

# THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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## The President's Message

While on vacation over Christmas break, I read a quote that has stayed with me. The proverb, attributed to the Greek says: **A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.** Well we need to add "and women" to the line, but what a wonderful reminder that the work of the Hudson Garden Club is contributing to the society and community in which we live in.

With money raised from our annual Home & Garden Tour, we donate thousands of dollars a year to plant trees in our hometown. Our dedication to the practice is witnessed throughout the history of the club, beginning with a 1933 Arbor Day celebration that included planting five trees with local school children (the inaugural year of the organization).

It makes me smile to think that our contributions of today will continue to make a positive impact on the future residents of the area long after we are gone.

Happy thoughts,  
Bronwyn



### HERB GROUP Thursday, February 12, 2015 Sherry Beam, Chair

February is the perfect month to start planning our Spring herb gardens. This month we will start the process of "Learn—Plant—Grow and Share." Typically we purchase our herbs in pots to grow, it's easy and something most of us do.

We are going to take the opportunity to learn how to grow herbs from seeds, plant several varieties and as they grow, share again. There will be helpful guides, we will monitor weekly with taking pictures and grow logs — this will be really fun!

Being a real procrastinator in regards to seeds, this will be one way we are able to be there and cheer each other on and try something new and different.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 12 at 9am in the North Room at the Hudson Library.

Please RSVP to Sherry Beam by February 8 at [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com) so we have enough seeds and handouts.



### 2015 & 2016 TOUR OPPORTUNITIES

The Home & Garden Tour committee is back to work planning this year's Tour and there are still a few opportunities available to help for 2015 and beyond! Two Head Hostesses are needed for one of the properties to recruit the volunteers for one day (24 for Thursday, June 11 and 18 for Friday, June 12). There will be two meetings that will explain all you need to know, one in February and one in April.

We will also have two positions available to manage the tea room for 2016. Shadowing this year's chairs would be an excellent way to learn about this area. Our Program Chair would also like to train an assistant as she may be moving next year as well. Although each position has a notebook that spells out their duties, it is much easier and more fun to learn all the ins and outs of the job from an experienced person.

Our traffic chairs are looking for people to staff one of the eight properties with a traffic person for each shift for both days of the Tour. That means that they need eight volunteers to each recruit seven people. What an easy way to become involved.

We are also looking for two Co-Chairs in training to manage the Tour in 2016. It's really interesting to see the Tour from the inside and be able to select the homes and gardens! Please contact Lois James (330) 650-4209 for more information.

## FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

There are so many offerings at area garden centers and other locations with a variety of speakers and topics who could pick just one? Choose one or more and enjoy this season of rest while learning how to improve your gardens and/or yard. Here's a sample of the offerings from Graf Growers, Donzell's and Parks Department of Richfield.

### **Winter Gardening Seminars at Graf Growers**

1015 White Pond Drive, Akron, OH 44320  
9:30am—11:30am \$12 fee, enrollment is limited and registration is preferred. For more info or to register call (330) 836-2727 or see [www.grafgrowers.com](http://www.grafgrowers.com).

**February 7, 2015** Attracting Bees, Birds & Hummingbirds  
Speaker: *Laura Deeter, Professor at Ohio State University's ATI Program*

**February 14, 2015** New and Underused Perennials  
Speaker: *George Pealer, Owner of Millcreek Gardens in Ostrander, Ohio*

**February 21, 2015** Container Beauty: Peppers and Palms Among the Petunias  
Speaker: *Dr. Mark Miller, Education Manager at Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens in Columbus, Ohio*

**February 28, 2015** Add Excitement & Value to Your Outdoor Living Oasis  
Speaker: *Graf's Landscape & Design Experts*

### **Winter Seminar Series at Donzell's**

937 East Waterloo Road, Akron, OH 44306 11am - ?  
Free, space is limited, reservation is necessary. For more info or to register call (330) 724-0550 X110 or see [www.donzells-gales.com](http://www.donzells-gales.com).

**February 7, 2015** Growing Orchids in Your Home  
Speaker: *Dave Miller, President of the Greater Akron Orchid Society*

**February 14, 2015** Birds in Your Backyard  
Speaker: *Joyce Pelz, Akron Audubon Society*

**February 21, 2015** Seed Starting Basics  
Speaker: *Lee Paulson, Master Gardener*

**February 28, 2015** Beekeeping in an Urban Environment  
Speaker: *Geoff Westerfield, Summit County Beekeepers Association*

### **Parks Department of Richfield**

Eastwood Preserve House, 4712 Streetsboro Road, Richfield  
7:00pm \$5 fee. To register call (330) 659-5818 or mail in the registration form from the Richfield website [www.richfieldvillageohio.org](http://www.richfieldvillageohio.org). Walk-ins are welcome.

