

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

I had a fun experience the other day. A young couple that had just moved into the neighborhood asked me to help them put their garden to bed. They had inherited a beautiful garden when they bought their home but had no idea what to do with it.

Using the knowledge I gained from Garden Club meetings, like the one last month by Noelle Akin, as well as what I have learned from being a BUG, I was able to walk them through their garden. We talked about cutting ornamental grasses before they blew all over the neighborhood, but leaving woody perennials such as Butterfly Bush and Russian Sage until spring.

No matter what level of gardener you are, you can still learn. Sharing your knowledge is also a wonderful way to "pay it forward" and encourage others to be life-long learners. Don't be afraid to ask other members for advice. That's what being a member of a Garden Club is all about.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL.....

Wendy Hilty



November Field Trips

Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair

Note your calendars for the following free events!

Suncrest Gardens, 5157 Akron-Cleveland Road, this year again offers holiday workshops which have proven to be popular with our HGC members.

Saturday, November 16 at 10:00am—Learn how to create a "Holiday" Fairy Garden.

Saturday, November 23 at 10:00am—Watch Diane, Suncrest's stylish designer, create "over the top" wreath decorations.

Saturday, November 30 at 10:00am—Find out what you can do to spruce up your doorway pots and planters for Christmas.

No need to arrange carpools as Suncrest Gardens is nearby. Come to one or all of the workshops and enjoy the decorated Garden Center before or after. See you there!

Any questions, contact Barb Earnhardt at (330) 653-3831 or Suncrest Gardens at (330) 650-4969.



Herb Workshop Tuesday, November 19

Sherry Beam, Herb Group Chair

Cinnamon, Spice & Everything Nice is the theme of this special "make and take" herb workshop. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, November 19**. We will meet in the North Meeting Room at the Hudson Library. Please arrive at 9:00am for set up and we will then spend the next two hours making and creating cinnamon spice ornaments, spiced pomanders and mulling spices.

The Christmas holiday is intimately associated with a number of herbs and spices as a result of different deeply rooted culinary and cultural traditions in the Western world. Even though these herbs and spices are also enjoyed year round, their many uses have earned them a special place in the celebration of Christmas.

Please make your reservation by November 14. Details of the projects and supplies will be given to those attending. Please RSVP to Sherry Beam at sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 342-0969.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT UPDATE

Marilyn Olzmann, Scholarship Chair

I am sorry that I have not written you all sooner. My sister was married last Saturday and I have been busy juggling school with maid-of-honor duties. It has all been very happy juggling though!

I started off the school year with a bang, managing to get 100% of my first genetics exam (it was a very pleasant occasion) and it has all been up from there.

This semester I was presented with an incredible volunteer opportunity. A program called Growth International Volunteer Excursions (GIVE) visited OU and I applied for a trip to Nicaragua. Fortunately, I was accepted and will be traveling to Nicaragua in May to help build a school out of plastic bottles and to teach the local children English. This two-week trip is a dream come true. Sustainable development, volunteer work and travel all packed into one adventure.

I am a little over halfway through the semester and it has been an absolute blast. Between my academics and my sister getting married I am elated about this year!

Thank you again for the financial help. I am so grateful for all that the Garden Club has done for me.

Alayna Tokash

(Alayna is one of our repeat scholarship recipients and has been very faithful in keeping us informed of her progress.)

GARDEN SHOP ITEMS NEEDED

We are going to make the faux stone troughs again this year since they sold out the first day of the Home and Garden Tour. If you have styrofoam coolers we would, once again, love them next spring for our trough-making sessions.

We also plan to again sell gently-used gardening books and magazines. We will have a basket displayed at all the general meetings where you can place your book and magazine donations.

It is that time of year when we purge our belongings! Let us help you find a new home for yours.

A Neat Tip on Lining a Wire Basket

Have you ever had the need to line a wire hanging basket with sphagnum moss? Split a plastic shopping bag down one side and set the basket on it. Pull the bag tight around the basket and secure it with clothespins. Next, poke several holes in the bottom of the plastic for drainage and press the wet moss into the basket. The plastic holds the moss in the shape of the basket without letting pieces of moss slip between the wires.

Set the lined basket aside to dry. By the next day the moss will have dried into the shape of the basket and you can add the potting soil and plants. When the potting soil is in place it holds the lining securely against the wire of the basket. Remove the plastic "skin" and the basket is ready to hang.

A Report on October's "Inspiration in Bloom" at Stan Hywet

Thank you to those who helped us with plant material from their gardens: Wendy Hilty, Jo Anne Kreps, Mary Lynn Reynolds, Carole Smith and April Walton. We were able to find more colorful flowers and berries and seeds and greens than we thought we might at this time of year!

Five arrangements brought the essence of Autumn to the Billiards Room's game table and mantel as well as in Mr. Seiberling's office. The staff at Stan Hywet was pleased with the event and our unique arrangements. We expect to be invited back in the spring.

