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President's Message

Our May general meeting is always one of my favorites. At this last meeting until September, we present our Scholarship recipients. It is wonderful to see these deserving students with their parents and know that our Club has made a difference in their lives. Do not miss this meeting!

We are gearing up for our annual Home and Garden Tour and I do hope that you will consider how you can help. There are all sorts of tasks that need helpful hands from hostessing at the Tea Room, a home or garden, or helping at the ticket booth on the Green. Can't stand on your feet for a long time? Consider greeting people at our membership table at the Garden Shop.

Watch the newsletter as well as Email blasts for upcoming Field Trips this spring and summer. Although we do not meet in the summer, we still have many activities for our members. Most of all — have fun in your own garden.

Wendy Hilty

HERB GROUP MAY FIELD TRIP

**Beech Creek Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve
and Kridler's Gardens
Wednesday, May 23**

Please mark your calendars for the special outing planned. We will be visiting two unique gardens where we will also be able to buy plants to our heart's content.

Lily of the Valley Herb Farm owners, Melinda and Paul Carmichael, closed this special nursery they owned since 1982 and are now co-founders of **Beech Creek Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve in Alliance**. Shopping for flowers, bushes and vegetable and herb plants is now possible at Beech Creek Botanical Garden. The newly completed greenhouse is open to the public and is overflowing with perennials, ornamentals, tomatoes, scented geraniums, native plants, miniatures and peppers, the same as it was at Lily of the Valley. Purchasing items there for the summer garden will provide a chance to enjoy the walking trails, butterfly house, bird watching deck, Amazing Garden, and new Visitor Center gift shop and wilderness library — all located on lovely wooded grounds at the edge of Alliance — while also supporting the botanical garden and preserve itself, a non-profit organization. Visit their website www.bcbgarden.org.

Kridler Gardens in Homeworth is our second stop. Kridler's is a destination garden center specializing in hard to find, rare and unusual perennials, trees, shrubs and annuals. Located on a 100-acre parcel of land, it features an arboretum of unusual and rare trees and shrubs. The plantings cover a 20-acre site, with the nursery situated within these plantings. One of our goals is to be able to show you a planted, maturing and growing specimen. This helps you to envision the plant in your home landscape. The grounds feature a lake, ponds, benches and a lakeside gazebo. There are also 40 acres of mature woods that are under development with trails and sitting areas. Check out their website www.kridler-gardens.com.

A lunch stop is planned for the **Old Stage Coach Tavern in North Georgetown**. The State Coach Inn, founded in the early 1800s, was once a stop-off point for stagecoaches traveling to nearby cities. Now a restaurant, the building itself has history. It is said that it was once part of the Underground Railroad helping to hide fleeing slaves during the Civil War.

Please RSVP by May 19 to Sherry Beam, 330-342-0969 or sherry.beam@hotmail.com. We will carpool and meet at the Park-and-Ride lot at Chittenden Road and Route 330 leaving promptly at 8:15 am.

CIVIC GARDENS

With Mother Nature, as gardeners, we have to be flexible and we are not always able to get to our work sessions during the inclement weather. You will start seeing the Civic BUGS out working in the gardens we maintain — on the Hudson Greens and the Rain Garden on Clinton Street. We are finishing the spring garden cleanup and preparing the beds for the summer plantings. In mid May we will also be planting the boxes and barrels for the merchants on Main Street and at First and Main.

On April 23 the HGC was gifted with students from Western Reserve Academy for their spring Service Day to the community. Fourteen young men and two faculty members worked between the Clinton Street Rain Garden and the Library Bio-Swale Garden. Last October, during their fall Service Day, they completely took care of all the gardens the BUGs maintain. With the hours they were there this week everything is complete and we will just need to keep the Rain Garden maintained.

We are appreciative to WRA and the students who have adopted the BUGs for Service Day. This is the third year we have teamed up and for one of the students it was his 6th time assisting, as a senior, it was also his last.

We welcome all our members to come out and join us. Please contact Sherry Beam at 330-342-0969 or Email sherrybeam@hotmail.com.



FAUX STONE TROUGHS

We will once again be making faux stone troughs to sell at the Garden Shop during the Tour and we could use help.

