



# The Spade



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## Monday, April 15th, Dinner Menu:

Dinner served buffet style includes: Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes and peas & onions. Coffee and cookies will be served in the Penthouse afterwards.

## What's inside:

- March Program Summary, by Carol Poh
- April Program, Plants of New Caledonia, Bill Hendricks
- Club News, Updates & Reminders
- Updated Team Captains List (Rev 03/2/2024)



The month of April may be one of the most exciting times of the year for gardeners. Our seedlings are emerging under the grow lights and we are anxiously awaiting the day when frost is no longer a threat so we can put our plant friends into their designated space in the garden. I am so lucky that I get to share this feeling of excitement with about 100 students that participate in our agriculture classes at Cuyahoga Falls High School. For many, this is the first time in their lives where they have started a plant from seed and will care for it throughout the growing season. They will share the fruits of their labor with their friends, family, and those in need through our donation program. The act of gardening can bring so much joy to ourselves and those around us. I hope you all are able to take a moment this month when you are preparing your garden to reflect on how fortunate we are to have this passion for plants.

Our club is lucky to have a number of ways where we can share our passion with others. Please do what you can this season to help out with our many projects including volunteering at the Willott Iris Garden, The VA Hospital, Lantern Court, and our Spring Plant Sale. If clerical work or club history is something you would be interested in, I am looking for a small crew of members to help digitally archive our club's history by going through boxes of documents, photos, and more that have been collected over the years. Please feel free to email me at [Steven.A.McIntosh@gmail.com](mailto:Steven.A.McIntosh@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out with this.

Lastly, I want to give a friendly reminder to RSVP to Larry Kell as soon as possible if you plan on attending the Regional Meeting on April 20th. See my previous email for all the important details. I look forward to seeing all of you on April 15th for our monthly meeting which was changed from April 8th due to the eclipse. Have a great month, everyone!

Best Regards,

*Steve McIntosh*



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## Native Plants in a Changing Climate

by Carol Poh

At the club's March 11 meeting, Eddie Lagucki sounded a call for gardeners to join the revolution—to avoid non-native plants in favor of native plants and counter what he called the “detrimental business model” of Big Horticulture.

The lead horticulturalist at Lantern Court/Red Oak Camp in Lake County, Lagucki has degrees in conservation and biology, and he is both an entomologist and ISA Certified Arborist. It is our good fortune that he also happens to be a member of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland.

In his illustrated presentation, he discussed the importance of native plants in a changing climate. First, he clarified his terms.

A native plant is one that occurred historically in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat. He gave, as an example, the Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus*).

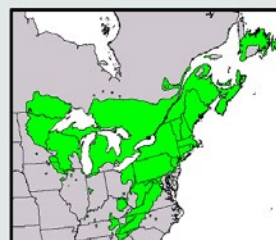
A non-native plant is one that did not exist in a region historically but has been introduced, such as the Maidenhair Tree (*Ginkgo biloba*), native to East Asia.

A cultivar is a plant that has been altered through selective breeding. Cultivars can have unforeseen consequences, said Lagucki, who provided examples. The Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*), bred as rootstock for roses, is an aggressive grower whose dense thickets crowd out native shrubs. The Kudzu vine (*Pueraria montana*), introduced from Asia in the late 19th century as a garden novelty and later heavily promoted for erosion control, outcompetes everything from native grasses to fully mature trees by shading them from the sunlight. Finally, the notorious Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), a tree native to China and Vietnam, was widely used to line the streets of cookie-cutter postwar suburbs; with its weak branching structure and flowers that stink of rotten fish, it was recently banned in Ohio.

Big Horticulture has also given us “nativars,” or cultivars of native species. But beware should you be attracted to, say, a Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) sporting white petals instead of pink. Depending on which traits have been retained or bred out, it may lack appeal to pollinators acclimated over centuries to the native coneflower. (continued on page 3)

### What is a Native Species?

- “A plant that has occurred naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat without human introduction”
- Ex. Eastern White Pine  
- *Pinus Strobus*



Source: United States Department of Agriculture



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## Native Plants in a Changing Climate (Continued)

by Carol Poh

We can fight invasive species, Lagucki said. Educate yourself, your friends, and your neighbors. Identify offending plants, shrubs, and trees on your own property and develop an action plan. Shop for native plants [see list of local sources] and avoid cultivars and nativars.

