

# THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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## The President's Message



Sometimes I am amazed by how people around me are able to "step up to the plate" and get the job done, no matter what obstacle or speed bump gets in their way. Our Home & Garden Tour Committee is made up of exactly these types of people.

We have another fabulous tour being finalized right now and I can't thank the committee enough for all their hard work.

So, on behalf of the entire club, THANK YOU! to all the Tour Committee members who have ensured that our Club will have another year of great programs, field trips, grants, scholarships and financial support to the community around us — possible because of their untiring efforts. I can't wait to see the homes and gardens of 2015.

Thank you all,

Bronwyn

## HUDSON HOME & GARDEN TOUR Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 12, 2015

Mark your calendar — it is almost here! Plans are in full bloom for the 2015 Home & Garden Tour which showcases two amazing homes, one whimsical free-standing garden, one outdoor garden/entertainment space, one farm/garden with animals, two homes with gardens/outdoor living areas and one wonderful contemporary condo in Hudson Commons. These eight properties will provide a great variety of styles for our guests to enjoy. Whether you like your homes and gardens in small, medium or large, this Tour has something just for you!

The times this year remain the same: Thursday, June 11, 10am to 8pm and Friday, June 12, 10am to 5pm. The Garden Shop will be open the same hours as the Tour but the Tea Room will only serve from 2pm to 5pm each day, as usual.

Once again we will be selling the actual large Program/Ticket beginning May 26 at the Learned Owl and Acme instead of the small pre-sale ticket. Programs/Tickets will be sold at the Garden Shop and, of course, at the Ticket Tent on the Green, but no tickets will be available at the homes/gardens.

Booties can be picked up at the Ticket Tent, Garden

Shop or at the first home visited and may be kept to use during the entire Tour, then taken home. We no longer collect them in trash cans at the Tour stops.

Please think about supporting the sponsors who advertise in our Program. Consider at least stopping by and saying "Thanks!" to let them know how much we appreciate their commitment to making our Tour a success!

Our third annual Garden Gathering will be from 6pm to 9pm on Saturday, June 13 in the garden of Paula and Hewitt Shaw. If you would like an invitation, please contact Karen Kelly at [\(234\) 380-5228](tel:234-380-5228).

## COOKIES FOR GARDEN SHOP TEA ROOM

*Wendy Hilty & Judy Mikita, Co-Chairs*

If you have signed up to make cookies, we will be contacting you. If you are willing to contribute, please email Wendy Hilty at [wwhilty@gmail.com](mailto:wwhilty@gmail.com) or call (617) 921-1902. Even if you are busy working or away for that time, baking a batch of cookies would be a great way to do your part for our all important and only fundraiser. We also need Tea Room hostesses to help serve. Thanks for your help.

## Herb Group Field Trip

Thursday, May 7, 2015

Sherry Beam, Herb Chair



Gardening really starts to kick into high gear in May and the Herb Group will be exploring some family-owned plant farms and greenhouses. We will begin the day in Canal Fulton at Manda's Plant Farm. With so many big box stores selling plants these days, it's wonderful to find a second generation family-owned and operated local business and they have been there for over 40 years.

Jill Manda is a fellow Master Gardener, has a wonderful growing operation and wonderful plants, too! This unobtrusive collection of greenhouses sits back from the road in the embrace of eighty acres of woods. Everything is locally grown and the plants are chemical free. No insecticides or herbicides are used in her greenhouses and the colorized sections make choosing easy and fun!

We will then head over to Hartville to Miller's Greenhouse. This family-owned greenhouse started in 1984 with just one greenhouse and now has 22 greenhouse bays. Miller's grows for Spring sales only and closes by mid-June, so we are getting there at a perfect time. They have a large variety of annuals, perennials, foliage plants, tropicals, vegetables, herbs, succulents and unusual plants, along with customer container plantings.

There will also be the opportunity to check out the Herb Garden at Quail Hollow State Park if the weather permits (2 miles away). Lunch will be at the Maize Valley Market and Winery in Hartville.

The date is Thursday, May 7. We will meet at the Chittenden and Rte. 8 Park-N-Ride lot and carpool from there leaving at 9:00am. Please RSVP to Sherry Beam at [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com) or call (330) 342-0969 by May 3.



## MAY BASKETS

May Baskets have been a HGC tradition since the 1980s and this year it has sneaked up on us and is literally here! As you are in the schools, Post Office, Library, City offices, the Elm's, Laurel Lake and numerous other locations, you may see a cheerful container filled with flowers and a card from the Club. It brings smiles and warms the heart of those giving and receiving!

