

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

There are many people performing different jobs and working behind the scenes of the Hudson Garden Club. One of the board positions that the membership may not be familiar with is Historian. The Historian takes pictures at meetings, field trip outings and club activities. All newspaper articles and notices are cut out and saved. Essentially, the Historian is collecting and preserving the history of the club. In recent years, a scrap book or photo album has been assembled to highlight different events over the year.

Our current Historian, Janice Larivee, would love some help collecting the Club's memories on "film" over the year. In an effort to get full coverage over all our activities, any member willing to act as photographer while attending an event would be appreciated. All pictures can be forwarded to jrlarivee@live.com.

So...feel free to pull out your phone or camera and start snapping away! Looking forward to all the memories we make this year.

Bronwyn Pierson



"A GARDEN GATHERING" Saturday, June 14, 2014

As a culmination to the 2014 Home & Garden Tour, Brenda and Mark DePew, along with the Hudson Garden Club, are hosting "A Garden Gathering" from 6:00 to 8:00pm on Saturday, June 14, 2014. This benefit will unfold against the backdrop of the DePew's beautiful garden and home with savory appetizers along with selected wines and beer being served. There will be a special welcome for our guests of honor, the 2014 home and garden owners.

"A Garden Gathering" will again allow us to broaden the Hudson Garden Club's fundraising capabilities and provide a festive and elegant finale to what promises to be another successful Home & Garden Tour. The 2012 Garden Gathering was very well received allowing us to add approximately \$3,500 to the Tour's profits and the club's community giving.

Reservations are limited to this special event. You, as Hudson Garden Club members, receive first priority for reservations before they become available to non-members. Tickets are \$75 per person. All checks must be received no later than May 10 to guarantee your reservations. Thank you in advance for your support. For further information or questions, please contact Cindy Nygaard at (330) 650-1317.

HERB GROUP CELEBRATING SPRING Thursday, April 10, 2014—9:00am

The calendar reminds us that Spring is here, but somehow Mother nature has been a little slow to respond! Since we aren't as yet able to get out and work in the garden with our herbs — we're going to enjoy them as delectable, flavorful and mouth-watering Spring herbal appetizers.



We will use a variety of herbs, both fresh and dried, in the recipes and it is a great way to 'jump start' the season and sample herbs used in an assortment of ways with lots of recipes to use throughout the year.

Attendees will be given a recipe to make to share and reservations are required.

We will meet at the Hudson Library, North Meeting Room, **Thursday, April 10 at 9:00am. Please RSVP by Saturday, April 5 to Sherry Beam at sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 342-0969.**



SPRING FIELD TRIPS

Field Trip Chair, Barb Earnhardt



We all must be having the same feeling of eager anticipation for all things Spring! To see green things again - flowers in their bright colors - ruffles and textures of leaves and petals - pollinators in the gardens - new life sprouting growing, blooming - walking outside in the sunshine, enjoying the beauty!

Choosing a field trip for our Club allows many possibilities, especially in Spring. We can't do them all, but here are some possibilities for you to keep in mind. Check out the websites for more information, call a friend, plan your own field trip, go exploring, enjoy this time of year!

One of these gardens will be our Spring field trip, which will happen in May. Watch the newsletter next month for details.

Cleveland Botanical Garden

April 12-13 African Violet Show and Sale
May 10-11 Ikebana Flower Arranging Show
For more information see www.cb garden.org

Fellows Riverside Garden is a free twelve-acre public garden located at the northern end of Mill Creek MetroPark in the Youngstown area.

April 19&20 Daffodil Flower show
May 9 National Public Gardens Day. Enjoy peak spring blooms including approximately 72,600 flowering bulbs!
May 9 Spring Plant Sale
For more information see www.millcreekmetroparks.org

Gardenview Horticultural Park in Strongsville is a garden that Horticulture magazine described as one of the ten most inspirational gardens in America. Ten acres are an arboretum with 500 varieties of flowering crabapples under-planted with thousands of daffodils. Six of the acres are gardens with an emphasis on rare and unusual plants.

