

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

What is your excuse for not attending one of our monthly programs? Working late, family commitments, another meeting, just plain too exhausted? All good reasons, BUT I would hate to have you not attend because you simply forgot or needed a ride. We are very good about publicizing our meetings in the Hub.

Third Thursday of the month! Call a board member if you need a ride. I would personally be glad to pick you up and deliver you to the meeting and then home again.

We have some great programs coming up this year. Who would not want to know the correct way of putting your garden to bed? I never know what to do. In November look for two meeting opportunities revolving around decorating for the holidays. Lots of ideas to keep our gardening minds sharp as the days get shorter and colder.

See you at our meetings,

Wendy Hilty



OCTOBER FIELD TRIP Tuesday, October 16, 2012 Smithers Oasis Factory

On Tuesday, October 16, 2012 we are invited to visit the Smithers Oasis Factory in Kent, Ohio. Fifty eight years ago Akron Rubber Testing Laboratory owner Vernon Smithers opened a new business — to design, manufacture and promote a new product for florists. This new product, "solid water" for arranging flowers, was called Oasis Floral Foam. Today this enterprise spans the globe with twenty operating units where Oasis Floral Foam and several thousand other decorating articles are made. Florists and flower arrangers of all levels use these products to make their job more efficient and creative. The Smithers Oasis factory is located at 919 Marvin Avenue, Kent, Ohio 44240.

Charlie and April Walton have arranged a special tour for us to see the manufacture of Oasis Floral Foam and the line of complimentary floral arranging products. The tour will last from 10am to 12pm noon. Space on this tour is limited to the first 25 HGC members, so reserve your spot early. **Please RSVP by Saturday, October 13, 2012 to April Walton at (330) 653-9812.**

Drivers are needed for carpools as parking at the factory is limited. Carpools will meet in the Joanne Fabrics parking lot (in the row closest to the movie theater) by 9:15am and leave from Hudson at 9:20am.

Thanks to the HGC Volunteers

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair



Many of our committee chairs need volunteers throughout the year and we are grateful that YOU, our members, are so willing to come through time and time again. As Civic Chair, there are several activities throughout the year including May Day, the Spring and Fall Plant Exchanges, Environmental Awareness Day and the year-long BUG activities — and it is so wonderful to see how many of you jump in and help out — it makes such a difference.

Your helpfulness was displayed when we were asked to join the Laurel Lake residents and help divide the "Cheeseman Day Lily Garden" in the Greenwood courtyard that was planted in 2007 in memory of Janet and Evans Cheeseman, longtime HGC members. It was a wonderful and diverse group of gardeners who just enjoyed giving back and sharing the day with Janet Adami, their daughter, who drove in from Connecticut to be a part of the dig. Knowing that we were able to make a difference and restore the garden to its former beauty meant a lot.

Most of the divided day lilies stayed at Laurel Lake but each volunteer went home with a few plants and our Community and Rain Gardens always have some of the specialty daylilies to carry on the legacy. We look forward to seeing many new faces come out and join in our many activities. You'll be glad you did!



Civic BUGs are Busy

The Civic BUGs are welcoming in fall with the planting of colorful mums, asters and kale in the Community Garden as well as the boxes, barrels and containers at First and Main. Pink mums are planted throughout the shopping areas in a unified effort to support "In the Pink" for breast cancer awareness activities planned throughout October.

Personally, I have a very difficult time letting go of the last bit of summer color and it will be hard to pull out the sunflowers, neon Sunpatiens and cannas as the gardens go into fall cleanup and rest mode.

Enjoy the colors of the gardens and trees as we enter this season of change over the next month.

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

A Report on the Fall Plant Exchange

It was cold, damp and windy and the first day of fall, not the best of days to have a plant exchange — but, to all who volunteered, shared plants and attended — we had the time of our lives! We went a little unconventional and instead of separating all the plants into categories and specialties, they were all grouped together with each being special in its own way.

It was such an infectious spirit, especially when everyone went home with so many plants, regardless of what they may have brought, including plants for a garden renovation project they are doing at Evamere Elementary. A special thanks to all those who helped and made everyone there feel very special.

