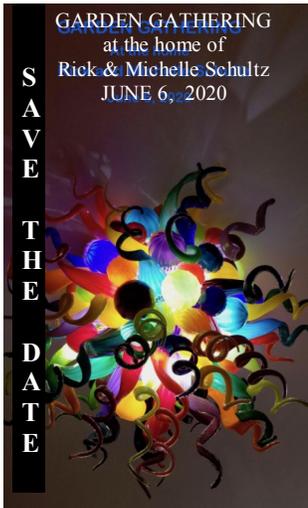


THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We've made it through January! And, I am always excited to begin February as I always note by the middle of the month how much lighter it is in the evening and it just keeps getting better!

If you are looking for a bit of spring to hold you over, you can enjoy the upcoming Cleveland Great Big Home & Garden Show at the IX Center that runs through February 9 and offers us a bit of cheer as we wait patiently for spring's arrival.

Also, as shown here, we are asking you to "Save the Date" for the Home & Garden Tour's Garden Gathering. This event is held a week before the Tour and is a great way to welcome the beginning of sunshine, flower gardens and beautiful weather.

Please note the following article which addresses the need for head hostesses for the Home & Garden Tour. If you feel you would like to be part of this annual tradition in Hudson, contact Carla Maurer. (More information below.)

Be sure to attend our February 20 General Meeting held at Barlow Community Center where we will learn about maple sugaring — a real tradition in Northeast Ohio.

Jan

HEAD HOSTESSES NEEDED FOR 2020 HOME & GARDEN TOUR

The homes and gardens are lined up for our June tour, but 2-3 more Head Hostesses/Hosts are needed.

(Later, we'll also need hosts and hostesses to fill shifts at the homes during the tour.)

Head hostess responsibilities include:

- Attending two Head Hostess meetings (February and April)
- Recruiting and scheduling hostesses for the tour (four shifts on Thursday, three shifts on Friday)
- Attending the preview day in early June with the hostesses
- Ensuring the safety and security of the home on tour days, and ensuring hostesses arrive for their shift as scheduled

IF YOU CAN HELP AS A HEAD HOSTESS, PLEASE CONTACT CARLA MAURER:

Phone: 330-524-8026 or Email: cbmaurer@roadrunner.com

Excerpts from Letters Received from Recipients of the 2019 Genevieve Jyurovat Scholarship

Hello! I am excited to tell you about my first semester at West Virginia University. My first semester consisted of first-year classes such as Biology, English, Math and Philosophy and I ended the semester with a 3.14 GPA.

I joined The WVU Women's Rugby team, Climbing Club, Ski Team and Healthy Hippies Club. I also joined a few environmental-based organizations as well. I have become involved with the Sierra Club, Plant and Soil Science Club and Women in Natural Resources. I have volunteered at the WVU Falling Run Greenspace where I helped maintain and build trails, and at the Agricultural Sciences Job Fair where I met people from numerous environmental-based companies and helped set up and take down their booths.

I have selected my second semester classes and they all happen to be in the science field: Biology, Chemistry, Soil in the City, Microcomputer Applications in Agriculture Education and Elements of Environmental Protection (which I am most looking forward to).

I am thankful to have the opportunity to have all these wonderful experiences at WVU. The Hudson Garden Club helped make this possible and I am so very grateful.

.....**Anna Herchl**

My first semester at Bowling Green State University has been a whirlwind of academic rigor, extracurriculars and new experiences. I love being able to make my own choices and chart my own course.

My biggest commitment at BGSU is my classes. I decided to take an 18-credit workload this first semester and while it has been challenging to keep up with, I'm glad I chose to stick to a heavier academic schedule. I finished the semester with a 4.0 GPA.

The class that most closely mirrors my major of environmental science was Biology 2040, an introductory class that covered everything from the smallest bacteria to entire ecosystems. I was part of a group that conducted a several week experiment studying the effects of heat on a species of anemone. Our results were then used to predict the effects of heat on coral reefs. I am now even more certain that I want to pursue a career in conserving the environment!

An 18-credit schedule didn't allow much time for activities but I did join the fencing club. This was my first time competing in a sporting event and I had an amazing time.

I think that, so far, my college career has been successful and I am so excited to continue learning and growing in my second semester of freshman year!

