

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

It has been said that April is the cruelest month because just when we think we are in the clear from winter's grip, we can get some chilly days and even some snow. Nonetheless, it is time to get outside and engage in some garden work. When doing cleanup do it carefully because it is easy to compact the wet soil.

It is also a time to start thinking about our fabulous Home & Garden Tour to be held June 13 and 14. This is our only fundraiser and does so much good for our community. Won't you consider volunteering for one of the many tasks that need to be done?

Also, look for field trip updates. As the weather improves there are all sorts of garden-related field trips and our wonderful Gardener-to-Gardener "Tricks of the Trade II" presentation at the Hudson Library on April 8.

Lots to do and lots to think about!

Wendy Hilty



Herb Group to Visit Nurseries Tuesday, April 30, 2013

The end of April is a perfect time to start getting out to visit the nurseries and we will be heading to Lake County, home of over 100 nurseries (mostly wholesale) along Lake Erie's shores.

What makes this area so attractive to us non-wholesale shoppers are the retail nurseries along U.S. Route 20 — 12 in a 20-mile stretch of road. Bluestone Perennials in Madison is the most prominent and was founded in 1972. It is a nationally famous mail-order nursery that specializes in reasonably priced, tiny pots of perennials and shrubs. We will start our day at Bluestone, home to over 1,000 varieties of plants and over five acres of greenhouses. They will also do a program for us.

Those who sign up to go on the outing will be sent a list of nurseries and their specialties and the group going will plot a course (well in advance) where they would like to go for the day. It will be a plant lover's adventure! Besides herbs and heirloom vegetables, the various nurseries carry annuals, perennials, hostas, ferns, conifers, roses, unusual trees, garden ornaments, etc. Lunch will be at a Tea Room, or one of the quaint restaurants in the area.

Please save **Tuesday, April 30** for a "day to remember" with your fellow Club members. We will carpool and **leave Hudson at 8:30am**. Please meet at the Darrow Park parking lot located on Route 91 just beyond Herrick Park Drive as you head north. **Make your reservations with Sherry Beam at sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 342-0969 by April 26.**

GARDENER-TO-GARDENER "Tricks of the Trade II" Hudson Library Monday, April 8 at 7pm



During the Winter months many of us have been pouring over gardening catalogs and magazines in the hopes of creating a garden that is distinctly our own. To help us achieve those results consider joining us on April 8 to learn from the following three presenters:

-  Judy Maupin will present the idea of Water Gardening together with Garden Art as a way to achieve this.
-  Joan Brandon will discuss Small Space Gardening together with Tips on Maintaining a Beautiful Garden.
-  Sally Richenbacher will suggest Ways to Attract Birds to the garden and give us further Advice on Composting.

Please bring a friend or neighbor and if you have any questions, please call Joan Brandon at (330) 650-1385.

A HEADS UP.....

The Spring Plant Exchange will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:00pm. Please make sure to save the date. More info will follow in the May newsletter and also on the HGC website.





Cleveland Botanical Garden Newsletter

The affiliated garden clubs of Cleveland Botanical Garden have a newsletter, *The Root*, which features news from CBG and from the clubs.

This publication is where clubs share their upcoming events and garden-related news. Any member of an affiliated club is welcome to receive an e-copy of the newsletter.

Contact Sue L'Hommedieu at slhommedieu@gmail.com with your email address and she will see that you are added to the mailing list.

FOR MORE INFO ON INVASIVE PLANTS PLEASE NOTE:

Danae Wolfe's presentation on "Pesky Plants: An Intro to Ohio's Common Invasives" was highly informative. It will be on Hudson Cable TV and you can check the listing for times shown if you missed HGC's March General Meeting. For more info you can also download "Fighting Invasive Plants in Ohio" on www.dnr.state.oh.us/Portals/3/invasive/pdf/invasive_plants06.pdf.

No Mas!



Thanks to all who have donated books and magazines for the Garden Shop. Our basements are currently full, so save anything you might have for next year's sale. We also **no longer need** colored wine bottles. Thanks again.

NEEDED FOR THE GARDEN SHOP.....

We need one 5-gallon plastic pail without any lettering. If you have one to donate we will come and pick it up. We also would love some succulents like hens and chicks or sedums to plant in some unusual containers that we have been gifted.

Please let us know if you are willing to donate any of the above.

