

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

A Boston Globe columnist always wrote in February that Groundhog Day was the turning point for him. By that date the days had noticeably become longer and brighter. I feel the same way. My hellebores have buds and with a little thaw should be blooming soon. The plant catalogs keep piling up in the mail and I am anxious to sit down and plan the spring work in the garden.

Don't miss our upcoming field trips and programs to put you in the "know" for the new gardening season. Sometimes the anticipation is more sweet than the actual event. I tend to forget how much I dislike hauling those 20 yards of mulch every year, but I love to plan what new plants I will seek out for my garden. Think of the Garden Club as your year-round resource for garden ideas. Come to our events, read the newsletter and check out our website. Enjoy the dwindling days of Winter, the increasing light, and the anticipation of those first green shoots appearing in the soil.

Wendy Hilty

SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you know any high school seniors or college students who live in Hudson and are pursuing **environmental studies**? If so, let them know about our scholarship offers.



Qualifying environmental fields go beyond horticulture to include use of natural resources, pollution control and waste disposal problems. Environmental studies are not only included in science programs such as botany and agriculture but have permeated engineering and legal fields.

Any high school senior or graduate from Hudson can apply for the Hudson Garden Club Genevieve Jyurovat Scholarship, which will provide financial assistance during the first year, with eligibility to apply for a second year scholarship. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

To apply one can download either the high school or college application form from www.hudsongardenclub.org. **The completed form must be postmarked no later than March 30, 2013.**

If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Olzmann, Chairperson of the Genevieve Jyurovat Scholarship Committee at (330) 650-1252.

HERB GROUP MEETS Hudson Library Thursday, February 28, 2013



The popular slogan "Calgon — take me away!" is just what many of us feel we need during these cold winter months when exposure to the weather outside and the dry air inside takes its toll on our skin.

On Thursday, February 28 from 9:30 to 11:30am the Herb Group will be meeting at the Library in the North Meeting Room for a special 'make and take' workshop that will nurture both the body and soul. We will be using a variety of natural ingredients to create bath salts, bath bombs, hand and foot soaks and more.

We will again fill the room with warm laughter, camaraderie and fragrance. Detailed information on supplies needed and the small fee will be given to all those attending once registration is closed.

Reservations will be accepted until February 22 (no exceptions). Please e-mail sherrybeam@hotmail.com or call (330) 342-0969.

Grants Awarded to Seven Worthy Projects with Proceeds from the Annual Home and Garden Tour

In December 2012 the Hudson Garden Club awarded \$7,850 in grants to seven projects that further the mission of the Club which is dedicated to spreading the love of gardening, the beautification of public property and the support of education in horticulture and related fields. Since 2000, the Club has awarded \$101,552 in grants through its Grants Committee process which is separate from and in addition to the monies distributed each year for city trees, parks and scholarships.

The following programs or projects were awarded grants as recommended by its Grants Committee and affirmed by the Hudson Garden Club Board:

Hudson Middle School 4KIDS/Student Council to beautify HMS courtyard that has been forgotten in recent years and to put into place a team that will take care of it and maintain it on a yearly basis.

Cuyahoga County Board of Health/Hudson High School to acquire supplemental herbaceous, bioengineering and woody plant material, all based on survivability from the previous season and selected according to planting zone needs for the Hudson High School Campus Tinker's Creek Stream Restoration Design-Build Project overseen by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park to fund scholarships to support 13 children from low-income, Akron-area families to attend *All the Rivers Run* residential environmental education experience (4 days/3 nights) in CVNP.

Equus Excellence (4H Club) for partial funding to assist Equine 4H Clubs who are responsible for maintaining the grounds of the horse arenas and barn area at Summit County Fair Grounds. Funds to be used to rebuild flower beds, giving club members and families an opportunity to work hands on with an experienced landscaping expert and understand the process.

East Woods School to fund the purchase of herb and vegetable seeds and plants in the spring of 2013 for our Growing Gardeners program and to fund the purchase of plants and mulch to create a butterfly garden in another section of our outdoor classroom gardens at East Woods that will be planted the spring of 2013. The goals for both programs are to bring garden experiences to as many students as possible by giving students experience from start to finish on how to plan, plant, care for and harvest gardens so they will find gardening a rewarding lifelong pursuit.

Destination Hudson (a fund of Hudson Community Foundation) for partial funding to water the 15 large planters and hanging baskets along Main Street which provide visitors with their first impression of Hudson.

Sue L'Hommedieu to purchase replacement plants, fertilizer and deer repellent in order to maintain the sustainable planting at the traffic circle at Hudson Street and Aurora Road until January 2014. Note: There is no reimbursement for her volunteer labor and her costs have gone down each year because of the sustainable nature of the plantings.

THE PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

The Philadelphia International Flower Show, March 3-10, 2013 is the world's longest-running and largest indoor Flower Show. This year's theme "*Brilliant*" will transport visitors to the majesty of Great Britain. Explore the contemporary culture, design, gardens and landscapes of Great Britain while enjoying the largest and most spectacular annual indoor flowers in the world!

For more information see www.theflowershow.com. If you might be interested in a one- or two-day visit to the Philadelphia International Flower Show (and possibly other Philly area attractions such as Longwood Gardens) this year, please contact Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831.

Holiday Doors of Hudson 2012



The Norman Family door was selected as the Holiday Door of Hudson 2012. In addition to a garland and decorated wreath, the doorway was flanked with brightly wrapped presents representing the many ways Hudson "shares its gifts" of time, talent and money globally.

