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### President’s Message

I am sure that everyone is anxious to go out and “play in the dirt” and start gardening and things are certainly moving in the Hudson Garden Club with the beginning of spring. Here are just a few ways you can get involved this spring —

For example, do not miss the “Inspiration in Bloom” event at Stan Hywet Hall April 14-15. We are the only garden club that has a floral display featured.

Be sure to sign up to help out for our Home and Garden Tour June 14th and 15th. This is our only fundraiser and it is important that everyone lend a helping hand. You can hostess and bake goodies for the Tea Shop, help out at the Garden Shop, direct traffic or serve as a home or garden hostess.

Consider becoming a BUG — not a pesky insect but one of our “Bottoms Up Gang” who lovingly tends the civic gardens under the leadership of Sherry Beam, our Civic Garden Chair. That was my first way to get involved in the HGC and I still love the fun we have and the sense of pride I get when I see how much those gardens add to our community’s beauty.

Donate plants from your garden for the Garden Shop sale. Consider opening your garden for picking by our flower arrangers for the Tour.

These are just a few ways in which you can participate in what makes Hudson a very special place to live.

*Wendy Hilty*

#### **A Note from Michael Weinzierl 2011 HGC Scholarship Recipient**

This first semester at Hamilton College was great in expanding my knowledge of agriculture, horticulture and environmental related topics. From Biology and related labs we conducted we learned a fair amount about populations, successional forests, effects of fires and other natural phenomena on landscapes and a lot about plant anatomy and reproductive cycles. We spent several weeks extracting and sequencing DNA from a Goldenrod flower species and we used this data to identify the exact species of Goldenrod just from sequences of its DNA.

In my environmental class I learned about natural cycles and effects of humans on environment.

I look forward to the second semester. I am enrolled in Bio 102, Spanish 200, Russian Film, and Oceanography I have spent some time in the Hamilton Green House. I have had an excellent start to my college career and am very grateful to the Hudson Garden Club for making this possible.

#### **Ohio Enters New Hardiness Zone**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture released its Plant Hardiness Zone Map, the first update since 1990, that shifts most of Ohio from Zone 5 to Zone 6. The new map reflects sustained warming in the Buckeye State and much of the country.

The new map, available online at [planthardiness.ars.usda.gov](http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov), was put together using more-sophisticated tools and a much longer period of temperature data than was used in previous charts. The Plant Hardiness Zone Map is the standard by which gardeners and growers determine which plants are most likely to make it through the winter at a given location.

What can I plant now that our hardiness zone has gone from 5 to 6 is a common question as the gardener enters this new hardiness arena. There are very few new items to add to your planting palette, and proper planting and planning remain the key for success with any plant, regardless of hardiness rating. *Cleveland Plain Dealer*



## April 2012 Field Trip

Saturday, April 7

10 am—Noon

**Greenhouse Tour & Hanging Basket Workshop**

**Lowe's Greenhouse in Chagrin Falls**

You may remember that our 2012 Field Trip Calendar showed a mid-April outing to Lake View Cemetery to see Daffodil Hill and the Magnolia Bloom. This year our Spring came so early that many of the daffs and some of the magnolias peaked in March. So....we have planned a different field trip!

Thinking about this year's flower choices for your gardens and hanging baskets? Eager to get your hands in the dirt? Join us and learn about how flowers are grown while getting a behind-the-scenes tour of Lowe's Greenhouse located at 16540 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls. We will tour their commercial production greenhouse. After the tour, you will select a combination of plants and construct your own mixed hanging basket. Your basket will remain in the greenhouse until May — just in time for Mother's Day. Pick it up then or join us again on a May field trip to pick up our baskets and shop Lowe's great variety of annuals and perennials. Cost for materials for your basket is \$40 and can be paid the day of the trip. Class size is limited. Lunch at Trifles in Chagrin Falls after the workshop is a delicious option to finish our April trip. Invite a friend!