Invasive plants aren't the only pressing issue, said Lagucki, who then segued into climate change and what it means for native plants. In 1967, the USDA classed Ohio within Hardiness Zone 4. Today, Ohio falls almost entirely within Zone 6. In a warming environment, we need to look to native species that can compete with invasives and resist emerging pests and diseases.

Lagucki pointed to the Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) as an excellent specimen tree whose berries and thick branching attract many bird species. He provided a list of noteworthy climate-resilient trees, calling out for special mention native oaks, which feed over 500 larval species and are, he said, "true champions of biodiversity." He went on to name climate-resilient native shrubs and climate-resilient perennial flowers.

Lagucki concluded, "Not all cultivars are bad, but native species are great because they have the highest ecological value for native wildlife, pollinators, and people."

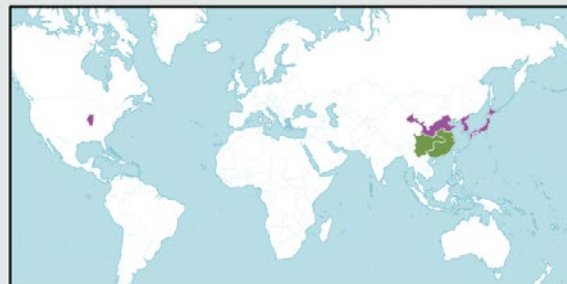
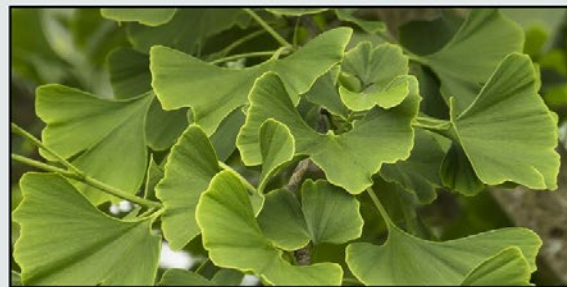
### Local Sources for Native Plants

- Avonlea Gardens & Inn – Chardon, OH
- Meadow City Native Plant Nursery – Cleveland (Collinwood), OH
- Plant It Native – Willoughby (OH) Outdoor Market (in season)
- Nodding Onions Gardens Native Plant Nursery – Columbia Station, OH
- Ohio Prairie Nursery – Online native plant seed at [opnseed.com](http://opnseed.com)

### Non-Native/ Introduced/ Exotic Species

*"Species that have not existed historically in one area but have been introduced due to human activities"*

**Ex. Maidenhair Tree -  
*Ginkgo Biloba***



Source: North Carolina State University



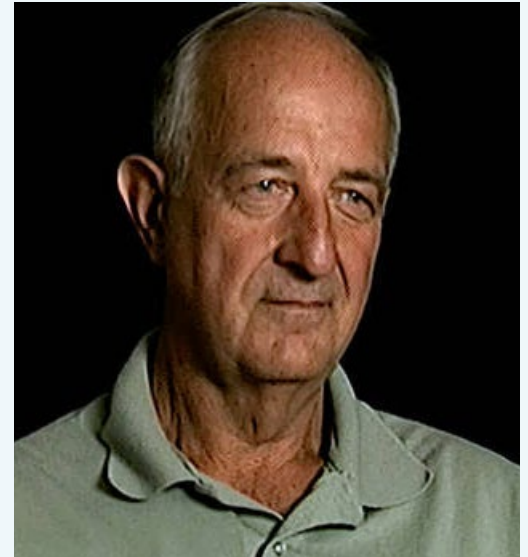
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## Plants of New Caledonia, Bill Hendricks

Bill Hendricks is President of Klyn Nurseries, Inc. since 1987. Bill is a member of the Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association, a past member of the Plant Selection Committee, and served as Chairman of OSU Short Course Program Committee for 38 years.



Bill is a member of the American Nursery & Landscape Association, Nursery Growers of Lake County, Ohio, International Plant Propagator's Society - Fellow, International Dendrological Society, American Bamboo Society, American Conifer Society, Perennial Plant Association, Scenic Ohio Board, Past President of Lake County Nurserymen's Association, served on review boards for publications including "**Handbook of Landscape Tree Cultivars**" by Willet Wandell, "Street Tree Fact Sheets", edited by Penn State University, and "Landscape Plants for Ohio", published by Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association.

