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The Newsletter of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland

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Monday, February 10th Menu:

Chicken parmesan, rigatoni marinara, garlic cheese ciabatta toast, zucchini squash and garden salad. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served in the Penthouse after dinner.

What's inside:

- **Nominating Committee Article, Bob McMahon**
- **Garden Trivia Winners**
- **Upcoming Speakers, Reminders & Updates**
- **Update from 2024 Scholarship Winner - Caden Buccier**
- **NEW Updated Team Captains List (NEWLY REVISED 2/1/2025)**



Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well after the recent cold snap we experienced. Spring will be here before you know it! I would like to thank everyone who was able to participate in the trivia night at January's meeting. I hope you all had fun.

February is an exciting time for our club. The scholarship emails and applications have been sent out to area schools and the youth gardening grant applications will be made available in just another couple of weeks. If anyone would be interested in reviewing the applications for either the scholarship or youth gardening grants, please let me know ASAP.

May is just around the corner and Debbie Daniels, Bob McMahon, and the rest of the plant sale team are busy getting things ready for our first fundraiser of 2025. If you have the ability to start any plants that we could sell or would like to donate any for the plant sale, please let Debbie or Bob know. Also, if you have any extra trays or pots you would like to donate, please bring them to the February meeting.

Remember to contact your team captains at least a week before the meeting so that Gino and the staff can be prepared for our dinner. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Steve McIntosh





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NOMINATING COMMITTEE ARTICLE, *BOB MCMAHON*

Even though the November 10, 2025 GoGC Officer and Director (Committee Chair) elections are still many months away, I as the Nominating Committee Chair, want to bring you up to speed for these elections. Per the GoGC Bylaws, Officers are elected to two-year terms during odd-numbered years, and Directors are elected to one-year terms with options to be re-elected.

After the November elections, Steve McIntosh will become the immediate Past President and Chair the Nominating Committee. VP Debbie Daniels will be the nominee for President. I will be seeking nominees for Treasurer and Secretary, along with Chairs for the following committees who will be new Directors: Membership and Program at this point. Please be thinking over serving in one of these capacities and let me know. Active involvement in our club is what makes it successful, and I have been honored to serve as President, Chair of the Nominating and Program Committees, and I am now the National Director. I would much rather have volunteers contact me than get on the phone and start calling people in a few months.

GARDEN TRIVIA WINNERS





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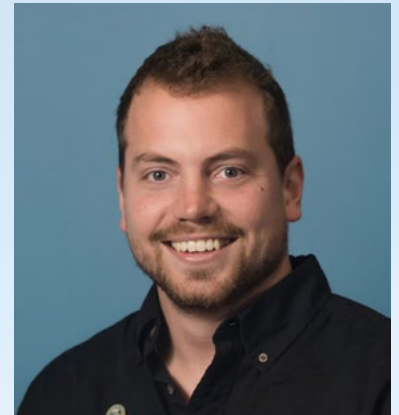
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CLUB UPCOMING SPEAKERS, UPDATES, REMINDERS & INFORMATION

February speaker will be Steve Robers from Trinity Cathedral Urban Farm who will give a presentation about the eight raised beds the farm installed this past Spring that were funded by our club, what was produced, along with what was provided from the rest of the urban farm for the area needy.



March speaker will be Jake Kudrna from the Cleveland Metroparks who will give a talk on the year-round flora of the Metroparks. Jake joined Cleveland Metroparks in 2014. He has a master's degree in Biology from Miami University and a BS in Wildlife and Fisheries Resource Management from West Virginia University.



Eddie Lagucki published an Op-Ed in *The Plain Dealer* on what we all can do to help limit the invasive pests threatening our forests health. For the complete article - Click [here!](#)

Our **MAY PLANT SALE** is coming up! Any pots or extra trays that you might have and would like to donate, please bring them to the February meeting!

As a reminder: PLEASE remember to let your Team Captain know if you are attending the meeting so we can have an accurate count for dinner.

All Team Captains need to communicate with Hiedi Winston and let her know the member count attending!