Wendy Hilty and Judy Mikita

Cleveland Botanical Garden Hosts Affiliate Day on April 25, 2013

Cleveland Botanical Garden, along with the Affiliate Council, will host a day of activities and programs for members of affiliated garden clubs, plant societies and organizations on Thursday, April 25, 2013. Affiliate Day is an annual event held to show appreciation for the local garden clubs and to provide an opportunity for Affiliate Members to meet each other and exchange ideas.

For more information contact Sue L'Hommedieu at slhommedieu@gmail.com.



APRIL FIELD TRIP Daffodil Walk at Lake View Cemetery Friday, April 19, 2013

Visit Cleveland's "Outdoor Museum and Arboretum," Lake View Cemetery on Friday, April 19, 2013.

Lake View Cemetery, organized in 1869, is considered to be one of the most historic and finest garden cemeteries in the country. It has 285 acres of land and is modeled after the great garden cemeteries of Victorian England and France.

Many say Lake View is a vast outdoor art museum because of the impressive assortment of architectural and sculptural monuments. It is also an important horticultural and geological site. Of the many interesting stops within Lake View, our tour will include only Daffodil Hill and Wade Memorial Chapel. There is no charge for our tour but the Cemetery gratefully accepts donations.

The annual blossoming of Daffodil Hill's collection of 100,000 bulbs includes bulbs that were first planted in the 1940s. An initial donation of tens of thousands of bulbs, representing more than 50 cultivars came from local daffodil fancier, William H. Weir, M.D. Our visit is planned for the peak days, expected between April 14 and April 25, depending on the weather.

Wade Memorial Chapel is a treasure with its interior and window created by Louis Comfort Tiffany and his studios. Docents will share the story and point out details of the Chapel. Self-guided Auto Tour cassettes and CDs and trail guide maps are available for purchase if you wish to spend more time exploring horticulture highlights, historic monuments and/or President Garfield's Monument.

Please note that cemetery rules and regulations permit public tours, photography, hikes and picnics, as long as they do not interfere with or disrupt interment services, as Lake View Cemetery is an active cemetery. Get more detailed information on www.lakeviewcemetery.com.

Nearby Little Italy was home to many of the Italian gardeners and stone cutters who did much of the demanding work at Lake View. We'll enjoy lunch at Trattoria on the Hill in Little Italy and/or a stop at Corbo's bakery for an Italian treat like cassata cake or cannoli to go.

We will meet in the Acme Plaza parking lot near the Otani Restaurant and leave from Hudson at 9:30am. **Please RSVP by Monday, April 15 to Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831.** Drivers needed for carpools. If you need a ride to the meeting place that can be arranged if you will let Barb know.

Did you know?.....

When visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC you will notice magnificent fresh floral arrangements in the entry. *Reader's Digest* cofounder Lila Acheson Wallace donated a trust fund so that these flowers would be placed in the museum in perpetuity.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of February 28, 2013

Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 147.66
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 18,351.43
PNC Savings Account	\$ 69,176.17

Overall Total \$ 87,675.26

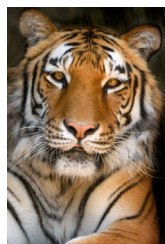
Nancy Agler, Treasurer

HIGHLIGHTS of March 22, 2013 GENERAL MEETING

President Wendy Hilty called the meeting to order and welcomed 41 members and guests. Joan Brandon announced the Gardener-to-Gardener program, "Tricks of the Trade II" to be held April 8 and Barb Earnhardt invited everyone to attend the Stan Hywet season opening event, *Inspiration in Bloom* to be held April 5-7.

Phil Mikita gave a brief presentation of the Friends of Hudson Parks program and mentioned the beautification day event to be held on April 21.

Sherry Beam then turned the meeting over to our guest speaker, Danae Wolfe who presented a slide program on Ohio's pesky invasive plants. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.



A Note from Alayna Tokash One of Our 2012 Scholarship Recipients

Hello wonderful members of the Hudson Garden Club,

Today I went on an adventure and thought that it was one that I should share! As I've stated before, I have joined the Ohio University Wildlife Club which involves hiking, volunteering and visiting animal-oriented facilities such as nature preserves and zoos. This weekend's trip was to the Midwest Big Cat Care facility where a retired veterinarian cares for four beautiful tigers and various farm animals.

It was truly magical to watch these gorgeous cats interact with their loving owner with such gentleness and playfulness. Of course their owner has not forgotten that they are wild animals and they are kept in a facility that is more than secure. I also met some cuddly goats and was happy to pet them for a good while.

