

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Floral Arrangement on the Mantel
in the Billiards Room at Stan Hywet*

November is the time to clean up the garden and get things in order. The more work done now....the less we have to do in the Spring.

With that in mind, I am getting my job cleaned up and organized to hand the reins over to our in-coming President, Carla Maurer. This includes filling our board positions and I ask you to please consider donating your time and talent to our club.

The volunteer opportunities come in all different shapes and sizes — depending on your interests. If you are able or would like to contribute the name of a friend that should be contacted....give me a call [\(330\) 612-4879](tel:3306124879).

Thank you,

Bronwyn

"INSPIRATION IN BLOOM REPORT"

Barb Earnhardt, Floral Arranging Chair



For this Fall 2015 **"Inspiration in Bloom"** at Stan Hywet, Mr. Phil Pheasant made a spectacle of himself, strutting his stuff(ing), posing right in front of the floral designs created by Fern MacMillan, Carole Smith and Barb Earnhardt. He had that "aren't I handsome?" look in his eye and felt right at home in F. A. Seiberling's Billiards room! The flower arrangements were displayed on the game table and mantel (mantel design shown above in the President's Message). They showed off the best of Autumn offerings from some of our members' gardens. Sue L'Hommedieu, Carole Smith, Fern MacMillan, Lois James, Barb Earnhardt and Wendy Hilty contributed sea oats, coleus, milkweed and butterfly weed pods, gold mop false cypress greenery, Mina lobata (Spanish Flag vine) flowers, Japanese lanterns, yarrow, monkshood, wild honeysuckle branches with berries, brown capped mushrooms, buckeyes, bittersweet, arum and jack-in-the-pulpit berry clusters/seed heads, beauty berry, goldenrod, and flowering kale. Accessory material included dried wheat stalks, gourds, pheasant feathers (not from Phil), preserved oak leaves, peeling birch logs, pinecones and green acorns. The arrangement also included special "fantasy flowers" made from gourds of various sizes with "stems" of green bamboo and "centers" of acorn caps and buckeyes. By participating in this event, HGC donates time and talent to the community and visitors to Akron's first and largest National Historic Landmark and is given the opportunity to advertise our 2016 Home & Garden Tour. To our delight, someone declared the arrangements "look like a Robert Laessig painting." Hope you had a chance to see the designs in person! If not, the Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Facebook page posted (on October 1) a photo of our arrangement, as well as the other designs, with credits and a thank you for the participants.

CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART TOUR OF MONET EXHIBIT

Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair



CLAUDE MONET

A group of us went to the Cleveland Museum of Art on Sunday, October 11 to hear a talk given by Professor Eric Haskell, "Easels in Eden: Monet's Gardening and Painting at Giverny" and then to see the Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse exhibit. Dr. Haskell knows and loves France, gardens, garden history; his photos are well-composed, his deep knowledge of the subject and his wit were engaging. Some comments from our group who heard Dr. Haskell: "a passionate artist's story delivered by a man equally passionate about his work, told in a genuinely personal and knowledgeable manner, captivating and entertaining a SRO audience, painting with his words, French to English, English to French the scope and sequence of Monet's work."

We must share with you what a special occasion this exhibition is! The paintings are, of course, beautiful, masterful, priceless, and all inspired by gardens and life in the outdoors, full of flowers, foliage and garden scenes. This unique exhibition will only be seen at two venues: our own Cleveland Museum of Art and the Royal Academy of Arts in London. The highlight is, of course, the 42-foot Agapanthus Triptych painted by Monet. He began work on this in 1915 and continued to rework and change the composition of the triptych until his death more than ten years later. After Monet's death, the three panels of Agapanthus remained in Monet's studio until the mid-1950s and then one was purchased by the CMA. Consider that these panels survived the German occupation of France and the Nazi destruction and art thieving in WWII to end up in the USA! Trivia question that will be answered if you attend: Why is this work called the Agapanthus Triptych when there are waterlilies but no Agapanthus in it?

We recommend this exhibit to you! It is open until January 5, 2016. See clevelandart.org for more information and tickets.



HGC members and guests who attended the CMA Monet field trip. (Missing from picture - Sue & Roger L'Hommedieu)

Civic Report

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair



With the milder weather staying with us for the most part, with just a couple of frosts to date, we have pushed back doing the final fall cleanup in the gardens on the Greens. The mums, asters and kale have added a rich and colorful addition to the borders and also the Clocktower, and we are enjoying them as long as possible.

Even in our own gardens, many of the plants are trying to rebloom, begging us to leave them a little longer to be enjoyed. Enjoy the beauty of this season.

NEW GARDEN BOOKS AND MAGAZINES PURCHASED FOR THE HUDSON LIBRARY

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair

The following new garden books have been ordered and you can find them on the shelves at the Hudson Library.

