

# THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's beginning to feel like spring! Hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses and hellebores are all waking up from their winter nap.

This month, at the HGC general meeting, we will get to meet our 2017 Scholarship recipients. The Scholarship committee, chaired by Daniela Baloi, is busy reviewing the applications to determine who will receive a portion of the \$10,000 in scholarship monies we have budgeted.

HGC has long been a benevolent organization. I am so proud that our history has always revolved around giving back to our community. That began in the 1940s with donations to replace trees lost to Dutch Elm disease and continues today to replace trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer. For many years, we have donated the profits from our annual Home & Garden Tour to scholarships, grants, community trees, plants and flowers as well as book donations to the Hudson Library; we have always stepped up!

That said, this June 15th and 16th will mark the 70th anniversary of the Hudson Home & Garden Tour and Tour chairs, Camille Kuri and Dawn Maloney are planning to commemorate the anniversary in a special way — each tour stop will feature a home and/or garden from each of the seven decades. As always, there are many opportunities for our members and friends to help ensure another successful event. Home and garden hostesses, traffic and garden shop volunteers, tea hostesses and cookie bakers are always needed. If you can help, please contact Camille or Dawn.

Another fun event that supports our club is the Garden Gathering. The Garden Gathering, which will be held on Saturday, June 10, is a cocktail party fundraiser held at a lovely Hudson home that is not on the Tour. HGC members have the first opportunity to purchase tickets before they are sold to the public.

*Carla Maurer*

### HGC BOARD CHANGES

We welcome Carolyn Bouquot to the HGC Board as Recording Secretary and we welcome Nancy Saxer back! Nancy will complete Beth Lawrence's term as Corresponding Secretary, as Beth will soon be moving back to Great Britain. Thank you Beth for your service to Hudson Garden Club.



### Knowing When Your Soil Is Ready

Knowing when your soil is ready for planting is about making sure that the soil isn't too wet. The Old Farmer's Almanac has two quick and easy tips to check for just that.

- Grab some dirt and try to form it into a ball within your hands. If a ball forms then the soil is too wet and is not ready. If the soil crumbles then it is ready.
- Another way is to again try to make a ball of soil within your hands. Then drop the ball onto the ground. If it crumbles, it is ready for planting.

**SPECIAL BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR  
KOLLMAN'S GREENHOUSE**

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017 @ 3pm**

*Sherry Beam, Herb Chair*

The Herb Group has arranged for our Club to get ready for Spring and take notes on what we must have in the gardens this year.

Betsy (Kollman) and Derrick Bersky are the new owners of Kollman's — but basically, it was just Scott and Sue proudly turning it over into very capable hands. The family business is moving to the second generation of ownership. Betsy and Derrick are amazing and they will continue many of the same traditions that are the hallmarks of Kollman's and add many new ones of their own — so exciting times are ahead!

Betsy earned her Bachelor of Science in Horticulture from Michigan State University and her Master of Science in Plant Breeding from Cornell University. She has spent the last eight years with Four Star Greenhouses, Proven Winners, in research and development and was instrumental in bringing new breeds of flowers to the world marketplace. Derrick earned his Associate of Applied Science in General Technology from Monroe County Community College and is every greenhouse owner's dream when it comes to solving mechanical and structural problems.

Scott and Sue bought the business in 1972 and for the past 44 years it was their blood, sweat and tears, raising three children and meeting thousands of customers...many who are loyal to this day.

Kollman's provides some of the beautiful planting materials that HGC uses at the Flagpole Garden and Clocktower trough each year. Personally, I get all my vegetables from them. So many varieties that I always get way too many...but, then just share.

On this "Behind the Scenes Tour" you will see the operations of the greenhouse and what it takes to get from seed to us. Years ago we did this and it was great and they have expanded since that time. You'll get a real appreciation of the start to finish process.

