

# THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

As the year comes to an end, it is time to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the HGC members and our Board for the inspiration, the spirit of volunteerism and your support these past two years. It was an honor to also be president eight years ago, and to be a part of an organization that takes pride in the past, embraces the present and always has an eye on the future and new beginnings.

We are all bound by an invisible thread – the love of gardening – and each of you helps to continue the legacy that was started in 1933 when the HGC began. The gardening friendships that I have made over the years are some of the greatest gifts of all.

I hope you will celebrate the season with your garden club friends at our December meeting, then join me in January to welcome the new Board and committee members, and your new president, Wendy Hilty.

*Sherry Beam*

### Come see our Wintershow tree!

This year our club participated in decorating Cleveland Botanical Garden for Wintershow. We joined with other area garden clubs to decorate over 30 trees for the show. Each club selected a children's book for a theme and designed a tree around that theme. Our book is "Winter Moon" by Jean Craighead George. Wintershow runs through Saturday, December 31st. Show hours are 10AM-5PM, Tuesdays-Saturdays, noon-5PM Sundays. The Garden is closed on Mondays.

Members of Hudson Garden Club are invited to attend a **special free evening just for Affiliates** during Wintershow at the Garden on **December 14, 6-8PM**. See the Children's Book themed trees and enjoy viewing the gingerbread houses and other holiday décor. Tour the glasshouse. There will be refreshments and a cash bar. Free parking in the Garden garage. Please RSVP to Sue L'Hommedieu by December 10 so that we can give CBG a count of attendees. If you can't make it in person,

check out more photos of the tree on our website at <http://hudsongardenclub.org/page/latest-news>



### Send a photo of YOUR decorated door to "Holiday Doors of Hudson"

Our club has started a new holiday event this year—Holiday Doors of Hudson. Send a photo of your holiday door, or the door of a friend or neighbor (with permission, of course) to [hgcdoors@yahoo.com](mailto:hgcdoors@yahoo.com) or mail it to HGC, P.O. Box 651, Hudson, Ohio 44236. The entry that best portrays Hudson and spirit of the season will win two Tour tickets and have their photo in the *Hub*. Complete instructions, the entry form, **AND ALL THE DOOR PHOTOS** can be found on a new page on our website—[www.hudsongardenclub.org](http://www.hudsongardenclub.org). A flyer about Holiday Door of Hudson is also included in this newsletter. Call Janice Larivee (653-9092) or Bronwyn Pierson (650-1459) if you need someone else to take the picture or for more information.

## Club Clippings

Periodically throughout the year, the Club donates gardening books to the Hudson Library. Funding for this donation comes from the Tour and is a designated part of our annual club budget. The following books have recently been ordered:

*The Art of Creative Pruning* by Jake Hobson  
*Waterwise Plants for Sustainable Gardens* by Scott Ogden and L. Ogden  
*Planting the Day Shade Garden* by Graham Rice  
*Contemporary Color in the Landscape* by Andrew Wilson  
*Dream Plants for the Natural Garden* by Herik Gerritson and Piet Oudolf  
*Weather Proofing Your Landscape* by Sandra Dark and Dean Hill  
*Growing Shrubs and Trees in Cold Climates* by Debbie Lonnee et al  
*The Gardener's Guide to Propagation* by Richard Rosenfeld  
*The Twilight Garden* by Lia Leendortz  
*The Timber Press Encyclopedia of Flowering Shrubs* by Jim Gardiner  
*Fruit Trees in Small Spaces* by Colby Eierman  
*Landscaping for Privacy* by Marty Wingatt

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The Grant Committee, Paula Phillips, Carole Smith, Pat Snyder, Mary Jane Schremp, and Mary Gallo are in the process of considering grant requests. Results will be announced in a future newsletter.

## Please welcome these new members:

Cindy Bovyer 2156 Hudson-Aurora Rd. Hudson, Ohio 44236 330-650-1719	Lenore Yash-Cusumano 200 W, Streetsboro St. Hudson, Ohio 44236 234-380-1369
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OF WINTER'S LIFELESS WORLD EACH TREE  
NOW SEEMS A PERFECT PART;  
YET EACH ONE HOLDS SUMMER'S SECRET  
DEEP DOWN WITHIN ITS HEART.

- CHARLES G. STATER

## Special birthday wishes...

We would like to wish our longtime Club member, Ada Cooper Miller a special 108<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 12. She continues to inspire everyone she meets, and she is the 'garden gem' of the Club. If you would like to send Ada a card, her address is:

Ada Cooper Miller  
Hudson Elms – #103  
563 W. Streetsboro St.  
Hudson, OH 44236



## Schedule-it-yourself December field trips

Plan a date to see one of our treasured local sites at Christmastime! Here are two for your consideration.

Visit **Cleveland Botanical Garden's WinterShow** and make sure to see the tree decorated by our club! See page one of this newsletter, visit [cbgarden.org](http://cbgarden.org) or call 216 721-1600 for more details.

**Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens presents their Deck the Hall Holiday Tours** in December. The evening event is from 5-9PM and has several wonderful features. View the restored Animatronics from the old O'Neils and Polsky's Department Store windows. See toys, fashion, music from Christmases past (each room is a different decade, 1900- today). Gather 'round for the nightly tree lighting at 5:30pm. Walk through a winter wonderland of 500,000 holiday lights on the Estate grounds. See the 20' lighted tree in the Manor and an 18' poinsetta tree in the Conservatory. One of our own Home & Garden Tour flower arrangers (who also arranges at Stan Hywet) shares that decorated feather trees (by Dennis Bauer) are on display and the Manor House has been recreated from Legos. These special tours are open December 1-4, December 8-11, December 15-23, December 26-30. See [stanhywet.org](http://stanhywet.org) or call 330 836-5533.

## Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand October 31, 2011	
Unrestricted	\$ 68,121.40
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 31,940.07
Total Cash on Hand	\$100,061.47
Revenues and Expenses for the Ten Months Ended October 31, 2011	
Revenues	\$47,920.46
Expenses	\$36,660.62
Net Revenues in excess of Expenses	\$11,259.84

Paula Phillips, Treasurer

## Welcome Event for new members

On **Friday, December 16** from **1:00-2:30p.m.** Sherry Beam, HGC president and Jan Larivee, Membership Chair, will host a get together for new members at Sherry's home.

We have had a lot of members join since the beginning of the year. Sometimes it's hard to connect when you're new to an organization. This is a great way for you to learn more about the Club and make some new gardening friends.

Some of our Board members will be on hand to welcome you and to get to know each of you better. This is a fun, relaxing way to hear more about some of our activities and projects and to meet the people who spearhead them.

Sherry's address is 2633 Hudson-Aurora Rd., directly across from the Hudson Methodist Church; near the intersection of Stow Rd. Please park at the church lot. We look forward to seeing you on December 16. **Please RSVP to Sherry at 330-342-0969.**

### **A website suggestion from Barb Earnhardt**

[lovegardens.com](http://lovegardens.com)

A Treasury of Glorious Public and Private Gardens for Garden Lovers to Visit! The listing consists of 1,635 gardens, arboretums, and conservations open to the public. Easy to find what you are looking for as gardens are organized by state. Use this site to plan a visit or just take a virtual tour if time does not allow for a visit. Each garden listing includes the directions, phone number and a short description.

## Secretary's Report

Eighty-two members and friends enjoyed a lively social hour and at 7:30 Sherry Beam called the November general meeting to order.

Two field trips to Suncrest Gardens were announced, on Nov. 19 and 26 at 10AM.

Hudson Garden Club will decorate a tree for the Cleveland Botanical Garden Christmas Show.

Our club is sponsoring a new program entitled "Holiday Doors of Hudson." It is a contest for the best decorated door in Hudson.

We have been operating without an Asst. Treasurer for 15 months and we do not have a Treasurer for the upcoming year. The Board will consider changing the duties of Treasurer and may contract this work out to a professional.

Wendy Hilty will be reviewing the club by laws in February; if you are interested in helping, please contact Wendy.

The Board has decided to publish a new club directory every two years instead of annually. It will be available the year new officers are elected. Additions and corrections will be distributed, as needed. Anyone interested in helping with the directory, please contact Wendy Hilty.

Janice Larivee, Nominating Committee chair introduced the slate of officers for 2012-2013: Wendy Hilty, President; Bronwyn Pierson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Sherry Beam, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Nancy Saxer, Recording Secretary; Jan Schrader, Corresponding Secretary. April Walton moved and Judy Maupin seconded a motion to accept the slate as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Sherry then introduced the Floral Team of Alice Caniglia, Mary Gallo, Barb Earnhardt, Dar Whitney, Eileen Attwood and Joan Trent who seemed to enjoy themselves immensely as they presented their marvelous ideas for holiday decorating. The audience was appropriately wowed! The decorations were then raffled off to those holding winning tickets.

The monthly flower arrangement was given to Nancy Saxer, who recently had surgery.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM with Sherry promising another very special treat at the December 15 general meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Schrader, Recording Secretary

**Hudson Garden Club  
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44236**

### **What's Coming Up**

#### **Thursday, Dec. 15 Garden Club Meeting**

7:00PM Holiday Dessert Buffet.  
Please bring your favorite holiday  
dessert to share with your garden  
club friends. Beverages will be  
provided.

7:30PM Program  
See page 4

#### **Friday, Dec. 16 New Member Gathering**

1:00PM-2:30PM  
See page 3

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 20**

This is the **deadline** for sending in a  
picture of your Holiday Door. Send it  
today!

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#### **Severe Weather Policy**

Hudson Garden Club follows the  
severe weather policy of Hudson  
City Schools. If school is cancelled  
due to bad weather, our meeting/  
event will also be cancelled. This  
applies even if conditions improve  
later in the day.

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

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#### **Newsletter Committee**

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### **A Stress Free Holiday Gathering: Tips for Entertaining Friends and Family** Betsey Curley and Susan Sachtleben

**Thursday, December 15, 2011**  
**Hudson Garden Club General Meeting**  
Holiday Dessert Buffet 7:00PM Program 7:30PM  
Laurel Lake Community Room

A graduate of the College of William and Mary, Susan Sachtleben worked in book publishing in New York City for 17 years. She moved to Hudson in 2003 to raise her three daughters and to spend more time with her family in the kitchen. A former co-chair of the Hudson Home and Garden Tour, she is now a partner in Rhubarb Catering. She enjoys traveling, tennis, cooking, and eating.

Betsy Curley has spent her professional years after college in the non-profit sector concentrating in special events and fundraising for museums and a private school. A Hudson resident since 1999, Betsy is a lifelong Ohioan. The Curley's garden was on the Hudson Home and Garden Tour and Betsy has served as a co-chair of the Tour. Along with her sister, Susan, she is a partner in Rhubarb Catering.