

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message



I cannot claim a beautiful garden for the summer of 2014...and I can't even put the blame on Mother Nature. Life was so busy and something had to get left behind in the shuffle...and the garden suffered.

Delphiniums were left un-staked, nothing was regularly deadheaded and the weeds seemed to flourish with the staying power of cockroaches. Thank goodness for the perennials and flowering bushes of the garden. The hydrangea was so full of blooms that I didn't even look at the mess underneath, Joe Pye weed and sedum might be my new favorite plants as they fabulously showed up for the party without any attention.

The blooming plants are not the newest variety of trendy cultivar, but I really enjoy the life and color they brought to my late summer garden. I like how nature can take care of itself. It is also a good reminder to me to appreciate the flowers without worrying about the weeds...something that can apply to my life in general.

I am glad to be putting the garden of 2014 to bed and look forward to a new growing year.

Thanks,
Browwyn



Grant Committee Volunteers Needed

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2014 Grants awarded by the Hudson Garden Club.

Once the applications are received, a committee of Garden Club members meet to review all applications and develop recommendations on those grants that should receive funding in 2014.

The Grants Committee is a very short commitment, but is very important in evaluating the grants to fund. We will have one evening meeting in mid-November to review all grant applications received. In advance of this meeting, you will receive, via email, a summary of all grant requests and the full application for your review.

If you have an interest in participating on the Grants Committee this year, please contact Jan Lindstrom at jalindstrom@hotmail.com.

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"Inspiration in Bloom" at Stan Hywet

Hudson Garden Club has been involved in Stan Hywet's "Inspiration in Bloom" event since it began in 2012. Flower arrangements are created and placed throughout the Manor House attracting visitors who appreciate the fresh, live additions to several rooms. The flower arrangements are large and lush, matching the scale and presence of the estate.

This Fall, during Ohio Mart, "Inspiration in Bloom" will run for four days, October 2-5, 2014. The Stan Hywet magazine for members and friends describes the floral designs as "exquisite" and "out of the box" and the "Inspiration in Bloom" event as "a showcase for twelve of the area's most prolific designers."

We have chosen the formal dining room and will interpret the 2014 estate theme of the Seiberling family's travels. The dining room is banquet sized and has a unique feature — a wraparound mural near the ceiling of the room depicting the Canterbury Tales by Chaucer. Mark your calendar and come see the results of our planning — and our work again featuring the flowers, foliage and plant material from our members' gardens!

**OCTOBER FIELD TRIP COMBINES AN EVENT FOR
THE HERB GROUP,
THE FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP
AND A VISIT TO THE
CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Join us for an Autumn visit to the Cleveland Botanical Gardens on Saturday, October 11, 2014! On that day, the Western Reserve Herb Society is having their 69th Annual Herb Fair, the "Herban Garden Market." The Fair runs from 10:00am until 3:00pm. CBG members have free admission; non-members admission fee is \$11.

There are many options for how to spend our time there — see the gardens, walk through the glass house, visit and shop at the Herb Fair and/or attend a flower design talk at 11:30am given by Will Lynch of Lynch Designs. We will have a late lunch together at or near the CBG, then return to Hudson.

We will meet in the **Acme parking lot near the Otani Restaurant** and leave from Hudson at 9:30am. Drivers are needed for carpools. **Please RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831 or Sherry Beam at sherry.beam@hotmail.com or (330) 342-0969 no later than Wednesday, October 8.**

See below for more details on the Herb Fair from the WRHS website.

**Western Reserve Herb Society
68th Annual Herb Fair
Saturday, October 11 from 10am—3pm
Parking Free with Garden Admission
New this Year!!!! Credit cards will be ac-**

This year's 69th Herb Fair has a new and exciting look, so exciting we have a completely new name..."Herban Garden Market." We will still have all the wonderful homemade products that you have always enjoyed; however, the talented members of the Western Reserve Herb Society are also hard at work designing new products for you to enjoy, featuring homemade delights such as cocktail mixers, among them such classics as a Spicy Bloody Mary Mix and Apple Cider Manhattan Mix.

On Fair day you'll also be able to learn about Artemisia, the International Herb Association's Herb of the Year. You can see various Artemisias growing in our beautiful herb garden and how we use this versatile herb in bouquets, wreaths, etc. We are excited this year to have three outstanding vendors joining us. Perennials Preferred, Auburn Pointe Greenhouse and Mulberry Creek Herb Farm will be at the Herb Fair with beautiful perennials, native plants, fairy gardens and garden-themed gifts to inspire you.

Pick up some great ideas for elegant and easy entertaining and decorating for the holidays as you enjoy our three guest speakers; Will Lynch of Lynch Floral Designs, Beth Schreiber Gehrung of Stirring the Senses and Cleveland Heights Chef, Robin Blair.

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HGC Grant Requests Currently Being Accepted

Since 2000, the Hudson Garden Club has offered grants to fund worthwhile projects or programs that fulfill the mission of the Club—spreading the knowledge and love of gardening, the beautification of public property and the support of education in horticultural and related fields.

