

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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The President's Message

Another year has gone by so quickly. Another year with a laundry list of improvements we meant to do to the house, yard and garden. Few of those items happened, but I am choosing to be thankful for the things that did happen.



Thankful for the somewhat neglected garden that I will someday weed weekly.
 Thankful for the friendships that the club has allowed me to make.
 Thankful for the great organizations and programs we can support through the success of our Home & Garden Tour.
 Thankful to the neighbors that are willing to volunteer their time.
 Thankful to the gift of bringing beauty to our community and instilling a love of gardening.

Simply thankful....

See you in the New Year,

Bronwyn



REWARDING PROJECT We Need Your Help

The HGC was contacted by the Hudson City School District and asked if we would help with a special event they were doing for the USO of Northern Ohio. This is referred to as "Adopt-A-Unit," and they will be preparing and serving a luncheon on Saturday, December 6 for some of our returning armed force units and their families. There will be 300 in attendance.

We will be using a combination hurricane glass cylinders filled with pine cones, ornaments, etc., poinsettias and evergreen branches (donated by HGC member Kathy Harrison).

We will be filling the cylinders and a table mock up on Wednesday, December 3 at 10:30am at the Library in the North Meeting Room after the Herb Group program. We would appreciate volunteers to help on Wednesday and also on Saturday morning (8am) for set up.

Please contact Sherry Beam if you are able to help in any way or may have some ideas or things to contribute. There will be 12 round tables and 18 rectangular tables that are 12 feet and will be set up in sets of three tables each.

This will be fun and very rewarding and we need as much help as possible to make it special. Contact Sherry Beam at sherrybeam@hotmail.com.

Summit County Master Gardeners Design & Beyond Symposium Saturday, January 17, 2015

The Summit County Master Gardeners will be holding their annual Design & Beyond symposium on Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 8:30am to 3:30pm at Zwisler Hall, St. Sebastian Church, 348 Elmdale Avenue, Akron, OH 44320. Keynote and nationally known presenters and authors will be Rick Darke and Heather Holm.

Rick will be presenting two programs based on his new book, *The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden*, which he co-authored with friend and colleague Doug Tallamy. Heather, author of the recently released book *Pollinators of Native Plants*, will be presenting The Pollination of Native Plants.

Also presenting will be Denise Ellsworth, Program Director, Honeybee and Native Pollinator Education Ohio State Department of Entomology, Wooster on the "Status of Ohio Pollinators," and Mark Trapp and Emily Stefanak on "Farming the Trapp Family Way."

For registration go to summitmastergardeners.org.

HERB GROUP

*Wednesday, December 3, 2014
North Meeting Room—Hudson Library*

Sherry Beam, Herb Group Chair

The Holiday season is now upon us, but we still need to take a little time to “smell the herbs.” We sometimes forget that the nose is just as important as the eyes in gardening. Think about what happens to you as you walk into a spring garden that has lilacs in bloom. First you notice the colors of the lilacs, but as you get closer, it is the sweet smell of the lilacs that stays in your memory for years to come. In the spring, after being cooped up in the stale house during the winter months, our noses run wild for any scent that we can find in our gardens. But as the year progresses, we change from the sweet smells to the visual colors and leave behind our noses for scents such as a newly cut lawn or what we may have cooking on the grill.

We have chosen two wonderful and fragrant herbs to share with you this month. They will both delight your senses with their fragrance and with the flavor they add to many types of recipes, a few that we will have for sampling.

We will start off with Pelargoniums — commonly referred to as “Scented Geraniums.” Many of you have grown them during the summer but don’t necessarily bring them in to overwinter.

Dorothy Malpass will be bringing in two large rose-scented geraniums to demonstrate how to propagate and everyone interested will take home cuttings and directions on types, growing, using, overwintering and propagating.

Handouts will include how to grow and care for them along with recipes and we will be treating your taste buds with some goodies made using both the scented geranium and our second fragrant herb, lemon verbena.

The charm of lemon verbena is apparent to anyone who encounters it. It can be a neat bush if kept tightly groomed or its stems can extend into quite a sprawl. The leaves are a cheery shade of light green. But the great joy of lemon verbena is the sweet, lemony scent that leaps from the leaves at the lightest touch. This fragrance is especially strong at the peak of growth in mid to late summer.

The most common home use of the herb is in potpourri, the dried leaves can retain their scent for years and they are commonly available whole or powdered, from suppliers of potpourri ingredients. Tea made from the dried leaves is a delicious lemony beverage, thought by some to be the best of the lemon-herb teas.

Please join us at 9am on Wednesday, December 3 in the North Meeting Room at the Library (hallway to the left as you enter building). So we are able to have enough handouts and samples, please RSVP to Sherry Beam at sherrybeam@hotmail.com. With the December newsletter just arriving and the meeting within days, we know that it is a quick turnaround this month. Thank you.

HGC NEWS ITEMS

Submitted by Sue L'Hommedieu

We will not be doing the Hudson Holiday Door contest this year. Participation has decreased every year since 2011. We are looking for a member to invigorate the event and start again next year. Please contact Bronwyn Pierson to get involved in this committee.

Floral designers (Nancy Forhan, Fern MacMillan and Barb Earnhardt) from our club presented a program to the Garden Forum of Great Akron in November. They created six arrangements in one hour giving a running commentary throughout that included information about



flower arranging, the Tour and our club’s activities.

One of the six arrangements created by the presenters from HGC features dried cimicifuga seed heads from Daniela Baloi’s garden, burlap flowers created by Faye Duber, turkey feathers from Wendy Hilty, kermit mums and a variety of other materials.

Though official presale Tour tickets won’t be available until June, you can still make a homemade gift certificate and give a “Day at the Tour” to a friend as a holiday gift. The 2015 Tour will be June 11 and 12.

