



Judy Mikita's Garden

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June has arrived and with it brings one of our most important events of the year - the 72nd annual Home & Garden Tour. The money raised at this event allows us to fund grants, scholarships, trees in the City of Hudson, youth programs within the schools, books at the library among many others as we give back to the community. Many thanks to Lois James, Carla Maurer and Camille Kuri for their leadership as chairs of this year's Tour.

Please plan on attending and supporting the Tour. Thursday, June 13 from 10am to 8pm and Friday, June 14 from 10am to 5pm. You'll enjoy a wonderful peek into selected homes and gardens in Hudson. In addition, offered again this year is the option for a delicious lunch at Lake Forest Country Club for \$20. Don't miss the Garden Shop at Hudson Middle School where you are sure to find a "treasure" from the many items available, and the Tea Room is also located at the Middle School. Presale tickets are now available online using Paypal or in person at Learned Owl and Acme for both the Tour and the lunch.

We will publish a combined July/August newsletter; and then our third Thursday evening of the month General Meetings will resume in September.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy the Tour!

Jan Lindstrom

COOKIE ALERT FOR TOUR'S TEA ROOM

Camille Kuri & Sue Swain

Cookie Reminder!!! We will again be serving ice tea and cookies at Hudson Middle School during the Home & Garden Tour. Members have been so generous with their baking talents in past years and we hope you will help us out again this June. Please consider baking 3-6 dozen of your special treats. Of course, if you are pressed for time we're happy to accept store-bought varieties. Drop off your cookies on Wednesday, June 12 from 9am to 3pm at the Hudson Middle School Commons.

Thanks for your help. And, please come and sip tea with us, for a break from the heat of the day during the tour.

**FROM OUR GARDEN TO YOUR GARDEN
In the Garden Shop on Tour Days**



Once again, Judy Maupin and Joan Brandon will set up "From Our Garden to Your Garden" at the garden shop during Tour days. Similar to our Plant Exchange, please dig and pot a few treasured perennials from your garden, tag them using the labels from our website (link below) and bring them to the middle school on Wednesday, June 12 in the morning. Joan and Judy will price them to sell. This endeavor is pure profit for Hudson Garden Club. And Tour guests always enjoy buying a plant for just a couple of dollars!

http://www.hudsongardenclub.org/images/2010-10/2010_hgc_plant_exchange_labels.pdf

GARDEN GATHERING/TOUR INFO

Lois James, Tour Co-Chair

In just about a week the Garden Gathering (our kick-off to Tour Week) will be held at April and Charlie Walton's beautiful home and garden. If you remember it from the Tour several years ago, you know just how spectacular it is! Come and join us for a fun evening - a few more places are still available. (June 8 \$75/person). Contact Karen Kelly: khkelly5@gmail.com.

Practically everything is in place for our big event June 13 and 14. All that is left to do is your favorite "No Rain" dance - and to purchase your ticket! Please consider buying a ticket even if you can't attend - gift it to a friend. They'll ask a friend to join them and you will have increased our sales by two tickets!! If all our members did this - our profits would increase by \$6,400 and - that's pretty amazing.

And, please remember the delicious luncheon available at Lake Forest Country Club both days 11:30am - 2pm. This is a separate ticket (\$20). No need to attend the Tour to go.

LUNCHEON MENU: (Pick Two)

Harvest vegetable soup

Lemon and sundried tomato hummus with pita

Spring Salad (baby greens, blueberries, raspberries, crumbled goat cheese with orange poppyseed dressing)

1/2 Smokehouse Turkey Wrap (roasted turkey, lettuce, tomato, pepperjack, cheddar cheese with chipotle aioli)

Tour and Luncheon tickets are available now with PayPal at hudsongardenclub.org or after Memorial Day with cash/check at the Learned Owl and Hudson Acme.

HGC NOMINEE NEEDED FOR A SPOT ON THE CBG AFFILIATE COUNCIL

HGC, an Affiliate Club member of the Cleveland Botanical Garden (now known as Holden Forest and Gardens since their merger), has been nominated to have a spot on the Affiliate Council. Thus, HGC needs to supply a member who is willing to participate.

The Affiliate Council assists with decisions on some activities at the gardens. Each council member is assigned 2-3 Affiliate clubs to keep updated on upcoming events. The Affiliate Council meets six times a year at the Botanical Garden and council members are also asked to attend the Fall Forum and Affiliates Day.

It's a great opportunity to see how the decisions are made, to be a part of the process, and to be in the know about plans at Holden Forest and Gardens. By participating, you will also get to be a more regular visitor to the CBG! To accept the nomination for HGC, or to get more information, contact Christine Knott at [440-899-9561](tel:440-899-9561).

FOCUSING ON CIVIC HAPPENINGS

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE

Sometimes there are events we are involved with in the Garden Club that we wish we could just "bottle up" the memories. The Spring Plant Exchange was one of those times this year.

On behalf of the volunteers who were there that evening - I think I can say that it truly was a fun evening for all. The plants were great, and we had many unusual ones which, of course, everyone wanted, but more importantly the camaraderie and interaction was unbelievable.

The majority of the over 40 people in attendance had never been to one of our plant exchanges before, and many were interested in learning more about the Club and several planned on joining. We will be posting a couple of lists in the near future from those attending of 'plants to share' and 'plants wanted' and then our Club members can chime in doing the same! We will try to match everyone with plants to share or ones to get for their gardens! Looking forward to what Fall will bring! A special thanks to the Club members who helped, and made this an evening to remember.

