

# THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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## The President's Message

One of the benefits of a long and cold winter is the feeling of anticipation that starts to build as we finally see the first signs of Spring...and they can be hard to detect. I think gardeners are more aware of the subtle changes in the dormant looking backyard. Just a hint of a bright green seems to grab our attention and confirms what our heart wants to hear....Spring is right around the corner.

I am so thankful for the snow drops and crocuses and always wish I had remembered to plant more of them the previous fall. The Lenten roses are a true Springtime gift to me.

Wishing you many wonderful Springtime gifts....

Bronwyn

### SHOPPING, LUNCH, GARDEN VISIT Thursday, April 30, 2015

*Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair*

Joan Brandon has invited us to spend some time in the Portage Lakes area at two of her favorite places. First stop will be **K&S Greenhouse**, 4391 Cottage Grove Road, Green (Uniontown post office 44685), one of our Home & Garden Tour program advertisers and known to many HGC members. Konrad and his wife, Sadie grow many wonderful hanging baskets and a large variety of plants for containers and gardens.

After shopping the greenhouse and filling our cars, lunch will be at the lakeside cottage home of Joan and George, with their lovely garden in view. We'll chip in for a deli tray and bread from Great Lakes Baking Company. This outing will be **rain or shine** as everything is under cover. Then Gardner's pies on the way home for fresh baked or frozen pies to go.

We will meet in the Acme Plaza parking lot, near the Otani restaurant and leave from Hudson at 9:30am. **Please RSVP by Monday, April 27, 2015** to Barb Earnhardt at [barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com](mailto:barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com) or (330) 653-3831. Drivers needed for carpools. Cars will be full of items from the greenhouse if past years are any indication!



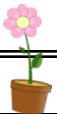
### COOKIES NEEDED FOR THE GARDEN SHOP TEA ROOM

Wendy Hilty & Judy Mikita  
*Tea Room Chairs*

One of our traditions at the Home & Garden Tour is to serve our guests ice tea and homemade baked goods at the Garden Shop Tea Room. We depend upon our members to supply cookies, brownies, dessert bars or other pick-up treats for this event.

If you have signed up to do this, we will be contacting you. If you are willing to contribute, please email Wendy Hilty at [wwhilty@gmail.com](mailto:wwhilty@gmail.com) or call (617) 921-1902. Even if you are busy working or away for that time, baking a batch of cookies would be a great way to do your part for our all important and only fundraiser. We also need Tea Room hostesses to help serve. Thanks for your help.

### PLANT EXCHANGE INFO IN MAY NEWSLETTER



Details will be in the May newsletter for the HGC Spring Plant Exchange. **We are moving the location this year to Veteran's Park**, located on Veteran's Way (off Route 91 at the traffic light by Starbucks) — and also off Milford Drive (behind ACME Plaza).

**Please save the date: Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00pm.**

## HERB GROUP TO VISIT QUAILCREST Thursday, April 23, 2015

*Sherry Beam, Herb Chair*

On Thursday, April 23 the Herb Group will be traveling to **Quailcrest Herb Farm** for our first outing of Spring. It is a perfect time to explore the hundreds of varieties of herbs, there are over 750 varieties of perennials, scented geraniums, wildflowers and a variety of trees and shrubs, most of which were propagated on the farm.

Overlooking the magnificent Killbuck Valley, Quailcrest has emerged from a century-old dairy farm to a family nursery. The Bruch family has owned Quailcrest Farm since 1957, and the business itself has been in existence for 40 years. The Garden Barn houses a 12,400-square-foot greenhouse where they specialize in perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, old-fashioned roses and an extensive selection of herbs. Make sure you have a lot of room for your purchases! The gift shop is also located in the Garden Barn, containing a large selection of garden adornments. 25 different garden settings are scattered among the grounds, although we may be a little early in the season to be able to enjoy them in their full glory.

Quailcrest Farm is located at 2810 Armstrong Road, Wooster, OH 44691 (turn W off SR 83, a few miles N of Wooster) <http://www.quailcrest.com>.

We will then head over to the Pine Tree Barn, which is a restored Dutch bank barn with over 25,000 sq. feet of gift shops, home furnishings, etc. We will be having lunch there at the Granary, which overlooks the lakes, tree farm and Killbuck Valley. A great adventure awaits us the entire day!

We will be carpooling and leaving from the Park-n-Ride at Route 8 and Chittenden Road at 9:00am. **Please RSVP to [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com) or (330) 342-0969 by April 18 2015.**

### CIVIC—COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Laura Gasbarro from Community First contacted me to see if the BUGs could use some assistance on Community Service Day which will be **Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 10am to Noon.**

Last year 300 students volunteered in areas citywide. We will be having volunteers helping at the Community Garden (corner of Route 91 and Ravenna street) and at the Clinton Street Rain Garden (bordering Farinacci Pizza's parking lot).

