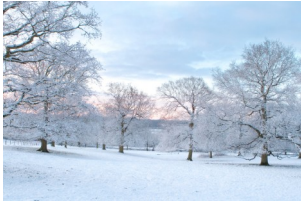


## President's Message



"And so the shortest day came, and the year died..." begins the wonderful solstice poem by Susan Cooper that is always recited in Harvard's Memorial Hall at the Holiday Revels. Revels is a solstice celebration that uses song, dance and drama from many different cultures that note the shortest day, the death of the old year and the renewal of life as the days grow longer.

This has always resonated with me. I yearn for the lengthening light and end of the dark afternoons and dim sun (if we get any at all). But little by little the sun does rise higher in the sky and even in the dark of winter a gardener can read books and plant catalogs and dream of what will come.

Enjoy your holiday season and these dark days with the warmth of friends, family and community and remember that a new year is right around the corner with all of its hope and promise.

*Wendy Hilty*



### Remember Our Friends the Cardinals Through the Winter

Let's hear it for our State bird...the Cardinal. Cardinal population is increasing. At least in part, this is due to the many backyard feeders being installed by bird lovers all over the cardinals' range.

Cardinals are one of the most popular birds for backyard feeders, and it's easy to attract them to your garden. Providing their favorite foods helps, too. They love unhulled black oil sunflower seeds. In winter, when they're really hungry, cardinals will also eat safflower seed and bread crumbs.

Cardinals appreciate a year-round source of water. A heated birdbath provides a winter watering spot.

### PLEASE NOTE:

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING IS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY INSTEAD OF THE THIRD THURSDAY. SEE YOU THERE!!! (See Page 4 for details.)



### New Gardening Books

*Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair*

The following gardening books have been ordered in November:

***Tending the Earth, Mending the Spirit: The Healing Gifts of Gardening*** by Connie Goldman and Richard Mahler in memory of Margaret Clark Morgan.

***Private Edens: Beautiful Gardens*** by Jack Staub and Rob Cardillo in memory of Norbert Olzmann.

The Board agreed to allocate \$100 of the Book Committee's annual \$600 budget for Youth Gardening Books.

HGC will also pay for the following magazines that you can find on the shelves of the Hudson Library & Historical Society.

***Country Gardens, Garden Gate, Ohio Gardener and Mother Earth Living.***



## WORDS FROM THE HERB GROUP

*Sherry Beam, Herb Chair*

December is a perfect time for the Herb Group to take time to sample some of the 'herbally delicious' treats that longtime friend of the Hudson Garden Club, Jan Becker will be serving up!

We first met Jan in 1996 the spring after the Herb Group had formed. Jan and Rick Becker have owned Becker's Cottage Garden Herb Farm in Akron since 1987 and over the years it has grown and flourished. Jan is a graduate of Ohio State University ATI, attended the Culinary Arts School at Akron University, is a Master Gardener and a specialist in Backyard and Local Foods. Over the years, the Club has visited the herb farm and Jan has done a variety of programs and we thought this was the perfect time to have her back. It is also the perfect time to enjoy a special Power Point presentation where we will take a walk through a year of "Practical Possibilities" with Jan.

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 11 at 9:30am in the North Meeting Room at the Library. Reservations are required and space is limited. Please RSVP to Sherry Beam at [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com) or call her at (330) 342-0969 by December 5.

## Scholarship Recipient Update



Lindsay Baker, one of our returning scholarship recipients, is an Environmental Engineering student at Ohio State University. Lindsay spent the past summer interning at the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Florida and wrote to bring us up to date on her experience. She gives quite a detailed account of her activities in the environmental field among the clams and the scallops.

Lindsay's words: At the end of summer, we had all become regulars at canoeing and snorkeling. Our surveying project was completed by writing up a final technical report of our findings throughout the bay. It didn't hit me until later how much I had learned during my internship. Not only did I learn about scallops and clams, but I also gained a vast knowledge of other organisms and how they function in the ecosystem. When I am asked about my experience I find it hard to describe how overwhelmingly glad I am that I was accepted to work at Mote. I will never forget the experiences I had there and there is no doubt that my internship provided me with a great amount of experience and knowledge. I have changed both personally and professionally and will forever be grateful for the summer I was able to spend at Mote Marine Laboratory.

Along with her very interesting account of her Mote experience, Lindsay sent some photos of sea life including underwater pictures of a sand dollar, anemone, starfish and a manatee.

With letters like this it is gratifying to see what our scholarship dollars are helping to foster.



## GARDEN SHOP ITEMS NEEDED

We are going to make the faux stone troughs again this year since they sold out the first day of the Home and Garden Tour. If you have styrofoam coolers we would, once again, love them next Spring for our trough-making sessions.

We are also looking for chairs without seats or chairs with seats that can be removed. Decorated with potted plants these have been good sellers.

We again plan to sell gently-used gardening books and magazines. We will have a basket displayed at all the general meetings where you can place your book and magazine donations.

## Report on Civic Garden Activities

*Sherry Beam, Civic Chair*

*Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle...a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream.*  
— **Barbara Winkler**

It was tough putting the gardens to bed this year. The two plus weeks of daily rain in June and the cooler summer, for the most part, nourished both the soil and the plants and they thrived and gave us showy and glorious color for months on end. It took a hard frost, just before our first snow, to finally take down the last of the gardens at the Flagpole on the main Green. It was planted with numerous 'tropical's, and they kept us smiling until the end, seemingly knowing that it was indeed a summer to remember. Mother Nature needed a year to rebound after so many back-to-back years of heat and drought.

The BUG's signed up for weekly monitoring throughout the summer and we met several times for group work sessions. It is such an honor to a part of this special group.

