

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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The President's Message

This winter, I think Mother Nature's displeasure extends to all events...including our February general meeting. For any members that are not familiar with our policy, when the Hudson School District has canceled school, the Hudson Garden Club meeting is canceled as well.

In addition to voting on our annual budget, I was planning on talking a bit about our annual Home & Garden Tour at our meeting. Here is the newsletter version...

Our Home & Garden Tour committee needs support. There are many jobs, many of them short term, that are necessary for the successful execution of our only fundraising event. As the Tour committee still has positions to fill and reaches out to our membership looking for help, please think about donating your time. It would be great if the committee didn't have to reach out beyond our club to find the needed help. Contact Lois James at jameslois19@gmail.com if you can donate your time and talents. Working on the Tour is such a fun way to meet people, get involved and help carry on the tradition.

Thank you,
Bronwyn

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT UPDATE

Thank you again for awarding me a Hudson Garden Club Scholarship. Your support has been monumental in helping me achieve success in my studies and career pursuits.

I am in my final semester of undergraduate studies at Charleston College in SC. I'm hoping to attend graduate school in the fall at the University of Colorado Boulder's Master Environmental Studies Program.

Over the summer I interned with the Ohio EPA. In this, my second summer with them, we collected water samples throughout the Rocky River Watershed. I also spent some time volunteering on the Trapp Family Farm in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park learning more about animal and plant husbandry and taught myself to make candles using beeswax.

In September I traveled to New York City and marched with an organization which seeks climate solutions through changing our agricultural practices. Last month I traveled to a research island in the Bahamas to study the carbonate geology of the island. Currently I am working on a grant proposal to study barrier islands off the South Carolina coast. We will be assessing the stability and dynamism of the island as a potential area for development.

Thanks again, *Cara Lauria*

HERB GROUP TO "GO GREEN"

Sherry Beam, Herb Group Chair



March is filled with the promise of the arrival of Spring. Gardeners start preparing their seeds for planting, rechecking the turned down pages of garden catalogs knowing that soon the snow will be gone. And if we look closely, we will see the snowdrops, along with all the other early Spring bloomers close behind.

The Ides of March (15th) is the first day of the Roman New Year and it also marks the first day of Spring in the Roman calendar. March Madness starts....followed closely by St. Patrick's Day, where the symbol—a shamrock (actually a clover) still has many of us looking for that lucky four-leaf one!

So it seems like it is the perfect month for the Herb Group, just to "Go Green." Last month we learned about growing herbs from seeds and started the process.

We thought it would be fun to make and share some 'green' herb recipes. Since some of the herbs we started are parsley and basil — that group will use them in their dishes. Plan on attending the Herb Group meeting. We look forward to seeing what green herb you have chosen.

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 19 at 9am**. We will meet in the North Meeting Room at the Library. **RSVP by March 15** to sherrybeam@hotmail.com.

GARDEN ART WORKSHOP

Barb Earnhardt



We've all been in gardens that include art of various kinds. Some garden art makes a garden more stately, some garden art adds excitement (think Dale Chihuly installations), some garden art adds whimsy and playfulness. From formal statuary and decorative antique urns to brightly-colored modern creations, all types of garden art add interest to the landscape!

Have you added touches of art to your garden or your containers? Let's get together and create inexpensive, custom pieces of garden art of our own! Faye Duber will lead a make-and-take workshop to assemble garden art "Flowers" from china and glassware items. She has made several of these and will share her experience, teach and help us make our own unique ever-blooming flower. A fee of \$10 will cover basic materials. There will be a pre-workshop session to tell you what items you will need to gather before the workshop to make your flower unique and personal. **The pre-workshop session will be on Thursday 3/19 from 6pm to 6:30pm at Laurel Lake's Community room just before our March monthly meeting.** If you have saved your small bottle from Olive My Heart's oils, mention that you have one when you make your reservation.

The workshop will take place on Thursday, April 2, 2015 from 10am to 12pm in the Flood room at the Hudson Library.

Class size is limited: Please contact Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831 by March 13, 2015 to reserve your spot.

A Note from David Farrell HGC 2014 Scholarship Recipient

Just a short note to let you know how I'm doing at The Ohio State University — ATI, studying Horticulture. My first semester was exceptional! I carried 17 credit hours and received a 3.17 GPA.

I enjoyed my time spent at OSU's Arboretum and greenhouse for my first Plant Materials course. I remain 100% committed to a Horticulture degree and am looking forward to returning to school later this week for my second semester.

