

President's Message

It always amazes me how quickly the weather becomes Fall-like, the nights are cool and the light has that weird slanted golden quality to it. After the heat of this Summer I am sure that you are anxious to get some garden projects done before we get some really cold weather. The BUGs have been out weeding and tidying up the community gardens for the first time since June.

Speaking of BUGs (Bottoms Up Gang)...won't you consider joining us? It is a great way to have fun working to keep our community in bloom. Just contact Sherry Beam, our Civic Garden chair. We always welcome more help and the Fall is a great time to get involved.

I look forward to seeing you at our first general meeting on September 20. Don't forget to ask a friend to join you. A simple phone call and offer of a ride is often all that it takes to get a new member.

Wendy Hilty



FALL PLANT EXCHANGE **Saturday, September 22, 2012** **May Pavilion at Hudson Springs Park**



The Fall Plant Exchange is scheduled for Saturday, September 22 at the May Pavilion at Hudson Springs Park. This is always a fun event for HGC members and the community. The check-in will begin at 9:00am with the exchange starting promptly at 10:00am.

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** or if it is a known invasive variety perennial or herb. **To download labels go to the HGC website: www.hudsongardenclub.org.**

Many HGC members are interested in sharing or obtaining groundcovers and other perennials from other gardeners. Please E-mail the HGC and we will be happy to connect you with others with the same interests. E-mail: info@hudsongardenclub.org

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. E-mail: info@hudsongardenclub.org All plants, excluding the premium plants, which are labeled as such, are available for one ticket/or \$1. Premium plants are priced slightly higher.

This is a wonderful and fun tradition for both the HGC and the residents of Hudson. Please come out and join us and hope for a sunny day...there is no rain date. Don't forget to bring containers to take your plants home in! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the exchange, please call Sherry Beam (330) 342-0969.

For more complete guidelines check out the Plant Exchange website: <http://www.hudsongardenclub.org/page/plant-exchange>

Garden Club By-Laws

A committee met last Spring to update our Garden Club By-Laws. This was not a major revision, but rather an updating as we needed to do such things as add E-mail as a method of communication, add new committees and correct some committee names that had been changed.

Shortly before our September meeting you will receive an E-mailed copy of the new By-Laws with the amendments in blue ink. If you do not have E-mail, there will be hard copies available for you at the September meeting. We would like to vote on these changes at the October general meeting and wish to give you time to read the By-Laws and ask any questions that you might have before the vote.

Wendy Hilty

Grant Applications Available

The Hudson Garden Club Grants Program provides grants awarded annually in December. These grants are made possible with profits from the annual House & Garden Tour. The grants have funded many projects that fulfill Club goals — spreading the knowledge and love of gardening, beautifying public property and supporting education in horticultural and related fields.

Groups or organizations with a project in mind may request funding through the grant process by downloading an application form from www.hudsongardenclub.org. Application forms may also be requested by writing HGC, P.O. Box 651, Hudson, OH 44236 or by E-mailing HudsonGC@aol.com. To be considered for this year's grants, the completed forms must be returned by November 1, 2012.

A GOOD ARRANGEMENT

Twenty members of the HGC attended the **Floral Design Workshop** held at Stan Hywet on August 9. Master Gardener Barbara Helaney from Ohio's Canton District guided us through the steps to make our arrangement.

Each participant took home her creation of yellow glads enhanced with large waxy green leaves displayed in an attractive black container.

Thank you Barb Earnhardt for arranging this July/August field trip.

Samples of the arrangements are on the right.....



Membership Renewal

September is the month we renew our Club membership. This month's newsletter includes membership forms and return envelopes. Please print clearly. Check committees of interest and make checks payable to Hudson Garden Club in the amount of \$20.

We would like to form a small committee for Membership. If you are interested, please check the membership box.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Janice Larivee at (330) 653-9092.

THE BUGS ARE OUT THERE



The Civic BUGS came out in force when we had the few days of mid-70 degree weather. It was the first time we had been together all summer. It didn't take long to bring the gardens to their full beauty.

Please take time to visit the Community Garden (corner of Rte. 91 and Ravenna Street), the Flagpole Garden (center of the Main Green) and the Clocktower trough on the same Green. A short drive/walk will bring you to the 2,000 square foot Clinton Street Rain Garden which borders the parking lot by Farinacci's Pizza off of Morse Road. This garden was the most labor intensive and with the extremely dry summer and no outside watering we were surprised on just how well it did. The plants thrived — we were amazed. As fall approaches this special group will be out working on a regular basis and we always appreciate a honk and wave!!!



