



HGC 2018 Christmas Tree
Cleveland Botanical Garden

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December is such a festive time of the year! I love the beautiful wreaths, candles and Christmas trees. I am looking forward to our December 13 general meeting where, under the direction of Barb Earnhardt, we will work together to create beautiful, natural holiday swags to be used to decorate the tents at the Hudson Christkindl Market on December 14-16. As in past years, we invite those attending to bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share during our social time at 6:45pm and throughout the evening.

As I complete my term as HGC president I appreciate all that I have learned about our club these past three years and I am amazed and grateful for all the work our volunteers do to make our club a shining star in Hudson! The civic BUGs who keep our community gardens looking gorgeous from early spring to late fall, the hundreds of volunteers who make our annual Home & Garden Tour and Garden Gathering a success year after year, the committees who work diligently to award Tour proceeds as scholarships and grants. 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. 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 others who inspire a love of gardening in our school-age youth. Our volunteers promote HGC 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 to be a part of this amazing organization!**

I hope that you will continue to take advantage of the many exciting opportunities available to you as a member of the Hudson Garden Club! And, if you are not already involved in one of our committees, please consider volunteering. Your work will be much appreciated, and you will find it very rewarding.

Merry Christmas,

Carla Maurer

LET'S HEAR FROM CIVIC

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

If I was able to bottle the last day of cleanup of the gardens we maintain -- I would! BUGs came out in full force and we were able to get the Flagpole Garden cleaned up in record time. Now...if we could have this many show up more often, what a gift that would be!!! It is something we will work on for 2019. The fun and camaraderie is infectious when we are all together.

It took two sessions but we finished the Community Garden with the efforts of three BUGs in particular who often go out on their own when they have time. The Clinton Street rain garden was cleaned up and daffodil bulbs, donated to us by the City, were planted. The annuals, and some perennials were still blooming as we were finishing up at the end of October, but, we all know that the weather can change drastically in one day, and we didn't want to be working in the snow!

This year, once again all the gardens bloomed beautifully, and were enjoyed by all who either visited them, or enjoyed them while driving through town. It is with the help of you, our Club members, that we are able to do this...thank you. The gardens, and the BUGs are now going to rest for the winter....but, we look forward to seeing many of you in the spring!

PROTECT YOUR OAK TREES

A word to the wise. Oak Wilt is a fungal disease that may move quickly in certain oak species - particularly red oaks - and can lead to decline and death. In order to prevent the spread of this disease, it is important to resist the urge to prune your oak trees between March and October. Sap beetles that spread the disease are attracted to fresh pruning cuts of any wound on the tree. The disease can also be spread through the roots or when pruning tools used on an infected tree are subsequently used on a non-infected tree. Prune only during the dormant season and make sure all tools are disinfected before use as this disease has now been found in Summit County! This information is courtesy of the Davey Tree Expert Company.

CHRISTKINDLMARKT IN HUDSON December 14, 15 & 16, 2018



GLOW GIRLS DECORATE OUR 2018 TREE AT THE CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN



Barb Earnhardt



Lois James



Clockwise from lower left: *Ginny Kelleher, Kathy Foley, Nancy Kolodgy, Lois James, Tina Schmutz, Nancy Renner, Ann Ingling, Fern MacMillan, and Barb Earnhardt*
(Members of GLOW not pictured are *Mary Gallo, Jan Lindstrom, Connie Chakford and Faye Duber*)

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of October 31, 2018

PNC Savings	\$ 32,027.87
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 9,955.77
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 24,664.70

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 56,200.49
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 122,848.83

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 15, 2018

On Thursday, November 15, thirty-three members and guests gathered to hear the presentation given by Judi Strauss. Prior to Judi's presentation we elected a new slate of officers for 2019:

Jan Lindstrom, President
(Open position), 1st Vice President
Carla Maurer, 2nd Vice President
Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer (4th term)
Daniela Baloi, Asst. Treasurer (4th term)
(Open position), Recording Secretary
Tina Schmutz, Corresponding Secretary

HGC member Judy Maupin made the motion to elect, Mary Gallo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Judi Strauss, a cooking/gardening educator, shared her program, "Gifts from the Kitchen with a Gardener's Touch." A handout included several recipes. Judi demonstrated making a beautiful flavored vinegar using vinegar of at least 5% acidity, a skewer of cranberries and rosemary in a decorative bottle. She also made a pan of sugared walnuts, then invited everyone to come up to have a sample. Yummy!

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Maurer
Secretary pro tem

WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS

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FIELD TRIP COMING UP IN JANUARY

Cleveland Museum of Art
Cleveland Botanical Garden
Monday, January 7, 2019

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

Mark your calendars now for a field trip to the Cleveland Art Museum on Monday, January 7, 2019! The Glow Girls will be taking down our Club's 2018 Christmas tree decorations at the Cleveland Botanical Garden that morning - come join them! Free parking at the CBG - teardown takes less than an hour - the CBG's gift shop will be open with after-holiday sale prices - and much of the live plant material used inside at the CBG is given away to those who help teardown (last year they were white hydrangeas that lasted several more weeks at home) - then we will cross the street and go the CMA. There we will stop and admire the large fresh flower arrangement in the lobby (endowed, created weekly, and maintained by the Women's Council Flower Fund Committee), have lunch, and view the Georgia O'Keefe exhibit. Exhibit admission fee is only \$7.00 as we will be guests of a CMA member. One of the CMA flower arrangers, Anne Weil, a passionate gardener who is also a patron of the exhibit, says, "Nobody paints flowers like Georgia O'Keefe." Let's see for ourselves and have a day out together. Whether you are a Glow Girl or not and want to attend, please RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com of (330) 671-2024 (note new telephone number) by December 31.

HOLIDAY FLOWER ARRANGING MAKE-AND-TAKE CLASS AT HUDSON LIBRARY Thursday, December 20, 2018

Professional flower arranger Helen Grannetino returns to the Hudson Library on Thursday, December 20 at 10am for another make-and-take class. She will help you design a beautiful floral arrangement for a Holiday celebration. No flower arranging experience is necessary! Participants will learn how to arrange a dozen carnations in a clear glass ginger jar Grannetino will also demonstrate a holiday greens vase. Space in the class is very limited and you must register in person at the 2nd Floor reference desk. A non-refundable \$10 materials charge must be paid at the time of registration. For more information, go to hudsonlibrary.org or call (330) 653-6658 ext 1010.



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What's Coming Up

Tuesday, December 4

GLOW Affiliate Day

Only with pre-registration

Thursday, December 13, 2018

HGC December General Meeting

Topic: "Cookies & Swags"

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

See this page for details

Friday, Saturday & Sunday - Dec. 14-16

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On the Green in Hudson

Through January 5, 2019

GLOW hours and info cbgarden.org

Through December 30, 2018

Stan Hywet "Deck the Halls" hours & info

Stanhywet.org

NOTE: HGC members involved as Stan Hywet Flower arrangers helped decorate two rooms.

Field Trip on Monday, January 7, 2019

Cleveland Art Museum & CBG

Register to Barb Earnhardt by December 31

See page 3 for details

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

*"Celebrate The Holidays With
Cookies and Swags"*

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room

Come to the December 13 General Meeting to celebrate the holidays! Bring a plate of cookies to share while we socialize and bring your shears to help create decorative swags for the vendor tents of Hudson's first Christkindlmarkt.

The outdoor German Christmas market is sponsored by the Hudson-Landsberg Sister City organization and is expecting to draw thousands of guests to downtown Hudson for shopping, food, drink and musical entertainment. The club is thrilled to add to the success of the market.