Please RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at [bnrearnhardt@yahoo.com](mailto:bnrearnhardt@yahoo.com) or 330-653-3831 **by Tuesday morning, April 3.** Carpools as usual to meet in the parking lot near the new Otani restaurant in the Acme Plaza at **8:50 am.**

### **LIQUID DEER REPELLENT RECIPE**



No sooner do we see the fresh green shoots pop up out of the ground with the promise of the fruits of our labor than those beautiful creatures come around and have themselves a Smorgasbord. Nooooo!! Here is a tested homemade brew that sprayed around your flower beds will send the deer looking elsewhere for their next meal. Thank you, Jill Flagg, for sharing this with us.

**3 eggs**

**1/3 cup liquid dishwashing soap**

**1/3 cup Tabasco Sauce (1 small jar)**

**2 beef bouillon cubes dissolved in a cup of water**

**Mix in a blender and pour into a gallon tank sprayer and fill with water.**

**Spray thoroughly once a week.**

## **AFFILIATE DAY** **Cleveland Botanical Garden** **Thursday, April 26** **9:30 am—1:30 pm**

Cleveland Botanical Garden, along with the Affiliate Council, invites Affiliate Members to a special day of activities and programs on Thursday, April 26. The purpose of the event is to show appreciation for your club/organization and to provide an opportunity for our Affiliates to meet and exchange ideas. The theme for the 2012 Affiliate Day is "Sustainability & You" and keynote speaker is the new Executive Director of Cleveland Metroparks, Brian Zimmerman. Admission is free to Cleveland Botanical Garden members. Cost for non-members is \$5.50. Lunch is available for \$10.

If you would like to carpool to Affiliate Day we will meet at Darrow Road Park at 8:15 am. For more information please Email Sue L'Hommedieu at [slhommedieu@gmail.com](mailto:slhommedieu@gmail.com).

Sherry Beam will be including the invitation and registration form as an attachments when she sends the newsletter. Registration deadline is Thursday, April 19.



## **Herb Group to Visit** **Mulberry Creek Herb Farm** **Huron, Ohio** **Wednesday, April 25**

The first Herb Group program of 2012 will be a special field trip to Mark and Karen Langan's **Mulberry Creek Herb Farm** in Huron, Ohio. This is a trip you will not want to miss and is a great opportunity to get started on your herbs and veggies for the year.

Mark and his wife, Karen, have operated this certified organic herb farm since 1995. They both have horticultural degrees and use that knowledge to grow over 450 herbs and miniatures, hardy and tropical perennials, all certified organic. Though the operation has always been organic only recently have products been available to allow them to truly be green. This year they have been able to transition to 100% biodegradable pots which are made of rice and bamboo.

We will plan a day outing with stops for lunch and opportunities to visit other garden and nature areas in the region.

Please RSVP by April 22 to Sherry Beam (330-342-0969) or [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com). We will be carpooling, meeting at the back parking lot of the Hudson United Methodist Church at the corner of Stow and Hudson-Aurora Road. Please be there by 8:15 am. We will be leaving promptly at 8:30 am.



## Treasurer's Report

### Cash on Hand February 29, 2012

Unrestricted	\$ 56,738.98
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 32,085.04
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 88,824.02

Nancy Agler  
Treasurer

## March General Meeting Highlights

President Wendy Hilty welcomed the 59 members and guests in attendance. She reminded all of us that our membership helps support all the good that HGC does — provide scholarships, grants, and contribute to the beautification of our community.

Barb Earnhardt reported that we are the only garden club chosen to make an arrangement for the "Inspiration in Bloom" event at Stan Hywet Hall on April 14-15. (Details on page 4).

April Walton narrated a slide show entitled, "Hudson Reminisces." The pictures of Hudson gardens were taken by April Walton and Gretchen Hubach and edited by April. As a special treat scenes from the recent Philadelphia Flower Show and Longwood Garden's Orchid Show were also featured.



