

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message



May is not only a great month for gardening but it is a great month for honoring our graduating Senior class members in Hudson. Your Garden Club does this by awarding scholarships to students who are planning on majoring in Horticulture, Environmental Science or some other related field. Be sure to come to our May meeting to meet and greet this year's scholarship recipients. Know also that it is the Home & Garden Tour fund raising efforts that make the granting of these scholarships possible.

See you at our May meeting, the last General Program meeting of the year. And, don't forget to sign up to help out at the Home & Garden Tour.

Wendy Hilty



Home & Garden Tour June 13 & 14, 2013

Mark your calendars — it is almost time and plans are in full bloom! Our 2013 Tour showcases three amazing homes with wonderful grounds or gardens, three lovely homes only and two fabulous free-standing gardens, one of which was featured on the Fine Gardening blog last month. They will provide a great variety of styles for our guests. We have three big changes this year for you to note.

- 1) Thursday hours have been extended until 8:00pm. The Garden Shop will be open the same hours as the Tour but the Tea Room will remain the same as last year (2:00 to 5:00 pm).
- 2) We will be selling the actual large Program/ticket beginning May 28 at the Learned Owl and Acme instead of the small pre-sale ticket (one less thing to do at the front door).
- 3) Programs/tickets will no longer be sold at the homes/gardens but rather at the Garden Shop and, of course, at the Ticket Tent on the Green. This should streamline the entrance to the homes. Booties may be picked up at the first home visited. This is the biggest change of all and is very important information to share with your friends and neighbors!

Please think about supporting the sponsors who advertise in our Program since they support us by taking out an ad. At least stop by and say, "Thanks!"

If you have not been called to volunteer but would like to, please contact Cindy Nygaard (330) 650-1317.

SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE May Pavilion Hudson Springs Park Thursday, May 9 at 7:00pm Check-in begins at 6:00pm



Hope we see you at the Plant Exchange. Each plant needs to be **divided, labeled, potted and in good condition**. Please use our labels. They are designed to keep all the plants uniformly marked and easy to read for both volunteers and shoppers. The label identifies the plant, providing **name, color, height, bloom time and growing needs** (sun, shade, etc.). **Download the labels from our website. We welcome as many plants as you would like to share with the exception of groundcovers or plants known to be invasive.** Paste/click the link and it will go directly to the Plant Exchange page. Then click on labels.

<http://www.hudsongardenclub.org/page/plant-exchange>

Tickets: One ticket will be issued for every standard plant you bring. Use tickets to purchase plants from the exchange. If you have leftover tickets you may use them at the fall 2013 plant exchange. All plants, except those labeled as premium, are available for one ticket or \$1. Premium plants are priced slightly higher.

The plant exchange is a fun tradition for the Club and is open to the residents of Hudson. Please come out and bring a gardening friend. Hope for a sunny day as there is not a rain date. Don't forget to bring containers to take your plants home in! If you have questions or would like help, please contact Sherry Beam at (330) 342-0969 or sherrybeam@hotmail.com.



CIVIC GARDENS



You will start seeing the Civic BUGs out working in the gardens we maintain — on the Hudson Greens and the Rain Garden on Clinton Street. We are finishing the spring garden cleanup and preparing the beds for the summer plantings. The Clocktower trough and fountain have been planted with colorful spring pansies. The daffodils at the Flagpole Garden are in full bloom. On May 14-16 (weather permitting) we will also be planting the Community and Flagpole Gardens and help plant the boxes and barrels of the merchants on Main Street and at First and Main.

On April 22, (Earth Day) the sun was shining bright when we had our first outing and the HGC was gifted with students from Western Reserve Academy for their spring Service Day to the community. Thirteen young men and women and their faculty member worked between the Clinton Street Rain Garden and the Library Bio-Swale Garden. Last October, during their fall Service Day, they completely took care of all the gardens the BUGs maintain. With the hours they were there this week everything is complete and we will just need to keep the Rain Garden maintained.

We are appreciative to WRA and the students who have adopted the BUGs for Service Day. This is the fourth year we have teamed up and look forward to seeing them in the fall.

We welcome all our members to come out and join us. This year we are adding some fun learning experiences and techniques. Please contact Sherry Beam at (330) 342-0969 or sherrybeam@hotmail.com.

HIGHLIGHTS of April 18, 2013 GENERAL MEETING

President Wendy Hilty called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, welcomed 50 members and guests and invited our guests to join HGC.