**DATE: Wednesday, April 19 at 3pm.**

We hope you will join us. **Please RSVP to Sherry Beam by April 16.** [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com) (preferable) or phone (330) 573-6353. We will meet at Kollman's Greenhouse, 8935 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg, OH 44087

**TWINSBURG GARDEN CLUB  
Free Workshop on Native Plants  
Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10am—4pm  
Twinsburg Community Center  
Registration Required—(330) 963-8722**

**For more information:**  
[www/twinsburg-garden-club.com](http://www.twinsburg-garden-club.com)

**GARDENER-TO-GARDENER  
FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP  
Thursday, April 13, 2017 @ 1:00pm  
North Flood Room—Hudson Library**



*Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair  
Dorothy Malpass, Gardener-to-Gardener Chair*

Our Club has recently ordered the book, *Slow Flowers* by Debra Prinzing for the Library. It is a small book, but full of ideas and photos to encourage the creation of flower arrangements which include some or all items from our own gardens. She writes: "There's a common misconception that it's impossible, or at least tricky, to find enough beautiful ingredients in one's own garden... for creating interesting seasonal floral arrangements... I want to disprove that notion.... My goal is to inspire others to create personal bouquets with what's at hand..." Further, she states, "Gardeners are especially qualified in the art of floral design. A vase can be a little garden, its contents gathered and arranged to please the eye."

The Gardener-to-Gardener and Flower Arranging Committee invite you to come to a workshop where we will try our hand at a simple and informal Spring design. Using what you have in your garden with the addition of some seasonal flowers from a wholesale house, we will make-and-take flower arrangements. Each arrangement is expected to be unique and different from the others because you will bring a small or medium-sized vase or container and at least two kinds of items from your garden. Space will be limited to the first 12 members who register. There will be a small fee for mechanics (Oasis floral foam and some seasonal flowers). **The workshop will be on Thursday, April 13, beginning at 1pm in the North Flood Room at the Hudson Library.** Register via email or phone Dorothy Malpass at [dorothy.malpass@gmail.com](mailto:dorothy.malpass@gmail.com) or (330) 656-1857 or Barb Earnhardt at [barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com](mailto:barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com) or (330) 653-3831. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 5, 2017.**

**Garden Gathering to Kick Off  
The 70th Anniversary Tour**

The Garden Gathering will be held on June 10 this year at Maplewood Farm, the residence of Gina & Brian Bishop. You may have experienced some truly tasty treats from their new adventure: Peace, Love & Little Donuts! Gina is known to many Hudsonites as "Home Girl" and was chosen by Country Living Magazine to have their 1800s farm house redesigned last year. The magazine filmed the entire process and it aired on National Television. If you'd like to see the results — make sure that you're there on June 10! (7pm—catering by Nosh) Contact Lois James to be sure you receive an invitation. [jameslois19@gmail.com](mailto:jameslois19@gmail.com) (330) 650-4209.

## Treasurer's Report

### Account Balances as of February 28, 2017

PNC Savings	\$ 36,971.31
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,784.80
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 3,016.70

### Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 21,671.76
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**Total Bank Accounts** \$ 80,444.57

*Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer*

## March 16, 2017 General Meeting Minutes

On Thursday, March 16, 2017, thirty-two members and guests gathered to hear the presentation "The Homes and Gardens of Monticello" by Greg Cada, Master Gardener.

Greg Cada shared stories and personal photos of his multiple trips to Monticello, the famed Virginia home and gardens of President Thomas Jefferson. Greg also provided listeners with many interesting historical facts about Monticello and President Thomas Jefferson. Of particular note, Monticello is the only home in the world designated as a "World Heritage Site." Other World Heritage Sites include Yellowstone National Park and the Statue of Liberty.

Flower arrangement recipients for the month were Phil Mikita and Jackie Seremak.



### YOUTH NEWS East Woods Evergreen Seedlings Friday, April 28 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Carol Lasko, Youth*

**Friday, April 7** is Green Thumb Program for second graders at **Ellsworth Hill Elementary**. Students need to return seed orders to their teachers by April 13, 2017.

