

### **President's Message**

Now that spring is finally here to stay...hopefully...I am sure that most of our membership has been out and enjoying their gardens. I had a great weekend, getting all my pots and urns planted. Was feeling quite proud of myself until I cleaned up some of the empty potting soil bags a few days later....and realized the bags said GARDEN SOIL. So I spent the next weekend replacing all the soil in my pots. Hope your garden clean up and planting has been more successful and time efficient than mine!

I can't wait to see all the gardens and homes featured on the tour...sure they were smart enough to use garden soil in the right place. Huge thanks to everyone who helps make our wonderful Home & Garden Tour possible. Seeing the scholarship recipients at the last meeting and hearing about their future plans, reminds me of all the important work that is supported and funded by the tour.

I am also looking forward to "A Garden Gathering" held at the DePew house on Saturday, June 14. It will be a perfect way to finish off the tour excitement and activities.

Keeping my fingers crossed for beautiful June weather, at least from the 12th through the 14th. After the early demise of all my rose bushes and several boxwood bushes from our long winter....I think Mother Nature owes us one.

*Bronwyn Pierson*

### **The Faux Trough Makers**

#### **A Popular Item at the Gift Shop**



### **From Our Garden to Your Garden**



Traditionally, one of the most fun parts of the Garden Shop during Tour has been the table where members of the Garden Club donate plants from their gardens to sell to patrons. Once again, Judy Maupin and Joan Brandon are doing this project.

When you are cleaning beds and prepping for the season, don't forget to save and pot up some extra plants. They may be dropped off the weekend before the Tour and up to Tuesday evening, June 10 at Judy Maupin's house at 83 Division Street. Leave plants behind the house on the driveway at the left side of the garage. Don't forget to label our plants. Label forms may be downloaded from our website and they are the same as for the plant sale. Thanks in advance!

## FIELD TRIPS JUNE & JULY 2014

**Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair**

While we will not pick a day and time for a field trip in June due to all the preparation for our Home & Garden Tour, you may have time to schedule one for yourself. This month the private Schnormeier Gardens hold their once-a-year open house on June 5-8, 10am to 4pm.

The Schnormeier Gardens are located in the gentle rolling hills of central Ohio. This lovely private property is the residence of Ted and Ann Schnormeier who open the grounds to the public only once each year. They began building the gardens in 1996. Over the years they have grown to include fifty acres of manicured lawns, ten lakes, a variety of discrete garden areas and several waterfalls. The focal point of the property is their Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired home, completed in 1994. Other structures on the property include a Japanese teahouse, garden house, Chinese pavilion and arched bridge. A collection of unique sculptures are also located on the grounds.

The gardens have a distinct Asian flavor and feature a variety of plantings rich in color and texture. Rare conifers are plentiful here. Large boulders and stone walls add dimension and contrast to the landscape. Designed with a bold vision and attention to detail, the gardens offer delightful viewing in any season.

**Schnormeier Gardens**  
8701 Laymon Road  
Gambier, Ohio 43022

For a pictorial tour, go to [schnormeiergardens.org](http://schnormeiergardens.org). You'll see photos and descriptions of nine of their gardens and of some of their garden art. Having seen this special place myself, I highly recommend that you plan a day trip to see it for yourself!

In July, watch for an email with details about a field trip to and guided tour of the **Cleveland Cultural Gardens!**

If you do not receive email but wish to receive the information about the July field trip, contact Barb Earnhardt at (330) 653-3831.

A big thank you goes to member **John Schop** for recently updating the software that runs our club website. Also, thanks to John, the **Latest News** link on the site now shows all the **News** posts since the site was established. It's fun to look back and see what we have done. We always welcome news or photos for the site. Send them to Sue L'Hommedieu at [slhommedieu@gmail.com](mailto:slhommedieu@gmail.com).

## Scholarship Recipients were Introduced at the May 15 General Meeting



The four of our six scholarship recipients who were able to attend the General Meeting are shown here. They are Peter Grantham, Michael Whitacre, David Farrell, and Caroline Lawton. Not pictured are Daniel Mummy and Cara Lauria.

The Hudson Garden Club has announced six recipients of the **Genevieve Jyurovat Horticultural Scholarship Award**.

**Daniel Mummy**, a second-time recipient, will be a third year student at Ohio State University studying Chemical Engineering. He plans to pursue a career in research and development within the food industry.

**David Farrell** from HHS plans to attend Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute Wooster for a year before transferring to the main campus in Columbus. He plans to get a degree in Landscape Horticulture, with a minor in business.

**Peter Grantham** of HHS is planning on attending Kent State University and hopes to become a certified arborist. Peter participated in the Forestry and Landscape Management Program through HHS and Kent HS. He already has his own yard care business.

**Cara Lauria** is currently a student at the College of Charleston majoring in geology with minors in Environmental Studies and Spanish. She plans a career in environmental advocacy.