For those who did not have an opportunity to see the arrangements on site we have included some photos for you to get a feel for how our berries, seeds and greens came together.

Editor's note: I think the arrangers did a fantastic job.



Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of October 1, 2013

Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 24,280.20
Restricted (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 18,470.12
PNC Savings Account	\$ 68,730.22

Total Bank Accounts \$ 111,480.54

Nancy Agler, Treasurer

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

President, Wendy Hilty, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She welcomed over fifty members and guests and invited all guests to join HGC. Wendy thanked Judy Mikita, Hospitality Chair, for organizing the potluck dinner. Thirty-six attended the dinner and enjoyed a delicious variety of food.

Program Chair, Sharon Papes, reminded us that we have to sign up for the December meeting's Tussie Mussie workshop prior to the meeting. There is a \$6 fee for materials.

Sharon introduced Noelle Akin, Director of Communications and Education at Petitti Garden Center. Noelle presented a very interesting program, "A Fall Pruning Guide — To Cut or Not to Cut." A question and answer period followed and Noelle raffled many plants that she brought with her from The Garden Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Saxer, Recording Secretary



Tussie Mussie Sign Up

The November general meeting will be your last opportunity to sign up to make a tussie mussie during the December general meeting.

Participants will learn how to make an English nosegay using fresh flowers and fragrant herbs. A \$6 fee is charged for this workshop payable when you sign up.

Be on the Lookout for Invasive Plants

The Great Lakes Early Detection Network has a phone app, GNEDN, for both iPhone and Android that lets you send an alert if you see an invasive plant. These plants overpower our native species and change the ecology of the region. Recently Kudzu has been spotted in Cleveland. If you see something that doesn't belong here, let them know.

<http://apps.bugwood.org/mobile/gledn.html>

"Holiday Doors of Hudson"



The Hudson Garden Club is excited to announce the third year of our new tradition, **The Holiday Doors of Hudson**. Residents who have decorated their front door for the holidays are encouraged to submit a picture between November 1 and December 20. All entries will be posted on the Club's website for everyone to enjoy.

Door decorations do not need to be handcrafted to be nominated and the event is open to all residents of Hudson. One door will be chosen that best reflects the spirit of the holiday season and that of the Hudson Garden Club. The homeowner whose door is chosen will receive two tickets to the 2014 Home and Garden Tour scheduled for June 12-13, 2014.

If there is a particular door that you admire every day on your walk, nominate them! If a neighbor's front door catches your eye, nominate them!

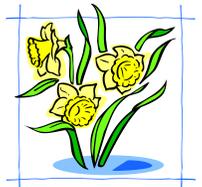
For additional information, please contact Jan Larivee at (330) 653-9092 or Bronwyn Pierson at (330) 650-1459. Photos should be emailed with contact information and street address to hgcdoors@yahoo.com or Hudson Garden Club, P.O. Box 651, Hudson, Ohio 44236. Permission of homeowner is needed for door submissions. Visit hudsongardenclub.org for more information and to view previous year's entries.

Hudson High Students Help Plant 500 Daffodil Bulbs



On October 9 eight AP Environmental Science students from Hudson High School planted daffodils in the Community Garden at the corner of Ravenna Road and Main Street. Under the direction of BUG Sherry Beam the 500 bulbs transferred from the flagpole garden will add great spring color to the garden for years to come.

Thanks to all who help make that garden so beautiful. Photos of the day are on the HGC website's Latest News page.



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What's Coming Up

Saturday Christmas Demonstrations Suncrest Nursery

November 16, 23 and 30, 2013
See page 1 for details

Tuesday, November 19, 2013 @ 9:00am

Herb Group "Make and Take"
North Meeting Room @ Hudson Library
RSVP to Sherry Beam by November 14
See page 1 for details

Thursday, November 21, 2013

HGC General Meeting The Spirit of Christmas

Program: 7:00pm
See this page for details

The Start of Something Wonderful



Barb Earnhardt works her magic in creating an arrangement for "Inspiration in Bloom."



Hudson Garden Club November General Meeting

The Spirit of Christmas with Mrs. Claus and the Elves
Featured Speaker: Joan Brandon and her HGC Member Elves
Thursday, November 21, 2013
Social Time: 6:45pm
Program: 7:00pm
Laurel Lake Community Room

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Long time Hudson resident Joan Brandon, along with other Garden Club members, will present ideas to warm up the inside as well as the outside of your home for the Holiday Season.

Be ready to learn "gardening tricks of the trade" by seeing how items you have in your home and garden can be used to create wonderful holiday displays.

Mrs. Claus and the elves are busy thinking of interesting items to make using: pine branches, holly, hydrangeas, grasses, rose hips, osage oranges, baskets, window boxes and wreaths. An entertaining evening is in store for all who attend this exciting holiday event.