Bill has taught a plant material course at Cleveland State University, Division of Continuing Education from 1972 to 1992, lectures regularly throughout the Midwest, recipient of ONLA Distinguished Contribution Award, named "2014 Grower of the Year" by Nursery Management Magazine (Cover Story), recipient of Ohio Landscape Association Lifetime Dedication and Outstanding Contributions to the Landscape Industry Award March 2010, Horticultural Industries Leadership Award 2011 from Nursery Management Magazine (GIE Media's Horticultural Group).

Bill was awarded 1998 Associated Green Industries "Person of the Year", Friends of the Master Gardener Program Award 2008 (Nancy & Bill Hendricks), awarded a Merit International Plant Propagators 2021. Bill's other interests include photography. Many of his photos have been used in professional horticultural publications. Bill has a cactus and succulent collection of over 4000 species, started at age 9 and is a continuing hobby.



### SHORT HISTORY OF KLYN NURSERIES

[Klyn Nurseries](#) was founded in 1921, and became the leading rose growers in Lake County until 1970. Emphasis started changing in the late 60's to Taxus and Rhododendrons. Since 1987 the nursery has expanded to a general line nursery, growing 600 acres of field stock and 40 acres of container material.

Our catalog has increased from a 7 page publication in 1987 to 320 pages in 2019 listing over 1800 species and cultivars of ornamentals for the Mid West.



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## GoGC Club News, Updates and Reminders

- **The April Club Meeting will be rescheduled to Monday, April 15th because of the eclipse and surrounding events in the area.**
- **CENTRAL GREAT LAKES GARDENERS regional meeting will be held at Noon on April 20th at the Kingwood Center Gardens in Mansfield.** Please think about attending. We are “the engine of the national club”. The agenda is primarily to discuss the annual convention in Wooster in September. There will also be a speaker from Kingwood Center to talk about how we can use sound ecological principles in our gardens. The attending clubs will provide lunch. Please let Larry Kell or Bob McMahon by April 1st.
- Bob McMahon was interviewed on his collection of carnivorous plants by member and journalist, Susan Brownstein for an article in [Cleveland.com](#). The link to the article is [here](#).
- **PLANT SALE NEWS!** Debbie Daniels will conduct a crafting session before the April and May meetings (4:30 PM) to create items to be sold at our plant sale. All members are invited to participate. Items created will be sold at our May plant sale (May 16th - May 18th).
- April 25th is Affiliate Club Day at Holden Forest and Garden.
- **Our National convention will be held in Wooster, Ohio on September 12th, 13th and 14th. Details will be forthcoming in The Gazette.**
- Please join us at the Trinity Cathedral Farm in Cleveland! Weather permitting, we are planning to build 5 new beds at the **Trinity Cathedral Farm** located at the corner of E. 35th and Cedar Ave. in Cleveland. Our planned date is **Saturday, April 13th from 9 am to Noon**. If the weather is really bad (snowing or pouring rain) we will try again Saturday April 20th. If the weather is just crummy or better we'll be at the Farm working. We'll have plenty of dirt to move, irrigation lines to install, and beds to build. We will also be getting our existing beds ready for planting so there will be plenty to do! We have all the tools we need so just bring yourself. Any questions, please contact Steve Roberts at [sjr1422@gmail.com](mailto:sjr1422@gmail.com)
- Volunteers are needed regularly at the Willott Iris Garden, Lantern Court and VA Spinal Cord Unit raised garden beds.



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

## Current DIRECTORS:

- ROBERT MCMAHON  
ED TUHELA  
FRED ROBINSON  
GARRET ORMISTON  
LARRY KELL  
JONNY PRELL

## CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Jonny Prell, Larry Kell, Tom Segelin
- *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, Chair; Fred Robinson, 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: Open
- Nominating: Bob McMahon, Chair; Debbie Daniels, Melissa Supler
- Wellness/Memorials: Debbie Daniels
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh



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- Eddie Lagucki
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- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux
- Kathy Talty
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- Kelley Adkins
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- Melissa Supler
- Ed Tuhela
- Lisa Skufca

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- Susan Brownstein
- Cyndi Konopka

**Team Captains, please call in your  
RSVP number directly to Hiedi Winston.  
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