GREEN ON THE GREEN DAY
Saturday, September 8, 2012 - 9am to 1pm
Veterans Way Park & Park Lane Green

Instead of the usual Spring Earth Day event this year, the City decided to have a Fall Environmental Awareness Day. Green on the Green will be a very similar event, as in years past, with vendors and demonstrations.

We are proud and excited to be participating and the HGC will be located at Veterans Park by the driveway entrance near the children's playground.

The Parks will have a new flower bed prepared and plants available and our Club members will help the children plant the plants and will discuss planting methods.

We will also have a table there with a demo by our Gardener to Gardener Committee members who will be demonstrating "Composting Made Easy."

If the idea of composting seems an arduous task, let our team of gardeners persuade you otherwise. Sally Richenbacher, with the help of Joan Brandon and Judy Maupin, will give a demonstration of backyard composting. Three simple stages will be demonstrated:

- 1) What combinations of materials can be used.
- 2) The process and what partially composted material looks like.
- 3) An example of the crumbly mix which is the finished product. Pictures and handouts will be available. Judy will also have a display of dried flowers from her garden and ideas on how to use them. Come visit and enjoy.

The event will run between 9am and 1pm and we expect that visitors will be coming and going the entire time. We need volunteers to help the children plant the garden. Please contact Sherry Beam at (330) 342-0969 or sherrybeam@hotmail.com to schedule a time.

Welcome New Members

Nancy Forhan
7572 N. Manheim Court
Hudson, OH 44236

Cinda S. Chima
71 S. Franklin Street
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022



Garden Club Stone
At the New Hudson Memorial Stadium

The HGC stone is located on the right as you enter the Veteran's Memorial area and flagpole.



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SEPTEMBER HGC FIELD TRIP
Barberton Mum Fest
Saturday, September 29, 2012



Join us in visiting the 22nd Annual **Barberton Mum Fest** on Saturday, September 29, 2012! Celebrate the beauty of mums at Lake Anna Park in Barberton where 20,000 chrysanthemums create over a million mum blooms in a rainbow of color. Admission to the Mum Fest is **FREE**. The chrysanthemums, some 21 varieties in all, are donated by Aris Horticulture Services, formerly known as Yoder Brothers, a leading grower of high quality ornamental plant products. The mums are featured in colorful collage displays. In addition to the mum gardens we will see garden mum hanging baskets and a floral arch of garden mums. Potted mums will be offered for sale.

We will meet in the Acme Plaza parking lot, near the Otani restaurant, leaving from Hudson at 9:30am.. We plan to spend a few hours at the Mum Fest, rain or shine. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 27, 2012 to Barb Earnhardt at bnrearnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831. Drivers are needed for car-pools.

Mum Fest 2012 includes free family entertainment, historic views of Barberton, arts and crafts, gardening tips and unique food vendors; water ski shows, canoe races on Lake Anna, musical entertainment, historical displays, sand sculpting and children's activities. For more information visit <http://www.cityofbarberton.com/govt/MumFest>.

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What's Coming Up

Saturday, September 8

Green on the Green

9am to 1pm

Veterans Way Park & Park Lane Green

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Monday, September 10 at 1pm

Herb Group @ Sherry Beam's Home

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Friday, September 14

Herb Group to Crooked River Herb Farm
& Hirt's Gardens in Wadsworth

Leaving Hudson @ 10:15am

See page 5 for details

Thursday, September 20

Garden Club Meeting

"From Garden to Table"

7:00pm Social Time - 7:30pm Program

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Saturday, September 22

Fall Plant Exchange

May Pavilion @ Hudson Springs Park

Check In: 9:00am

Exchange: 10:00am PROMPTLY

See Page 1 for details

Monday, September 24 @ Noon

Herb Group: Party in a Cup Aurora (Lunch)

Leaving Hudson @ 11:45am

Cost: \$25 Reservation deadline: Sept. 20

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Saturday, September 29

September Field Trip

Barberton Mum Fest

Admission: FREE

Leave from Otani's @ 9:30am

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Hudson Garden Club General Meeting **Thursday, September 20, 2012** **Social Time 7:00pm—Program 7:30pm** **Laurel Lake Community Room**



"From Garden to Table" **Kevin Altomare** **Chef/Partner** **Hudson's Restaurant & Catering**

We will be kicking off our new season of programs by celebrating the end of the veggie garden season with a demo of food fresh from the garden, some sampling and recipes! Chef Kevin is in demand at more than just the restaurant. He, along with brother J. J. and father, John — all graduates of the Culinary Institute of America are frequent guests doing food demos on talk radio, Cleveland morning TV and the Hudson's Farmer's Market. They just finished "The Taste of Earth" at Crown Point Center and are heading into the Taste of Hudson over Labor Day.

