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President's Message

Since I was 10 years old, I have wanted to have a large garden of my own. Moving to Hudson over five years ago fulfilled a life-long dream. What was more natural than to join the Hudson Garden Club to increase my knowledge and love of all things related to gardening. As a newcomer, I was fortunate to have many mentors help me and I owe a debt of gratitude to our past president, Sherry Beam, for everything that she has done for me and the club over the past two years in leading us. I am delighted to be able to follow a long line of Garden Club presidents who have taught, led, and inspired us through the years.

In my President's message each month, I would like to feature a different aspect of our Club. In this cold, bleak month of January, nothing is more cheering to me than reading books about gardening and dreaming of warmer days. You may not realize that many of the gardening books in the Hudson Library are donations from our Club. Some are given as memorial books for deceased members or their loved ones. We are fortunate to have Dorothy Malpass as our Book chair. I will read about a "hot" new gardening book and Dorothy will have already ordered it! When you need a little mid-winter boost, go to the library and look through those lovely, inviting books and know that as a supporter of the Garden Club, you are responsible for the purchase of those books. You can also make suggestions to Dorothy about books that you would like to see purchased for the library --- just one more way to get involved in our Club.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on January 19th.

Wendy Hilty

Grants Awarded to Eight Worthy Projects With Proceeds From The Annual Home and Garden Tour

In December, the Hudson Garden Club awarded \$9,300 in grants to eight projects that further the mission of the Club which is dedicated to spreading the love of gardening, the beautification of public property and the support of education in horticulture and related fields. Since 2000, the Club has awarded over \$94,000 in grants through its grants committee process which is separate from the monies distributed each year for city trees, parks and scholarships which totaled \$18,000 in 2011. The Club also spent \$2,000 on its beautification efforts this year in the retail districts.

The following programs or projects were awarded grants as recommended by its Grant Committee and affirmed by the Hudson Garden Club Board:

Hudson Memorial Stadium Project to fund landscaping needs at the proposed Memorial Stadium

East Woods Elementary School to fund the purchase of herb and vegetable plants for the courtyard garden under the stewardship of teacher Brenda DeLeo

Evamere Elementary School to fund the establishment of a courtyard garden which will include various features designed to attract butterflies and otherwise enhance the area for purposes of learning and enjoyment

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Club Clippings

Dorothy Malpass, HGC Books chair has ordered *The Great Gardens of England from PBS* which is part of a six DVD set for the Hudson Library.

Severe Weather Policy

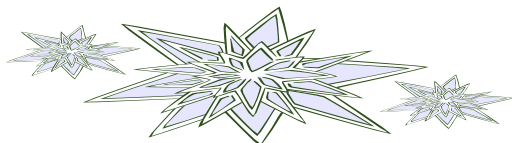
Hudson Garden Club follows the severe weather policy of Hudson City Schools. If school is cancelled due to bad weather, our meeting/event will also be cancelled. This applies even if conditions improve later in the day.

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

Plastic from plants

PepsiCo is making the first PET plastic bottle made entirely of plant material. The bottle is made from switch grass, pine bark, corn husks and other materials. Ultimately, Pepsi plans to also use orange peels, oat hulls, potato scraps and other leftover from its food business. The bottle will cost about the same as a traditional plastic which is made from fossil fuels. The product will be tested next year, then scaled up so that Pepsi can begin covering all its products over.

—Wall Street Journal 3-16-11



Please welcome the following new Hudson Garden Club members:

Caren Young
1525 Plantation Dr.
Hudson, OH 44236
330-730-0086

Marie Chiarucci
1340 Corporate Dr.
300
Hudson, OH 44236
330-650-2550

Input Wanted on Main Street Planters

Residents have two planters to view on Main Street in front of Hudson's Restaurant: a barn stone planter submitted by Destination Hudson and a faux terra cotta planter submitted by the Tree Commission. The barn stone planter is of a permanent nature and can be planted with a variety of perennials and annuals at an initial cost of \$2500.

The terra cotta planter is moveable and would be planted seasonally and maintained by a local nursery at the initial cost of \$810.00 that includes the container itself, and a year of plants. To register comments, go to destinationhudson@att.net.

Help Needed in Amending By-laws

We are forming a committee to amend our by-laws to bring them up to date.

This would not be an onerous commitment and can probably be done in one meeting. If you are interested in participating please contact Wendy Hilty, wwhilty@yahoo.com or 330 656-3928.