**Michael Whitacre** of HHS will attend Ohio State Mansfield majoring in environmental science with a focus on aquatics. After gaining his degree he plans to continue into environmental law or into teaching.

**Caroline Lawton** of HHS intends to major in environmental science at Ohio State University. She would like to eventually work with the United Nations helping others develop sustainable farming practices.

## Treasurer's Report

### Account Balances as of April 30, 2014

PNC Savings	\$ 61,779.03
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,473.33
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 8,338.72

**Total Bank Accounts** \$ 88,591.08

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

### Minutes of the HGC General Meeting May 15, 2014

Bronwyn Pierson, President, called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed over 60 members and guests. Bronwyn made the following announcements:

- Jerry Weisz, husband of Garden Club member Joanne and father of board member Chris Rigby, sadly passed away at Laurel Lake this evening.
- A preschool in Twinsburg has asked if someone will visit the school weekly during the summer to talk to the children about plants. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let Bronwyn know.
- Volunteers are still needed at the Garden Shop on the Home & Garden Tour, especially on Thursday, June 12. Please contact Wendy Hilty if you can help.
- This meeting's flower arrangement will go to Carolyn Angst.

Betsy Spak reminded attendees of the planned cocktail party to be held at the home of the DePews on June 14 following the Home & Garden Tour. This is an HGC fund raiser. Flyers for the event are available.

Sharon Papes, Program Chairperson, introduced Shelly Funai, the Grounds Manager at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens and a certified landscape technician from the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association. Shelly's topic was *Chocolate Gardening*; introducing attendees, by way of a slide show, to chocolate smelling and colored flowers and leaves, and to cocoa itself. Herb Group members provided chocolate themed treats.

Marilyn Olzmann, Scholarship Chairperson, began the second part of the evening by explaining the criteria for receiving a Genevieve Jyurovat Scholarship, awarded annually by HGC, and then introduced this year's worthy recipients. Six students received scholarships and four were present. The students were Caroline Lawton, Michael Whitacre, David Farrell, Peter Grantham, Daniel Mummey and Carla Lauria.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Lawrence

## New Members



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### CIVIC GARDENS STATUS Sherry Beam, Civic Chairperson

It was April snow showers that brought too many May rain showers, and now, we are struggling to get all the gardens we maintain on the Greens and beyond ready for planting.

We also are working with a very limited number of BUGs in this early part of the season so the weeds are currently winning. We had heavy loss of shrubs, etc. with the unusually harsh winter, as many of us did in our home landscapes.

The Community Garden (corner of Rte. 91 and Ravenna St.) was the hardest hit. We lost 6 knockout roses, 2 hollies, a Japanese beautyberry, an azalea and some shrubby perennials. After an over 25-year run — we will have the cotoneaster shrubs that border the right lower edge removed and do some great new varieties of shrubs that will help add interest. We did plant some Knockout roses, this time in Double Rose (we previously had pink).

We will start planting the Clocktower trough, Flagpole Garden and Community Garden just as we usher in June. We will then focus on getting the Clinton Street Rain Garden in shape. Once we get the gardens cleared up, we just take turns and monitor them over the summer with occasional group work sessions. This is a wonderful group, we love knowing that we are making a difference and bringing enjoyment to all whom both live here and are passing through. In order to be able to continue this wonderful tradition — we need more volunteers. It can be just a time or two, coming on your own time, or just being on call — there is nothing like playing in the soil with others who love gardening! Contact Sherry Beam at [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com).

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### **What's Coming Up**

**Thursday & Friday, July 12 & 13, 2014  
HOME & GARDEN TOUR**

#### **HOME & GARDEN TOUR TICKETS ON SALE**

Tour ticket/programs are available for sale. Presale tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Hudson Acme and at the Learned Owl.

Tickets will be \$25 on the days of the Tour— June 12 and 13, 2014.

Carla Maurer                      Sharon Papes  
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#### **LIQUID DEER REPELLENT RECIPE**



Here is a tested homemade brew that sprayed around your flower beds will send the deer looking elsewhere for their next meal. Thank you, Jill Flagg, for sharing this with us.

3 eggs  
1/3 cup liquid dishwashing soap  
1/3 cup Tabasco Sauce (1 small jar)  
2 beef bouillon cubes dissolved in a cup of water

Mix in a blender and pour into a gallon tank sprayer and fill with water. Spray thoroughly once a week.



### **Thanks to all the Home & Garden Tour Committee Members**

A very special thanks to all the Tour Committee members who worked so hard preparing for this year's Tour. Their help was invaluable! All of them, along with our many volunteers, are responsible for making each Tour such a success. Every year we get so many compliments about the homes, gardens, floral arrangements, Tea Room and Garden Shop, but all those responsible for the behind-the-scenes preparations deserve our applause as well. Everyone's part is so important; it is definitely a team effort.

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