

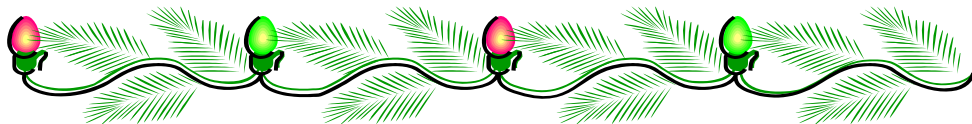
President's Message

The whirl of the holidays begins! Hudson is transformed into a feast for the senses as people put up elaborate lighting displays, stores are full of goodies (shop local!) and the doorways of our homes are lovingly decorated with greens and glitz. Speaking of doors, be sure to participate, or at least check out, our website for our second annual Holiday Door Competition.

Our Hudson Garden Club website is a veritable treasure trove of club news, photos, and lots of good ideas not just at the holidays but year round. Our website is carefully maintained by Sue L'Hommedieu and you will find news about upcoming events and photos of all sorts of club activities. Once again, we are decorating a tree for the Cleveland Botanical Garden's Winter Show so do not miss going in to see it this year — bigger, better and quite spectacular with many hands-on activities for children.

Enjoy everything that our area has to offer for this season and warm wishes for the holidays to all.

Wendy Hilty



**The Herbs of Christmas
Herb Group Program
Tuesday, December 11 @ 1pm
Sherry Beam's Home**



Believe it or not, in times past there were things more valuable than gold, silver and even diamonds. They were the items people coveted and those who could afford them really wanted — they were spices and herbs. Additionally, cooks were on a quest to find ways to not only make food taste better, but to also preserve the food.

There are many spices and herbs that are generally associated with the Christmas holiday that we've all heard of but others many may not know much about. We will be exploring some of the more popular Christmastime herbs and the many uses and traditions in the past and those that still continue today.

Please RSVP to Sherry at sherrybeam@hotmail.com or 330-342-0969 by December 9. Space is limited.

Sherry's home address is 2633 Hudson-Aurora Road. Parking is available in the Methodist Church lot located directly across the street.



Report on Herb Group Herb Butter Workshop

In November, under the tutelage of Herb Chair, Sherry Beam, twenty-four eager ladies learned the art of making herb butter. Participants brought a pound of sweet butter (4 sticks) along with the anticipation of creating something they have heard about but never made. Several brought fresh herbs from their gardens.

As the chopping of the herbs began, the room filled with the fragrant smell that only fresh herbs can provide.....sage, chives and rosemary to name a few. Four different herb butters were made each with its own unique taste. Oh where is that warm loaf of bread when you need it?

Camaraderie abounded as we interacted while chopping herbs, measuring ingredients and creaming butter keeping our eyes on the recipes as we blended and stirred.

If you are saying, "I never get to know other club members," sign up for an herb function or field trip and you are guaranteed to get acquainted with your fellow gardeners.

Thank you, Sherry, for the behind-the-scene preparation necessary to make another Herb Group meeting a success.



BUGs Decorate Hudson for the Holidays

The HGC Civic BUGs helped add a fun and festive look to the First and Main shopping area with the decorating of the merchants' planters with holiday greens. Fortunately, the weather was perfect and the fragrant aroma from all the varieties of greens used brought smiles and conversation from all who passed.

The clock tower trough and fountain were also decorated in time for the annual Hudson Holiday Walk.

We look forward to a few months rest — and of all the fun in store for 2013.

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

ANNOUNCING A CHANGE IN HOME & GARDEN TOUR HOURS FOR 2013

New Tour hours will be:

Thursday, June 13 from 10:00am to 8:00pm

Friday, June 14 from 10:00am to 5:00pm

The Garden Shop will be open the same hours as the Tour.



New Idea: Pre-sale tickets to use as Stocking Stuffers will be on sale in Hudson at Keller Williams Realty, the Learned Owl and Vignettes. Cost \$20, a savings of \$5 over the regular price.

Be sure to put them on your wish list for Santa!



HOST HOME NEEDED FOR 2013 "GARDEN GATHERING"

The 2013 Tour Co-Chairs are beginning their search for a home for the 2013 Garden Gathering. This culminating event was very well received and quite profitable so we would like to do a repeat performance.

We are looking for a home that would prefer not to be on the Tour, so this benefit would offer a special, one time only, chance to host 100 guests. If anyone would like to nominate their home or a friend's please contact Cindy Nygaard (330) 650-1317.

"Holiday Doors of Hudson"



A warm welcome begins at the front door and especially one that is decorated conveying the spirit of the season. You may submit a photo of your front door, or the door of a neighbor or friend (with permission), from November 24 through December 20 by e-mail or regular mail. If needed, a committee member will take a picture on site.

The entrant who best reflects the city of Hudson and the Holiday Season will receive two tickets to the 2013 Hudson Home and Garden Tour scheduled for June 13 and June 14. Photos of the winner will appear in the Hub, etc.

All entrants will be viewable on the HGC website www.hudsongardenclub.org.

Mail your entry to HGC PO Box 651, Hudson, OH 44236 or e-mail to hgcdors@yahoo.com.

For more information, please contact:
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Cleveland Botanical Gardens Wintershow 2012 "GLOW" Now thru December 31



Give yourself a treat this holiday season and visit Wintershow 2012 at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens.

One feature of The Cleveland Botanical Garden's Wintershow 2012, "GLOW" is trees decorated with a winter theme. The committee from our group chose the "Tales of Peter Rabbit" and decorated our tree as Mr. McGregor's Garden. Peter Rabbit tops a tree adorned with vegetables and garden tools This is the second year HGC has participated in this fun holiday event.