Grant applications will be accepted until **November 1, 2014**. If you know of any organizations that would be interested in applying, please direct them to our website under 'Grants' where the current application and additional information can be found.

Want to Learn More About Dahlias?

At the HGC's meeting on September 18 we enjoyed a wonderful program about dahlias. Some of us were lucky enough to take a blossom home. Want to see and learn more? The Dahlia Society of Ohio is having a show at Petitti's in Oakwood on Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5. There are sure to be an amazing variety and number of dahlia blossoms at this show. On Saturday the entries will be brought in and the judging will be completed, probably in the morning, so it may be best to wait till the afternoon to visit the show. Petitti's in Oakwood is open until 7pm on Saturday and Sunday hours are from 10am to 6pm. Petitti's Oakwood address is 24964 Broadway Avenue, Oakwood Village, phone number (440) 439-6511.

Want to grow dahlia's next year? Make a note on your 2015 calander. The Dahlia Society of Ohio sells tubers and plants at Petitti's Oakwood in April and the Holden Arboretum and Rockefeller Greenhouse in May. See <http://www.dahliasocietyofohio.org>.

Garden Books Ordered in September

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair

Garden Books soon to be on Hudson Library shelves:

MEMORIAL BOOK FOR Sharon L. Bonhomme:
Power Plants: 510 Top Performers for Multi-Season Beauty by Graham Rice

The Self-Sustaining Garden: The Guide to Matrix Planting: by Peter Thompson

Specialty Cut Flowers, The Production of Annuals, Perennials, Bulbs and Woody Plants for Fresh and Dried Cut Flowers by Allan M. Armitage

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of August 31, 2014

PNC Savings	\$ 61,805.66
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,475.17
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 30,855.35

Total Bank Accounts \$ 111,136.18

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

News from the Community Gardens

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

As September comes to a close, the past two weeks have simply been perfect in every way. The lawns are still lush and growing, the trees are beginning the hues from yellow to gold and, yes, even a few bare ones too.

The Civic BUGs have planted mums, asters and kale in rich and colorful jewel tones at the Community Garden, at the Clocktower trough and in-ground on Clinton Street by the Saywell building.

Throughout October, the rest of the annuals, tropicals and tender bulbs will be removed, the perennials pruned back and the gardens slowly put to bed.

We will be asking for additional help and will post the dates as we go, so come out and join the fun!

New Member

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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).

October Fall Flowers

Wednesday, October 29, 2014 from 6pm—7:30pm

November Feast of Flowers Centerpiece

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

December Holiday Centerpiece

Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 10—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.

Luca Baloi, son of
HGC Treasurer, Daniela Baloi



Harvest Fair Results Bring Happy Faces

The Harvest Fair was held at McDowell Elementary on September 12. Big thank you's to Daniela Baloi, Sherry Beam, Joan Brandon, Betsy Brennan, Kathy Harrison, Nancy Kolodgy, Carol Lasko, Sally Richenbacher, Nancy Saxer and Cindy Weaver for helping out with the check-in process.

It is always fun to see the gardeners bring in their harvest.

HGC Member Kathy Harrison and her
Grandson Michael Harrison



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What's Coming Up

October 2-5, 2014 @ Stan Hywet
"Inspiration in Bloom"
See page 1 for details

Thursday, October 16, 2014
HGC October General Meeting
"Watershed and After the Storm"
Potluck: 6:00pm
Program: 7:00pm
See page 4

October 11 - Field Trip—9:30am-3pm
"Herban Garden Market" Fair
Flower Design Talk
Visit to Cleveland Botanical Gardens
See page 2 for details

Wednesday, October 29, 2014—6pm
Floral Design classes
Hudson High School Faculty Dining Room
See page 3 for details

OCTOBER HARVEST POTLUCK



It has become a tradition to do a Harvest potluck before our October general meeting. Dinner will begin promptly at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at the usual time of 7:00pm.

If you wish to participate, please contribute a main course, salad/side dish or dessert. It has always worked out perfectly! Because space is limited, **please RSVP by October 9** to Carol Lasko at bclasko@windstream.net or (330) 653-3237 so we can set up tables and place settings.

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Hudson Garden Club October General Meeting

"Watershed and After the Storm"

Guest Speaker: Sandy Barbic
Thursday, October 16, 2014
Potluck Dinner: 6:00pm
Program: 7:00pm
Laurel Lake Community Room



Do you worry about the stream of water that flows through your yard during our frequent and heavy rainstorms? Do you wonder what your options are in handling this problem? Water—diverting it, removing it, directing it—is a concern for so many Hudson residents.

The October program will directly address these issues that are so important to our members. Sandy Barbic, Education Specialist for the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District, will discuss the problem and recommend healthy practices that anyone can do to help the situation. Reminding us that we all live upstream and downstream from somebody, how we handle our individual issues can easily affect so many more people. Easy projects around the house and property can make a difference.

Established in 1946, the Summit SWCD is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Resources.

Sandy has a bachelor's degree in biology from Kent State University. She is involved with local environmental education programs and issues and participated in the Tinkers Creek Watershed restoration project.