



President's Message

I think that in a gardener's heart March 1 is the beginning of Spring although the calendar states that March 20 is the Vernal Equinox. Nothing like pushing the season a bit! And it is not too early to think about Garden Club activities such as the civic gardens and the annual Home and Garden Tour.

Think about joining the BUGs (Bottoms Up Gang) this Spring to work in the civic gardens. It is fun and you learn a lot of gardening tips. Contact Sherry Beam (330) 342-0969 if you are interested.

Think about volunteering to help with the Home and Garden Tour, the "diamond gem" of Hudson Festival Days, June 13 and 14. We need home and garden hostesses, Garden Shop helpers, traffic coordinators (great job for guys!) and Tea Shop hostesses. Sign up sheets will be at our General Meetings and you can always call anyone on the Board to volunteer. There will be more announcements as we get closer to the event.

Wendy Hilty

TWO POSITIONS AVAILABLE The Garden Club Needs You

We have all enjoyed the programs at our monthly General Meetings. They have been admirably handled by Program co-chairs Sherry Beam and Mary Gallo both of whom are retiring from their positions in May of this year. That finds us in need of filling these two co-chair positions for the 2013-14 club year.

What are the responsibilities of the Program co-chairs? They are responsible for finding speakers for our nine monthly programs. We have a wealth of resources to help you with ideas. They also need to coordinate with Laurel Lake to have the Community Room available for all General Meetings. You will have wonderful people to work with who will facilitate these arrangements. Everything is mapped out in a step-by-step format to help you.

But there is more. You will be part of the HGC Board and will attend monthly Board meetings that are to the point, fun, informative and give you an insider's view of what goes on in the Hudson Garden Club.

If you think you might be interested, please contact Wendy Hilty (330) 656-3928 or Sherry Beam (330) 342-0969 for more information.

GARDENER TO GARDENER "Tricks of the Trade II" Hudson Library Monday, April 8 at 7pm



During the Winter months many of us have been pouring over gardening catalogs and magazines in the hopes of creating a garden that is distinctly our own. To help us achieve those results consider joining us on April 8 to learn from the following three presenters:

-  Judy Maupin will present the idea of Water Gardening together with Garden Art as a way to achieve this.
-  Joan Brandon will discuss Small Space Gardening together with Tips on Maintaining a Beautiful Garden.
-  Sally Richenbacher will suggest Ways to Attract Birds to the garden and give us further Advice on Composting.

Please bring a friend or neighbor and if you have any questions, please call Joan Brandon at (330) 650-1385.



HGC Invited to Participate in Stan Hywet Event "Inspiration in Bloom"

Our Club was again invited to create floral arrangements for Stan Hywet's 2013 season opening event! The event is called "Inspiration in Bloom" and interprets this year's overall theme, "A Passion for the Land." Through this estate theme, Stan Hywet will tell the story of the Seiberling family and their interest in fitness, health, gardening, sports and nature, as well as sustainability and preserving the land.

After a site visit, our designers chose the Manor's Game and Billiard Room (Mr. Seiberling's "Man Cave" if you will), and Mrs. Seiberling's private bathroom which retains its lovely original floral painted ceiling. The curators told us no one seemed interested in the bathroom and were delighted when we said we were. Wait till you see the unique Spring floral designs we've planned for both rooms. We will once again feature plant material from our own Hudson gardens.

The floral designers for this event invite other members to join them in the advance preparations and some of the work involved to present the designs. If interested, please contact Bronwyn Pierson at (330) 650-1459. "Inspiration in Bloom" will run for three days from April 5 - 7, 2013.

Floral Publications Purchased



Simple Flowers: Arrangements and Floral Accents for the Home by Noriko Hayakawa has been ordered In Memory of Beverley Joan "Puff" Warren McEachern and will be in the Hudson Library for all to use. Floral arranging was one of Puff's favorite hobbies.

Also new to the Hudson Library will be *New Blooms: Fresh Ideas for Seasonal Flower Arrangements* by Nick Green and *Flower Magazine* focused on flower arrangements and published four times a year.

GARDENER-TO-GARDENER WORKSHOP

Friday, March 8 at 9:15am



Please mark your calendars and make your reservations for the Gardener-to-Gardener Workshop on Friday, March 8 starting at 9:15am at the home of Dorothy Malpass, 7441 Dillman Drive, Hudson (off Hudson Aurora —one block east of Stow Road).

