

President's Message

No matter the topic for our monthly general meetings, I am always left with at least a little something creative, thought provoking or inspirational to think about from the presentations and our speakers.

This past month during the watershed program, the reminder that "we all live downstream from somebody, and upstream from somebody" has popped back into my head several times since the meeting.

We all make so many decisions every day in our lives. Sometimes the options are overwhelming. There are times when I just want to make a quick choice and cross it off my list to move on to the next issue. Since the meeting however, I have tried to think a little bit more about my decisions in many different aspects of my life. I can't "sweat the small stuff" but maybe I can take a few more minutes to think about my neighbors downstream....and hopefully the ones upstream are doing the same thing.

Thanks,
Bronwyn



Note your calendars about the following free events at Suncrest Gardens, 5157 Akron-Cleveland Road. Again this year Diane, Suncrest's stylish designer, will give two Holiday demos which have proven to be popular with our HGC members.

On **Saturday, November 8 at 11am** watch Diane create Thanksgiving and Christmas tablescape decorations. (This is also the first day of their Holiday Open House.)

On **Saturday, November 22 at 11am** find out what you can do to spruce up your outdoor pots and planters for the holiday season.

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

Start Your Holiday Season With an Evening at "Glow" Wednesday, December 20, 2014



Make plans now for Cleveland Botanical Garden's special Affiliate Night at "Glow" on Wednesday, December 10 from 6pm—8pm. Admission is \$8 per person for Affiliate clubs that did not decorate a tree this year (like ours). The fee includes a catered reception with refreshment in the Woodland Room, a raffle and a full evening enjoying the holiday decorations and gingerbread houses. The glasshouse, gardens and shop will also be open.

Invite a few friends to join you, then call in your reservation to (216) 721-1600, ext 100, **no later than Thursday, December 4, 2014**. One guest per Affiliate Club member is invited to attend at the special Affiliate rate of \$8.

HGC DECORATES STAN HYWET DINING ROOM FOR FALL

(PICTURE ON THE RIGHT)

For four days, October 2-5, 2014, HGC provided an original floral design in the dining room of Stan Hywet Hall. Featuring flowers, foliage and plant material from our members' gardens, the design was actually three arrangements in sterling silver pieces with spiraled greenery reaching out from the arrangements to each end of the table. The design interpreted the 2014 estate theme of the Seiberling family's travels with a twist — our design was titled "There's No Place Like Home" as we imagined the family back home in Autumn after traveling, enjoying a wonderful meal and conversation about their trips.

The center arrangement, made on a silver lazy susan, featured the colors yellow, orange, green and white. At its center was a large green and white striped Cushaw pumpkin surrounded by an autumn wreath of dahlias, gourds, jack-be-little mini pumpkins, osage oranges, milkweed seedpods, bittersweet, wire vine, clematis paniculata, and lamb's ear foliage. On each side were footed silver compotes with lush arrangements of purple toad lilies, bright yellow popcorn plant, dahlias of every color, cherry pink and orange digiplexis, purple beauty berries, feverfew, ageratum, hydrangea, amsonia foliage, white cleome, purple angelonia, bright yellow helianthus, white bonaset, cimicifuga seed heads, hakonechloa grass, milkweed pods and bittersweet. White and orange mini pumpkins, gourds and osage oranges were set on and around ten silver candlesticks within the green vinca vine foliage that spiraled to the ends of the table on each side.

Thank you to those members who were willing to share their time, talents, ideas, encouragement, tours of their fall gardens, conversation, enthusiasm for the event and supplies, flowers, foliage and even turkey feathers: Eileen Attwood, Daniela Baloi, Sherry Beam, Joan Brandon, Martha Cailor, Barb Earnhardt, Wendy and Ken Hilty, Lois James, Jo Anne Kreps, Sue L'Hommedieu, Fern MacMillan, Connie Price, Carole Smith, Pat Snyder and April and Charlie Walton.