**February 12, 2015** Gardening from the Ground Up (it is all about the soil) Speaker: *Mary Beth Breckenridge, Master Gardener and ABJ Garden reporter.*

## NEW WAY TO PURCHASE OASIS

It is now possible for individuals to order Oasis products for personal use and have the items shipped directly to their home. You no longer need an account with a wholesaler. Go to the Home page at [www.oasisfloralproducts.com](http://www.oasisfloralproducts.com) and click Register. Enter your name, email address and State. The distributor who will fulfill and ship your order will show when you enter Ohio in the State field. (Currently there is only one distributor, **Direct Floral in Akron.**)

Once registered, shop in Products as you normally would, adding items to your cart. If you just want a few Oasis foam bricks they are available in Products under Foam, Bricks & Blocks, Small Pack. You can choose a two brick pack for \$2.60! Many other items are available in small or large quantities also. When you are ready to check out transfer your cart to the distributor. The distributor will process your order and ship and bill you directly. It's that easy!

**One hint:** Be patient when you transfer the cart to the distributor as the transfer process can be a bit slow. Don't hit enter more than once!

## YOUNG TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP

**Friday, March 13, 2015**

**Barlow Community Center**

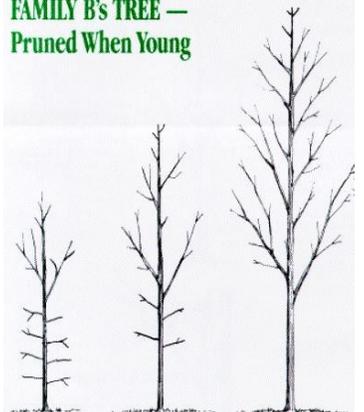
**41 South Oviatt Street**

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

8:30 am Registration

Learn how to prune and train young shade trees in this field training session. This hands-on class will be lead by Alan Seiwart from the Ohio Division of Natural Resources Forestry Division. Alan is not only extremely knowledgeable but a lot of fun! It should be a great day. Starting with a talk on proper pruning techniques the class will move to the field where proper techniques will be demonstrated followed with supervised pruning. You will be able to try your hand on some young trees

**FAMILY B'S TREE —  
Pruned When Young**



**Dress for the weather, pack a lunch** and bring hand saws and hand pruners. If you do not have them **do not buy them** before the class. Good tools will be discussed as part of the class.

Free to HGC members per Tom Munn  
**Sponsored by The City of Hudson**

## Treasurer's Report

### Account Balances as of December 31, 2014

PNC Savings	\$ 61,832.96
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,776.97
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 3,857.59

**Total Bank Accounts** **\$ 84,467.52**

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

### NEW MEMBER



Carolyn Kelly  
200 Laurel Lake Drive—W340  
Hudson, OH 44236

### January 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

#### 2015 BUDGET FOR HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

	Actual 2014	2014 Budget	2015 Budget	Change in Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Dues	\$ 3,090	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 0
Garden Tour				
Garden Gathering	\$ 6,275	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,500	-\$ 500
Garden Shop	\$ 6,046	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 0
Tour	\$ 35,890	\$ 36,200	\$ 36,200	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL Garden Tour</b>	<b>\$ 48,211</b>	<b>\$ 51,200</b>	<b>\$ 50,700</b>	<b>-\$ 500</b>
Interest	\$ 86	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 0
Plant Exchange	\$ 20	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 51,406</b>	<b>\$ 54,875</b>	<b>\$ 54,375</b>	<b>-\$ 500</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Administrative	\$ 4,950	\$ 6,162	\$ 5,962	-\$ 200
Community Donations	\$ 11,212	\$ 14,360	\$ 14,360	\$ 0
Community Outreach	\$ 2,371	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 0
Garden Club Grants	\$ 9,770	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000	+\$ 2,000
Programs	\$ 2,172	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,150	\$ 0
Scholarships	\$ 9,500	\$ 7,000	\$ 10,000	+\$ 3,000
Tour				
Garden Gathering	\$ 2,836	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,500	+\$ 100
Garden Shop	\$ 1,826	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 0
Tour	\$ 6,520	\$ 8,450	\$ 8,850	+\$ 400
<b>TOTAL Garden Tour</b>	<b>\$ 11,183</b>	<b>\$ 15,850</b>	<b>\$ 16,350</b>	<b>+\$ 500</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 51,158</b>	<b>\$ 59,672</b>	<b>\$ 64,972</b>	<b>+\$ 5,300</b>
<b>INCOME IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES</b>	<b>+\$ 248</b>	<b>-\$ 4,797</b>	<b>-\$ 10,597</b>	<b>+\$ 5,800</b>

President Bronwyn Pierson called the meeting to order at 7pm. She welcomed 43 members and guests. Bronwyn asked that if anyone has any of the wire wreath bases used for the table decorations at December's USO meeting, to please return them to Sherry Beam. This month's flowers were raffled at the end of the evening.