Sowing seeds at home is an economical and fun way to acquire plants that are often expensive or hard to find at garden centers. We will be sowing Sweet Peas, both climbing and shorter varieties. Most of the other fragrant annuals are also self-sowers such as Nicotianas, Evening Scented Stock, Chocolate Daisy and Cosmos "Psyche White."

Seeds, potting mix and pots will be provided with a \$3 charge per person payable the morning of the workshop. Bring a box or flat to carry pots home. **Reservations are required by March 6.** Please reply to Sherry Beam's email or Dorothy Malpass at dorothy.malpass@gmail.com or call (330) 656-1857.



WORKSHOP TO MAKE A HYPERTUFA CONTAINER Saturday, March 16 from 10am—Noon

Do you like the look of stone troughs and decorative containers in and around a garden? Then sign up to join a workshop to learn about and make hypertufa containers. Our workshop will be led by Judy Woudenberg on **Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 10am to noon.** Judy and other members of the Garden Club in Kent have been making hypertufa containers for years and are wonderfully creative with design ideas.

HYPERTUFA is an artificial stone material made of a mix of Portland cement and binders like peat moss/perlite/vermiculate/sand. These are mixed with water, formed and allowed to cure. The mix can be packed over a form, pressed into a mold, or sculpted to create containers, troughs and art objects which are fairly easy and fun to make. Hypertufa containers are light(er) weight than cement and can withstand harsh weather conditions.

The workshop will be held indoors at Rick Strebler's Auto Body Shop, 3456 State Route 59 in Kent, Ohio.

You will need to bring: rubber gloves (because the cement is caustic) and old clothes or an apron and a plastic bag, such as a grocery bag or a garbage bag for larger containers. (All surfaces that come in contact with the cement must be covered.)

Plastic bowls, cardboard boxes, wicker baskets (straight-sided), milk cartons (waxed cardboard boxes) and Styrofoam boxes are used as forms. There will be many of these on hand for us to use or you can bring your own if you have a certain shape in mind.

Add embellishments such as leaves, marbles, glass pebbles, sea shells and pretty stones or make patterns with sheets of bubble wrap or textured plastic. Bring some of your treasures and trinkets to personalize your container.

Take a look at bing.com/images and search on hypertufa to see the variety of objects made from hypertufa. Succulent planters....Toadhouses....Round pots....Stepping stones....Garden art.

The fee for this workshop is \$20 per person and more than one container can be made as long as the mix is available. Everyone will take home their item(s) with complete instructions for curing and drying. Each person will also receive a \$10 ticket to the Garden Club of Kent's Plant Sale in late May to be held at the Ode to Joy Garden Center at the corners of Ravenna and Seasons Road.

Workshop size is limited. We will meet in the **Joanne Fabrics parking lot (in the row closest to the movie theater) and leave from Hudson at 9:30am.** Drivers needed for carpools. **Please RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831 no later than Saturday, March 9, 2013.**

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of February 1, 2013

Unrestricted Cash—Checking	\$ 848.16
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 18,350.72
PNC Savings Account	\$ 69,168.21

Overall Total \$ 88,367.09

Nancy Agler, Treasurer



New Member

Sharon Broaddus
7816 Benton Lane
Hudson, OH 44236
(720) 937-4631

Welcome Back

Susan Grosik
17098 Messenger Road
Auburn Township, OH 44023
(330) 883-2833

Renewals

Darcy Mihalek
Caren Young

Corrected Phone Number

Mina Huang (330) 655-3300
Marie Price (330) 650-6179

Please Add/Omitted by Mistake

Janice Lindstrom
2499 Blue Heron Drive
Hudson, OH 44236
(330) 697-3487

HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES February 21, 2013

President Wendy Hilty called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, welcoming over 78 members and guests. A balanced budget of \$57,075 income and \$57,023 expenses was presented and unanimously approved.

Sherry Beam and Barb Earnhardt described upcoming field trips and workshops and invited members to attend. Sherry Beam then introduced local landscape designer, Valerie Strong, who presented a colorful slide show demonstrating how she planned and developed her gardens. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Nancy Saxer, Recording Secretary



Herb Group Meets "Spring Makeover" Tuesday, March 26, 2013 Hudson Library

While we wait for Mother Nature to bring warm weather, the Herb Group will undergo a "Spring Makeover!" Known as the season of renewal and celebration, Spring offers us a chance to look and feel our best. What better way to welcome the warmer temperatures than with a healthy and fresh all over glow...with our own homemade herbal beauty products — straight from our kitchen and garden.