## HGC 2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



The Hudson Garden Club has announced four recipients of the Genevieve Jyurovat Horticultural Scholarship Award. The recipients pictured above are: Will Hogan from Hudson High School, David Farrell from Ohio State University ATI (Agricultural Technical Institute), Michael Whitacre from Ohio State University and Cara Lauria (not shown) from the College of Charleston.

**Farrell**, a second time winner, is currently in the Horticultural program at Ohio State University ATI (Agricultural Technical Institute) and is a member of the Landscape Club. His part-time and summer work at KGK Gardening and Landscaping Company has given him experience in many levels of horticultural and landscape projects. In Fall of 2015 he plans to include classes on sustainable plant systems, design and plant installation to complete his Associate Degree and transfer to the OSU main campus to complete a BS degree in Landscape Horticulture. Would like to own his own business.

**Lauria**, a second time winner, is a senior in Geology and Environmental Geosciences at the College of Charleston. During her years there she has been involved in several research projects and has served an internship in Water Quality monitoring in Eastern states, Geologic mapping in several western states and a field study in a Marine and Coal Ecological research project in Puerto Rico as well as many other activities. Cara has been accepted into the University of Colorado's Environmental Studies program where she plans to study climate change and climate science.

**Whitacre**, a second time winner, is attending Ohio State University in the Environmental Science program. While there he has been a member of the University Chorus and has often taken advantage of open lab time in the Biology Department to review specimens. He has completed the science courses at OSU in Mansfield and plans to continue his courses at the main campus of OSU in the Fall semester. He expects to pursue a career in teaching in order to do what his science teachers have done for him and perhaps seek a further degree in environmental science or aquatic biology.

**Hogan**, a student at Hudson High, has been active in sports, playing both football and lacrosse for four years, receiving Athletic Awards for both. He is a member of the National Honor Society and was part of the Leadership Planning Committee. He has also been involved with the youth group and service projects at his church, participating in a service project to West Virginia. He plans to attend the College of Engineering at Miami University to secure a degree in Environmental Engineering. His ultimate goal is to work toward preserving the environment for future generations.

## Treasurer's Report

### Account Balances as of March 31, 2015

PNC Savings	\$ 61,852.79
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,777.90
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 5,556.37

**Total Bank Accounts** \$ 86,187.06

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

## APRIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

President Bronwyn Pierson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed over 50 members and guests.

She announced that gently-used gardening items will be sold at the Garden Shop during Tour days. Donations are gratefully welcomed and will be stored by Bronwyn.

Bronwyn introduced the speaker, Frances Weng from Garden Designs, who gave an entertaining talk and slide show entitled, "Designing and Maintaining Koi Ponds." Weng builds beautiful concrete based koi ponds designed to blend with nature and he encouraged those present to "be different," to reject cookie-cutter pond and garden designs.

Marilyn Olzmann, Scholarship Chairperson, began the second part of the evening by explaining the criteria for receiving a Genevieve Jyurovat Scholarship, awarded annually by HGC. She then introduced this year's four recipients: David Farrell, Michael Whitacre and Will Hogan, all present, and Cara Lauria who was unable to be with us. Each one told a little about themselves and their plans for the future; Cara did so by way of a video message. A celebration cake was provided by HGC.

Pansy plants, recently used by HGC in flower arrangements at Stan Hywet's "Inspiration in Bloom," were available for those present to take home. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Lawrence, Recording Secretary

## HUDSON OPENS NEW PARK FOR OUR ENJOYMENT



There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 for Hudson's new Metro Park, **Wood Hollow Park**, which is located at 2121 Barlow Road. The ceremony will begin at 11:00am.

## NEW MEMBERS



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## **Volunteers Needed for Spring Plant Exchange Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00pm**

May 19 will bring the Plant Exchange to a new location and we are looking forward to a wonderful and fun evening. **Check In is at 6:00pm and the exchange begins at 7:00pm.**

We need volunteers to help with set up, checking in plants, giving tickets, putting plants on tables, getting out of the way as to not be trampled when the exchange starts, collecting tickets/money after the event, and cleanup. This is such a wonderful bi-annual tradition and so many look forward to helping each year — please let me know if you are able to help.

Contact: Sherry Beam at [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com) or (330) 342-0969. See Page 6 for details.