April 1-Oct 15 open Sat and Sun 12-6
For more information see www.organicplant.com/gvhp

Kingwood Center in Mansfield. 47 acres of gardens, greenhouse, grounds of the Kingwood Hall mansion.

May 3 Garden Discovery Day (formerly Spring Flower Festival)
May 10 Beekeepers Field Day
Saturdays only starting 5/10 tour Kingwood Hall
For more information see www.kingwoodcenter.org

Holden Arboretum in Kirtland

April 25 - May 30 Photo exhibition featuring landscape images from Northeast Ohio and Northwest Michigan showcasing the works of local nature photographer, Geoff Baker.

May 17-18 Plant Sale featuring Ohio native wildflowers (cultivated by Holden's staff and volunteers), the 2014 Perennial Plant of the Year, the 2014 Native Plant (Perennial) of the Year, the 2014 Herb of the Year.
May 24 Spring Blooms and Tours at The Leach Research Station in Madison. The Leach Research Station is not normally open to the public, so take advantage of this rare opportunity to see the spectacular gardens there and hopefully the peak bloom of the rhododendrons. Learn more about Holden's rhododendron hybridization program.

For more information see www.holdenarb.org

Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland

Mid-Late April the annual blossoming of Daffodil Hill's collection of 100,000 bulbs among the Spring peak of the other horticultural specimens on 285 acres!
For more information see www.lakeviewcemetery.com

Come to Learn to Make Faux Stone Troughs

Wednesday, May 14 at 9:30am



In preparation for our Tour Garden Shop, we will once again be making faux stone troughs to sell. We make them out of styrofoam coolers and they are always a huge hit as well as the ultimate in recycling.

We will meet at Carla Maurer's house (205 S. Main Street) on Wednesday, May 14 at 9:30am. Please RSVP to Wendy Hilty at wwhilty@gmail.com or (617) 921-1902.

FOR YOUR SPRING CALENDAR

Spring Plant Exchange
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
Hudson Springs Park—May Pavilion
Check In: 6:00 pm — Plant Exchange: 7:00pm
Details at HGC website: hudsongardenclub.org
(Click on link to Plant Exchange)

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of February 28, 2014

PNC Savings	\$ 61,765.61
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,472.41
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 1,219.25

Total Bank Accounts \$ 81,457.27

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

Minutes of the HGC General Meeting March 20, 2014

President Bronwyn Pierson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and welcomed 66 members and guests. She made the following announcements:

- The HGC Historian is asking members to take photos when attending HGC events and email them to her for our archives/website, etc. Details in the newsletter on page 1.
- HGC Tour is looking for two new Head Tea Hostesses to take over the planning and preparation of the Tour tea in 2015. They can work side by side with the current hostesses in 2014 to learn the job.
- Additional Parking/Traffic volunteers are needed for this year's Tour.
- The Tour Garden shop is looking for donations of gardening books and magazines and Christmas items to sell in the shop. Contact Judy Mikita at (330) 656-1849.
- Tonight's flowers will be given to Sherry Beam, who has been ill recently.
- Barb Earnhardt invited members to join the March 26, 7pm field trip to the FA Sieberling Naturealm for a program about succulents in the landscape.

Program Chair, Sharon Papes introduced this month's speaker, James Arch from Vizmeg Landscape in Stow, OH. His presentation was entitled, "Curb Appeal."

Mr. Arch used a slide presentation to explain all of the elements to consider when planning and designing an attractive and welcoming entryway to your home; such as, the architecture of the home, interior window treatments as viewed from the outside, window boxes and pots/urns and containers to flank your entryway. Other considerations would be entryway lighting, colors, textures and lines. You want everything to compliment the area, but not overwhelm it.

A question and answer session followed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.