This fun workshop will be help on Tuesday, March 26 from 9:30am to 11:30am in the North Meeting Room of the Library. Information on supplies needed and the small fee will be given to all those attending once registration is closed. **Reservations will be accepted until March 19.** Please email sherrybeam@hotmail.com or call (330) 342-0969.

A GARDEN WEB SITE TO CHECK OUT.....

HGC member Lisa Foster would like to pass on information for a free "app," which is can be downloaded onto iPads and Nooks. Published by her husband's (a Hudson native) company, it is called "**A Garden Life**" — a fun and interactive site. This app is free, so if you have a Nook or iPad you can download at no charge. Go online and check out the website: www.agarden.com and you can click to download from there.

SOMETHING NEW IN HUDSON GARDEN CLUB A Flower Arranging Group to begin March 26

"More people than ever before are enjoying the pleasure of arranging flowers and with it an awareness of the ever-growing range of beautiful materials that are available. The reason for this growing enthusiasm is not hard to find — flower arranging is a life-enhancing form of creativity that is possible for anyone, amateur or professional, to enjoy." Shirley Monckton from *The Complete Guide to Flower Arranging*.

"We've forgotten what arranging is about. The first — really the only — goal of making an arrangement is delight. We make arrangements, not because they are elegant, even though they are, and not because it's trendy to do so. We do it because it makes us happy. Flowers are pretty and meaningful; when we arrange them, they are art." N. Johnson from *Everyday Flowers*.

Last year many HGC members attended a floral arranging workshop at Stan Hywet given by the Garden Forum of Greater Akron. Many expressed a desire to have more opportunities to learn about floral design. This year the Hudson Garden Club will include a new Flower Arranging Group. Several programs and workshops are planned and all members are welcome to attend any or all of the planned event. The purpose of this new group is not flower show training, but floral design — such topics as getting started, design principles, elements of design, matching containers to flowers, etc.

The first event of the new Flower Arranging Group will be a **Holiday Make-and-Take Flower Arrangement** sponsored by and hosted in the Café at Hudson Library on **Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7pm**. This event will also be open and advertised to the public. Class size is limited. To reserve your spot in the class sign up and pay the \$5 fee at the Reference Desk on the second floor of the Library.

Hudson Garden Club
P.O. Box 651, Hudson, OH
44236

What's Coming Up

Friday, March 8, 2013 @ 9:15am

Gardener-to-Gardener Workshop
At the home of Dorothy Malpass
Workshop Fee: \$3

Reservation deadline March 6

See page 2 for details

Tuesday, February 5—March 10, 2013

Orchid Mania
Cleveland Botanical Gardens

Saturday, March 16, 2013 10am - noon

Hypertufa Workshop
Strebler's Auto Body in Kent
Workshop Fee: \$20

Reservation deadline March 9

See page 2 for details

Thursday, March 21, 2013

HGC General Meeting

Featuring Danae Wolfe
7:00pm Social Time - 7:30pm Program

See this page for details

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 9:30-11:30am

Herb Group—"Spring Makeover!"
Library—North Meeting Room

Reservation deadline March 19

See page 3 for details

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 @ 7pm

New Group—Flower Arranging Workshop
Hudson Library Café
Workshop Fee: \$5

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Class size is limited/sign up early

See page 3 for details

Monday, April 8, 2013 @ 7pm

Gardener-to-Gardener
Tricks of the Trade II

Hudson Library

See page 1 for details

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Hudson Garden Club March General Meeting



**"Pesky Plants: An Intro to
Ohio's Common Invasives"
Featuring Danae Wolfe
Thursday, March 21, 2013
Social 7:00pm—Program 7:30pm
Laurel Lake Mixing Room
(Please Note Room Change)**

Before starting with OSU Extension in Summit County as the Extension Educator Agriculture and Natural Resources, Danae worked as an interpretive park ranger in Cuyahoga Valley National Park where she served as the Invasive Plant Educator. She has continued her work with invasive plants in her new Extension program called "Know What You Grow," which is an invasive plant education and outreach initiative focused on home gardeners and the green industry.

She will cover Ohio's ten most common invasive plants, discuss their impact on human and natural systems and talk about control and management methods.

Danae is currently working on her PhD in environmental science at Ohio State University and in her little free time she is an avid nature photographer.