Memorial Book: Seeing Seeds: A Journey into the World of Seed Heads, Pods and Fruit by *Robert Llewellyn and Teri Dunn Chase* — In memory of **Greg Graham**

Designing Plant Communities for Resilient Landscapes by *Thomas Rainer and Claudia West*

The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration and Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer by *R. William Thomas*

The Magical World of Moss Gardening by *Annie Martin*

Wild Flowers of Ohio Second Edition by *Robert L. Henn*

Hummelo: A Journey Through a Plantsman's Life by *Piet Oudolf*

The Plant Lover's Guide to Epimediums by *Sally Gregson*

Practical Perma-Culture for Home Landscapes, Your Community and the Whole Earth by *Jessi Bloom and Dave Boehnlein*

ALSO CHECK OUT THE GARDENING MAGAZINES:

Country Gardens
Mother Earth Living
Garden Gate
Ohio Gardening
Garden Gate Garden Ideas

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of September 30, 2015

PNC Savings	\$ 61,890.25
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,779.49
Unrestricted Cash/Checking	\$ 33,227.46

Total Bank Accounts \$ 113,897.20

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

October General Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 15, 2015

Tonight's potluck dinner was enjoyed by 22 members and guests. Delicious food and social time preceded the general meeting. President Bronwyn Pierson called the meeting to order at 7:20pm and welcomed 28 members and guests.

Bronwyn reminded those present to renew their memberships as they are now due. Judy Mikita, Membership Chair will be making reminder phone calls later this month.

Dot Reid received tonight's flower arrangement in celebration of her birthday. Those present sang Happy Birthday to her. Tonight there was a second flower arrangement which Vice President Carla Maurer presented to Bronwyn with condolences upon the loss of her mother, long-time HGC member, Ann Malthouse.

Nathan Edge was then introduced. He is the Garden Manager at Hattie's Gardens which is a part of Hattie Larlham, a non-profit organization specializing in vocational training for adults with disabilities. Nathan gave an inspiring talk and slide show about the garden philosophy, the organic nature of the work and their involvement with the surrounding communities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lawrence, Recording Secretary

HERBAL DREAM PILLOW WORKSHOP

Sherry Beam, Herb Group Chair

For centuries, the fragrance of herbs has been captured in pillows and sweet bags. Dream Pillows are a craft from the 1700s. People used herbs and flowers in mixes to affect their dreams. Dream pillows contain quiet, subtle fragrances (they are not potpourri). The dream blends we will be using consist of carefully selected herbs, flowers and leaves that are combined and before being added to the bag, are left in an airtight container — so the fragrances blend. The Dream Pillow itself is a small bag or pillow made of cloth and filled with herbs. This is then tucked inside your pillowcase. The herbs will be slightly crushed as you sleep and they will release subtle aromas.

We first made Dream Pillows about a dozen years ago and they are still one of my favorite things. I still have some that when not in use I keep in zip-lock bags and to this day they still have retained some of their scent.

A lot of work has to be completed prior to the workshop, including finding sewers for both the muslin bags and their covers. The finished product is about 5 by 6 inches. We also need to order the herbs (most are ones we don't grow or have on hand) so we need to know in a very short time how many we will need.

We will be happy to take orders for those who may want to give them for gifts for the upcoming holidays and we will be able to have those ready in early December. I will be sending a separate email for that once we have a plan of action and a price point (which should be under \$10).

Please mark your calendars for **Friday, November 20 at 9:00am**. We will meet at the Library in the North Meeting Room. Those who have registered will be adding the filling and herb blend to the bags; finish hand stitching them closed and choosing a pillow cover to put them in.

If you like to sew, please let me know. Please RSVP as soon as possible, **November 10** is the deadline, but we will need an idea of how many pillows are needed to set a price. RSVP to sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 573-6353.

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS TO SUNCREST GARDENS

Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair



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 Holiday demos which have proven to be popular with our HGC members.

On **Saturday, November 7 at 11am**, Tablescape seminar. Transition your table from Thanksgiving to Christmas. (This is also the first day of their Holiday Open House.) \$100 gift certificate giveaway, cookies and hot dogs 12pm to 3pm.

On **Saturday, November 14 at 11am**, Holiday Terrarium workshop with Michele and Diane. 20% off all terrarium supplies to attendees.

On **Saturday, November 21 at 11am**, "Drop in Pot" workshop. Learn how to create a holiday decoration to beautify your front door.

No need to arrange carpools as Suncrest Gardens is nearby. Come 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.