It is safe to say that OU is still treating me very well. My class load this first semester is just as intense as last but I am managing it with much more grace than first semester. My biology professor asked me personally to join a seminar called, Readings in Biology; there are 15 students in it and every week we meet for two hours to discuss an article that was assigned for that week. It is loads of fun and I am meeting tons of wonderful, passionate students!

I hope everyone in the Garden Club is well.

Editor's Note: How nice of these HGC scholarship recipients to take the time to bring us up to date on their college experiences.

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TWO FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

Flower Show at the Sheraton in Cuyahoga Falls—Tuesday Afternoon, April 16, 2013

We will visit a Flower Show at The Sheraton Hotel in Cuyahoga Falls. This show is part of the Garden Club of Ohio's Convention held at the hotel. Nationally accredited designers from the Ohio Judges Council will exhibit an estimated 40-50 designs. The design categories are collage, miniatures, designer's choice, floor design, underwater and table settings. Sounds like an interesting variety to see!

We will meet at the Acme Plaza parking lot near the Otani Restaurant and leave from Hudson at 2:15pm. Drivers needed for carpools. **Please RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831 no later than Saturday, April 13.** The Flower Show is open from 2:30pm to 6:00 pm if you want to go separately later in the day.

Spring Make-and-Take Flower Arrangement Class Thursday, 7pm, April 25, 2013 in the Library's Cafe

(March's Holiday Make-and-Take Flower Arrangement class filled up so quickly that the Library is sponsoring another class solely for HGC.)

Class size is limited to 15. The \$5 fee will be payable the night of the class. **RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831.**

A GARDEN WEB SITE TO CHECK OUT.....

HGC member Lisa Foster would like to pass on information for a free "app," which is can be downloaded onto iPads and Nooks. Published by her husband's (a Hudson native) company, it is called "**A Garden Life**" — a fun and interactive site. This app is free, so if you have a Nook or iPad you can download at no charge. Go online and check out the website: www.agardenlife.com and you can click to download from there.

NOTE WEB ADDRESS CORRECTION

Hudson Garden Club
P.O. Box 651, Hudson, OH
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What's Coming Up

April 5-7, 2013 @ Stan Hywet

Inspiration in Bloom
See HGC's March newsletter

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See page 1 for details

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The Sheraton Hotel in Cuyahoga Falls
Reservation deadline April 13
See page 3 for details

Thursday, April 18, 2013

HGC General Meeting
"Pollinator Friendly Habitat"
Featuring Judy Semroc
7:00pm Social Time - 7:30pm Program
See this page for details

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Daffodil Walk at Lake View Cemetery
Reservation deadline April 15
See page 2 for details

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Spring Make-and-Take Arrangement
Library Café
\$5 Fee—Class limited to 15/Sign up early
See page 3 for details

Friday, April 26, 2013 @ 7:00pm

Affiliate Day @ Cleveland Botanical Garden
See page 2 for details

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 @ 8:30am

Herb Group Trip to Lake County Nurseries
See page 1 for details

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Hudson Garden Club April General Meeting

"Pollinator Friendly Habitat"
Featuring Judy Semroc
Thursday, April 18, 2013
Social 7:00pm—Program 7:30pm
Laurel Lake Community Room

Come and discover how you can make your garden a "Pollinator Friendly Habitat" using methods and ideas presented by Judy Semroc, a Conservation Outreach Specialist from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Judy will discuss how what you plant makes a difference and how you can attract more butterflies, birds and beneficial insects to your garden haven.

Judy currently works in the Natural Areas Division for the CMNH as a Conservation Specialist. She is the founder of Operation Botanic Rescue (a volunteer plant-rescue group), Quail Hollow Land Conservancy and *Chrysalis in Time*—the first Ohio chapter of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA) as well as co-author of "*Dragonflies & Damselflies of Northeast Ohio*."

In addition, if you love dragonflies and damselflies, Judy will have copies of the book, "*Dragonflies & Damselflies of Northeast Ohio*" for purchase for \$27 (tax included). All proceeds benefit the Natural Areas Division of CMHN. Remember, those jeweled fliers will soon be on the wing and you can use this lavishly illustrated guide to determine who they are!

A second part to the Club program will be a hike (at a later date) for HGC members to learn more about the pollinators — up close!