Wendy announced that volunteers are still needed for the Home & Garden Tour, including hostesses, cookie bakers and tea hostesses.

Sherry Beam introduced Judy Semroc who presented a very interesting program on how to make your garden a "Pollinator Friendly Habitat." Judy currently works in the Natural Areas Division for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History as a Conservation Specialist. A second part of the program will be a hike for HGC members to learn more about pollinators. The date will be determined later.

Jon and Pat Peterson won the bouquet of roses. The centerpiece was given to Nancy Saxer who recently had foot surgery.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Nancy Saxer, Recording Secretary



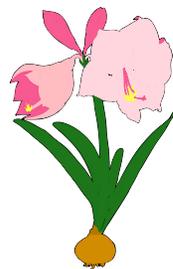
FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP ACTIVITY FOR MAY Saturday, May 11, 2013 Cleveland Botanical Garden

On Saturday afternoon, May 11 let's help brighten someone's Mother's Day! The Cleveland Botanical Garden invites volunteers and staff to make small fresh flower arrangements to be donated to women at the Norma Herr Community Women's Shelter in time for Mother's Day. This annual tradition is always well received and appreciated by the women and staff at the shelter. No experience necessary, just a desire to serve others via flower arranging. All materials will be provided with one or more arrangements to be created by each volunteer. Free with Garden admission (\$12.00) or membership. (If 15 or more of us go to this activity we will be eligible for a group rate admission of \$9.50 each.)

Garden admission gives access to all the gardens inside and out. The CBG is an area gem that is worth visiting in each season! See cbgarden.org for more information. Our time at the CBG can include a walk to see 30,000 brilliant Spring flowers in the outdoor gardens. The day also offers a Japanese floral arranging show, done in the Ikenobo style, inside the CBG.

Tasty late lunch offerings are available at the CBG or across the street at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

We will meet at the Acme Plaza parking lot near the Otani restaurant and leave from Hudson at 10:45am. Drivers needed for carpools. **Please RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831 no later than Tuesday, May 7, 2013.**



AMARYLLIS UPDATE

Have your amaryllis bulbs been sleeping waiting for the weather to get warm so you can plant them? Continue to keep them inside until you are ready to plant your annuals. Then take them outside and let them adjust to being outdoors by keeping them in part sun for several days, then plant in the garden in full sun.

Your plant will keep growing leaves that feed the bulb for next year's flower. In late September, dig them up and cut off the leaves to the top of the bulb, trim off the roots and put them somewhere cool and let them rest for two months or more. Replant and the cycle starts again.

Once you plant it will be 8-12 weeks till the showy blooms appear again. I hope you all will try this....it works! There's not a flowering plant much easier than this!

"How To" by Barb Earnhardt

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of March 31, 2013

Unrestricted Cash (Checking) \$ 639.09
Restricted (Scholarship Fund) \$ 18,352.16
PNC Savings Account \$ 68,684.35

Overall Total \$ 87,675.60

Nancy Agler, Treasurer



HERB GROUP

TO VISIT

**MULBERRY CREEK HERB FARM IN HURON AND
DAYS OF YORE HERB & FLOWER FARM
IN WELLINGTON
Friday, May 17, 2013**

The timing is perfect for the Herb Group to travel to two special herb farms to have the opportunity to learn about some of the new herb and veggie plants and miniatures used in fairy, alpine and even railroad gardens and also to do some shopping!

Our first stop will be to Mark and Karen Langan's Mulberry Creek Herb Farm in Huron, Ohio. Mark and his wife, Karen, have operated this certified organic herb farm since 1995. They both have horticultural degrees and use that knowledge to grow over 450 herbs and miniatures, hardy and tropical perennials, all certified organic. Though the operation has always been organic only recently have products been available to allow them to truly be green. Last year they transitioned to 100% biodegradable pots which are made of rice and bamboo.

Our second stop will be to Days of Yore Herb and Flower Farm, located on retired 36-acre dairy farm in the heart of Ohio's dairy country just minutes from historic Wellington. We will enjoy experiencing this unique shop located in the "turn of the century barn" built in the 1840s. They offer a great selection of USDA certified organic herbs and miniature plants for you to grow and enjoy. We will be a little early in the season, but we will also be able to stroll in the Moon, Glue, Knot, Gertrude Jeckle and Fairy gardens.