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### **What's Coming Up**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015—10:00am—Noon**

Community Service Day  
*See page 5 for details*

**Thursday, May 7, 2015—9:00am**

Herb Group Visit to Manda's Plant Farm  
**RSVP to Sherry Beam by May 3**  
*See page 2 for details*

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015—11:00am**

Ribbon Cutting—New Hudson Metro Park  
*See page 3 for details*

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015—7:00pm**

HGC 2015 Spring Plant Exchange  
**Veterans Way Park Pavilion**  
**Check In: 6:00pm—Exchange: 7:00pm**  
*See page 6 for details*

**Thursday, May 21, 2015**

**HGC May General Meeting**  
**"Eating Your Landscape"**

Social Time: 6:45pm—Program: 7:00pm  
*See this page for details*

## Spring

The Spring has come again  
For the grass in growing green,  
And among the fields of clover  
Bright butterflies are seen.  
The little birds are singing sweetly  
As they fly from tree to tree...  
The busy bees are gathering  
The honey from the flowers,  
And the merry birds are building  
Their nests in sheltered bowers...

Josephine D.C., "Spring" c1887

### **Newsletter Committee**

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## **Hudson Garden Club** **May General Meeting**

### ***"Eating Your Landscape"***

**Guest Speaker: Larry Giblock**  
**Thursday, May 21, 2015**  
**Social Time: 6:45pm**  
**Program: 7:00pm**  
**Laurel Lake Community Room**



Larry Giblock, Lead Horticulturalist with the Cleveland Botanical Garden will present his program **"Eating Your Landscape"** and will introduce the audience to edible plants that many people have on their property. He will explain the usefulness of the different plants and will identify several plants we may want to add to our gardens. He will also cover the cultural requirements and give recipes for each.

Giblock has been with CBG for 25 years, working mainly with the native plant collection. Native plants are his real passion. In addition to his duties at CBG (Cleveland Botanical Garden) he sat on the Steering Committee helping to form the Native Plant Society of Northeast Ohio. Larry currently sits on the Native Plant Promotion Committee, a part of LEAP (The Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership) an organization formed to help guide decisions that affect Lake Erie and the counties that drain into it.

## GARDEN ART WORKSHOP IN REVIEW

**A good time had by all!**

*Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair*



A big THANK YOU to Faye Duber for leading a fun and creative garden art workshop on April 2, 2015. Everyone who participated had interesting ideas and different sources for their materials.

Lisa Drew and Brenda Gorenc put together big, colorful arrangements of items to make flowers. Janice Larivee brought a small clear glass teapot to be filled with shells and with succulents in the infuser. Sherry Beam came to the rescue of a member who couldn't attend at the last minute and sanded and glued her items for a flower.

Joan Brandon honored a friend with her materials, and shared a rectangular platter painted with flowers for Mary Ann George. Carole Smith chose bright items — including melamine and cookie cutters. Carolyn Dunn stacked antique plates and depression glass with beautiful results.

From thrift stores, dollar stores, antique stores, Target, their own basements and attics...each composition was a story in itself and will soon be topics of conversation as they adorn our gardens or are given as gifts. Some members had so much fun gathering and arranging materials that there will be some of these very special flowers for sale at the Garden Shop during the Home & Garden Tour!



*Picture the above flowers on stakes, amidst garden greenery, making a statement in our members' yards!  
Garden Art Workshop held 4/02/2015*



*Entries seen at the Garden Club of America Flower Show at the Akron Art Museum (4/18/2015 field trip). The floral design interpreted the framed art behind it.*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

**Saturday, May 2, 2015**

*Sherry Beam, Civic Chair*

This year, Hudson Community First has contacted us to have some of the gardens our Club maintains as part of the city-wide volunteer cleanup they are sponsoring. We are so grateful, but, we need volunteers from our Club to also be there to give guidance and assistance. This is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 from 10:00am to noon, rain or shine.

We will be at the Community Garden (corner of Rte. 91 and Ravenna Street and also the Clinton Street Rain Garden (which borders the parking lot of Farinacci's Pizza).

This student volunteer crew will really make a difference, and hopefully, with our help, the gardens will then be ready for the upcoming summer plantings in May. This is such a gift, now, we need your help.

We need BUG (Bottoms Up Gang) and Club members to join in. They may have a few garden tools, but, we will need to provide them with as many various garden tools (marked so they return to the right owners) as possible to make this happen.

