

## President's Message

The life blood of any organization is its members and the Hudson Garden Club is no exception. We depend upon our members' dues for financial support in order to provide such services as our newsletter and programs. In any organization there seems to be a cycle when members are lost through natural attrition. Again, the Garden Club is no exception.

We were fortunate to welcome 19 new members over this past year, but there is always room for more. New members serve to energize and keep us vibrant and strong. Do you know of anyone who would like to join the Hudson Garden Club? Many people attend our events who are not members and enjoy the programs that we offer to the public free of charge. It would be wonderful if we could get these people to join and support us.

Consider bringing a friend to a meeting. At every meeting there is someone from the Membership Committee sitting at the table to welcome you and your guests. What a perfect time to encourage friends to join! Membership Chairs Janice Larivee and Mary Jane Schrepf will be glad to make it quick and easy to become a new member. Do not hesitate to call them or me if you know of someone who might be interested in what the Garden Club has to offer.

Thank you for being a member of the Hudson Garden Club and for supporting the Club in all the good work that we do together!

*Wendy Hilty*

## Brunnera Jack Frost - The 2012 Perennial Plant of the Year Author - Mary Walters, Great Garden Blog



Since its discovery, **Brunnera Jack Frost** has won numerous awards including Perennial Plant of the Year in 2012 and Best New Perennial of the Year at Plantarium, The Netherlands. Jack Frost has warmed the hearts of many gardeners both new and experienced. I can't think of a more beautiful deer proof shade plant and one that is so adaptable in perennial garden design.

Few shade perennials have such interesting silver foliage throughout the season. This clump forming perennial is a versatile groundcover grows 15-18" tall x 15-18" wide. Hardy to Zone 5 (probably hardier).

In spring, small oblong leaves gradually grow into larger heart-shaped leaves after the conclusion of the flowering period. Beautiful, wispy panicles of sky blue flowers appear in early spring. For more info: [www.greatgardenplantsblog.com](http://www.greatgardenplantsblog.com)



## January Board Meeting Highlights

Sherry Beam, outgoing President, thanked the Board members for serving and turned the meeting over to incoming President, Wendy Hilty. Introduction of Board members was made.

Book Chair, Dorothy Malpass has ordered a new book for the HGC library, *AHS Encyclopedia Of Plants and Flowers*. A memorial book will be ordered in memory of John and Marcey Krum and one in memory of Frances Helen Grob.

Lois James reported that this year's tour will include three free standing gardens and three homes with gardens.

Janice Larivee and MaryJane Schremp, Membership, reported we have 163 paid members with 19 new members since May.

We received "Thank You" letters from three HGC Grant recipients: Evamere Elementary School, Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Cleveland Botanical Gardens.

Dorothy Malpass reported that Gardener to Gardener (formerly the Mentoring Group) plans to meet three to four times during the year. A question and answer session is planned for March. In April Lou Ann Hanink will present a program on spiral herb gardening. All ideas are welcome. Please give any extra seed catalogs to Dorothy.

Field Trip Chair, Barb Earnhardt plans to publish a list of all planned events in advance in the newsletter. Each month she will feature the field trip for that month.

Wendy thanked Janice Larivee and her committee for the work on the Holiday Doors. Thirty-eight pictures were submitted. Ken and Grace Blower's was recognized as the holiday door of Hudson. The pictures will remain on the HGC web site all year.



2011 Holiday Door Winner

## Searching for Blue Wine Bottles

The Garden Shop Committee needs blue wine bottles for a project to be sold during this year's tour. If you enjoy Riesling and have those cool blue bottles, please save them for us.



Call Judy Mikita at 656-1849 and we will arrange a bottle pick up.

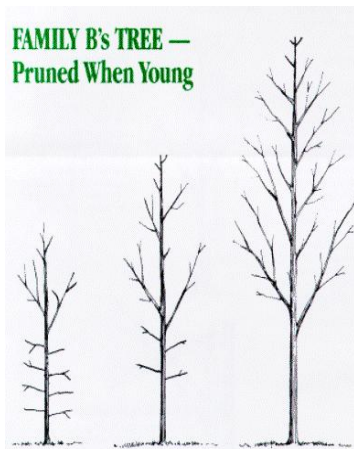
### YOUNG TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP

Friday, March 23, 2012  
Barlow Community Center  
41 South Oviatt Street

9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
8:30 am Registration

Learn how to prune and train young shade trees in this hands-on field training session. Starting with a talk on proper pruning techniques the class will move to the field where proper techniques will be demonstrated followed with supervised pruning. You will be able to try your hand on some young trees

**FAMILY B's TREE —  
Pruned When Young**



**Dress for the weather, pack a lunch** and bring hand saws, hand pruners, pole saws and pole pruners. If you do not have them **do not buy them** before the class. Good tools will be discussed as part of the class.