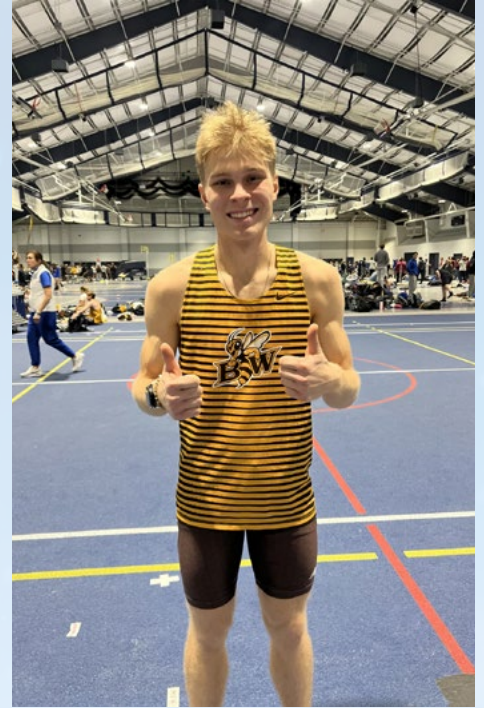
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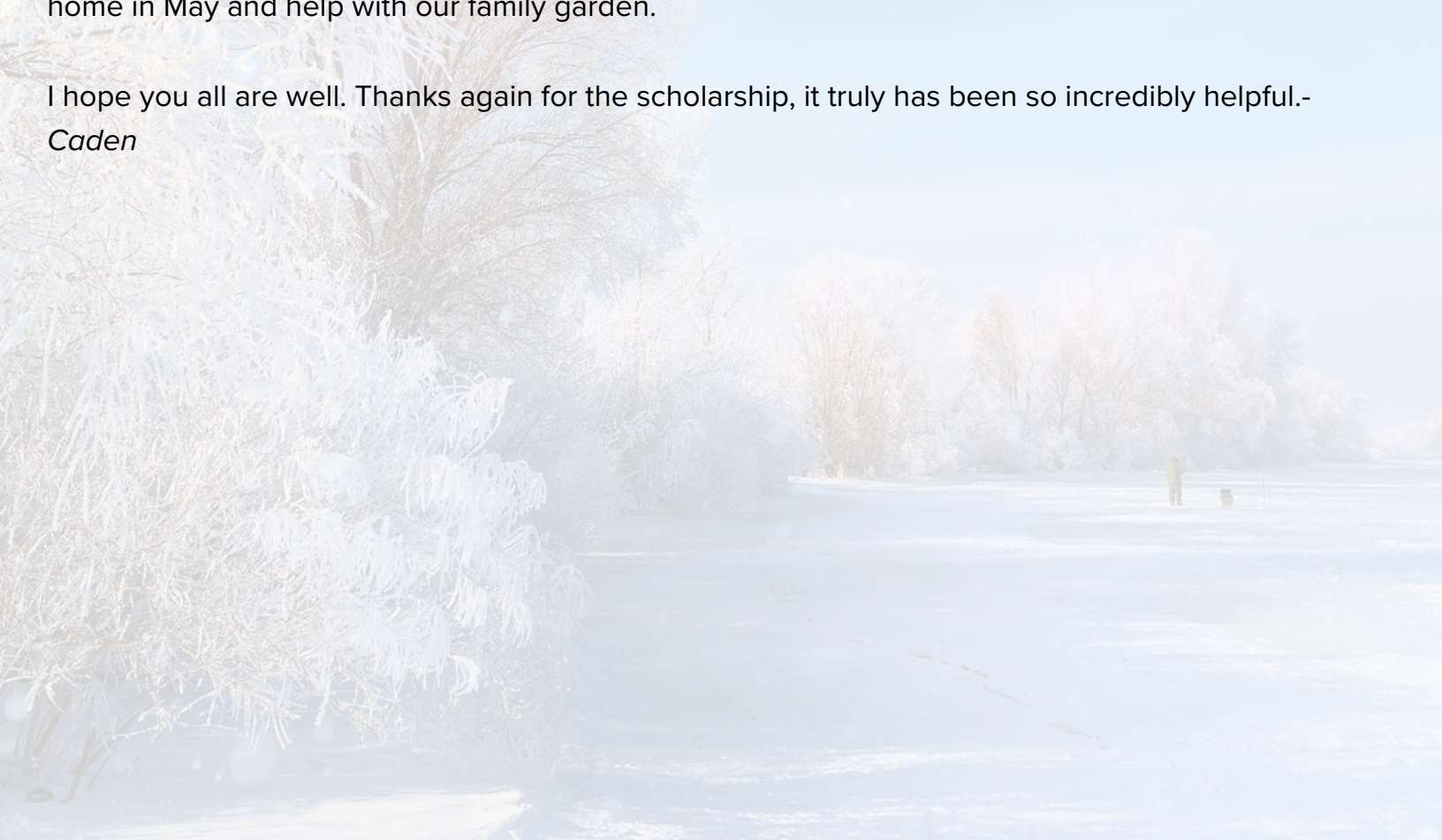
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2024 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER - CADEN BUCCIER

Hello there Gardeners of Greater Cleveland. I wanted to give an update on what the last semester at Baldwin Wallace has been like. I finished my first semester with a 3.66 GPA while running Varsity Cross Country. I made it to the regional meet as a freshman, running the best I have EVER run. I have made some new friends and am doing really well. My roommate and I clicked and have become friends. College has been everything I thought it was going to be and even more. I am still on the path of getting a degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Business. My dream is to still open, own and run my very own coffee shop one day. I would normally be planting my vegetables by now in my bedroom, but with being in College I just won't have the time. My Mom and Dad offered to start the process for me so hopefully I can help once I come home in May and help with our family garden.



I hope you all are well. Thanks again for the scholarship, it truly has been so incredibly helpful.-
Caden





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

2025 DIRECTORS:

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

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, Melissa Supler
- 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, Melissa Supler
- Wellness/Memorials: Team Captains
- Archive Committee: Steve McIntosh, Chair

Team 1

Team Captain: Ginnie Dawson
ginniedawson@gmail.com / 216.849.2781

- Dave Dawson
- Joyce Nesbit
- Carol Poh
- MaryAnn Thesing
- Rachel Laughlin
- Harold Davis
- Geoffrey Rapp
- Darren Palmer

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
- Bob McMahon & George Roscoe
- Paul Bilyk
- Susan Post
- James & Audrey Kasper

Team 4

Team Captain: Deb Kramarz,
deborahkramarz@aol.com / 216.731.6324

- Fred Robinson
- Steve McIntosh
- Bob & Sandra Pindell
- Tom Segelin & Julie Giroux
- Kathy Talty
- Sharon Yarnell
- Cyndi Konopka

Team 5

Cathy Ross: estrogen05@yahoo.com
216.970.2854

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

Team 6

Keith Biehl: 440.539.2019 (NO EMAIL)

- 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: Hiedi Winston,
hwinston@naipvc.com / 440.752.2617

- Fred Burkhalter
- Julie Shaw & Tom Davis
- John Schinker
- Deah Stark
- Sherry Doughten
- Dave Tomashefski
- Susan Brownstein
- Laurie Burke

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