



The President's Message

June always sneaks up on me...and it surprised me again this year. I can't believe it but our HOME & GARDEN TOUR is only two weeks away!! I have attended a few of the hostess previews and I can already tell that the 2015 Tour is going to be a wonderful year for our attendees.

There are so many volunteers who have contributed their time and talents towards the successful execution of the Tour but I would like to single out Lois James, Camille Kuri and Dawn Maloney. These women wear many hats during the year. They plan, organize, reassure and problem solve, while keeping the Tour on track. The club can't thank you enough for all that you do.

Lois is retiring from her position after this Tour and our board meetings won't be the same without her. Saying thank you just doesn't seem adequate but I will probably say it 100 times over the next few weeks.

I look forward to running into many of you in the next week as we put the finishing touches on the flower arrangements, Garden Shop, programs, tickets and Tea Room goodies.

See you on the Tour,

Bronwyn

REPORT ON SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE



Even with the cool evening temps, the Plant Exchange was a success at its new location — the Veterans Way Park Pavilion. The healthy plants and generous portions had everyone leaving happy and ready to plant their new additions. **Mark your**

calendars for the Fall Plant Exchange Saturday, September 19 at 10:00am.



COOKIES FOR GARDEN SHOP TEA ROOM

Wendy Hilty & Judy Mikita, Co-Chairs

Please deliver cookies to the Middle School Commons on Wednesday, June 10 from 9am to 5pm or Thursday morning. There will be a checklist in the kitchen where you can drop off the cookies. Questions? Call or email Wendy Hilty (330) 656-3928 or email wwhhilty@gmail.com.

REPORT ON CIVIC GARDENS

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair



The month of May is a great month for gardening. Even though Mother Nature still likes to get the best of us until the end of the month. Hopefully, we are now able to exhale and not worry about any additional late frosts!

We no sooner put the plants in the ground at the Flagpole Garden, Community Garden and Clocktower trough and fountain and the strip by the Open Door — when that late frost hit! We wanted to get things in before Memorial Day so everyone could enjoy the gardens as they were downtown at the parade. With the Flagpole Garden planted almost entirely in tropicals — it was definitely a 'hold your breath' night.

Fortunately they all did fine, but the heat took down the newly planted Sunpatiens and we are giving them life support "extra water" as we get all the plants acclimated.

Perennials will be added to the Community Garden and leaf humus to both areas as we enter into June and the growing season.

The Civic BUGs will be maintaining and monitoring the gardens weekly and as Club members, we appreciate all help — many hands make light work and help to bring the beauty of the gardens to all who visit.

SEARCH FOR 2016 HAS BEGUN

The 2016 Tour Committee has already begun their search for interesting properties for next summer. If you would like to nominate yourself or a friend, please contact Lois James at [\(330\) 650-4209](tel:3306504209).

SPRING FIELD TRIP REPORT K&S GREENHOUSE/BRANDON'S COTTAGE

Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair

A good time was had by everyone who went on our Spring field trip on April 30. We had a good size group that included members, spouses and non-member friends. The more the merrier — everyone was more than ready for Spring — looking forward to beautifying gardens, decks, porches, containers. We shopped in the full-to-the-brim and colorful K&S Greenhouse where we saw healthy blooming annuals, lovely combinations of flowers and foliage in larger containers, hanging baskets, many varieties of vegetables, succulents and tropicals.

We were pleased to have Konrad spend some time with us, giving help and suggestions answering questions and talking about new varieties of flowers and customer favorites such as lettuce bowls and hanging basket tomatoes. He explained their operations and took us to see the growing greenhouses.

Cars were full of our purchases as we headed to Brandon's cottage where we enjoyed conversation and lunch. As part of getting to know each other, introductions were made and Sherry Beam added comments to each introduction, stringing together each person's connection to our Club, to Hudson and to other things we have in common.

Joan's suggestion that we visit K&S and her offer to host lunch at their charming and comfortable lake cottage made for a wonderful Spring day and Club social. This day was another example of the way so many of our members extend themselves for the benefit of others in the Club and our community.

Thank you Joan and George!!



Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of April 30, 2015

PNC Savings	\$ 61,859.12
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,777.91
Unrestricted Cash/Checking	\$ 11,094.61

Total Bank Accounts \$ 91,731.64

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

MAY 21, 2015 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thirty-one people attended the general meeting at Laurel Lake. Vice President Carla Maurer called the meeting to order and made a plea for Garden Tour volunteers — We need home and garden hostesses, Garden Shop helpers and especially people to help with parking and traffic control.

Styrofoam containers, gently used garden books and magazines, as well as garden tools or garden ornaments are also needed. Carla reminded us about the Garden Gathering to be held the Saturday after the Tour as a fun evening out and another way to benefit our Club. The flowers on the beverage table went to Sue L'Hommedieu who had foot surgery.

Our speaker was Larry Giblock who recently retired from the Cleveland Botanical Garden. His topic was "Eat Your Landscape: Urban Foraging." Through a delightful slide presentation, Larry showed us common landscaping plants that can be used as a food source and referenced recipes for that source. We were educated on where to collect such things as fruits, berries, foliage and tubers and how they can be prepared. The audience was given a new awareness of what can be found if you only take the time to look.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Hilty, Acting Secretary

Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful, they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.

Luther Burbank

FROM OUR GARDEN TO YOUR GARDEN

Dorothy Malpass, Chair

The Hudson Home & Garden Tour is on June 11 and 12 and once again Judy Maupin and Joan Brandon are collecting plants donated by members to sell at the Garden Shop.

Please label them, name, sun or shade, etc. You can download the labels from our website www.hudsongardenclub.org. In addition to plants, Joan would welcome interesting containers or vases to create floral arrangements. Judy and Joan will be pricing plants on the Tuesday and Wednesday before the Tour so please drop off plants on the previous weekend and up to Tuesday evening. Leave plants at Judy Maupin's house at 83 Division Street. Walk up the driveway and leave plants behind the house at the left side of the garage. Customers at the Plant Sale do appreciate the variety that they see with the plants from our gardens so pot up your plants now!

Thanks, Dorothy Malpass

DEADHEAD OR NOT?

Removing spent flowers, aka deadheading, gives the garden a well-groomed look and in many cases promotes reblooming. However it isn't the best practice for every plant.

Do not deadhead the flowers that propagate by self seeding. Often the mother plant is short-lived so nurturing offspring that grow from the dropped seed is the easiest way to keep that plant as part of the garden year after year. Examples: Columbine, Dame's Rocket, Japanese Primrose, Foxglove, Forget Me Nots, Lychnis.

And some perennials' spent flowers are a positive structural element in the garden so can be left on the plant through the fall. Examples: Sedum, Astilbe, Phlox, Black-eyed Susans, Allium, Clematis. One good way to learn about the needs of individual garden plants is to volunteer with the BUGs in the Club's public gardens. Learn by doing and ask questions while you work.

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What's Coming Up

June 11 & 12, 2015
Hudson Home & Garden Tour

June 13, 2015
The Garden Gathering
See below for details

2015 Garden Gathering

The 2015 Garden Gathering will be held from 6pm to 9pm Saturday, June 13 in the outstanding backyard of Paula and Hewitt Shaw on Carriage House Court. If you have not received an invitation, it is not too late as there are several spots still available. What a great way to culminate and celebrate the 68th Home & Garden Tour! Contact Karen Kelly at (234) 380-5228.



2015 HOME & GARDEN TOUR
Thursday, June 11 & Friday, June 12

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Whether you like your homes small, medium, large or extra large — contemporary, traditional, eclectic or something in between, there is something especially for you on this year's Tour! The gardens range from a whimsical gardener's garden to an elegant outdoor entertainment space, to a relaxing tranquil oasis. There is even a pool with a cabana and a farm-to-table venue with animals!

Previews were last week, finishing touches were being applied and all the properties were beginning to shine. The Programs, which look terrific, are ready for you at the Learned Owl and Acme! The write-ups and scripts have been tweaked for the last time. The floral arrangers are preparing to work their magic and the Tea Room and Garden Shop are finalizing plans! The Traffic Team is getting all their signs ready and Hospitality and Publicity are doing all the things they do behind the scenes to guarantee another successful event. Now all we'll need is for the mats and gear to be delivered and for Mother Nature to cooperate! **See you June 11th and 12th.**

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