

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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The President's Message



December is such a festive time of year! I love the sparkle of the wreaths, candles and Christmas trees. I am looking forward to our December general meeting where we will learn about creating homemade liqueurs with herbs and berries from the garden. Please note the date change from December 8 to December 15 at 7:00pm. As in past years, we invite those attending to bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share during our social time at 6:45pm.

As I complete my first year as HGC President, I realize that I have learned so much about our club and am so amazed and appreciative of all the work our volunteers do to make our club a shining star in Hudson! From the BUGs who keep our community gardens looking gorgeous from early spring to late fall, to the hundreds of volunteers who make our annual Home & Garden Tour and Garden Gathering a success year after year to the committees who work diligently to award scholarship and grant money. Our volunteers who plan programs, field trips, gardening tips and tricks and herb group events. Our talented floral arrangers who create beautiful arrangements for our community and beyond. We have volunteers who thoughtfully choose books and magazines to donate to the Hudson Library, a web master who manages the content of our website and an editor who works to publish a colorful and informative monthly newsletter. Yet another who ensures that we mail greeting cards and newsletters when appropriate. We have a volunteer who represents our club at Hudson Tree commission meetings and another who inspires a love of gardening in our school-age youth. We also have people who promote our events to the public, manage the club's treasury and membership records and others who plan refreshments and accommodations for our general meetings. **These are all volunteers and I am so proud of all of you!**

In 2017 I hope that you will take advantage of the many exciting opportunities available to you as a member of the Hudson Garden Club!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you at our general meeting on December 15!

Carla Maurer

HGC Help Wanted

Volunteers are needed to fill the following club positions:

- Recording Secretary (records and publishes minutes of HGC board and general meetings)
- Club Historian (maintains and archives photos and documents of club events)

Please call Carla Maurer [\(330\) 524-8026](tel:330-524-8026) for more details.

Membership

Thank you to all the members who sent in their membership renewal forms and will be with us through 2017. We will not be printing a new Members Directory in 2017 but will be sending out a list of new members as an attachment to the January 2017 newsletter. If you receive your newsletter by email your Membership Roster list will be sent by email also. All members who receive their newsletter by U.S. Post will receive their Membership Roster list by U.S. Post.

If you have a question regarding your Membership, please contact Lois James, Membership Chair at [\(330\) 650-4209](tel:330-650-4209) or email her at jameslois19@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

AT CASE BARLOW FARM

Using live and dry materials, members Alice Caniglia, Faye Duber, Barb Earnhardt, Ann Ingling and Carol Lasko beautified the historic farmhouse for the Holiday House event and the season. Case Barlow Farm and Hudson Heritage Association representatives were pleased and thankful for our Club's support of their event, and we did receive publicity in the ABJ and Hub stories.

A wonderful variety of material — grapevine, red twig, holly, white birch and pine branches, dried flowers, fruit and seed heads and pinecones — were given and arranged on the back porch and side porch of the farmhouse.

Daniela Baloi's purple beauty berry branches, once stripped of leaves, became a garland on a potted spruce tree. Grapevine was wrapped around the porch posts and railing. A child's potty chair was decorated with holly and placed near the public restroom doorway. Crocks and barrels belonging to CBF were filled with red twig dogwood, dried limelight hydrangeas, pine branches and tall sedum seed heads. A wreath was hung on the back door and a swag graced the side door's porch. A hanging basket was filled with greenery and hung on coat pegs in the house.



AT CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN

Members Connie Chakford, Barb Earnhardt, Kathy Foley, Mary Gallo, Nancy Ginsberg and Ginny Kelleher decorated HGC's 10' frasier fir for the Cleveland Botanical Garden's Holiday event, GLOW, using dried botanical, hand-crafted and donated materials. In addition to the members noted above, Faye Duber, Lois James, Nancy Kolodgy and Carole Smith helped create the various stars we made. Origami and Polish stars were made from metallic wrapping papers, Sputnik stars were made from sweet gum seed pods and toothpicks (and spray paint) and natural stars were made from two types of Alliums (donated by Martha Cailor). The giant Allium Schubertii generated many questions from other garden clubs who were decorating at the same time!

We suggest a visit to the CBG to enjoy all the (nearly 40) creative trees, masses of live seasonal flowers, gingerbread houses, live music, outdoor lights, holiday shopping and perhaps a train ride on the Garden Express!

