sales per year at Rockefeller Greenhouse. In May, we have the plant sale. This is a major source of funds for our scholarship program. It is also a great time to meet gardeners, answer questions and recruit new members. In the fall, we also have a bulb sale.

Membership is open to residents of the Greater Cleveland Area including Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Mahoning counties.

To join, please contact **Lou Pelton**, our Membership Co-Chairman at [loupelton305@gmail.com](mailto:loupelton305@gmail.com).





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## STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Hank Doll, Chair; Tom Davis
- *Communication:* Jonny Prell, Chair (The Spade Newsletter, Website / Social Media); Phyllis Donnelly-Ingold, (Publicity)
- *Finance:* Chuck Palsa, Chair; Hiedi Winston, Andy Kosiorek
- *Income Projects:* Dave Dawson, Julie Henry (Plant Sale); Pat Boggins (Bulb Sale); John Budnik, Ron Hartmiller, Julie Henry (Auction / Raffle)
- *Membership:* Lou Pelton, Co-Chair; Dave Rittenhouse, Co-Chair; Larry Kell, Chuck Palsa,
- *Programs:* Kathy Kosiorek, Chair; Robert McMahon  
**Any program suggestions? Contact Kathy!**
- *Scholarship:* Harold Davis, Co-Chair; Hank Doll; Deb Kramarz; Lou Pelton
- *Service Projects:* Garrett Ormiston, Chair; Bob Rensel, Steve McIntosh

## MEETING INFORMATION:

- WHEN:** 2nd Monday of each month, September through June
- WHERE:** 1 Bratenahl Place  
Bratenahl, Ohio
- SCHEDULE:** 6PM - Social  
6:40 - Dinner  
7:30 - General Meeting  
8 to 9PM - Program



## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Cleveland Botanical Garden/Holden Arboretum: Deb Kramarz
- National & Regional Organizations: Larry Kell, Second Vice President; Tom Davis, National Director; Larry Kell, President of Central Great Lakes Gardeners
- 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: Mark Occhionero, Julie Henry, Tom Davis
- Nominating: Dave Dawson, Chair; Deb Kramarz
- Wellness/Memorials: Harold Davis, Team Captains

## OFFICERS:

- PRESIDENT:** JONNY PRELL
- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** CHUCK PALSA
- 2ND VICE PRESIDENT:** OPEN
- SECRETARY:** JODITH JANES
- TREASURER:** HIEDI WINSTON
- ASST TREASURER:** ANDY KOSIOREK

## DIRECTORS:

- HANK DOLL 2018-2020
- PAT BOGGINS 2018-2020
- KATHY KOSIOREK 2018-2020
- PHYLLIS DONNELLY-INGOLD 2020-2023
- DAVE RITTENHOUSE 2020-2023
- JULIE HENRY 2019-2021
- Z. HAROLD DAVIS 2019-2021
- GARRETT ORMISTON 2019-2021
- BOB McMAHON 2020-2023