PLANTING IN HUDSON'S CIVIC GARDENS

The theme for the gardens our Club maintains this Spring was "weeds and more weeds!" With the almost daily rain, we were limited as to when we were able to get to them. We just got the last of the gardens weeded and prepped as the plants were arriving...then we went to marathon planting mode so we had everything in before the Memorial Day Parade. There were only a handful of us - and hundreds and hundreds of plants.

We did it over a 3-day period, a different area each day. Over the next few weeks as the plants take hold and grow, soon you will be able to enjoy all the beauty they will bring as you travel through town. Keeping our community beautiful is a big part of what we do, and we hope that more of you will join in and help.

The BUGs are such a wonderful group, and we have fun no matter where we are or what needs to be done. We now will be on 'monitoring' the gardens the next few months and an occasional group work session every few weeks. Everyone is welcome to come and join in, just let me know if you are interested! Enjoy the warmer temps and our own gardens.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of April 30, 2019

PNC Savings	\$ 32,043.75
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,005.77
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 9,709.37

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 56,938.19
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 108,697.08

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES May 16, 2019

On Thursday, March 21, thirty-one members and guests gathered to hear the presentation "The Benefits of Rain Gardens" presented by Jennifer Grieser, the Senior Natural Resource Manager for Cleveland Metroparks.

President, Jan Lindstrom, opened the meeting with a welcome and Carla Maurer followed with a request for volunteers for our upcoming Home & Garden Tour.

Jen then explained the benefits of rain gardens for the residential garden. In areas where gardeners fight wet conditions and soggy yards, Jennifer talked about examining the flow of the water from downspouts to a lower area of the yard where a rain garden could be the answer to allowing that water to soak in rather than flow to, and possibly flood storm sewers.

Jen concluded with some materials that guests could look at at and a website where more information can be found. (www.blue-thumb.org/raingardens).

This was our last meeting for this garden club year. We will reconvene in September to begin a new year of club membership.

This evening's floral arrangement will be delivered to Nancy Kolodgy.

Submitted by Carla Maurer



The search has already begun for homes and gardens for the 2010 Tour! Please contact Carla Maurer (cbmaurer@roadrunner.com) or Lois James (jameslois19@gmail.com) with your nominations.

WHAT'S IN STORE AT THE GARDEN SHOP

Have a friend that likes to find bargain goodies at estate and garage sales? Have a friend that is a plant geek? Tell them about (better yet bring them to) our once-a-year pop-up Garden Shop! The Garden Shop, located in the Hudson Middle School is open to the public 10am to 5pm during the Tour on June 13 and 14. Judy Mikita and Kathy Foley are creating quite the venue, loaded with curated home and garden décor items, nursery grown plants and more surprises! Judy Maupin and Joan Brandon will feature offerings from fellow members in the popular Our Garden to Your Garden section.

The nursery grown plants include large size perennials and special annual and lush container gardens. Come early to get the best selections as supplies are limited. The plants this year include the 2019 Perennial Plant Association Plant of the Year! Also, more than 20 varieties of deer resistant, pollinator friendly, special shade and other unusual perennials will be sold, including also a hard-to-find annual that blooms all season and is frequented by hummingbirds. Some of the selections are those plants that flower during Tour time and are used in the beautiful floral designs in the homes. We hope to be able to post the list (and maybe photos too) of the nursery-grown plants on our website and on our Club's Facebook page.

You and our Tour visitors can stop-and-shop, leave the plants in the Garden Shop Holding area, and go on the Tour and to the Luncheon, picking up your selections at the end of your day. Garden Shop hours are 10am to 5pm both days. Please note that the Garden Shop will not be open during the evening hours of the Tour on Thursday.

CITY OF HUDSON RECEIVES GRANT FROM HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

The Hudson Garden Club has recently awarded the City of Hudson \$7,000 for the planting of trees. HGC has a long history of planting trees in the city, going back as far as the 1930s. Last year street trees were planted along Tanager Drive to replace dying ash trees. In two previous years HGC funding allowed the city to replace street trees on Brentwood Drive and shade trees at Markillie Cemetery and Ellsworth Golf Course.

Eric Hutchinson, Assistant Public Works Director for the city said, "We are most grateful for the continued support of our tree planting program provided each year by the Hudson Garden Club. Their grant allows us to increase our tree planting capabilities and makes a difference in Hudson."

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What's Coming Up

June 8, 2019

Garden Gathering

See page 2 for details

Thursday, June 13, 2019 - 10am - 8pm

Home & Garden Tour

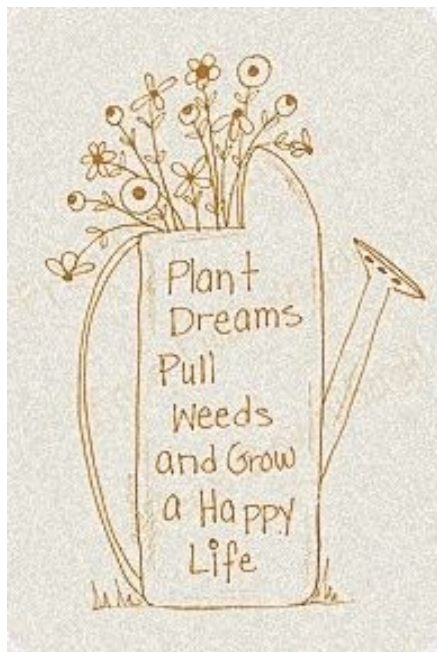
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Friday, June 14, 2019 - 10am - 5pm

Home & Garden Tour

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**No HGC Meeting in June, July and August
Our First General Meeting of the club
year is Thursday, September 19, 2019**



HGC ladies enjoying a Field Trip to the Wolcott Lilac Garden in Kent

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HGC members
seen out and
about in the
month of May



Hang on Joan.....

Joan and George Brandon
Hudson Memorial Day Parade