Sarah Norman was presented with two tickets for the HGC's Home & Garden Tour 2013 to be held June 13-14. The HGC would like to recognize all the entrants and encourages everyone to view the 2012 doors on our website www.hudsongardenclub.org.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand December 31, 2012

Unrestricted Cash—Checking \$ 1,303.65
 Restricted (Scholarship Fund) \$ 0.00
 PNC Savings Account \$ 95,009.19

Overall Total \$ 96,312.84

Nancy Agler, Treasurer

New Member



Lauren Maser
 2843 Alling Drive
 Twinsburg, OH 44087
 (Out of town till April 2013)

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES January 17, 2013

President Wendy Hilty called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, welcomed over 80 members and guests and invited all guests to join HGC. Wendy reminded all that the Tour hours will be extended on Thursday, June 13 to 8pm. Friday's hours on June 14 will remain 10am to 5pm. The Tour Committee is looking for two Head Hostesses for a garden. Also, Tour volunteers are needed. Please contact Wendy or Lois James if you are interested.

Barb Earnhardt is planning a field trip to **The Great Big Home and Flower Show on Tuesday, February 5**. If you are interested in going please contact Barb.

Mary Gallo introduced April Walton and Gretchen Hubach. April and Gretchen presented "Special Flowers and Gardens of Hudson," showing photographs of the beautiful flowers and gardens and bringing them to life in vibrant color. April and Gretchen have done this presentation for many years. It is always a treat this time of year. This was the last presentation for April and Gretchen. They thanked the many people who have helped them over the years and all who have attended.

Centerpiece was raffled; the winner was Betsy Brennan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Nancy Saxer
 Recording Secretary

<http://pollinator.org/beesmartapp.htm>

This is a good app for gardeners. It lists plants needed by pollinators and also gives the common and botanical names for the plants. Surfing on this instead of Facebook or Pinterest will make you a better gardener!



Interesting Winter Fact.....



How do Hellebores bloom in such cold weather?

Strains of yeast living in the flowers' nectar warm the flowers by metabolizing sugars. The yeast allows the plant to flourish even in low temperatures and little sun.

Adapted from Smithsonian Magazine May 2010

2013 HGC Budget Vote



A vote will be taken on the Garden Club's 2013 annual budget at our February 21 general meeting. A synopsis of the budget is included below and the Treasurer's report and budget will also be e-mailed to club members. Hard copies will also be available at the February meeting.

2013 Budget for the Hudson Garden Club

	2012	2013	Change
INCOME			
Dues	\$ 3,200	\$ 4,000	+\$ 800
Garden Tour			
Garden Gathering	\$ 0	\$ 7,000	+\$ 7,000
Garden Shop	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000	+\$ 2,000
Tour	\$35,950	\$37,000	+\$ 1,050
TOTAL Garden Tour	\$41,950	\$52,000	+\$10,050
Interest	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	+\$ 0
Plant Exchange	\$ 0	\$ 75	+\$ 75
TOTAL INCOME	\$46,150	\$57,075	+\$10,925
EXPENSES			
Administrative	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,998	+\$ 848
Community Donations	\$13,585	\$13,850	+\$ 265
Community Outreach	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,650	+\$ 50
Grants	\$ 750	\$ 8,000	+\$ 7,250
Programs	\$ 2,650	\$ 3,000	+\$ 350
Scholarships	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	+\$ 0
Tour			
Garden Gathering	\$ 0	\$ 3,400	+\$ 3,400
Garden Shop	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	+\$ 0
Tour	\$ 7,475	\$ 8,125	+\$ 650
TOTAL Garden Tour	\$11,475	\$15,525	+\$ 4,050
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$44,210	\$57,023	+\$ 12,813
INCOME IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES	\$ 1,940	\$ 52	-\$ 1,888

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What's Coming Up

Tuesday, February 5

The Great Big Home & Flower Show
Cleveland IX Center
Group leaves Hudson @ 10am
Call Barb Earnhardt (330) 653-3831

Tuesday, February 5—March 10, 2013

Orchid Mania
Cleveland Botanical Gardens

Thursday, February 21, 2013

HGC General Meeting

Featuring Landscape Designer Valerie Stone
7:00pm Social Time - 7:30pm Program
See this page for details

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Herb Group "Make & Take" Workshop
Hudson Library—North Meeting Room
Reservation deadline February 22
See page 1 for details

ORCHID MANIA

Cleveland Botanical Gardens
February 5—March 10, 2013

(Note the show is earlier this year)



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HGC February General Meeting

"How Does Your Garden Grow?"
Featuring Landscape Designer
Valerie Strong

Thursday, February 21, 2013
Social 7:00pm—Program 7:30pm
Laurel Lake Community Room



Landscape Designer, and long-time Hudson resident, Valerie Strong will be showing through slides a journey in creating a garden oasis, following the traditional design elements, and the results over the years of a garden full of free flowing and fragrant free-spirited plants full of color and texture, stonework, ponds, and pathways and garden whimsy. This garden does best when the flowers are cut often — a flower arranging delight.

Valerie's garden in her first home on College Street has been featured on the Hudson Home and Garden Tour and has been featured in articles and in her book, "All My Phlox," which she will have at the meeting for purchase.

Valerie's current home, also on College Street with a smaller lot, has given her a new palette to create over the upcoming years and a lot of experience from lessons learned along the way. This is a great way to get all of your creative gardening ideas flowing as you plan for Spring.