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What's Coming Up

Saturday, November 7, 2015 @ 11:00am

"Tablescape Seminar" @ Suncrest Gardens
See page 3 for details

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 @ 2:00pm

Inspiration from French Painters
See page 5 for details

Saturday, November 14, 2015 @ 11am

"Holiday Terarium" @ Suncrest Gardens
See page 3 for details

Saturday, November 14—11am to 1pm

"Blooms-to-Go" at CBG
See page 5 for details

Tuesday, November 17 @ 2:00pm

"GardenWalk Cleveland"
See page 5 for details

Thursday, November 19, 2015 — 7:00pm

HGC November General Meeting
"Learning About Amaryllis Flowers"
See page 4 for details

Friday, November 20, 2015—9:00am

Herbal Dream Pillow Workshop
See page 3 for details

Saturday, November 21, 2015 @ 11am

"Drop in Pot" Workshop @ Suncrest Gardens
See page 3 for details

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 2:00pm

"Seeds: Life Encapsulated"
See page 5 for details

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 @ 2:00pm

"Flower Fantasies"
See page 5 for details

Tuesday, December 22, 2015 @ 2:00pm

"Garden Fantasies"
See page 5 for details

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HUDSON GARDEN CLUB November General Meeting

"Learning About Amaryllis Flowers"

With Barb Earnhardt & Bronwyn Pierson
Thursday, November 19, 2015
Social Time: 6:45pm
Program: 7:00pm
Laurel Lake Community Room



Please join us for an interesting program about the beauty, history and propagation of Amaryllis flowers, and how to get the most out of this showy and foolproof bulb, year after year. If you have cared for a bulb from last year, feeding and watering the plant with its strappy foliage, you will learn about the method for successful reblooming. We have placed our order for those members who wanted new bulbs for this season and we will have a good size group potting them at our HGC monthly meeting at the end of the program on November 19. There may even be a few extra bulbs for last minute requests.

If you placed an order and will be potting your Amaryllis on November 19, please be prepared to bring your own garden gloves; apron; special container, if desired; bag/box to take your bulb(s) and pot(s) home.

HGC will provide: plastic pots (recycled from the civic gardens plants), potting soil and bulbs that you ordered.

Payment of \$10 per bulb (payable to HGC) is due that night. To pick up your bulbs if you cannot make the program contact Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831.

UPCOMING CMA LECTURES OF INTEREST

Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair



Note: Some of these lectures include entrance to and guided discussion within the **Monet to Matisse Exhibit**.

Inspiration from French Painters of Gardens

Speaker: Bobbie Schwartz

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 @ 2:00pm

Where: Kelvin Smith Special Exhibition Hall & Kelvin Smith Special Exhibition Gallery

Learn to relate elements of landscape and garden design, as seen in paintings by French artists, to your own gardens. Garden designer Bobbie Schwartz of Bobbie's Green Thumb focuses on the use of color, form, texture, balance and line and on maintenance requirements. She also discusses her visits to several gardens in France and her experiences as owner of a French-inspired house and landscape. (Editor's note: Bobbie is a wonderful garden designer. Have you seen her home on Van Aken?)

Exhibition ticket and advance registration required: space is limited

GardenWalk Cleveland: Making Cleveland Beautiful One Garden at a Time

Speaker: Jan Kious

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 @ 2:00pm

Where: Recital Hall

GardenWalk Cleveland is a free, self-guided tour of gardens, urban farms, vineyards, orchards and more in the city's neighborhood. Join Jan Kious, the tour's co-founder and coordinator as she shares pictures and stories from some of the best gardens featured in GardenWalk Cleveland over the past five years, including interviews with the gardeners.

Free; no registration required.

Seeds: Life Encapsulated

Speaker: Marilyn McHugh and Chris Kennedy

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 2:00pm

Where: Recital Hall

Marilyn McHugh and Chris Kennedy, co-founders of the Cleveland SeedBank, discuss the history and importance of seed saving. Explore the beauty of seeds, discover how form drives their function and learn practical information about how to start saving seeds in your own garden. **Free; no registration required.**

Editor's Note: Since HGC so enjoyed our September Seed Saving Program by Michelle Darvis here's a follow-up to add to your knowledge.

Flower Fantasies

Speaker: Cynthia Druckenbrod

VP of Horticulture, CBG

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 @ 2:00pm

Where: Kelvin Smith Special Exhibition Hall & Kelvin Smith Special Exhibition Gallery

Have you ever wanted to grow or just learn more about the flowers depicted in famous Impressionist paintings? Join Cynthia Druckenbrod, Vice President of Horticulture at Cleveland Botanical Garden, for an in-depth look at many of the lovely blossoms in Painting the Modern Garden and discover which ones will flourish in your backyard oasis.

Exhibition ticket and advance registration required: space is limited

Garden Fantasies

Speaker: Cynthia Druckenbrod

Date: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 @ 2:00pm

Where: Meet at the Atrium information desk

Discover depictions of gardens from all over the world in the exhibition Imagining the Garden, and learn how you might create the look of these historic and imaginary gardens in your own garden with Cynthia Druckenbrod, Vice President of Horticulture at the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

Free; no registration required

FOR INFO ON OTHER DECEMBER EVENTS AT THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART GO TO
www.clevelandart.org

BLOOMS-TO-GO

SATURDAY, November 14 from 11am to 1pm

Give back during the Thanksgiving season and practice flower arranging! **"Thanksgiving Blooms-to-Go"** is an annual tradition at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Get together with others to create fresh flower arrangements to be delivered to a local community organization for the holiday. Materials will be provided. No experience necessary, just a grateful heart and a helping hand. **This event is at the CBG on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 11am to 1pm.** Free with garden admission and to members, no registration required, while supplies last that day.