Kevin will be using veggies and herbs that are available in mid-September. Using a little twist and making it also about our members and our gardens — we asked if we (the HGC members) could bring some of our extra produce and have it integrated into his plans for the evening. He thinks it is a great idea and is looking forward to seeing what we all may have to offer.

**This produce would need to be known and in Kevin's hands by Tuesday, September 18. Please contact Sherry Beam at (330) 342-0969 to make the arrangements. In honor of Julia Childs' 100th birthday we will celebrate our own 'Bon Appetit.'



Busy Month for the Herb Group



We are offering three different activities this month for the Herb Group

Monday, September 10 at 1pm Sherry Beam will be hosting a program on Harvesting, Drying and Preserving and Storing your Herbs.

The program will include demos on the many ways used and how no one way works best, to tips from fellow Club members and handouts. You will be asked to bring some of your herbs which will be used in the demo.

Sherry's home is located at 2633 Hudson Aurora Road. Please park across the street in the Methodist Church parking lot.

Please make your reservations by Friday, September 7 to Sherry Beam at (330) 342-0969 or sherrybeam@hotmail.com.

Party in a Cup in Aurora will be where the Herb Group will be celebrating the early days of Fall. Mark your calendar for Monday, September 24 at noon.

The Petals & Pearls Boutique and Party in a Tea Cup are owned by Stephanie Castellano and newly opened in the 1815 historic home that formerly was the location of Three Elysabeths at 170 S. Chillicothe Road. We are in for a treat since Stephanie has graciously offered to do our Tea Party on the day the store is closed, allowing for full use of the home...and shopping! At the Boutique you will find vintage and antique home furnishings, jewelry, purses and garden accessories. She has a unique selection of tiny fairy garden supplies and plants to make your own fairy gardens. There is also a "Sweet Shop" candy room with a selection of hand-dipped truffles, French candies, lavender honey-filled drops, lollipops and more.

Our lunch will include delicious finger sandwiches, chicken pate in filo cups, homemade scones with lemon curd, mini-cakes, tarts, macarons and a variety of pastries and unlimited specialty teas, hot or iced and coffee.

The price is \$25 per person and the reservation deadline is September 20 to Sherry Beam at (330) 342-0969 or sherry_beam@hotmail.com. The group will be carpooling and leaving promptly at 11:45am from the Hudson United Methodist Church lot located at the corner of Hudson-Aurora and Stow Roads.

Visits to Crooked River Herb Farm & Hirt's Gardens in Wadsworth Friday, September 14

The Herb Group will be reconnecting with old friends on their visit to Crooked River Herb Farm at its new site in Wadsworth Township. Owners Kathleen and John Varga previously grew herbs in the Cuyahoga Valley and operated a shop first at the farm on Akron Peninsula Road and then in a shop in Peninsula. They lost the farm in 2005 to flooding and closed the shop a few years later. Last year they found a new home at a farm in Wadsworth Township. The new shop is on the farm property across the driveway from their farmhouse. The building once housed Hartley's Tack Shop.

The Varga's fresh herb supply is still limited because perennial herbs take time to get established. We will tour the area and Kathleen will be discussing the herbs and how they are used. The shop sells an array of herb-related products, including jams, jellies, pestos, herb vinegars, teas, coffees, soaps, herb blends, cookbooks and fresh-cut herbs. The shop is also selling pierogies from The Pierogi Lady in Hartville.

Lunch will follow at a local restaurant before our next stop at Hirt's Gardens. Hirt's Gardens is a family business that has operated continuously since 1915 and is one of the oldest retail greenhouses in Ohio.

Many of you will remember their floral shop and 14 greenhouses wall-to-wall at the intersection of Pearl Road and Royalton Road, one of the busiest corners in Strongsville. The HGC went there many times over the years until the property was sold to developers in 2004. Alan and son, Matt moved to Granger Township where Hirt's still sells the largest variety of vegetable, including herb plants, in Ohio and they have also added a large garden center boasting of the best selection of perennial plants in the state. We will be in for a great treat to end the day!

Please RSVP to Sherry Beam by September 11 (330) 342-0969 or sherrybeam@hotmail.com. We will be carpooling, meeting at the Park-N-Ride located on Chittenden Road and Rte. 303. We will be leaving promptly at 10:15am. Directions will be provided.