Please mark this date on your calendars. We will be doing this as a team and getting a lot of younger muscle as we do the Spring cleanup! Thanks to Liz Murphy for suggesting us to them. *From Sherry Beam, Civic Chair*

## HGC Celebrates with Stan Hywet April 10, 11 and 12, 2015 *"Inspiration in Bloom"*

Stan Hywet is observing its 100th anniversary this year, celebrating a "2nd Century in Bloom." The overall estate theme is *Blueprints to Bricks*. Through this theme, Stan Hywet will focus on the Seiberling family estate from conception to completion, with special Manor House tours and other events.

HGC has again accepted the invitation to create flower arrangements inspired by a room or an artifact of our choice for the Spring *Inspiration in Bloom* show. This event will kick off the 2015 season and will take place April 10, 11 and 12. Our floral designs will be in the dining room and Mr. Seiberling's game room, one formal and one masculine in interpretation.

This season at Stan Hywet sounds like one not to miss. Among the offerings to celebrate the 100th anniversary is a specialty tour that focuses on construction of the Estate. *Blueprints to Bricks: Manor House 100th Anniversary Tour* will be offered twice daily. This tour features how the Estate was planned and constructed, the search for the land, architects and the trips to England and France. During the two-hour tour, the distinctive architectural features of the Tudor Revival style will be highlighted, beginning outside at the Carriage House Courtyard and ending outside at the Tea Houses. The special tour will take guests on a new tour route in the Manor House, where they will venture into areas and unique spaces that are not part of any other tour.

Stan Hywet is Akron's first and largest National Historic Landmark and is also the nation's 6th largest Historic Home open to the public. It is an accredited museum of the American Alliance of Museums, one of only 26 in Ohio and of only 776 in all of the United States. The Estate includes five historic buildings and eight historic gardens on 70 acres. The Collections and furnishings in the Manor House are all original to the Estate.

This summer there will be a display in the gardens of 32 kiln-formed glass sculptures by Craig Mitchell Smith. His work has been on display throughout the US at public gardens, arboretums and Disney World. Many of the installations are inspired by Stan Hywet. Watch for a field trip to see this exhibit after it is installed.

**CIVIC NEWS:** Even though we are still having ups and downs in temperatures as we start Spring, the BUGs will be doing some light cleanup when it warms up later this month.

After numerous attempts, the Christmas tree was finally removed from the frozen soil in the Clocktower trough just before St. Patrick's Day!

## Treasurer's Report

### Account Balances as of February 28, 2015

PNC Savings	\$ 61,845.74
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,777.57
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 2,522.35

**Total Bank Accounts** \$ 83,145.66

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

## LOOKING FOR A GARDEN KEEPER

*Article by Sherry Beam*

Jackie Krabill, a resident at Laurel Lake contacted us to see if one of our HGC members would be willing to "Adopt" the Cheeseman Daylily Garden that is located in the Greenwood Courtyard at Laurel Lake.

Since being planted and dedicated in 2007, it has been maintained by the LL Adopt-A-Spot volunteers. Currently there is not a Groundskeeper or Groundskeeper Coordinator, so they have many areas in need and they are reaching out to see if someone would be willing to maintain this special garden since the HGC had a strong connection to both Janet and Evans Cheeseman.

A little background info — Janet was on the HGC Board for over 20 years. She and Evans lived on Manor Drive and Janet always had to have the newest plant out on the market, so besides many wonderful and unusual perennials — she also had great passion for daylilies, daffodils and hellebores. She shared freely, so many of us have bits and pieces of plants from their garden. When they moved to Laurel Lake they were only able to bring a small portion of the plants. Janet, up until her death, was very active with the garden group at LL and did their newsletter, along with doing as much as possible with our HGC. After her death, it was decided that a special garden would be built and dedicated.

I personally only met Janet after her retirement from teaching, but I still chuckle when I hear stories of her as a teacher — an English teacher, and a tough one! Janet always spoke directly, had a heart of gold, a wonderful laugh and a twinkle in her eyes. She loved being a mentor and, to many, a dear friend. Janet was on the Hudson Park Board for many years and the Rain Garden at Hudson Springs is named in her honor.

In September 2012, our HGC BUGs joined the LL residents and completely dug out all the daylilies, separated them and replanted them.

If you are interested in adopting the Cheeseman Garden, please contact **Jackie Krabill at (330) 655-4203**.

## Minutes of the March General Meeting

President Bronwyn opened the meeting at 7:00pm to an audience of 32 members and guests. She made several announcements and read the proposed 2015 Budget and Financial report. We voted on the Budget and it was approved unanimously.

