

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

What a turn of events! Last year my sump pump did not stop all summer and this year my irrigation system has not stopped. Our gardens are stressed and so are we while trying to keep ahead of the weeds that do not seem to mind the heat in the least.

I do hope that you have had the opportunity to go on one of our field trips this summer and to enjoy the community gardens so lovingly cared for by our BUGs. Neither heat nor wilt keep us from being active gardeners this steamy summer.

Do you know someone who enjoys gardening and has a love of lifelong learning? Please consider sending their name to the Garden Club or bringing them to our first meeting on September 10. We always welcome new members. As the heat of summer abates and we look forward to a new program year, please join us at all of our monthly general meetings. Bring a friend, bring a relative and come have your horticultural horizons expanded.

Wendy Hilty

AUGUST FIELD TRIP Floral Design Workshop Stan Hywet Carriage House Thursday, August 9

The floral arrangements designed for the homes and Tea Room on our Annual Home & Garden Tour are always appreciated and enjoyed by Tour visitors. Our Club members who create the designs call it a labor of love. Everyone enjoys giving and receiving the gift of flowers, whether a formal design or a casual arrangement.

Would you like to learn how to use flowers for home, church or friends? The Garden Forum of Greater Akron will give a **Floral Design Workshop at 10:00am on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at the Stan Hywet Carriage House.**

Noted designer and Master Gardener Barbara Helaney, Canton District of the Garden Club of Ohio, will show us how. There is a fee of \$8 for this class which covers all supplies and a take-home arrangement.



We will meet in the Acme Plaza parking lot near the Otani Restaurant and carpool from Hudson at 9:30am. **Please RSVP by Monday, August 6, 2012 to Barb Earnhardt at bnrearnhardt@yahoo.com or 330-653-3831.** Drivers are needed for carpools.

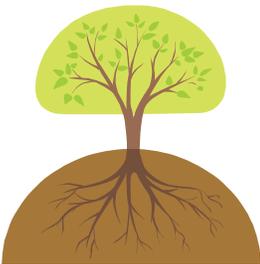


COMMUNITY GARDENS

The BUGs have been off duty for the past several weeks due to the extreme heat. We are grateful to those who have stopped by and spent a little time keeping the weeds in check. This is a first and we look forward to getting out being together and playing in the gardens. The watering has been adjusted to meet the demands and the plants seem to be thriving — a lot better than we are.

Sherry Beam
Civic Chair

Working together is essential for success; even freckles would make a nice tan if they would get together.



Keep An Eye on Your Trees!

Hot weather very early and then an April hard freeze followed by a sustained drought has put a tremendous strain on our shade trees and ornamentals. Many trees are suffering from "frost kill," a condition caused when the sap started to flow early and then a serious freeze caused it to stop suddenly. These trees never leafed out in the spring and most will not survive.

If you have a tree with little leaf out or early leaf drop, contact your local arborist to see if feeding might help. Although it can never take the place of a good rain, remember that your trees need water as well as your flowers. A drip method works best.

2013 TOUR SITES NEEDED

The 2013 Tour Committee is in search of gardens to feature on the 2013 Home & Garden Tour. They are looking for lovely backyard spaces filled with plants and flowers. They are also on the lookout for a garden with an outdoor kitchen/entertainment area as people are always looking for ideas for outdoor entertaining.

Suggestions can be passed along to Lois James at 330-650-4209.



HISTORIAN'S REQUEST



If you have been on an HGC field trip or any other HGC-sponsored event, please consider sharing copies of your pictures for posterity.

I will gladly accept these photos as part of the Garden Club's Historian Department.

Brenda Gorenc, HGC Historian Chair at HUDSONRESTAGING@YAHOO.COM

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand June 30, 2012

Unrestricted	\$ 101,285.30
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 18,177.84
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 119,463.14

Nancy Agler
Treasurer

Memorial Books Purchased

Two memorial books have been purchased and can be found on the Hudson Library's shelves.

A Rich Spot on Earth, Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello

by Peter J. Hatch in memory of Arabella Gildersleeve.

Designing with Grasses

by Neil Lucas in memory of Robert J. Kolodgy



The best rose bush is not the one with the fewest thorns, but that which bears the finest roses.

Jerry Van Dyke



BETTER ALERT

Asian Longhorned Beetle

"If the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) becomes established in the United States, it has the potential to cause more damage than Dutch elm disease, chestnut blight and gypsy moth combined."

Ohio is one of the states where it has been found. Learn about this tree-killing insect and what you should do about it at

<http://www.beetlebusters.info/>

Welcome New Members



The following 2012 Hudson Garden Tour homeowners have received a one-year complimentary membership to the HGC.

Dee & Brad Buchanan
2138 Samson Circle

Trish Forkel
139 Franklin Street

Kate & Greg Naples
2064 Abner Lane

Betty & Azam Qadri
1 Bradley Drive

Tour hosts, Joanie & Paul Belair and Carole Smith are currently members.

Also, please add to the Membership Roster a returning member:

Julie Ridgway
40 Hickory Lane

All the above members live in Hudson, OH 44236.



**SEE YOU IN
SEPTEMBER**



**PLANT EXCHANGE
REMINDER
September 22, 2012**

It won't be long until it is time to divide our perennials — just in time to share some of them with our fellow gardeners at the **September 22 Plant Exchange**.

Complete details will be in the September newsletter and on the HGC website.

www.hudsongardenclub.org

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, August 9 @ 10am

Floral Design Workshop

Stan Hywet Carriage House

Depart Hudson: 9:30am

See Page 1 for details

Saturday, August 19 10am-1pm

Council Green Corps Garden Tour

Vegetable Gardens

Fee: \$ 5 to HGC members

\$12 to non-members & guests

Includes free parking and shuttle

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2nd Annual Affiliate Council Green Corps Garden Tour

**Saturday, August 19
10am—1pm**

The Green Corps Garden Tour is a visit to the Buckeye, Slavic Village and Lonnie Burton gardens. These are vegetable gardens grown on former vacant city lots and maintained by the youth of the Cleveland Botanical Garden sponsored Green Corps. The kids are thrilled to show off their summer's work to other gardeners.

There is a \$5 fee for members of affiliate clubs, of which HGC is one, and a \$12 fee for nonmembers and guests. The fee provides free parking in the CBG garage and shuttle transportation to the Buckeye, Slavic Village and Lonnie Burton gardens.

Salsas and fresh produce will be available for purchase. Register by calling Jen Anderson at 216-721-1600 ext. 100. Combining this event with an early morning stop at the West Side Market (open at 7am) and lunch afterward in Ohio City would make a fun outing.