We will meet at Carla Maurer's house (205 S. Main Street) at 10 am on Thursday, May 3. I will have plants from Kollman's and Barb Earnhardt has some wonderful succulents. We will make, paint, and plant our faux stone troughs and then take some home to nurture until the Tour.

I will supply paint, potting soil, styrofoam containers, and plants. You provide the labor. Please bring a serrated knife or other tool to cut and mark the styrofoam. We still need some large styrofoam coolers. I have 25 small ones that will be perfect for the succulents.

Please RSVP to me by May 1. This is a lot of fun and we welcome anyone who would like to help us and learn how to make the troughs at the same time.

Wendy Hilty
330-656-3928 or whitty@yahoo.com

MAY FIELD TRIPS

We have two field trips planned for May. Hope you will join us.



Monday, May 14

On Monday, May 14 we will spend the day in the Chagrin Falls area. We'll visit **Lowe's Greenhouse**, 16540 Chillicothe Road, to shop and pick up the hanging baskets some of our members planted during our April field trip.

Then on to **Breezewood Gardens**, 17600 Chillicothe Road, followed by a visit to **Petitti's Eagle Creek**, 18548 Chillicothe Road, for more browsing and shopping. Lunch will be at **Burntwood Tavern**.

We will meet in the **Acme Plaza** parking lot near Otani's Restaurant and will **leave from Hudson at 9:00 am**. Please RSVP by Friday, May 11 to Barb Earnhardt at bnrearnhardt@yahoo.com or 330-653-3831. Drivers are needed for carpools.

Wednesday, May 16

Last May we enjoyed a day visiting some of Joan Brandon's favorite places. This year we will make a return trip! On Wednesday, May 16 we'll again spend some time in the Portage Lakes area. First stop will be **K&S Greenhouse**, 4391 Cottage Grove Road, Green (Uniontown post office 44685). Konrad and his wife, Sadie, grow many wonderful hanging baskets and a large variety of plants for containers and gardens.

After shopping the greenhouse and filling our cars there are a few other spots to see. **Gardner's Pies** for fresh baked or frozen pies to take home and **Ohio Beauty Stone** (see ohiobeautystone.com) — all nearby the K&S Greenhouse. This outing will be rain or shine as everything is under cover.

Lunch will be at the **lakeside cottage home of Joan and George** with Joan's lovely garden in view. We'll chip in for a deli tray and stop by **Figaro's Farms Fresh Market** for other choices.

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Deer Proofing Program Taped for HCTV

The HGC April 19 General Meeting program on "Deer Proofing Your Landscape" was taped by HCTV for those who were unable to attend. Please check the HUB for listing times.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand March 31, 2012

Unrestricted	\$ 57,550.92
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 32,129.28
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 89,680.20

Nancy Agler
Treasurer

April General Meeting Highlights

In the absence of the President and 1st VP, 2nd VP Sherry Beam called the meeting to order and welcomed over 80 members and guests.

Sherry announced that volunteers are still needed for the Home & Garden Tour.

The Plant Exchange will be held Thursday, May 10 at Hudson Springs Park. (See article on this page.)

Sherry introduced Noelle Clark Atkin, Director of Communications and Education at Petitti Garden Centers who presented a very informative program on Strategies for Deer Proofing Your Garden. Noelle brought deer resistant plants that were raffled to HGD members. The centerpiece was raffled and won by Anmarie Gauntner.



Bath Volunteers for Service presents

Thirty-fifth Annual Bath Volunteers Home Tour

**Thursday, May 24, 2012
9:30 am—3:00 pm**

Come and Enjoy a Fun Day! Visit beautiful and interesting homes and gardens. Enjoy a delicious lunch with fashion show. Browse through exclusive artisan's displays. **Admission is by prepaid reservation only. Please, no children under twelve.**

GENERAL Admission (\$30) ticket holders receive one Home Tour Ticket, luncheon and fashion show. Reservation deadline: May 18.

For more information call 330-665-4523 or Email BVS.HomeTour@gmail.com. Call or Email for reservation form.