I want to thank The Hudson Garden Club for the scholarship I received. This was put toward my first semester tuition, along with last summer's earnings from KGK Gardening. I was able to fund 100% of my first semester without loans or debt.

"ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN DEMYSTIFIED" Saturday, March 14 from 10am—12pm

A seminar sponsored by the North Coast Gesneriad & African Violet Club, will be presented on **Saturday, March 14 from 10am to 12pm** at the Strongsville Library, meeting room A. The library is located at 18700 Westwood Drive, Strongsville, Ohio 44136. The speaker will be Mel Grice of Englewood, Ohio.

Mel has enjoyed great success doing artistic plant and flower designs at various flower shows. His PowerPoint presentation includes design photos taken at the World Association of Flower Arrangers (WAFA) Show held in Boston in 2011. He has selected slides that illustrate the principles and elements of design and how they work together to make a pleasing artistic design. After the slide show and talk, Mel will make a simple arrangement (flower or plant) that would fit in an 11" niche.

The 2011 WAFA Flower Show featured more than 630 floral displays, created by international arrangers from 31 countries in 30 competitive categories!

SouthPark Mall is minutes away for lunch spots or shopping after the program. We will meet in the Acme parking lot near the Otani Restaurant and leave from Hudson at 9am. Drivers needed for carpools. Please RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831 **no later than Wednesday, March 11, 2015.**

ATTENTION GESNERIAD LOVERS Saturday, March 14 from 2pm—4pm



Why is the floral design seminar (above) sponsored by the North Coast Gesneriad & African Violet Club? It is because Mel Grice is a Director in the Gesneriad Society. He's on the Shows and Judging Committee and is a Master Judge in the Gesneriad Society. He is the editor of GLEANINGS, a free monthly e-zine for the Gesneriad Society as well as being the editor of APPRAISAL and the editor of GESNERIAD NEWS for the Long Island Gesneriad Society.

And so there will be a second seminar, "**Sharing My Methods of Propagating Gesneriads,**" presented on **Saturday, March 14 from 2pm to 4pm** at the Strongsville Library, meeting room A. This talk will show how Mel grows and propagates gesneriads of all types.

The Flower Arranging field trip is not planning to stay for the 2pm Gesneriad seminar, but thought some of you might be interested in this presentation. If anyone wishes to get a field trip together, please contact Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831 and connections will be made between interested parties.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of January 31, 2015

PNC Savings	\$ 61,839.57
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,777.28
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 3,803.15

Total Bank Accounts **\$ 84,420.00**

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer



NEW MEMBERS

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February Meeting Canceled—No Minutes

TIPS AND IDEAS

VISIT THIS WEBSITE: www.oasisfloralproducts.com

Many short videos are available to see at this website. Flower arrangement ideas from all over the world are right there. Not just a photo, like Pinterest, but how-to videos. Lots of great ideas for new techniques, new floral styles, designs and using accessories like wire. Give them a look and you'll be inspired!

OASIS® Floral Foam Maxlife now has enhanced biodegradability after extensive development and testing. Maxlife is the only floral foam ASTM certified for enhanced biodegradability. It looks the same. The handling, soaking and storage recommendations remain the same. In every way it performs the same. For more information, view the OASIS® Floral Foam Maxlife with Enhanced Biodegradability FAQ at the website.

QUICK CONDITIONING INFO BY A-Z FLOWER NAME

Go to www.thegardenclubofbrookfieldct.org and click on how to condition flowers. An extensive and terrific reference!

GOT STREPTOCARPUS?

The name might make you think of having a sore throat, but it is actually a wonderful flowering houseplant. The common name is Cape Primrose.

Here are some growing tips. If the roots around the crown of the plant stay too moist they will rot. Fluff the soil up for better air circulation. Then replant your plant higher than the soil line of the pot, creating a moat around the plant where you can water. This way, water you add is absorbed by the outermost roots. Use shallow pots so the soil does not stay too moist. Remember to use tepid water and keep it off the leaves. Like its African Violet relative, the leaves are easily damaged by water or spent blooms. For more growing tips visit www.brennansorchids.com/strep.html.