This year, we are hoping that we will be able to have leaf humus added to the gardens on the Greens yet this year. Typically we have done it in the spring but since the daffodils were dug after bloom and moved from the Flagpole Garden to the Community Garden (corner of Rt. 91 and Ravenna Street) and planted last month, we will do it in reverse. Change is always good and allows s the opportunity to try new things.

Reality that winter is really among us is when the Clocktower trough is dressed in winter greens, adding the perfect touch for the holidays.

Goodnight gardens — sleep well and we will see you in the Spring.



## Treasurer's Report

### Account Balances as of November 2, 2013

Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 13,629.80
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 18,470.59
PNC Savings Account	\$ 68,737.81
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 100,838.20</b>

Nancy Agler, Treasurer

### NEWLY ELECTED HGC EXECUTIVE BOARD

A new HGC Executive Board was elected at the November General Meeting. The board will take office in January, 2014.

President	Bronwyn Pierson
1st Vice President	Carla Maurer
2nd Vice President	Wendy Hilty
Recording Secretary	Beth Lawrence
Corresponding Secretary	Nancy Saxer
Treasurer	Daniela Baloi
Assistant Treasurer	Nancy Agler

### Hudson Garden Club Invited to Participate in Hale Farm and Village Christmas Event

We have received an invitation to join a group of area garden clubs for a new event at Hale Farm and Village. For this event, "**Deck the Village Green,**" HGC will adopt and decorate the exterior front entry way of one of the village properties. The decorations must be simple, natural and period appropriate.

Hudson Garden Club will join Bath Gamma Garden Club, Sunday Afternoon Garden Club, Akron Garden Club and Peninsula Garden Club in creating Christmas decorations as they might have in the early days of the settlement of the Western Reserve in Ohio, 1830-1855. All groups will install their designs on December 3.

The decorations will be in view during Hale Farm and Village's Lantern Tours in December and will be voted on by visitors for a People's Choice Award. Three professional designers will give another award. Prizes will be awarded in each category.

Do you have an interest in local history of that era? Do you know what materials were commonly available for wreaths of that time? Is Hale Farm and Village a special place for your family? Would you like to help create and/or install decorations for one of the houses? If so, contact Barb Earnhardt for more information (330) 653-3831.

On December 29 from 3:00 to 5:00pm there will be a Wine, Wassail & Cheese party at Hale Farm and Village for those involved.



### "Holiday Doors of Hudson"

The Hudson Garden Club is excited to announce the third year of our new tradition, **The Holiday Doors of Hudson**. Residents who have decorated their front door for the holidays are encouraged to submit a picture between November 1 and December 20. All entries will be posted on the Club's website for everyone to enjoy.

Door decorations do not need to be handcrafted to be nominated and the event is open to all residents of Hudson. One door will be chosen that best reflects the spirit of the holiday season and that of the Hudson Garden Club. The homeowner whose door is chosen will receive two tickets to the 2014 Home and Garden Tour scheduled for June 12-13, 2014.

For additional information, please contact Jan Larivee at (330) 653-9092 or Bronwyn Pierson at (330) 650-1459. Photos should be emailed with contact information and street address to [hgcdoors@yahoo.com](mailto:hgcdoors@yahoo.com) or Hudson Garden Club, P.O. Box 651, Hudson, Ohio 44236. Permission of homeowner is needed for door submissions. Visit [hudsongardenclub.org](http://hudsongardenclub.org) for more information and to view previous year's entries.

### November General Meeting Minutes

*Nancy Saxer, Recording Secretary*

President, Wendy Hilty, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. She welcomed 60 members and guests.

Nominating Committee Chair, Jan Schrader, thanked her committee and announced the slate of officers for the Executive Board. There were no nominations from the floor and the vote in favor of the slate was unanimous.

Bronwyn Pierson reminded all of The Holiday Doors of Hudson and encouraged us to enter and to invite others to do so.

Carla announced that 2014 Home & Garden Tour presale tickets will be on sale at Vignettes, The Learned Owl and Keller Williams Realty. Presale price is \$20.

Barb Earnhardt announced that HGC has been invited to decorate an entryway at Hale Farm Village.

Sharon Papes reminded us that the December meeting is two weeks from tonight. Please bring a plate of cookies to share at social time.

Joan Brandon and her Santa's helpers entertained us with tips for Christmas decorating using materials we have at hand inside and outside our homes.

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

**Thursday, December 5, 2013**  
**HGC General Meeting**  
**Christmas Wreath Demonstration**  
Social Time: 6:45pm  
Program: 7:00pm  
Please bring a plate of Christmas cookies  
*See this page for details*



## **Hudson Garden Club December General Meeting**

### ***Christmas Wreath Demonstration***

**Presenter: Melinda Carmichael**

**Thursday, December 5, 2013**

**Social Time: 6:45pm**

**Program: 7:00pm**

**Laurel Lake Community Room**

**Members please bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share**



You will want to bring a friend to share in the Christmas feel of the evening as we learn to make a Christmas wreath with natural materials. Melinda Carmichael, Associate Director of Beech Creek Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve, will demonstrate the construction of a wreath using boxwood and two other types of greens along with fresh fruit and berries. Melinda will also conduct a hands-on class in the construction of a Tussie Mussie to those who have pre-registered.

Melinda and her husband Paul owned and operated *Lily of the Valley Herb Farm* for 30 years. They have a passion for educating others about plants, gardening and the health of the environment. This passion led them to founding the non-profit in 1999 to develop Beech Creek Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve. Here they are able to connect people with plants, educating and inspiring people of all ages, especially our youth, about horticulture and the environment.

Melinda is the mother of four grown daughters and has three grandsons.

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