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

Just a reminder.....Hudson Garden Club dues were due in September for the 2012-13 club year.

GARDENING BOOKS & MAGAZINES



Do you have gardening books that you no longer use as well as gardening magazines that you have stored? Would you consider donating them to the HGC? Bring your books and magazines to the general meetings and we will resell them in the 2013 Tour Garden Shop.

We sold used gardening books and magazines for the first time in the 2012 Tour Garden Shop. They proved to be an excellent money maker netting 100% profit. We will have a basket at each general meeting for your donations.

Herb Group Outing Thursday, October 11, 2012 @ 6:30pm Olive My Heart

On Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 6:30pm the Herb Group will get to experience some of the world's best tasting olive oils and balsamic vinegars first hand when they have a private tasting and crash course at "Olive My Heart," the recently opened specialty store in Hudson located at 5180 Darrow Road (across from Life Center).

Owner, Linda Coleman, carries around fifty extra virgin olive oils, specialty oils, aged balsamic vinegars and also spices. She says that customers seem to be most curious about all the "fused" or flavored oils they carry. Part of the experience at Olive My Heart is to taste as many oils and vinegars as you'd like! So we should be in for a real treat. You will want to bring pad and pencil and take a lot of notes — it is a fascinating process!

Their superior olive oils are made in countries all over the world, spanning both hemispheres, allowing the store to offer the freshest olive oil possible, year round. They also offer a selection of organic, aged balsamic vinegars from Modena, Italy which can be enjoyed on their own or used to create unique pairings. Please check out their website: www.olivemyheart.com.

Reservations are required for this event. Please call or email Sherry Beam prior to October 8, 2012 at (330) 342-0969 or sherrybeam@hotmail.com. We will meet at Olive My Heart.



Herb Butter Workshop Thursday, October 25, 2012 @ 10:00am Sherry Beam's Home

On Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 10am with the scent of herbs wafting in the air, the Herb Group will be busy making several recipes. Using both savory and sweet herbs they will create some tasty homemade herb butter at the home of Sherry Beam.

Herb butters can be used on breads, vegetables, meats, fish and so much more. The fresh taste of herbs and the rich flavor of butter make an enticing combination that will add an exquisite touch to any dish. Herb butters are easy to make and will store in the freezer for a few months, perfect for the upcoming holidays. We will follow some recipes and also create some of our own.

Packets with numerous recipes and helpful information will be provided. Instructions on what to bring and any fee will be given at the time of reservation. Space is limited and more than one session may be needed.



Please make your reservation by October 22, 2012 to Sherry at (330) 342-0969 or sherrybeam@hotmail.com. We will be meeting in Sherry's home and the address is 2633 Hudson-Aurora Road. Please park in the Methodist Church parking lot across the street.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand August 31, 2012

Unrestricted	\$ 96,375.49
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 18,268.71
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 114,644.20

Nancy Agler
Treasurer



"I perhaps owe having become
a painter to flowers."

...Claude Monet

Welcome New Members

Nancy Wentz
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Hudson, OH 44236
(330) 656-2105

Charlene Willis
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UPCOMING HGC FIELD TRIPS

In August a good number of our members attended a floral design workshop given by the Garden Forum of Greater Akron. The comments after the workshop indicate there is a lot of interest in learning more about flower arranging. A Flower Show is one place to observe arrangements that have been judged and given awards. On Friday, September 14, 2012 the Gates Mills Garden Club held a Standard Flower Show entitled, "Our River Runs Through It." Many arrangements were exhibited in different categories, sizes and styles for us to see and learn. Horticulture specimens had their own division. One winner was a specimen of the Golden Dragon Blood Sumac, striking in its coloration.