The decorated trees are only one part of the display at the Garden. There are continuing activities throughout the day. The Garden's website has more information about this great way to get into the holiday spirit. Go to www.cb garden.org for activities and directions to the Cleveland Botanical Gardens.

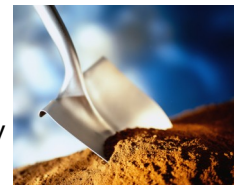
Tickets are \$12 for adult non-CBG members and \$6.50 for child non-CBG members. CBG members are free. A great outing for you and your friends or family.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand October 31, 2012

Unrestricted	\$ 92,176.84
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 18,298.45
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 110,475.29

Nancy Agler
Treasurer



GARDENING MYTHS.....

MYTH: Add sand to loosen heavy clay soil.

TRUTH: The worst remedy for a clay soil is to add sand. The practice turns the clay soil into a rock-hard, mortar-like substance. Instead, use organic matter, like compost, to loosen heavy soils because it is light in composition and also improves nutrient quality.

Saucers add class.....

Patterned china plates purchased at the thrift store or resale shop make nice saucers under terra cotta pots. They work just as well as clay saucers but they're much prettier.

Sand can improve a clay soil, but it must be added until it constitutes most of the mineral composition of the soil. At that point, it's not really clay soil any longer; it is sandy soil.

UPDATE FROM SUSAN WASHKO, 2012 HGC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.....

Note: This letter was received this fall. Letters from Scholarship recipients are published in the HGC Newsletter as space becomes available. It looks like Susan is making good use of her college experience. She is a credit to our Scholarship Program.

Hello, It's Susan! I hope you're well and enjoying autumn. I decided it was time for me to send you an update, so here it goes.

This semester I am taking Environmental Science. Conservation of Natural Resources, Spanish, Calculus and Choir (17 credit hours). I really, really love my conservation class. We go on so many field trips and I have learned so much through experience. My other favorite is Environmental Science. We have such great discussions that show so many different viewpoints. I've been doing well in my classes too, all As and Bs, for the most part. Spanish is a lot of work; we have to go to a speaking lab in addition to class, as well as eat lunch with the professors and speak only Spanish. What I think is really cool is that with my language credit and my Environmental Science credit I can apply to study abroad in Costa Rica in my junior year. Calc is hard, but I'll get through it. Choir is so much fun. I'm in the women's ensemble. I love being able to have music like I did in high school. Having a new director and a new style is fun too. It's been so great so far! I'm so happy!



Some other things I have been doing include Students for Environmental Action and activities associated with that, as well as field trips and work. I went to the French Creek Cleanup, where we picked up trash (which was surprisingly minimal) out of the creek, which happens to be a biodiversity hotspot that houses multiple endangered species. Last night I co-hosted a craft night where we used old T-shirts to make headbands, magazines and plastic bags into bracelets, etc. That was tons of fun. Just this morning I went to Geneva Marsh to join a local organization that is opposing a tire incinerator which was supposed to be built next to the marsh. The toxins from that incinerator would be very harmful if the plant is built, which would be detrimental to the bald eagles and migratory bird species that live there. We're working hard to oppose the incinerator. We have an amazing local farmers' market, which I go to every week. They have the best honey crisp apples. It's so great to meet all the local farmers, they're so friendly. We also have a community garden which I hope I can get involved with next spring. Students from the college go every week to a farm and help out the owners who open their farm to families in need. It's such a great project; I'm excited.

The campus owns an eco-friendly house and I hope I can live there as an upperclassman. It has a lot of sustainable technology and is really nice. Some field trips I have been on include canoeing in a local lake to study algae to a stream on a dairy farm to study its invertebrate populations, camping in the Allegheny National Forest, a logging site to Lake Erie and Presque Isle to study the aquatic life on the ecological research boat and more. It's been really interesting. I've never had so much hands-on experience. One thing I love about Allegheny is when the therapy dogs visit to practice being good around people. I miss my dog so it's nice to see others. I got a job at the athletic building as lifeguard and as the swim team manager. I really enjoy that so far and when swim meets begin I'll get to travel. It's been fun to meet people on the swim team and make new friends. Allegheny has been amazing so far!

I hope all is well with the Garden Club. I'll check in again later this semester. Have a lovely Fall!

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What's Coming Up

Tuesday, December 11
Herb Group — "Herbs of Christmas"
1:00pm at Sherry Beam's House
See page 1 for details

Thursday, December 13
HGC General Meeting
"A Herbal Holiday Celebration"
7:00pm Dessert Buffet - 7:30pm Program
See page 4 for details

November 23 thru December 31
Wintershow "GLOW"
At the Cleveland Botanical Gardens
Check out our Tree: *Mr. McGregor's Garden*
See page 2 for details



"But the lesson I have thoroughly learnt, and wish to pass on to others, is to know the enduring happiness that the love of a garden gives." – Gertrude Jekyll

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HGC December General Meeting
Thursday, December 13, 2012
Holiday Dessert Buffet 7:00pm—Program 7:30pm
Laurel Lake Community Room

We will be enjoying a Holiday Dessert Buffet at 7pm prior to the program. Please bring a dessert to share.



"A Herbal Holiday Celebration"
With the Hudson Garden Club Herb Group



Herbs play a rich and varied historical role at Christmastime and many favorite traditions surround these wonderful plants and their uses.

The Christmas holiday is intimately associated with a number of herbs and spices as a result of different deeply rooted culinary and cultural traditions in the Western world. Even though these herbs and spices are also enjoyed year round, their use in traditional Christmas foods has earned them a special place in the celebration of Christmas.