**Friday, April 28** is Arbor Day when **East Woods** fourth graders will receive evergreen seedlings from Hudson Garden Club. Volunteers are needed to assist in bagging the White Pine Seedlings at 9am on the morning of **Friday, April 28** at Carol's home at 7302 Arborwood Drive. Volunteers will receive hot coffee/tea. Helpers are encouraged to wear warm "work" clothes for seedling project in the garage (open air). Contact Carol Lasko at [bclasko@windstream.net](mailto:bclasko@windstream.net) or phone (330) 653-3237.

## CIVIC — BUGS (Bottoms Up Gang)

*Sherry Beam, Civic*



Spring is here and it is time for the Civic BUGs (Bottoms Up Gang) to dust off our squeaky joints and get ready to get the Community Garden and Clinton Street Rain Garden ready for Spring. Some of our other areas will be at a later time. We do not have set dates, Mother Nature rules and we only work in one-hour sessions when possible or less, depending on what we are doing and how many Bugs show up.

We think this is the group that has the most fun since we are truly with the plants and they teach us and we also learn and share from each other. Whether you are able to come once or often, you are always welcome

Please let me know and I'll let you know when we will be heading out. Email: [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com)

**SEE ARTICLE  
ON PAGE 4  
REGARDING  
THIS PESKY WEED**



**Hairy bittercress**

## Get Your Snowdrops Blooming Again!!

If you have a clump of snowdrops and would like more, or if yours are no longer blooming well due to being overcrowded, spring is the time to attend to this. After they have finished blooming, but while the leaves are still green, dig up the clump. These tiny bulbs will dry out quickly, so replant them right then. Pull apart the individual bulbs and replant them in clumps and drifts with each bulb about 3 inches apart. Plant them at the same depth they were growing. Firm the soil around the bulb and let the foliage lie on top of the ground. Snowdrops will also spread by seed, so don't clip off any seed heads you find.

You can enjoy snowdrops up close by digging up a clump when they are in bud and letting them bloom in a pot indoors. As soon as the blooms fade, plant them back outside.



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

**Thursday, April 13 @ 1:00pm**

Flower Arranging Class—Hudson Library

**RSVP to Barb Earnhardt by April 5**

*See page 2 for details*

**Wednesday, April 19 @ 3:00pm**

Tour Kollman's Greenhouse

**RSVP to Sherry Beam by April 16**

*See page 2 for details*

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**HGC April General Meeting**

**Topic: Gardens from Scratch**

**HGC Scholarship Recipients**

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

*See this page for details*

**Friday, April 28**

**Helpers to package evergreen seedlings**

*See page 3 for details*

### **WEED OUT HAIRY BITTERCRESS**

There are a lot of winter weeds that you will encounter each Spring, but this year there is an abundance of **hairy bittercress** and with the early warm temps it has already started flowering. This is a plant that when it sets its seeds they can launch 26 feet!

Please click on link below for identification and this is one weed you want to get ahead of now. We have it in abundance at the Community Garden (corner of Rte. 91 and Ravenna Street). The Civic BUGs will be heading out early this year, and working from the edges so we don't compress the soil, but get as many of the weeds as possible until the ground warms up.

<http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/resources/article-10-invasives-hairy-bittercress>

### **Newsletter Committee**

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

***"Creating Vegetable Gardens  
from Scratch"***

**Guest Speaker: Christine Harris**

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**Social Time: 6:45pm**

**Program: 7:00pm**

**Laurel Lake Community Room**



The April 20 meeting of the Hudson Garden Club will feature the presentation of scholarship awards to local recipients of the HGC's Genevieve Jyurovat Scholarship AND speaker Christine Harris and her program, "Creating Vegetable Gardens from Scratch."

Harris, a member of the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County, will share her knowledge on vegetable gardening do's and don'ts and helpful hints that will benefit gardeners of all skill levels.

### **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Please note the evening will also include the announcement and introduction of the Genevieve Jyurovat Scholarship recipients — Hudson students who plan to study horticulture or related subjects in the environmental sciences at a recognized center, school or college.