.....**Gabriella Church**

MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY, HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair



Indoors, in a pot? How about our Amaryllis planted at the November HGC meeting? Martha Cailor reports that one of hers has six blooms on a stem! Carol Lasko found that hers took "only" 7 1/2 weeks from planting "to splendor!" Anna Richards says that her sister is thrilled with her gift

to enjoy each day as she is recovering from major surgery. Cindy Suchan, who tried one of the small Amaryllis, says she likes the different-than-norm variety and especially because it had eight blooms. Lois James gave one already planted to her granddaughter to give to her classroom. Each day the children check on it, report on its growth and have fun learning about plants in the process of waiting for it to bloom! What a rewarding plant this is and how much fun it is to watch it grow. (*Nancy Kolodgy's Amaryllis*)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

OOPS!! Members have received their new 2020-22 Hudson Garden Club Membership Directories and we have a couple of corrections to pass along to you. The names of the following two members were omitted in the printing. Please add them to your Directory. Thanks and sorry for the inconvenience.

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AND LET'S WELCOME A NEW MEMBER:

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DID YOU KNOW???

That the Millennials are really embracing houseplants? Everything old is new again...(macramé is back too!). The fact that some houseplants purify the air, are easy to grow even in low light situations and add a living element to décor has houseplants coming into vogue! Now to get them outside, digging in the dirt...the Millennials that is.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of December 31, 2019

PNC Savings	\$ 32,065.27
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,005.77
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 6,571.30

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 68,042.56
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 116,684.90

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES January 16, 2020

On January 16 fifty HGC members and guests enjoyed a glass of wine while attending our General Meeting at the Red Twig a floral design studio on Darrow Road in Hudson.

President, Jan Lindstrom, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Carla Maurer, 2020 Tour Chair, announced the need for hostesses and head hostesses for the upcoming Tour. *(See article on page 1.)* Contact Carla at cbmaurer@roadrunner.com.

Bronwyn introduced our speaker, Michelle Touve-Holland, floral designer and owner of The Red Twig. Michelle talked about her shop and her designs, including her "live tattoo." She designed an arrangement on a base, then used special floral glue to attach it to her wrist and hand. She later showed other "living" designs, a bracelet, ring, earrings and a shoe. She demonstrated the process by constructing a bracelet, using a simple cuff bracelet as the base. *(See photos on page 6 of this newsletter.)*

Submitted by,
Carla Maurer

NEW HGC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Lois James, Membership Chair

By now you should have received your HGC Membership Directory for 2020-22. Some of you requested the Directory be sent by email and some by U.S. Post.

If you have not received your Directory, or there is a correction to your information, in Lois James' absence please contact Nancy Kolodgy (nankolodgy@gmail.com) or 330-650-0318.

HERB GROUP DID FENNEL IN JANUARY

Sherry Beam, Herb Group Chair



Sherry Beam, Herb Group Chair, was unable to be with us on January 21 but she researched and planned the meeting and provided recipes for us featuring fennel. Sherry appointed three members to cook a delicious lunch for the seven attendees.

Mary Gallo prepared the salad with tomatoes and fennel, Amy Squyres made the fennel soup and Jan Schrader baked fennel cookies. All three dishes received rave reviews.

Even if you are not into herbs, you might want to join this fun group of ladies who meet periodically throughout the year to cook with and discuss herbs and have even gone on field trips in the spring to shop for them. Who knows....you might find yourself planting chives or basil among your flowers!!!



Tomato & Fennel Salad
(Using fennel stalks)

Fennel Soup
(Using fennel stalks)



Fennel Cookies
(Using fennel seeds)



Left to Right:

*Mary Gallo
Betty Kalish
Jan Schrader
Amy Squyres
Nancy Kolodgy
Chris Rigby
Carol Pickering*

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, February 20, 2020
Hudson Garden Club General Meeting
Social Time: 6:45pm - Program: 7pm
"Maple Syrup -- The Real Stuff"
Location: Barlow Community Center
41 S. Oviatt Street, Hudson, OH
(See this page for details)



CHRISTKNDLMARKT



Everyone from the Markt organizers to the vendors and the VP of Marketing at Joann's, were very pleased with our Club's efforts to create decorations for the 2nd Annual Christkndlmarkt.

Did you see the photo in the Hub? HGC members did a fine job making and installing the swags. Thank you to the Markt organizers for securing the donation from Joann's that allowed us to make them so pretty for the season and for the event.

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Hudson Garden Club February General Meeting



"Maple Syrup— The Real Stuff"

Speaker - Paula Mularcik
Thursday, February 20, 2020
Social Time: 6:45pm
Program: 7:00pm
Location: Barlow Community Center



***From Tree
to Table***

Our Thursday, February 20 General Meeting will be held at Barlow Community Center and will feature "Maple Syrup -- The Real Stuff" by Summit County Master Gardener Paula Mularcik.