Respectfully submitted,
Carla Maurer
For Recording Secretary



Letters from 2013 Scholarship Recipients

I can't believe I am halfway through my second semester of my sophomore year. Not only am I almost halfway done with my undergraduate education, I am finally taking classes that will have direct implications in my future; animal ecology and evolution are among those cases. I am also working on a campus-wide project to increase climate change literacy in the academic courses offered at Ohio University.

At the end of last semester, one of my professors asked me to apply to work on this project (which is headed by her). The project involves six students and 18 professors from the Ohio University campus. The goal is to incorporate climate change into all classes on campus ranging from mathematics to English. Many students are ignorant to the implications climate change will have on the future generation or why it is a problem at all. We want to change that.

My experience at OU has been so rewarding thus far and I owe my deepest gratitude to the Hudson Garden Club. Your contribution to my education has been an honor and I cannot thank you enough. I can't wait to be a biologist, working every day for a better world!

Thank you again for everything.

Alayna Tokash

Thanks to your generosity, I have had an amazing first semester of college in Oregon at Williamette University. I was lucky enough to get into a freshman seminar class that focused on sustainable agriculture. In this class, we took field trips to local farms and factories to learn all about their practices of agriculture. Several times a week, other students and I go to the school's very own farm, Zena Farm, where we harvest produce that goes toward Williamette's food service.

The environmental club I am part of has done many events this semester to increase environmental awareness at the University. Some of these events were a children's fair and a coastal clean-up camping trip. The trips I've been able to go on allowed me to see truly breathtaking sites of Oregon's natural beauty. I was also able to get a job with the Salem Family Literacy Program where I get experience teaching little kids. It's amazing to have a job that I look forward to going to every day. The opportunities seem endless and I'm extremely excited for the second semester. Thanks again for your support!

Sincerely,
Andie DiBiase

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, April 10, 2014—9am

Herb Group—Celebrating Spring
Hudson Library (North Meeting Room)
RSVP by Saturday, April 5
See page 1 for details

Thursday, April 17, 2014

HGC General Meeting
"Wildflowers & Waterfalls"

Social Time: 6:45pm
Program: 7:00pm
See this page for details

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April & May

Spring Field Trips
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compliment
flower gardens
and new
babies.....*

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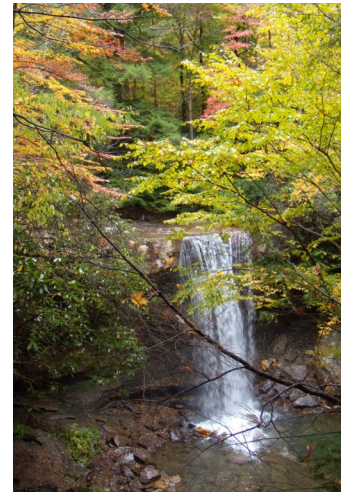
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Hudson Garden Club April General Meeting

"Wildflowers & Waterfalls"
Guest Speaker: Denny Reiser

Thursday, April 17, 2014
Social Time: 6:45pm
Program: 7:00pm
Laurel Lake Community Room



Come along on a talk and see wildflowers and waterfalls with our guide Denny Reiser. Denny has been identifying and photographing wildflowers for many years and has used this knowledge while teaching in public school and leading wildflower walks in our local parks. Along the way, he shares some methods of identifying wildflowers, suggestions on where others can be found and places to find great waterfalls. Places that are good for waterfalls also seem to be good places for wildflowers. Photography hints will also be shared.

Denny retired from teaching in the spring of 1998 and in the spring of 1999 he took Master Garden training at Quail Hollow State Park in Hartville. Soon after finishing the Master Gardener workshop he was offered a job as a seasonal part-time ranger at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. His Master Gardener training was and is helpful to him today.

Denny has had a number of his photos appear in Cuyahoga Valley National Park Publications, Metro Park Publications and in several books.