The title of this month's talk was "Flower Arrangements of the 2014 HGC Home & Garden Tour" and Bronwyn introduced the guest speakers, our very own club members, Barb Earnhardt and Carole Smith. Barb and Carole gave a slide show presentation highlighting floral designs from the 2014 Tour and treated those present to a seasonal re-creation of one of those arrangements. The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Lawrence, Secretary

## FLOWER ARRANGING CONDITIONING TIPS



A request was made for a repeat of the flower and foliage conditioning tips talked about at the January general meeting during the Program, "The Flower Arrangements of the 2014 HGC Home & Garden Tour." These tips can help your own flower arrangements last longer. Much of this information comes from Garden Bouquets and Beyond by Suzy Bales. This book is in the Hudson Library. Check on page 2 of this newsletter for news on purchasing Oasis.

1. **Keep it clean.** Before you pick your plant material, start with clean buckets, pruners and containers to kill bacteria. Bacteria plug stems and cause rotting. If in a bacterial stew, flowers die of thirst. Use liquid dish soap and a teaspoon of bleach per gallon of water to destroy bacteria.
2. **Pick flowers and greenery in the morning.** Stems are filled with the most moisture in the morning and flowers are less likely to wilt. Use sharp pruners, not scissors. Scissors squeeze and crush the stems. Flowers picked before their pollen appears last the longest. (But not with yarrow! If yarrow is cut before its pollen appears, it will wilt.)
3. **Condition plant material for 6 hours or overnight.** Conditioning is the processing done to flowers and foliage to prepare them for arranging. Handle special needs: burn stems of flowers that ooze whitish sap when cut (large-flowered Clematis, poppies, spurge/Euphorbias), fill hollow stems (Delphiniums). Set all in warm water with floral preservative in a cool, dark place such as a basement or dark corner of an air-conditioned room. Cool air temperatures are the number one factor in extending a flower's life (hence placed in hot water first, allowed to cool down, then refrigerated). Using floral preservative is essential. Studies have shown that floral preservative can increase vase life up to 75%.
4. Gather containers, prepare mechanics (floral tape, chicken wire, Oasis, etc.). Soak Oasis (brand name on top, pinholes on bottom, don't push down into the water).
5. **Recut stems** before placing in arrangement.
6. **Check** the water level daily. Go to [www.thegardenclubofbrookfieldct.org](http://www.thegardenclubofbrookfieldct.org) and click on how to condition flowers.

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### What's Coming Up

**Thursday, February 12, 2015 @ 9am**  
Herb Group @ Hudson Library (North Room)  
"Learn, Plant, Grow & Share"  
*See page 1 for details*

**Thursday, February 19, 2015**  
HGC February General Meeting  
Social Time: 6:45pm—Program: 7:00pm  
*See this page for details*



### **ORCHID MANIA** **Cleveland Botanical Garden**

January 31—March 8, 2015  
Tues, Thurs, Sat—10am—5pm  
Wednesday—10am—9pm  
Sunday—12pm—3pm

ADULTS—\$12    CBG MEMBERS—Free

Exotic and alluring. Fragrant and fanciful. Orchids of every shape, color, size and scent will arouse your senses during one of the Garden's most popular and beautiful plant shows.

Orchid Mania immerses you among thousands of blooms with a wide variety of orchids from delicate "dancing ladies" to hardy "bulldogs," which grows to be bigger than some Chihuahuas. The chocolate-scented Oncidiumus are known to delight noses and the tropical slipper orchids known as Paphiopedilum catch eyes with their distinctive palette of white, butter, chartreuse, wine, burgundy and "black."

If you're looking for a way to start spring early, Orchid Mania offers an ideal way for you to treat your senses and spend a winter day — surrounded by soothing scents and tropical delights.

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## **Hudson Garden Club** **February General Meeting**

### ***"Eating Your Landscape"***

**Guest Speaker: Larry Giblock**  
**Thursday, February 19, 2015**  
**Social Time: 6:45pm**  
**Program: 7:00pm**  
**Laurel Lake Community Room**



Larry Giblock, Lead Horticulturalist with the Cleveland Botanical Garden will present his program "**Eating Your Landscape**" and will introduce the audience to edible plants that many people have on their property. He will explain the usefulness of the different plants and will identify several plants we may want to add to our gardens. He will also cover the cultural requirements and give recipes for each.

Giblock has been with CBG for 25 years, working mainly with the native plant collection. Native plants are his real passion. In addition to his duties at CBG he sat on the Steering Committee helping to form the Native Plant Society of Northeast Ohio. Larry currently sits on the Native Plant Promotion Committee, a part of LEAP (The Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership) an organization formed to help guide decisions that affect Lake Erie and the counties that drain into it.

**SPECIAL NOTE: Please note the HGC 2015 Budget on page 3 of this newsletter. (You may need a magnifying glass to read it.) We will be voting on this budget at the February General meeting.**