GLOW will be open to the public through Saturday, December 31, 2016 during regular CBG visiting hours. For details and admission pricing, visit cbgarden.org. Our decorating group is pictured with Kevin Borowiak, Affiliate Council coordinator for the GLOW Christmas trees.



Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of October 31, 2016

PNC Savings	\$ 51,964.55
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,783.57
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 12,746.86

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 21,754.44
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 105,249.42

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

HGC General Meeting Minutes November 17, 2016

On Thursday, November 17, 27 members and guests gathered to hear the presentation given by Jessica Schneider from Schneider's Hop House. Jessica used power point slides to show us all the exciting things going on at her family's farm. They primarily grow hops which are used in the production of home brewed and local craft beers. In addition, they raise turkeys and chickens, and have recently begun to grow and harvest vegetables, fruits and herbs for their Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA). CSA's have become a popular way for consumers to buy local seasonal food directly from a farmer.

Jessica also grows fiber flax which is processed into thread, then woven to make cloth. She is also a beekeeper.

NEWS FROM A 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT Laura Pinover

The University of Vermont has been treating me very well so far! I am absolutely in love with my school. My classes have been amazing already, especially my Natural History and Field Ecology class. We go on field trips all throughout Vermont every Monday. Next week we are heading to the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park near Woodstock, Vt. One of my favorite labs so far has been evaluating the phosphorous and algae blooms in Lake Champlain. We got to use the Melosira, one of UVM's research vessels, which was eye opening. The phosphorous levels are really bad up here because of the cattle farms. They produce so much farm run off that it is destroying the lake.

I received a spot in the Outings Club backpacking leadership program. I will learn how to become a leader in the backcountry and eventually lead students of all levels on trips. For this program I have to become Wilderness First Responder certified, so I will be taking a class next semester. I have also joined the bee club where we work on activism for bees in Vermont and work to discover ways to save them.

CIVIC NEWS

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

The Gardens on the Greens and the Clock Tower trough took full advantage of the long warm and extended growing and blooming season this year which had us just putting the gardens to bed in November and still enjoying the mums even now.

We had a long discussion about planting additional spring bulbs and we decided that for the 408 hours - 17 days - that they bloom in spring, we'd rather enjoy the other 4-5 months on the other end. We will be planting additional native annuals and pollinators. The zinnias we put in this year grew about 15 inches taller than anticipated. We added 10 Midnight Marvel Hibiscus (perennial shrub) and we hope as they fill in they will add a wonderful contrast to the upper portion in the late summer. We thank the team of BUGS who, when their schedule permits, help to plant, weed, nurture and maintain the Community and Flagpole Gardens on the Greens, the Clock Tower trough and fountain, the Clinton Street Rain Garden and the side bed by the Open Door on Clinton Street.

As the lights all around town start to twinkle each night, the Clock Tower trough will soon be filled with fresh greens and holiday decorations. They just have not arrived yet from the tree farm.

We were just notified that the USO had changed the date of their luncheon. We were not the only ones affected. The high school no longer could hold it there and they were needing to change locations. We will be helping next year instead.

It will be wonderful to have all the Route 91 construction behind us next year, even though we are still only through one leg of it at this point. Be optimistic. I'm already thinking about new and fun plants and color shades.....

HERB GROUP OUTING IN NOVEMBER Dragonfly Tea Room in Canal Fulton



A chance to enjoy each other's company and have a lovely lunch in a quaint and cozy tea room.

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What's Coming Up

Friday, Nov. 25 thru Saturday, Dec. 31
GLOW @ Cleveland Botanical Garden
See page 2 in HGC Nov. newsletter for details

Thursday, December 15, 2016
HGC December General Meeting
Speaker: Erika Raeth
Social Time: 6:45pm
Program: 7:00pm
Bring cookies to share
See this page for details



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IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

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

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

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Hudson Garden Club December General Meeting

"Homemade Liqueurs"

Guest Speaker: Erika Raeth

Thursday, December 15, 2016

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room

You are invited to bring Christmas cookies to share



We are excited to announce that Erika Raeth, and her program on concocting homemade liqueurs from the garden, will be featured during our December 15 General Meeting.

Come and learn the basics on how to create delicious spirits with herbs and produce from the garden. Add a special touch to any meal or get together.

You are invited to bring Christmas cookies to share with the group and we will also have liqueur samples to enjoy!