Make checks payable to Bath Volunteers for Service and mail to BVS Home Tour, P.O. Box 673, Bath, OH 44210. A confirmation postcard will be mailed to you upon receipt of your **reservation form** and **check**. Ticket pick-up is on day of tour at Bath United Church of Christ, 3980 West Bath Road, Akron. Tickets Transferable/Nonrefundable.

Welcome a New Garden Club Member

Lake Forest Country Club
100 Lake Forest Drive
Hudson, Ohio 44236



Renewal Member

Daniela Baloi
7343 Valerie Drive
Hudson, Ohio 44236



SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE

May Pavilion at
Hudson Springs Park
Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 pm
Check-In begins at 6:00 pm

Each plant needs to be **divided, labeled, and potted and in good condition**. Please use our labels. They are designed to keep all the plants uniformly marked and easy to read for both volunteers and shoppers. The label identifies the plant, providing **name, color, height, bloom time and growing needs** (sun, shade, etc.). **Download the labels from our website. We welcome as many plants as you would like to share, with the exception of groundcovers or plants known to be invasive.**

Tickets: One ticket will be issued for every standard plant you bring. Use tickets to purchase plants from the exchange. If you have leftover tickets, you may use them at the fall 2012 plant exchange. All plants, except those labeled as premium, are available for one ticket or \$1. Premium plants are priced slightly higher. The plant exchange is a fun tradition for the Club and is open to the residents of Hudson. Please come out and bring a gardening friend. Hope for a sunny day as there is not a rain date. Don't forget to bring containers to take your plants home in! If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Sherry Beam at 330-342-0969 or sherrybeam@hotmail.com.

This year, in support of the Hudson Community Service Association (of which our Club is a member) we ask all those coming to the Plant Exchange to bring canned goods or non-perishable items. These items will be used to help fill the shelves of the Food Pantry that now has a permanent home at Rejoice Lutheran Church.

Stan Hywet Upcoming Event



Citrus Garden: Luxury of the Day May 1—October 28

Focuses on the history and use of indoor citrus gardens during the early 20th Century with live plants on display in the Corbin Conservatory.

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, May 3

Faux Stone Trough Workshop

Carla Maurer's House (205 S. Main)

10:00 am

See Page 2 for details

Thursday, May 10

HGC Spring Plant Exchange

Check In: 6:00 pm

Exchange: 7:00 pm (promptly)

See Page 3 for details

Thursday, May 17

Garden Club Meeting

6:30 pm Scholarship Reception

7:00 pm Recipients Introduced

Please bring a hearty appetizer to share.

***Please bring your Food
Pantry donations to the
meeting on May 17.***

***We are collecting
canned goods and non-
perishable items as
part of our Club's donation to the
Hudson Community Service Assn.
(of which we are a member
organization) Food Drive for their
new Food Pantry that has a
permanent home at Rejoice
Lutheran Church. Paper goods,
detergent, cleaning supplies and
personal hygiene articles are also
accepted. Thank you.***



Thursday, May 24

Bath Volunteers 35th Annual Home Tour

9:30 am—3:00 pm

See Page 3 for details

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The Power of Pollinators

Denise Ellsworth

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Hudson Garden Club General Meeting

Scholarship Reception—6:30 pm

Scholarship Recipients Introduced—7:00 pm

Program to Follow

Laurel Lake Community Room

Bees, bats and butterflies: Thank these and other pollinators for one out of every three bites of food we take. These important creatures do the vital job of transporting pollen from one plant to another, allowing for the production of blueberries, apples, strawberries, coffee and hundreds of other foods. Sadly, pollinators are threatened by habitat loss, diseases and pesticides. This session will teach what pollinators do, who the key native pollinators are, and what gardeners and others can do to protect these vital creatures.

Denise directs the honey bee and native pollinator education program through the OSU Department of Entomology on the OARDC campus in Wooster. In this outreach position, Dense supports and teaches beekeepers, farmers, and gardeners through a variety of workshops, written materials and electronic resources.

Please bring a hearty appetizer to share. Cake and beverages will be served. We welcome our 2012 Scholarship recipients, and look forward to hearing of their accomplishments and plans for the future.
Please join us for this special reception at 6:30 pm.