Free to HGC members per Tom Munn

Sponsored by The City of Hudson

## Treasurer's Report

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash on Hand December 31, 2011 |              |
| Unrestricted                   | \$ 58,010.88 |
| Restricted (Scholarship Fund)  | \$ 17,969.19 |
| Total Cash on Hand             | \$ 89,989.44 |

Sherry Beam  
Acting Treasurer

### Additions proposed for Community donations:

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Holiday Doors         | \$ 50.00  |
| Winter Show           | \$ 75.00  |
| HCTV                  | \$ 100.00 |
| Garden View Endowment | \$ 50.00  |

## JANUARY MEETING RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 15

Due to inclement weather the January slideshow, "Hudson Reminisces" has been rescheduled to March 15. 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.



## Severe Weather Policy

As we have just come away from experiencing a meeting cancellation it is helpful to repeat our weather policy.

Hudson Garden Club follows the severe weather policy of Hudson City Schools. If school is canceled due to bad weather, our meeting/event will also be canceled. 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.

## Scholarship Recipient Jeremy Penman

Dear Hudson Garden Club,

Happy New Year! Today marks the first day of classes and challenges that await in the spring of 2012. I am still working in Dr. Ju's lab on production of Bio fuel from Algae grown off of Waste water. This semester I will be doing lots of independent research to achieve my Senior Honors Project before my senior year due to the difficulty of senior year. The classes I am taking include: Fluid and Thermal Operations, Chemical Reaction Engineering, Material Science, Chemical Engineering Lab, Honors Colloquium: Natural Science, and Introduction to Economic Analysis. The Honors Colloquium is designed to be an open discussion class between those of all majors in Honors College.

Thanks again for the continued support for over a year. Without the support college would be much more stressful and difficult.

Thank you,  
Jeremy Penman  
University of Akron  
Chemical Engineering, Undergraduate

## Membership Directories

Membership reports that the Membership Directories are ready and will be available at the February meeting for those who are receiving a hard copy. If you are not in attendance your Directory will be mailed to you.

Members who requested that their copy be Emailed may already have them. Those who get their copy Emailed will not be receiving a hard copy.

## Don't Forget Our Feathered Friends

When you poke your nose outside to check on the weather please remember the birds who hang in there with us through our cold Ohio winters.

Fill those bird feeders and hang some suet around your yard. Keep them happy until we can again hear them chirping and enjoy watching them feed their young. It's worth the effort.



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## What's Coming Up

February 11—March 25  
Cleveland Botanical Gardens  
"This Side of Paradise" - Orchid Mania  
Tuesday - Saturday 10 am to 5 pm  
Sunday - Noon - 5 pm (Closed Monday)  
Adult \$9.50 - Child (3-12) \$3  
Members & Children under 3 Free  
11030 East Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio  
*Hundreds of bold, fragrant, blooming orchids will be on display throughout the Garden and in the naturalistic setting of the Garden's Costa Rica Glasshouse.*

### **Thursday, Feb. 16 Garden Club Meeting**

7:00pm Social Time  
7:30pm Program  
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February 24-26  
Akron Home & Flower Show  
John S. Knight Center  
Akron, Ohio  
[www.akronhomeandflowershow.com](http://www.akronhomeandflowershow.com)



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## **Urban Tree Canopy The Future of Urban Forestry**

Speaker: Thomas Munn, Hudson City Arborist

### **Thursday, February 16, 2012 Hudson Garden Club General Meeting**

Social Time 7:00 pm Program 7:30 pm  
Laurel Lake Community Room

#### **Abstract:**

Public individual health, societal health, local economy and ecology are directly related to green canopy coverage. What is urban tree canopy and why is it important in Hudson?

#### **Speaker Bio:**

Thomas Munn is the City Arborist for the City of Hudson. He is a Board Certified Master Arborist, State Licensed Registered Forester and recipient of the 2011 Conservation Award from the Summit County Soil & Water Conservation District. Thomas has received grants from the United States Forest Service and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to provide the City of Hudson with (1) an urban tree canopy study and (2) funds to remove diseased ash trees and plant replacement trees to maintain urban tree canopy.