Please contact me as soon as possible to let me know if you are able to help in any way. Even thirty minutes to an hour is a gift. They will let me know the amount of volunteers for each area closer to the end of the week.

Contact: Sherry Beam at [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com) or (330) 342-0969. THANK YOU!!!

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## LET'S SHARE PHOTOS OF CLUB EVENTS

*Comments from Barb Earnhardt*

It occurs to me that my articles for the newsletter should not just be about coming events but about reporting successes and fun times together. And a picture is worth a thousand words. This also encourages new and old members alike to see what those who participate get to see and do. We might even forego the Historian position if we use the newsletter and website to post photos and brief reports. (I've only once seen a Historian's scrapbook. How many members and potential members have seen one? But, members get the newsletter and potential members can see our website and/or Facebook page.)



*HGC's "Spring in Bloom" design in the Dining Room at Stan Hywet Hall held (4/10-12/2015), which featured pussy willows, pastel pansies and doily-covered boxes. (A simple but cheerful design to welcome guests for a Spring luncheon!)*

**NOTE NEW LOCATION  
VETERANS WAY PARK PAVILION**

## **HGC 2015 SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE** **Veterans Way Park Pavilion** **Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00pm**

*Sherry Beam, Civic Chair*



For the past 29 years, the Hudson Garden Club has welcomed the community to share in the time-honored tradition of Spring and Fall plant exchanges. Thousands of plants have found homes and brought joy as they grew, many also being shared again years later, and the cycle continues. In many respects, little has changed from the early days when the rule was "bring a plant and take a plant" and if you don't have any, pay a nominal price.

This is not a fund raiser for the club; it truly is sharing plants from our home gardens. This is also a great opportunity to visit the park. The Hudson Garden Club donates through our only fundraiser, the Home & Garden Tour, some of the monies towards trees and other projects in the Parks and throughout the City and we have a wonderful relationship with all.

2015 brings changes to the long-standing tradition for the Spring and Fall Plant Exchanges. **We are moving our location from Hudson Springs Park to one of our newer Hudson Parks—Veterans Way Park.** We hope to make this our permanent home. Veterans Way Park is located at 55 Veterans Way near downtown and is accessed from Route 91 (the traffic light by Starbuck's) or Milford Drive (which runs behind ACME Plaza). The pavilion is just off the parking lot adjacent to the children's playground, making it easy to carry plants to share and take home. It's only steps away.

**The date is Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00pm. This is always a fun event for the HGC members and the community. The check-in will begin at 6:00pm and the exchange will start promptly at 7:00pm.**

**CHECK IN:** Each plant needs to be **divided** and **labeled** and brought potted in good condition to the exchange. \*\*\*A label has been designed that will keep all the plants uniformly marked and easy for those volunteering and those choosing plants. The label identifies the plant, providing **name, color, height, bloom time** and **growing needs**, i.e.: sun shade, etc. We welcome as many plants as you would like to share, with the **exception of any groundcovers (no groundcover will be accepted)** or if it is a known invasive variety perennial or herb.

**\*\*\*Invasive plants will not be accepted\*\*\***

\*No more than two plants of the following will be accepted:

- Herbs: lemon balm, mints, chives, valerian, tansy and bee balm (monarda)
- Fast spreading perennials: roadside Daylilies, Yarrow, Gooseneck Loosestrife, Black-eyed Susans, Shasta daisies, Obedient plant, Coreopsis and Violets, among others

**TICKETS:** One ticket will be issued for every standard size plant you bring. You may use tickets to purchase plants from the exchange and if you have leftover tickets, they may be used for a plant exchange held in the same year. If you do not have any plants to share, plants may be purchased at the end of the exchange.

All plants, excluding the premium plants, which are labeled as such, are available for one ticket/or \$1.00. Premium plants are priced slightly higher.

This is a wonderful and fun tradition for both the Garden Club and the residents of Hudson and beyond. Please come out and join us and hope for a sunny day....there is not a rain date.

Don't forget to bring containers to take your plant home in!

If you have any questions, please call Sherry Beam (330) 342-0969 or our HGC email: [info@hudsongardenclub.org](mailto:info@hudsongardenclub.org)

Check out the HGC website: [www.hudsongardenclub.org](http://www.hudsongardenclub.org) to download **plant labels** and read more complete guidelines. Click on this link to the Plant Exchange to go directly to the site.

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

SEE YOU AT THE NEW PLANT EXCHANGE LOCATION  
**VETERANS WAY PARK PAVILION**