

President's Message

How can you not love June? School lets out, the days are long, the flowers are magnificent and nothing seems better than to be in your garden. June is also when we have the most important event of the Garden Club year — our annual Home and Garden Tour.

This year the Tour is on Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15 and it promises to be a great one with three lovely homes and three inventive and unique gardens. The Garden Shop (located in the Hudson Middle School cafeteria) will be open the same hours as the Tour and will feature some very unusual one-of-a-kind items this year as well as perennials for you to purchase to beautify your own gardens. Be sure to stop by.

If you have not yet volunteered to help out, there is still time to call Lois James or myself. The most important thing that you can do is attend the Tour and encourage your friends to do the same. This is when Hudson rolls out the red carpet and really puts its best face forward for all of our many guests during what has become known as "Hudson Festival Days." Our Tour is the gem around which all of this revolves. A huge thank you to our Tour committee and to all of you for making us proud.

Wendy Hilty



HERB GROUP JUNE FIELD TRIPS

Becker's Cottage Garden Herb Farm and Manda's Plant Farm Tuesday, June 5

The Herb Group will be traveling to Akron and Canal Fulton and spending time at two family owned plant farms. Jan and Rick Becker have owned **Becker's Cottage Garden Herb Farm in Akron** since 1987 and it continues to grow and flourish. The gardens include many varieties of vegetables, herbs and fruit bearing bushes and trees. Jan is a graduate of Ohio State University ATI, attended the Culinary Arts School at Akron University, is a Master Gardener, and a specialist in Backyard and Local Foods. Jan will be taking us on a tour and will have a variety of herbs and vegetables for purchase.

Manda's Plant Farm in Canal Fulton is second generation family owned and everything is locally grown and 100% chemical free. In its 40th year, they offer over 100 varieties of herbs, heirlooms, hybrids, annuals, perennials and much more tucked into the greenhouses in this wooded 80 acres across from Lock 4 Park. Lunch will be at a location TBA.

Please RSVP by June 2 to Sherry Beam, 330-342-0969 or sherrybeam@hotmail.com. We will carpool and meet at the Park-and-Ride lot at Chittenden Road and Route 303 and will leave promptly at 8:30 am.

Quailcrest Farm in Wooster Tuesday, June 19

Also mark your calendars for **Tuesday, June 19** for a field trip to **Quailcrest Farm in Wooster**, along with other stops to be announced. Info will be sent via Email at a later date. If you do not receive our Emails, please call Sherry Beam 330-342-0969 for details.

HGC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Scholarship Committee has chosen four students to be awarded a total of \$7,000. The recipients are:

Lindsay Baker who is currently a student at Ohio State University majoring in Environmental Engineering. Her future plans include working in the area of ecosystem restoration and sustainability.



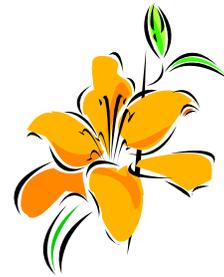
Alayna Tokash, a student at Hudson High School who was President of the Environmental Club, plans on attending Ohio University where she will major in Conservation Biology or Environmental Science.

Susan Washko, a student at Hudson High School who has always been interested in the outdoors, plans to attend Allegheny College majoring in Environmental Science or Ecology and later work to improve the environment.

Michael Weinzierl, a second-time recipient, is presently attending Hamilton College and has a strong interest in biology, environmental science and conservation. He intends to pursue his goal by majoring in Biology, Geology or both.

JULY FIELD TRIP

Watch your Email for the details of a special field trip in July!



We will be visiting the garden at the Moreland Hills home of Mark and Cynthia Druckenbrod. Cynthia is the Director of Horticulture at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. She and her husband are daylily hybridizers and welcome us to their garden during the height of the daylily bloom to see the variety of this family of flowers. They also have a few pet chickens on their homestead!

Due to the timing of the July/August newsletter, and the final planning for this July field trip, we will have to send the date and details via Email. If you do not receive the Garden Club Emails from Sherry Beam but are interested in this field trip, contact Barbara Earnhardt at 330-653-3831.

There will be no scheduled field trip for June. Be sure to invite a friend to join you on our Home and Garden Tour!

And if you want to venture further afield, how about a visit to see **Garden Walk Buffalo**? **Garden Walk Buffalo** is a free, self-guided tour of more than 370 Buffalo gardens, the largest garden tour in America. Held annually on the last weekend of July, this year it will be **Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29 from 10 am to 4 pm**.