In support of the Cleveland Botanical Garden’s Affiliate “**Night at Glow**,” Hudson Garden Club donated two Tour tickets and a \$50 Hudson gift card for their fundraising raffle in lieu of decorating a tree.

Class on the Art and Craft of Floral Design

Anyone interested in the art and craft of floral design might enjoy the following make-and-take class offered by Hudson Community Education and Recreation (HCER).

December Holiday Centerpiece

Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 10am—11am

The class is instructed by Tami Custer, Certified Floral Designer, and will be held at the Hudson High School Faculty Dining Room. **It is open to the public but requires registration with HCER.** Class fee is \$25 and all materials are included. Attend the class, learn more about floral design and create a beautiful flower arrangement to give as a gift or to enjoy in your own home!

Register online at www.hudson.k12.oh.us/hcer or stop by the HCER office at 2440 Hudson-Aurora Road or call (330) 653-1210 for more information.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of October 31, 2014

PNC Savings	\$ 61,819.53
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,776.05
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 26,159.48

Total Bank Accounts \$ 106,755.06

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

HGC November General Meeting Minutes

President Bronwyn Pierson called the meeting to order at 7pm. She welcomed 45 members and guests.

Bronwyn thanked all present for turning out on such a bitterly cold and snowy night and reminded everyone once more that donations of gardening books and magazines will be gratefully received at any meeting and stored ready for selling at the 2015 Home & Garden Tour store.

Announcements:

Usually our general meetings are on the third Thursday of the month but in December the meeting will be on December 11, the second Thursday. The Red Twig floral design studio of Hudson will be coming to give a seasonal presentation.

There will be no Christmas Holiday Door competition this year. We may reintroduce the idea for a different season in the future.

Bronwyn noted that the Hudson High School football team will be playing in their semi-finals in Akron on Saturday after a stellar season and the town is asking that people line the sides of Route 303 as the team leaves for the game.

Tonight's flowers will go to Joanne Saxer in memory of her stepfather who recently died.

Bronwyn introduced Linda Coleman from Olive My Heart, a Hudson-based supplier of organic oils, vinegars and spices. Linda gave an interesting presentation entitled, "Olive Oil and Vinegars with a Touch of the Garden" and provided tasty samples of her oils and vinegars.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lawrence
Recording Secretary

Cleveland Botanical Garden Decorated Christmas Trees Nov. 28, 2014—Jan. 4, 2015

GLOW



www.cb garden.org/glow.aspx

The theme for this year's decorated trees at Cleveland Botanical Garden is the history of Cleveland and the Western Reserve. You'll encounter close to 40 trees in all — each one with décor inspired by our region's unique and colorful history. It is both a fun and educational outing.

Garden Forum of Great Akron

Photos of arrangements done by HGC designers

Take a minute to go to the HGC website for a real treat. Photos of the six floral arrangements created by HGC floral designers at the Garden Forum in November are on the HGC website. Go to www.hudsongardenclub.org and click the "Latest News" tab.

Another great floral design job done by our HGC floral arrangers.

New Gardening Books

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair



In our newsletter we publish the names of the gardening books we purchased for the shelves of the Hudson Library. We also purchase gardening magazines for the general public. The magazine are:

Country Gardens, Mother Earth Living, Garden Gate, and Ohio Gardener. Look for these titles on the magazine rack at the Hudson Library.

HGC PURCHASED MEMORIAL BOOKS FOR:

Patrick Holden

The New English Garden: by Tim Richardson

Mary Ellen (Brownie) Baker

Deep-Rooted Wisdom, Skills and Stories from Generations of Gardeners by Augustus Jenkins Farmer

Tom Gale

Cultivating Garden Style: Inspired Ideas and Practical Advice to Unleash Your Garden Personality by Rochelle Greayer

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What's Coming Up

Wednesday, December 3, 2014—9am

Herb Group @ Hudson Library
See page 2 for details

Saturday, December 6, 2014

USO "Adopt-A-Unit"
See page 1 for details

Thursday, December 11, 2014

HGC December General Meeting
Program: 7:00pm
See page 4 for details

Saturday, December 13—10am-11am

Floral Design Make and Take Class
See page 2 for details

November 28, 2014—January 4, 2015

"Glow" Cleveland Botanical Garden
See page 3 for details

Saturday, January 17, 2015

"Design and Beyond" Summit County MG
See page 1 for details

PLEASE SAVE THOSE BOTTLES!!!

Some of our members purchased small sample-size bottles of olive oils and/or balsamic vinegars at the November general meeting from Olive My Heart. The bottles are just the right size for a project being planned for a Spring 2015 HGC workshop.



Please save the bottles and pass them on to Barb Earnhardt or Faye Duber.

Thanks!!

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Hudson Garden Club December General Meeting

"Innovative Holiday Decorating with The Red Twig"

Guest Speaker: Michelle Touve-Holland

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room



With 15 years experience in the floral design business throughout Northeast Ohio, Michelle Touve-Holland is bringing her unique perspective to the flower arrangements of Hudson through her floral shop/art gallery, **The Red Twig**. She decided to open her own shop after years as a designer at Stems and The Greenhouse. Admitting that her style is constantly changing, there is always the element of fun in her designs.

Touve-Holland will share her tips and demonstrate how to design creative holiday pots and tablescapes to the members of the club on December 11. Not afraid to detour from the traditional rules of floral design, Touve-Holland will offer inspiration to aid attendees to design their creations in their own homes.

In addition to her demonstrations, Michelle invites anyone to bring in a container of any size or shape that has been difficult to incorporate into their holiday design and she will offer some solutions. For questions about the meeting call Bronwyn Pierson at (330) 612-4879.