2015 BUDGET FOR HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

INCOME	Actual 2014	2014 Budget	2015 Budget	Change in Budget
Dues	\$ 3,090	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 0
Garden Tour				
Garden Gathering	\$ 6,275	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,500	-\$ 500
Garden Shop	\$ 6,046	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 0
Tour	\$ 35,890	\$ 36,200	\$ 36,200	\$ 0
TOTAL Garden Tour	\$ 48,211	\$ 51,200	\$ 50,700	-\$ 500
Interest	\$ 86	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 0
Plant Exchange	\$ 20	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 0
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 51,406	\$ 54,875	\$ 54,375	-\$ 500

EXPENSES	Actual 2014	2014 Budget	2015 Budget	Change in Budget
Administrative	\$ 4,950	\$ 6,162	\$ 5,962	-\$ 200
Community Donations	\$ 11,212	\$ 14,360	\$ 14,360	\$ 0
Community Outreach	\$ 2,371	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 0
Garden Club Grants	\$ 9,770	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000	+\$ 2,000
Programs	\$ 2,172	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,150	\$ 0
Scholarships	\$ 9,500	\$ 7,000	\$ 10,000	+\$ 3,000
Tour				
Garden Gathering	\$ 2,836	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,500	+\$ 100
Garden Shop	\$ 1,826	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 0
Tour	\$ 6,520	\$ 8,450	\$ 8,850	+\$ 400
TOTAL Garden Tour	\$ 11,183	\$ 15,850	\$ 16,350	+\$ 500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 51,158	\$ 59,672	\$ 64,972	+\$ 5,300
INCOME IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES	+\$ 248	-\$ 4,797	10,597	+\$ 5,800

Because the HGC February General meeting was canceled due to weather conditions, the 2015 Budget will be voted on at the March General Meeting.

GRANT RECIPIENT THANK YOUs

HUDSON COMMUNITY SERVICE LIGHTING FUND

Thanks for your generous donation of \$500 to the lighting fund of Hudson Community Service. Your gift is greatly appreciated. Weren't the lights just beautiful!

HUDSON MONTESSORI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank you for choosing to grant the Hudson Montessori Middle School and North House Specialties \$684.71 for our shade garden project. We are thrilled to have an upcoming shade garden. We will construct the shade garden in Spring 2015. We will send pictures and a short description of the project and documentation of the money spent after the completion of the project.

PLEASE NOTE: If Hudson Schools are closed for a snow day, the Hudson Garden Club meeting or event is also canceled.

Hudson Garden Club
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What's Coming Up

Saturday, March 14, 2015— 10am-12pm

African Violet Seminar @ Strongsville Library

RSVP to Barb Earnhardt by March 11

See page 2 for details

Note: A 2nd session from 2pm—4pm

Thursday, March 19, 2015—9am

Herb Group @ Library North Meeting Room

See page 1 for details

Thursday, March 19, 2015

HGC February General Meeting

"A Border for All Seasons"

Social Time: 6:45pm—Program: 7:00pm

See this page for details

Thursday, March 19, 2015—6pm-6:30pm

Garden Art Workshop—*Pre Workshop*

Laurel Lake Community Room

RSVP to Barb Earnhardt by March 13

See page 2 for details

Thursday, April 2, 2015—10am—12pm

Garden Art Workshop

Flood Room at the Hudson Library

RSVP to Barb Earnhardt by March 13

See page 2 for details



Ada Cooper Miller was a member of the Hudson Garden Club since its inception in 1933. Although not an active member, Ada was in the background lending her talents and is attributed as being its longest member.



**ADA COOPER MILLER
1903—2015**

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Hudson Garden Club March General Meeting

"A Border for All Seasons"

Guest Speaker: Daniela Baloi

Thursday, March 19, 2015

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room



Our speaker for the March meeting is our very own Hudson Garden Club member, Daniela Baloi. An avid gardener for over twenty years, Baloi has transformed her yard into a beautiful garden that features annuals, perennials, grasses, vegetables and flowering shrubs. Her garden was a featured stop on the 2013 Hudson Garden Club's Home & Garden Tour.

Daniela has documented the evolution of her garden for her online blog, "Gardeners With Kids." One of her popular posts will be the format of her March presentation. "A Border for All Seasons" will include information on the 14-year process of designing and building a border in her garden. She has edited and replanted the border over the years, but thinks she finally has the right combination of perennials and part-shade bloomers. Her presentation will also include pictures of the border, taken weekly from the same angle, to illustrate the changing looks of the border over the growing season.

This will be a wonderful night for all gardeners looking for inspiration!