Did you know that you can tap any type of maple tree (not just silver maples) to make maple syrup? A gardener, bee keeper and sugar maker, Paula will explain the process of maple sugaring in your own back yard and will provide samples to compare commercially prepared varieties with authentic home-made maple syrup. She will also offer pints (\$10) and quarts (\$18) for purchase.

Social time beginning at 6:45pm with the General Meeting and Program starting around 7:00pm.

Hope to see you there!

**Please note that we are meeting at Barlow Community Center
for the February 20 meeting.**

Speaking of houseplants, here's an idea that anyone who makes an occasional flower arrangement or bouquet can use. Rather than buy greens/foilage, think of some of the houseplants you have, and use their foliage to complete your design, especially in the months when you typically don't go out into the garden to pick some greenery.

houseplants for flower arrangers

Here's a handy half-dozen from the many houseplants that can be great sources of design material. A wander round your local garden centre or plant supplier will undoubtedly yield other inspiring ideas

Zamioculcas zamiifolia (fern arum, ZZ plant) was introduced commercially only about 15 years ago, but it's boomed as the ultimate easy-care plant that tolerates poor light and little water. Its boldly dramatic stems of glossy green leaves are also fabulous in design work and will last and last.



Howea forsteriana (kentia palm, Forster sentry palm), is a popular houseplant with an elegant fountain-like cascade of foliage that can be manipulated or provide backing material for large, dramatic pedestal designs. As a pot plant it is also forgiving if you forget to water it, but it needs a well-lit spot to thrive.



Spathiphyllum wallisii (peace lily) has taken off for its calming aura, as well as its reputation for air purifying. It offers a double bonus for arrangers though, with soft green leaves that can be rolled, folded or pleated in designs, and those distinctive and very usable white heart-shaped flowers on long slender stems.



Also enjoying a revival is *Ficus lyrata* (fiddle-leaf fig) with its huge glossy green, violin-shaped leaves that can fire the design imagination. They'll need a bright space, but not a lot of watering. In fact it's best to let the top inch of soil dry out completely and then give a good soaking, plus a fertiliser in spring.



Aspidistra elatior isn't known as the cast iron plant for nothing: this granddaddy of the houseplant world can survive for 50 years with good care - which amounts to re-potting every two to three years and keeping the soil moist, but not over-watered. When used in flower arrangements the leaves can stay looking fresh for weeks.



Chlorophytum comosum (spider plant), probably the original easy-care plant, is good to grow for its lovely bi-coloured arching leaves as well as for the cute 'babies' it produces. These can make a nice little feature in arrangements, and may even root themselves in situ, providing further plants down the line.

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

**FLORAL DEMONSTRATION AT "THE RED TWIG" IN HUDSON
HGC JANUARY 16, 2020 GENERAL MEETING**



Live Tattoo



Floral Ring

**Michelle Touve-Holland
Floral Designer**



Wrist Corsage



**Floral Covered
Shoe**

SPEAKING OF FLOWER ARRANGING.....

Let's look back at the holiday one last time. "IKEBANA IS NOT JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING" is a story about Iise Beunen, a Sogetsu Ikebana teacher in Antwerp, by Ben Huybrechts.

"During our holiday, I realized that the translation of Ikebana as "Japanese flower arranging" is flawed. Let me explain. Before the holidays Iise and I decided two things. First we would not have a Christmas tree because we would not be home between Christmas and New Years. And we also decided to take it easy during the holidays. Shortly before Christmas, Iise started to make a new Christmas Ikebana design to make up for the lack of a Christmas tree. She took our huge red container. I was thinking that making something in that container will take a lot of energy and work. So when she started, I gently and with a lot of love said: "Honey didn't we decide to have a bit of rest. You already made two stunning arrangements, we don't need a new arrangement."

The reply of Iise was surprising. She said: "I cannot rest. The design is in my head, and it has to come out. Before that, I cannot rest."

That is when I realized Ikebana is not flower arranging it is an art-form, just like music, painting, architecture, photography, literature, cinema, dance, theater,...Of course, not every Ikebana arrangement can be considered art, but this is also the case for the other art forms, not every painting is art.

I am still building on this approach, and I am trying to put together a better translation. The best translation I could come up with is: "Ikebana is a visual form of art using living and artificial materials, which originated in Japan."

We bought some soap today in a specialized shop, and the shopkeeper asked us what kind of work we were doing. I said we are doing Ikebana, He replied: "What is Ikebana?" I answered: "Iise is making Japanese inspired visual art using living and artificial material. "He looked at me with puzzling eyes and answered after a short hesitation: "Oh cool." Maybe the explanation needs a bit more fine tuning.