Lunch will be in downtown historic Wellington and before heading home we will take a little stroll through this preserved downtown like your mother or grandmother remembers. It may be a little like our hometown of Hudson.

Please RSVP by May 13 to Sherry Beam (330) 342-0969 or sherrybeam@hotmail.com.

We will be carpooling, meeting at the back parking lot of the Hudson United Methodist Church at the corner of Stow and Hudson-Aurora Road. **Please be there by 8:15am.** We will be leaving promptly at 8:30am and will arrive back in Hudson by mid-afternoon.



HERB GROUP LUNCHEON Friday, May 31, 2013 at 11am At the home of Sherry Beam

On Friday, May 31 at 11am, with some assistance from Mother Nature, the Herb Group will enjoy a lovely outdoor luncheon filled with the many beautiful scents and smells of herbs at the home of Sherry Beam.

It is a wonderful opportunity to experience all sorts of flavors and fragrances. We will use edible flowers and colorful herbs as garnishes on all our plates as well as our salads. Herbs will be included in all of our appetizers, main dishes, salads, breads, desserts and beverages. Each plate will be a palette of colorful herbs and flowers. Those attending will bring a complimentary dish using herbs. Recipes will be provided to those attending. Please dress for a fun garden party and make a fun 'garden' hat to wear. Don't forget your cameras!

We will also be having a special 'make and take craft' to remember the day.

Space is limited and reservations are required — and will be accepted to May 20, or until filled.

RSVP to Sherry Beam at (330) 342-0969 or sherrybeam@hotmail.com.

NEEDED

Styrofoam Containers and Trough Makers

We need a few large Styrofoam containers or coolers to use for our faux stone troughs that we sell at the Garden Shop during the Home & Garden Tour.

Also needed are some willing hands to help us make these troughs. We will be meeting at Carla Maurer's house at 9:00am on Wednesday, May 8. Carla's address is 205 S. Main Street. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

Wendy Hilty
(330) 656-3928

BEEES LOVE TEASEL.....



Common roadside teasel is important for bees. The prickly upright plant has many individual blossoms on the egg-shaped flower head. They open a few at a time giving bees a nectar source for several weeks. Bees can visit these flowers all day since the blossom does not open and close. The next time a stray seed of teasel germinates in your garden, let it grow for the bees. After all the flowers have passed, harvest the stems to make dried decorations and to prevent excessive seeding. And, please, don't make the mistake of calling them thistles. Thistles are completely different plants.

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, May 9, 2013 @ 7:00pm

HGC Spring Plant Exchange
May Pavilion @ Hudson Springs Park

Check In @ 6:00pm

See page 1 for details

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Flower Arranging to give away
Cleveland Botanical Garden
Leaving Hudson @ 10:45am

Reservation deadline May 7

See page 2 for details

Thursday, May 16, 2013

HGC General Meeting

"Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants"
Featuring Danae Wolfe

Scholarship Reception @ 6:30pm

Please bring a hearty appetizer to share

See this page for details

Friday, May 17, 2013

Herb Group Visit to Herb Farms
Meet @ 8:15am @ Hudson Methodist Church
Leave Hudson @ 8:30am

Reservation deadline May 13

See page 3 for details

Friday, May 31, 2013 @ 11:00am

Herb Group Spring Luncheon
At Sherry Beam's Home

Please RSVP by May 20

See page 3 for details

Did you know.....

When visiting the Cleveland Museum of Art you will notice a large and beautiful fresh floral arrangement in the entry. These are provided by volunteers of the Women's Council of the Cleveland Museum of Art and supported by the Council's Flower Fund Endowment.



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Hudson Garden Club May General Meeting

"Go Native! Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants"

Featuring Danae Wolfe

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Scholarship Reception 6:30pm

Scholarship Recipients Introduced 7:00pm

Program to Follow

Laurel Lake Community Room



Explore the many benefits of native plants! Topics covered include the importance of native plant gardens to the natural world, native alternatives to invasive plants, and helpful hints on plant selection for your garden.

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. Danae is currently working on her PhD in environmental science at Ohio State University.

Please bring a hearty appetizer to share during the scholarship reception. Cake and beverages will be provided. We welcome our 2013 Scholarship recipients and look forward to hearing of their accomplishments and plans for the future. **Please join us for this special reception at 6:30pm.**