The staff at Stan Hywet complimented our designs and appreciates our participation in this event which draws increased visitors to the Manor House. The Stan Hywet Flower Arrangers, including their President, also offered several compliments. Our designs are unique to the "Inspiration in Bloom" event because they feature materials from our members' gardens. All the other arrangements throughout the Manor House use materials ordered through florist suppliers. We do this to showcase the kind of arrangements we provide for the Home & Garden Tour which then gets included in the advertising for "Inspiration in Bloom." We also provide Tour save-the-date postcards to those visitors who may be interested in our next Home & Garden Tour.

Another wonderful event for Hudson Garden Club!



Essential advice for the gardener: grow peas of mind, lettuce be thankful, squash selfishness, turnip to help thy neighbor and always make thyme for loved ones. — Author Unknown

Classes on the Art and Craft of Floral Design

Anyone interested in the art and craft of floral design might enjoy the following make-and-take classes offered by Hudson Community Education and Recreation (HCER).

November Feast of Flowers Centerpiece

Saturday, November 22, 2014 from 10am—11am

December Holiday Centerpiece

Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 10am—11am

All classes are instructed by Tami Custer, Certified Floral Designer, and will be held at the Hudson High School Faculty Dining Room. **They are open to the public but require registration with HCER.** Class fees are \$25 for each class and all materials are included. Attend the class, learn more about floral design and create a beautiful flower arrangement to give as a gift or to enjoy in your own home!

Register online at www.hudson.k12.oh.us/hcer or stop by the HCER office at 2440 Hudson-Aurora Road or call (330) 653-1210 for more information.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of October 5, 2014

PNC Savings	\$ 61,812.71
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,775.66
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 28,840.26

Total Bank Accounts **\$ 109,428.63**

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

HGC General Meeting Minutes

October 2014 Meeting

President Bronwyn Pierson called the meeting to order at 7pm. She welcomed 51 members and guests and thanked Carol Lasko, Hospitality Chairperson, for organizing tonight's potluck dinner. Approximately 39 people attended the potluck bringing a variety of delicious food.

Bronwyn reminded members that donations of gardening books and magazines for next year's House & Garden Tour garden store will be gratefully received at general meetings.

Sandy Barbic was then introduced. Sandy is Education Specialist for the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Resources. Established in 1946, the district serves Summit County providing education and leadership for soil and water resources, conservation and better water quality.

Those present enjoyed a presentation and an informative movie about watershed issues and healthy watershed practices.

The eleven mum centerpieces went home with members of the audience. The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lawrence
Recording Secretary



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Name Correction

Anna McLure (last name)

My rule of green thumb for mulch is to double my initial estimate of bags needed, and add three. Then I'll only be two bags short.
—Author Unknown

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What's Coming Up

Saturday, November 8, 2014—11am

Thanksgiving & Christmas Decorations
Suncrest Gardens
See page 1 for details

Thursday, November 20, 2014

HGC November General Meeting
"Olive Oil & Vinegar "
Program: 7:00pm
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Saturday, November 22—10am-11am

Floral Design classes
Hudson High School Faculty Dining Room
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Spruce up Holiday Outdoor Pots
Suncrest Gardens
See page 1 for details



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Hudson Garden Club November General Meeting

"Olive Oil and Vinegars with a Touch of the Garden"

Guest Speaker: Linda Coleman
Thursday, November 20, 2014
Program: 7:00pm
Laurel Lake Community Room



Our November meeting will be both interesting and delicious as we welcome Linda Coleman from *Olive My Heart*, a Hudson-based supplier of organic oils, vinegars and spices.

Coleman was intrigued with the concept of organic oils, and after introducing her husband to the quality products, they opened their business in 2012.

Many of the oils and vinegars are infused with herbs, citrus and peppers...the perfect combination to please the palate of gardeners anywhere.

In addition to explaining her interest in the industry, Coleman will explore the many health benefits of her products and the differences between the oils available to consumers today.

Coleman will have a few oils and vinegars to sample during the presentation and attendees can purchase selections to bring home. The perfect idea for the hard-to-buy-for person on the Christmas list! Coleman will accept cash, check and credit cards.