

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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 HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

The President's Message

Well, we had a pretty mild January; hope we won't be paying for it with several feet of snow when we gardeners are ready to begin spring garden clean up in April!

At our January general meeting we installed the 2017 board of officers and committee chairs. At the February meeting we will vote on the 2017 budget, which can be reviewed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Planning for the 2017 annual Home Garden Tour is well underway and volunteers are needed for Head Hostesses, home and garden hostesses, tea room and garden shop. If you can help, please contact Tour chairs, Camille Kuri (330) 650-2305 or Dawn Maloney (330) 990-4236. We are very excited as this will be the 70th anniversary of the Tour — formerly known as the Home & Garden Pilgrimage!

I also encourage you to periodically check the HGC website for updates about current events including Tour updates. Recently a listing of books, donated to the Hudson Library by our club, was added to the site. Many thanks to Dorothy Malpass, HGC Book Chair and Sue L'Hommedieu who keeps our website up to date. And, if you are a Facebook user, please "Like" our page, *The Hudson Garden Club — Ohio* to receive updates and club news. We thank Karen Downing for keeping that page current.

Carla Maurer



WINTER 2017 SEMINAR SERIES
 Held at Dayton Nurseries
 3459 Cleveland Massillon Road
 Barberton, OH
 Call or Email and reserve a spot

Looking to learn some interesting facts about things in your garden. Give these topics a try. Cost is \$8 per seminar and they begin at 11am and last 2 hours.
 Phone: (330) 825-3320 Email: info@daytonnursery.com

- February 4 Dragonflies and Damselflies
- February 11 Orchid Mania!
- February 18 Lovely Lilacs
- February 25 Identifying Nests & Eggs
- March 4 Not Your Grandma's Daylilies
- March 11 The Best New Plants for 2017



CIVIC NEWS

Sherry Beam, Chair

While we are enjoying the quiet of winter, please mark your calendars for the **2017 Plant Exchanges**. They will be held:

TUESDAY, MAY 23 AT 7:00pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 10:00am

BOTH PLANT EXCHANGES WILL BE HELD AT VETERANS WAY PARK PAVILION.

2017 BUDGET FOR HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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	Actual 2016	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Change in Budget
INCOME				
Dues	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,200	\$ (300)
Garden Tour				
Garden Gathering	\$ 11,425	\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500
Garden Shop	\$ 6,804	\$ 8,300	\$ 7,000	\$ (1,300)
Tour	\$ 31,415	\$ 39,400	\$ 31,450	\$ (7,950)
TOTAL Garden Tour	\$ 49,644	\$ 47,700	\$ 46,950	\$ (750.00)
Interest	\$ 64	\$ 80	\$ 100	\$ 20.00
Plant Exchange	\$ 44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 52,752	\$ 51,280	\$ 50,250	\$ (1,030.00)
EXPENSES				
Administrative	\$ 4,880	\$ 5,962	\$ 5,390	\$ (572.00)
Community Donations	\$ 11,438	\$ 12,960	\$ 11,460	\$ (1,500.00)
Community Outreach	\$ 3,205	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,150	\$ (550.00)
Garden Club Grants	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 10,000	\$ (2,500.00)
Programs	\$ 1,749	\$ 3,150	\$ 2,390	\$ (760.00)
Scholarships	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Tour				
Garden Gathering	\$ 6,727	\$ -	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,800.00
Garden Shop	\$ 2,591	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ (1,000.00)
Tour	\$ 6,207	\$ 8,850	\$ 7,100	\$ (1,750.00)
TOTAL Garden Tour	\$ 15,525	\$ 12,850	\$ 16,900	\$ 4,050.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 59,297	\$ 63,122	\$ 61,290	\$ (1,832.00)
INCOME IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES	\$ (6,545)	\$ (11,842)	\$ (11,040)	\$ 802.00

Please take a few minutes to check out the Hudson Garden Club Budget for 2017.

We will voting on this Budget at the February 16, 2017 General Meeting. Thank you.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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FEBRUARY IS BRING A FRIEND MONTH....

Chocolate treats for anyone bringing a friend (and their friend!)



New Gardening Books

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair

The following books have been ordered and will soon be on the shelves at the Hudson Library and Historical Society:

The New Shade Garden; Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change by Ken Druse

Rock Gardening; Reimagining a Classic Style by Joseph Tychonievch

The Year-Round Solar Greenhouse by Lindsey Schiller and Marc Plinke

Flower Evolution: Blooming into your Full Potential with the Magic of Flowers by Katie Hess

Gardenista: The Definitive Guide to Stylish Outdoor Spaces by Michelle Slatalla

The following Magazines have been ordered:

Ohio Gardening
Garden Gate
Country Gardens
The Flower Arranger



Herb Group Making Herbal Butter Tuesday, February 21

February will be a fun time for the Herb Group. We are meeting at the **Hudson Library, in the North Meeting Room, on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:30am.** We may not be able to be out doing anything the traditional way, but we will certainly be creating some herbal butters that will both dazzle and delight the taste buds!

Even though it is winter, trying to pare down to just a handful of choices was really hard. Those attending will go home with an assortment of herbal butter combinations, some sweet, some tangy, some tart. A required list of what to bring will be sent to those who are attending.