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Destination Hudson to fund the watering needs for hanging baskets located on Main Street.

Project Garden Share to fund the start-up of an organization founded by resident Dan Soulsby, dedicated to the establishment of gardens designed to feed the needy of Hudson and to build awareness of this need

Hudson/Aurora Street traffic circle beautification by community volunteer Sue L'Hommedieu to fund the maintenance and continued design of this city street garden

Conservancy for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to fund scholarships for low income Akron schoolchildren to attend the "All the Rivers Run" camp at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center which is an integral part of the Park system

Cleveland Botanical Garden to fund transportation costs for low income Cleveland schoolchildren to experience field related educational experiences at the Garden

The Hudson Garden Club was established in 1933 and boasts over 200 members. All grants, donations, programs and activities are funded solely by its annual Home and Garden Tour which takes place in June of each year. 2012 marks the 65th anniversary of the Home and Garden Tour which will take place Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15, 2012. Further information regarding the Club may be obtained at Hudsongardenclub.org.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand November 30, 2011	
Unrestricted	\$68,175.55
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$31,940.07
Total Cash on Hand	\$100,115.62
Revenues and Expenses for the Eleven Months Ended November 30, 2011	
Revenues	\$48,220.46
Expenses	\$37,018.79
Net Revenues in excess of Expenses	\$11,201.67

The 69th Annual Cleveland Home & Garden Show will be held January 20-29, 2012 at the Great Lakes Expo Center, 1200 Babbitt Rd., Euclid Ohio visit <http://www.homeandflower.com/cleveland/index.htm> for more information .



Why do so many people do it wrong?

Many Hudson trees are mulched incorrectly with mulch piled up against their trunks in a volcano-shaped heap. Mulch should look like a flattened donut around the trunk. No mulch should touch the trunk. This is not an aesthetics issue. It is important for the health of the tree.

"There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter. One is the January thaw. The other is the seed catalogues."

—Hal Borland

Secretary's Report

The December general meeting at Laurel Lake Retirement Center was attended by 48 members and friends who enjoyed a festive evening. Attendees provided sweets which were enjoyed from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

President, Sherry Beam, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Sherry reminded new members to attend an open house that she was hosting on Friday, December 16th. A great opportunity to get better acquainted. A floral arrangement will be delivered to Ada Cooper Miller in honor of her recent 108th birthday. The Garden Club presented an arrangement to Susan Butkus, Laurel Lake employee, as a thank you for all the help she gives us as we present our monthly programs. A drawing was held to determine the winners of the remaining poinsettias.

Sherry then introduced the owners of Rhubarb Catering, sisters Susan Sachtleben and Betsy Curley who presented the program, "Stress Free Holiday Gathering Tips for Entertaining Friends and Family". Those attending were treated to delicious samples of an appetizer, salad, and main dish. Copies of the recipes were available and helpful tips were shared on party planning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Schrader
Recording Secretary



Diversity is Important for the Urban Forest

Arborist Tom Munn's presentation to the club in April 2010 stressed the importance of diversification when planting trees. Planting many different species of trees prevents diseases or insects that attack one kind of tree from devastating the forest. The damage seen to chestnuts, elms and ash was severe because there were so many of them compared to other species of trees. Diversity in the *age* of the trees is also important. Both city land and one's own property should have a mix of young, middle-aged, and older trees. Planting all the same age trees at one time means they will all be in decline at the same time and create a landscape problem. Due to Emerald Ash Borer, many ash trees have been, and will continue to be, replaced in the coming years. When selecting a new tree, choose something other than Maples, which are already plentiful in Hudson. Visit our city's urban forest webpage <http://www.hudson.oh.us/index.aspx?NID=265> for more information.

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, Jan. 19 Garden Club Meeting

7:00PM Social Time

7:30PM Program

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January 20-29

69th Annual Cleveland Home &
Garden Show

Great Lakes Expo Center,
1200 Babbitt Rd., Euclid Ohio
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"Hudson Reminisces"

April Walton, HGC Member

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Social Time 7:00PM Program 7:30PM

Laurel Lake Community Room

"Hudson Reminisces" is the theme of the always popular and much anticipated January 19 Hudson Garden Club slide show. Once again April Walton compiled, edited and will narrate the show. Along with beautiful gardens to be featured, there will be Hudson scenes and slides of some of the many garden club activities.

Guests are welcome. For information call Mary Gallo 330-315-3928.

Note: In case of inclement weather, the garden club follows the closing of Hudson schools.