If you are one who desires more activities to do with flower arranging, HGC offers two upcoming events:

Holiday Gatherings Flower Show, Saturday, October 13, 2012 in Canton, Ohio

This event is chaired by Barb Helaney, whom we met at the Stan Hywet floral arranging workshop. The show will feature "Minis" - - miniature floral designs. You are invited to attend this flower show. Carpools will meet in the Acme parking lot near the Otani Restaurant leaving Hudson at 12:30pm and returning to Hudson around 4:00pm. Please RSVP by Thursday, October 11, 2012 to Jo Anne Kreps (234) 380-1195 or via email to joanne.jkreps@gmail.com.

Gardener to Gardener November Program—Date and Location for this event to be provided in November newsletter

We will plant and learn about the beauty of amaryllis flowers and how to get the most out of this showy and foolproof bulb year after year. Colorblends Flowerbulbs, HGC's source for the alliums we planted in the Community Garden across from the BP station, will be our source of huge amaryllis bulbs. All bulbs will produce at least two stems and most stems yield four flowers, sometimes more! It can take up to 12 weeks from potting to bloom, so planting in November will bring us beauty in late January or early February just when we'll need it before spring comes. Chose between two bulbs:

"Flamenco Queen" with big white blooms brushed and stippled with red



or "Rilona" with huge apricot flowers



Two on a mantel or sideboard are lovely and the blooms can be cut for use in flower arrangements. And maybe you would like a few more to pot to give to shut-in friends or as hostess gifts during the Holiday Season. Bulb, potting soil and plastic flower pot will be provided. You may bring your own pots if you wish. Cost is \$10 per bulb. You may order bulbs even if you are unable to attend the day of planting.

NOTE: Bulbs must be ordered in October. Please RSVP to Marie Price at (330) 650-6179 or via email to marie32112@aol.com with color choice and quantity of bulbs by Monday, October 15, 2012. Date and Location for this event to be provided in the November newsletter.

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, October 11
Herb Group
Olive My Heart
6:30pm
Reservations by 10/8
See page 2 for details



Saturday, October 13
Flower Show in Canton
Leave 12:30pm—4:00pm
Reservations by 10/11
See page 3 for details

Monday, October 15
Deadline date to order amaryllis bulbs
See page 3 for details

Tuesday, October 16
Tour of Smithers Oasis Factory in Kent
Leaving Hudson @ 9:20am
Reservations by 10/13
See page 1 for details

Thursday, October 18
HGC General Meeting
Harvest Potluck— Reservations
For Potluck required by October 15
"Putting Your Garden to Bed"
6:00pm Potluck - 7:30pm Program
See page 4 for details

Thursday, October 25
Herb Butter Workshop
10:00am at Sherry Beam's Home
Reservations by 10/22
See Page 2 for details



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HGC October General Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 2012
Potluck 6:00pm—Social Time 7:00pm—Program 7:30pm
Laurel Lake Community Room
Harvest Potluck
Followed by our Program
"Putting Your Garden to Bed"
Speaker: Christine Harris

Our October meeting is a time for us to have a meal together and this year we will again have a potluck. Please bring a salad, side, main course or dessert to share. We will provide the paper goods and beverages. We will begin serving at 6:00pm. Since table space is limited, please sign up with Judy Mikita at (330) 656-1849 or jugles1@gmail.com by **Monday, October 15**. If you are just planning to attend the meeting it will not be necessary to call to reserve a space. **Reservations are required for the Potluck Dinner.**

As fall winds down and winter approaches, gardeners need to address some basic maintenance that will make their work in the spring much easier. This presentation explains the basic chores for preparing for winter. Topics covered will include lawns, roses, evergreens and shrubs, flower beds, vegetable gardens, containers and tools.

Christine Harris has been a gardener since she was a small child. Prior to her retirement in 2004 she taught social studies at Shaw High School for 25 years and served as an Assistant Principal both there and later at Chardon High School. Since becoming a Master Gardener in 2005 Christine was in charge of the volunteers at the Shaker North Union Farmer's Market. She is a member of the 2012 state award winning Community Gardening Committee where she trains mentors and local gardeners in the basics of vegetable gardening.

Christine is a frequent contributor to the "Inside/Outside" page of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and has appeared on public radio on "Ideastream." In 2011 she was selected as the Master Gardener Volunteer of the Year for the state of Ohio.