The program, "A Border for All Seasons" was presented by Daniela Baloi, an HGC member. In her talk and slide show presentation she featured photos of a garden border in her yard beginning in early April through October highlighting the changes with each passing month. Pictures were taken from all angles and distances and she showed close-up photos of the individual flowers in bloom. Many of the photos can be viewed on her blog page, "Gardeners with Kids." <http://gardenerswithkids.blogspot.com/>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

## FIELD TRIP TO AKRON ART MUSEUM Art Blooms 2015 : Beauty Reigns Saturday, April 18, 2015 @ 12:45pm

Beauty will reign in art and flowers when the Akron Garden Club returns to the Akron Art Museum to produce **Art Blooms 2015: Beauty Reigns**, a Garden Club of America flower show, with entries in floral design, horticulture, botanical arts and photography.

The show will take inspiration from the museum's January 24—May 3 exhibition, *Beauty Reigns: A Baroque Sensibility in Recent Painting*. There will be 26 floral designs throughout the galleries; hundreds of prize plants, container gardens and horticultural cut specimens; three dozen nature photographs of fine-art quality; exquisite trinket boxes, ballet slippers and tiaras crafted entirely from dried plant material and more. A special feature will be an exclusive professional class of four large floral designs staged in the McDowell Grand Lobby.

The flower show will be April 17-18, 2015, 11:00am—4:00pm ad April 19, 12:00-5:00pm. Our field trip will be Saturday, April 18. We will meet at 12:45pm in the Acme parking lot near the Otani Restaurant and leave from Hudson at 1:00pm. Drivers needed for carpools **Please RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at [barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com](mailto:barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com) or (330) 653-3831 no later than Thursday, April 16, 2015.**

*Beauty Reigns* features the work of 13 emerging and mid-career abstract painters, working in studios across the US. The exhibition celebrates the exoticism, exuberance and optimism found in the artists' work. For more information see [akronartmuseum.org](http://akronartmuseum.org). The museum is located at One South High Street, Akron, OH 44308.

Come and get a dose of bright colors and flowers! Museum admission fee of \$7 applies for non-members. Fee is lower if we get a group of 15 or if 65 years or older.

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### **What's Coming Up**

**April 10, 11 and 12, 2015**

Stan Hywet's 100th Anniversary Activities  
*See page 2 for article*

**Thursday, April 16, 2015**

**HGC April General Meeting  
"Designing and Maintaining Koi Ponds"**

Social Time: 6:45pm—Program: 7:00pm  
*See this page for details*

**Friday, April 17, 2015 (DEADLINE)**

Contributions to Ada Cooper Miller Tribute  
*See this page for details*

**Saturday, April 18, 2015 @ 12:45pm**

Art Blooms 2015 @ Akron Art Museum  
**RSVP to Barb Earnhardt by April 16**  
*See page 3 for details*

**Thursday, April 23, 2015—9:00am**

Herb Group Visit to Quailcrest Herb Farm  
**RSVP to Sherry Beam by April 18**  
*See page 2 for details*

**Thursday, April 30, 2015—9:30am**

Shopping, Lunch, Garden Visit Field Trip  
**RSVP to Barb Earnhardt by April 27**  
*See page 1 for details*

### **ADA COOPER MILLER TRIBUTE**

In the May newsletter a tribute to Ada Cooper Miller will be included. Ada was near and dear to many and saw and experienced so much in her 111 years. Many of you shared wonderful times and memories and we would be honored to be able to share them in this tribute. If you have some special memory or photos, please contact Sherry Beam at (330) 342-0969 or Shirley Noe at (330) 650-0385. We need to have this info no later than April 15 to be able to meet the deadline. Thank you in advance.

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## **Hudson Garden Club April General Meeting**

### ***"Designing and Maintaining Koi Ponds"***

**Guest Speaker: Francis Weng  
from Garden Designs**

**Thursday, April 16, 2015**

**Social Time: 6:45pm**

**Program: 7:00pm**

**Laurel Lake Community Room**

**NOTE: Scholarship winners announced**



Innovative garden designer Francis Weng will speak to our club about the process involved with adding a Koi pond water feature to our own gardens. With a reputation as a out-of-the-box and unique designer, Weng will share his experiences and expertise on the process.

Weng has traveled the world "to look at, learn from and explore the beauty of extraordinary gardens." Originally inspired by the English garden, Weng went on to study horticulture at Ohio State University and continues a lifelong study of both English and Oriental style gardens. He also taught residential landscape design and horticulture at the University of Akron for 13 years.

Rejecting the "cookie cutter" designs that are commonly found in local yards, Weng's creations are one-of-a-kind. For his concrete based Koi ponds and waterfall gardens, he handpicks sandstone boulders in the "untouched forests" of Pennsylvania.

Several of his landscape projects have been featured in national magazines, the local press and on the Summit County Master Gardeners Tour of Gardens. He also donates a residential landscape master plan design every year to support the PBS WVIZ Auction.

From his travel stories to his dogs, named Tina Fey and Dolly Parton, Weng will be an entertaining and informative speaker for our April meeting.