See gardenwalkbuffalo.com for more information and photos. "There are Japanese gardens, English gardens, Russian gardens (i.e., barely controlled wildernesses) and what I would call Buffalo gardens—eclectic, funky mixes in which found objects and exotic-looking surrounding rooftops figure prominently." - Atlantic.com

GARDEN BOOKS ORDERED

Dorothy Malpass
Book Chair



The following books will soon be on the shelves of the Hudson Library:

The Revolutionary Yardscape: Ideas for repurposing local materials to create containers, pathways, lighting and more by Matthew Leverque.

Succulent Container Gardens: Design eye-catching displays with 350 easy-care plants by Debra Lee Baldwin.

Big Gardens in Small Spaces: Out-of-the-box advice for boxed-in gardeners by Martyn Cox.

So You Want to be a Garden Designer: How to get started, grow and thrive in the landscape design business by Love Albrecht Howard.

HUDSON HOME & GARDEN TOUR REQUEST

The Garden Shop will have flea market art, gardening items and gardening books for sale. Please contact Wendy Hilty (330-656-3928) if you have any gently used gardening books to donate.



Did you know HGC offers the following "Thank You" in the form of flowers to those who serve us so faithfully year round?

On May Day close to 40 containers filled with flowers made by Club members were delivered around town to Government officials, Police, Fire, EMS, the schools and others. This has been an HGC tradition since 1981.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand April 30, 2012

Unrestricted	\$ 58,829.18
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 32,168.03
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 90,997.21

Nancy Agler
Treasurer

May General Meeting Highlights

President Wendy Hilty opened the meeting at 7:05 pm welcoming 43 members, guests, scholarship recipients and their families. Marilyn Olzmann, Scholarship Chair, introduced her committee and thanked them for their participation in selecting the scholarship winners. A total of \$7,000 was awarded to four students, Lindsay Baker, Alayna Tokash, Susan Washko and Michael Weinzierl.

Wendy reviewed the tour dates, June 14 and 15, and said that volunteers are still needed.

Sherry Beam introduced the speaker, Denise Ellsworth, who presented a very interesting program on honey bees and native pollinators. A question and answer session followed the program.

With the food and non-perishable items collected at the Plant Exchange and May general meeting the Club donated ten bags to the Food Pantry. Thanks to all for your generous support.

Veterans' Memorial Football Stadium

The HGC Board approved the following for our 16 x 16 inch brick to be used in the Veterans' Memorial Football Stadium.



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GARDEN CLUB

EST. 1933

Deeply Rooted

In the Past,

Planting Seeds

For the Future

Note Member Address Change

Agnes Tercek
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Hudson, Ohio 44236



A note from Jeremy Penman HGC 2011 Scholarship Recipient (Correspondence received January 10, 2012)

Dear Hudson Garden Club

Today marks the first day of classes and challenges that await in the spring of 2012. I am still working in Dr. Ju's lab on production of Bio fuel from algae grown off of waste water. This semester I will be doing lots of independent research to achieve my Senior Honors Project before my senior year due to the difficulty of senior year. The classes I am taking include: Fluid and Thermal Operations, Chemical Reaction Engineering, Material Science, Chemical Engineering Lab, Honors Colloquium: Natural Science and Introduction to Economic Analysis. The Honors Colloquium is designed to be an open discussion class between those of all majors in honors college.

Thanks again for the continued support for over a year. Without the support college would be much more stressful and difficult.

Thank You:

To April Walton for donating her speaker fee in March to purchase additional books for the Hudson Library.

And we report that:

Our April speaker, Noelle Clark Atkin, from Petitti's, has donated her speaker fee to the St. Malachi Center at the request of Angelo Petitti.

"If it should turn out that we have mishandled our own lives as several civilizations before us have done, it seems a pity that we should involve the violet and the tree frog in our departure."

Loren Eiseley

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What's Coming Up

Tuesday, June 5
Herb Group Trip
Becker's Cottage Garden Herb Farm
And Manda's Plant Farm
Depart Hudson: 8:30 am
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The *BUGs are on the Move

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

May and early June are the busiest time of the season for the BUGs. The final spring cleanup was completed and right before Memorial Day the plants purchased by the City for downtown merchants arrived and the volunteer BUGs planted the boxes, barrels and hayracks for most of the storefronts on Main Street and First and Main.

The gardens that we maintain on the Green and Clock Tower trough will be planted after the holiday. We hope you will enjoy the color and beauty throughout the summer months.

Editor's Note:

Have you ever wondered who weeds the beds and plants all those flowers around town at springtime? Look around you and see your fellow HGC members who have taken up the gauntlet and come ready for business wearing their garden gloves and toting their weeders and shovels. Just as in our gardens at home, there is such satisfaction when you see winter weary beds come to life and become a riot of color. What a way to welcome friends and visitors to our town as well as bringing enjoyment to all.

Would you like to be one of these BUGs? We can never have too many and you will find it very rewarding. Oh yes, BUGs stands for *BOTTOMS UP GANG.