### SAVE THE DATE

**Spring Plant Exchange  
May Pavilion at  
Hudson Springs Park  
Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 pm**

As you clean up your garden this spring put a few plants aside to share at the Spring Plant Exchange. Please check out the Club website for complete instructions and to download labels [www.hudsongardenclub.org](http://www.hudsongardenclub.org).

Contact Sherry Beam with questions or to volunteer to help with the Plant Exchange. Sherry's phone number is 330-342-0969 or contact her via her Email [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com).

Details will be in the May Newsletter.

## Welcome a New Garden Club Member

Cathy Agnor  
7332 Burntwood Way  
Hudson, OH 44236  
330-342-4947



## HGC Christmas Doors makes the news.....

A short article about our club's Hudson Holiday Doors was published in the March 2012 issue of *The Root*, the newsletter from CBG to the affiliated clubs. The article explained the contest and invited readers to check out our club's website to see the doors and all the other great things our club does.

## GARDENER TO GARDENER Hudson Library Monday, April 16 7:00 pm



Spring arrived early this year and soon we will be faced with a multitude of gardening tasks. To help us get the job done Hudson Garden Club members will share their tips in a meeting called "Gardening Tricks of the Trade."

Topics covered will include the use of rain barrels and composting for healthy gardens. Suggestions for combining plants and vegetables in the landscape will also be discussed.

Please bring a friend or neighbor. If you have any questions regarding this meeting please call Joan Brandon at 330-650-1385 or Judy Maupin at 330-650-3759. We will meet at the Hudson Library.



## Gardening Books Purchased

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair, purchased the following two gardening books in March:

*Deer-Resistant Landscaping: Proven Advice and Strategies for Outwitting Deer and 20 Other Pesky Mammals* by Neil Soderstrom

*Stokes Bird Gardening Book: The complete guide to Creating a Bird-Friendly Habitat in Your Backyard* by Donald and Lillian Stokes

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*The Illustrated Guide to Pruning* by Ed Gilman was donated to the Hudson Library in honor of Tom Munn, City Arborist, in lieu of a speaker fee.

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## What's Coming Up

### **April 14—May 13**

Cleveland Botanical Garden  
Interior Design Showcase  
*Cleveland's most celebrated designers showcase botanically-inspired vignettes of cutting edge, sustainable interior design.*

### **April 14-15**

Stan Hywet  
Inspiration in Bloom  
Hours are 11:00 am—4:30 pm  
*Enjoy a tour of the Manor House and take note of the two **Morning Room** flower arrangements provided by our own HGC. The tour is included in the price of admission to the Manor House.*

### **Thursday, April 19 Garden Club Meeting**

7:00pm Social Time  
7:30pm Program  
See page 4

### **April 21-22**

Cleveland Botanical Garden  
Invitational Floral Design Show  
*Sculpture with flowers, free-form designs, elegant tablescape.*

### **April 28-29**

Cleveland Botanical Garden  
Daffodil Show  
*More than 100 specimens compete for best-in-show at the only American Daffodil Society show in the region.*

### **Newsletter Committee**

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**ARBOR DAY IN OHIO— APRIL 27, 2012**  
**Celebrate the Day — Plant a Tree**



## **Oh Deer....Plants and Solutions for Our Home Landscapes**

**Noelle Clark Atkin**

Director of Communications and Education  
Petitti Garden Centers

### **Thursday, April 19 Hudson Garden Club General Meeting**

Social Time 7:00 pm Program 7:30 pm  
Laurel Lake Community Room

As deer population and density increase there will be increased pressure on the deer to find more food sources. Therefore, in the near future some good resistance plants gradually may become medium and/or poor resistance. You may have noticed this in your own garden over the past several years where certain species that were not consumed before are favorites now. Noelle will be discussing the use of 'deer resistant' plantings and other methods to keep the home landscape from deer damage.

Contact Mary Gallo at 330-315-3928 for questions regarding the program.