Please RSVP to Sherry Beam at sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 573-6353 by February 18.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of December 31, 2016

PNC Savings	\$ 36,968.88
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,784.18
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 3,220.45

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 21,754.44
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 80,727.95

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

January 19 General Meeting Minutes

On Thursday, January 19, thirty-eight members and guests gathered to hear the *rescheduled* presentation by Erica Raeth. Erica's December presentation was canceled due to the Hudson schools weather-related cancelation.

Prior to the presentation, President Carla Maurer introduced, and we installed, the 2017 HGC board of officers and committee chairs. She also announced that in December we approved, and paid, \$10,000 in grants from our Home & Garden Tour proceeds. Carla encouraged all to continue to support the Tour and ultimately the many worthwhile projects that are funded from Tour proceeds.

Ms. Raeth explained how she infuses fruits and herbs with gin or vodka to create a variety of brandy's and liqueurs to serve to guests or give as gifts. She told us that fruit infusions can take 4-6 weeks for flavors to develop, but herbs generally only need a couple of days. The audience later had an opportunity to taste small samples of her creations.

"HERBS FOR HEALTH & WELL BEING"

The Western Reserve Herb Society is presenting an Herbal Symposium entitled "*Herbs for Health & Well Being*" on Friday, March 10, 2017 at the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

The morning session, from 9am to 4pm, features noted garden speaker and writer, Kirk Brown, who will personify John Bartram: American Medical Herbalist. Three other speakers are also on the program for the morning session. The evening session is from 5pm to 8pm and will again feature Kirk Brown.

Registration is necessary through Cleveland Botanical Garden online at www.cbgarden.org or call (216) 721-1600 ext 100. For Symposium fees and more information, please call Kathleen Gips (440) 247-5039 or Beth Gehring (216) 496-1479.

FLOWER ARRANGING NEWS

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

Suggested this month is a very lovely, award-winning, UK-based website, www.flowerona.com, with "an inspirational blog about flowers." On the homepage, click on "Blog." Once there, you will see two sections of interest. The first is the current blog posting, which as of this writing was: "Stunning Christmas Floral Designs at Florist Zita Elze's Shop in Kew, London." The second is an archive tab on the right side of the page. Click on the arrows on the archive tab to get a listing of the archives, by month. If you click on May 2016, you will see two posts with articles, photos, videos, and links about the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2016. These posts are especially wonderful! On the home page you will also see a useful video called "Make Your Flowers Last Longer" with tips on maximum life for your fresh flower bouquets.

If the bug bites to see English gardens and flower markets and flower shows, consider a trip to countryside villages, gardens, pubs, historic sites and more in SE England this June 18-27, 2017 with John Allensworth's Discovery Expeditions. The tour group will be accompanied by Dr. Leslie Edwards, a plant specialist, author, and public speaker from Georgia. Tour hosts are Tracy Lean, a professional gardener and member of the Professional Gardener's Guild in England, and her brother Nick Lean, a member of the National Trust in England. Sissinghurst Gardens and Tower are one of several gardens on the itinerary. HGC member Kathie Lentz, who has traveled with John Allensworth's Discovery Expeditions, highly recommends this trip, and invites you to contact her at focusonmiles@yahoo.com or (330) 342-0910 for more information.



WIRELESS DEER FENCE

This is another product on the market, patented and guaranteed to keep deer from browsing in the garden. The inventor (a veterinarian) had a booth in the vendor's area at the Philadelphia Flower Show last March. He ran a video (filmed with night cameras) showing a deer eating apples on a young tree. The next scene showed the deer returning the next night to the same tree. But one of these devices had been put in the ground near the tree and the deer chose to go for the attractant in this device rather than the tree. The deer received a shock and fled. The deer are trained in a humane way to stay away! Barb Earnhardt used them in her garden last Spring, Summer, and Fall and says they DO WORK! For more information see www.wirelessdeerfence.com or call (866) GOT-DEER.

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, February 16, 2017
HGC February General Meeting

Speaker: Len Lampert

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

See this page for details



Tuesday, February 21, 2017 @ 10:30am

Herb Group — Making Herbal Butter

RSVP to Sherry Beam by February 18

See page 2 for details



Purchased for Christmas 2015, planted in the flower bed during the summer of 2016, repotted before Christmas 2016 and this Amaryllis came back for a second showing.

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

Hudson Garden Club follows the severe weather policy of the Hudson City schools. If school is canceled due to bad weather our meeting/event will also be canceled.

Call (330) 653-1300, visit www.hudson.edu or watch HCTV or other television stations to learn of the closing.

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Hudson Garden Club February General Meeting

*"Beat the Drum Slowly....
My Life with a Large Sculpture"*

Guest Speaker: Len Lampert

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm



The presentation for the February 16, 2017 meeting will feature Hudson Garden Club's member Len Lampert and his program *"Beat the Drum Slowly....My Life with a Large Sculpture."* The evening will document the three-year process of planning, construction and installation of a large work of art for his yard, a lifelong dream for Len.

The program will also explore the decisions to be made and the challenges to overcome as the sculptor and client work together to bring the vision to fruition. It will be an interesting and inspiring evening!

As a reminder, the HGC follows the Hudson school district's severe weather cancellation for our general meetings.

FEBRUARY IS BRING A FRIEND TO THE MEETING MONTH