

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

One of the things that I appreciated about my time at school, which I didn't realize until after I had graduated, was the excitement about the new year.

I feel that excitement today on the eve of our new year of the Hudson Garden Club. Our summer break is over and we begin a new season of meetings, camaraderie, field trips and interesting speakers. Even though life gets overscheduled and busy, I always enjoy it once I get to the meeting.

If you are new to the Club or haven't made it to a meeting in a while, circle the third Thursday of September through May (except December) on your calendar and think about coming to the general meeting at Laurel Lake. Don't be afraid to drop me a note if you come across an interesting speaker or program that might benefit our membership. You never know where we might find the next great program.

Here's to a beautiful September and start of the new year.

Thanks,
Bronwyn



HARVEST FAIR
Friday, September 12, 2014
McDowell School

For anyone not familiar with Harvest Fair, it is the day that our third grade gardeners bring in their "harvest" or vegetables, flowers, herbs and crazy critters to display at the school. It is a fun morning and I always enjoy our young gardeners.

I need some volunteers for just one hour on Friday, September 12 to help check in the kids from 8:10am to 9:00am. It is a quick, easy and fun way to spend the morning.

Please email bronwyn6870@aol.com if you are able to help out. I appreciate it!

Bronwyn Pierson
Youth Chair

"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!

HGC 2014 FALL PLANT EXCHANGE
Saturday, September 27, 2014
Hudson Springs Park—May Pavilion

For the past eight years the Hudson Garden Club has welcomed the community to share in the time honored tradition of spring and fall plant exchanges. This is not a fundraiser for the club; it is truly sharing plants from our home gardens.

The Fall Plant Exchange is scheduled for **Saturday, September 27, 2014 in the May Pavilion at Hudson Springs Park.** This is always a fun event for the HGC members and the community. The check-in will begin at 9am with the exchange starting at 10am.

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 (**no groundcover will be accepted**) or if it is a known invasive variety perennial or herb. ****Please Note: Invasive plants will not be accepted. No more than two plants of the following will be accepted:

Herbs: lemon balm, mints, valerian, tansy, oregano, chives and monarda (bee balm); and fast-spreading perennials: roadside daylilies, yarrow, gooseneck loosestrife, black-eyed Susans, shasta daisies, obedient plant, coreopsis and violets, among others.

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 maybe purchased at the end of the exchange. 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 Garden Club and the residents of Hudson. Please come out and join us and hope for a sunny day....there is not a rain date.

Don't forget to bring containers to take your plants home in!! If you have any questions, please call Sherry Beam (330) 342-0969 or our HGC email: info@hudsongardenclub.org. Check out the HGC website to download plant labels, and read more complete guidelines click on the link to the page on our website: <http://www.hudsongardenclub.org/page/plant-exchange>

2014 Scholarship Recipient
Excerpts from an Update Letter

Dear Hudson Garden Club,

Thank you again for the financial support toward my college education! I'm so honored to have received the Genevieve Jyurovat Horticultural Scholarship. After returning from field camp out in Utah, Nevada and California I began work at the Ohio EPA as well as volunteering at Trapp Family Farm.

Before I left for out west my Mom and I planted a whole garden full of edibles and when I returned we had a rich diversity of greens: kale, lettuce (romaine and bib), spinach, cilantro, sage, parsley and garlic scapes. Throughout the past few weeks tomatoes, mint, broccoli, rhubarb and even a few strawberries popped up.

Hope you all are enjoying summer and hope at some point I can meet with you all to thank you in person and learn more about your wonderful organization.

Thanks so much,
Cara Lauria

Garden Books Ordered in August

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair

Garden Books soon to be on Hudson Library shelves:

MEMORIAL BOOK FOR Carolyn Aungst:

All About African Violets: the Complete Guide to Success with Saintpaulias by Montague Free

Meadows by Design by John Greenlee

The Creative Shrub Garden: Catching combinations for year-round interest by Andy Mcindoe

The Greenhouse Gardener's Manual by Roger Marshall

The Unexpected Houseplant: Extraordinary choices for Every Spot in your Home by Tovan Martin

Plantiful: Start Small, Grow Big with 150 Plants that Spread, Self Sow and Overwinter by Kristen Green

The Plant Lover's Guide to Snowdrops by Naomi Slade

Succulents Simplified: Growing, Designing and Crafting with 100 Easy-Care Varieties by Debra Lee Baldwin

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of July 31, 2014

PNC Savings	\$ 61,799.28
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,474.73
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 33,471.35

Total Bank Accounts \$ 113,745.36

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

News from the Community Gardens

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

September starts a month of change. The days are getting noticeably shorter and we know that the "Dog Days of Summer" are almost over. It has been a summer of cooler temps and rain, lots of rain! I personally can't remember a summer recently when the lawns stayed totally green and lush the entire season. The gardens on the Greens are nearing peak bloom in many cases, and soon we will need to start cutting back the perennials and at the end of the month, remove the annuals to make room for mums, asters and kale at the Community Garden and Clocktower trough.

We were really shorthanded with help in the gardens this year — we had a lot of BUGs that for various reasons were unable to help — so we are hoping that when we do our fall cleanup and start putting the gardens to bed, that you — our members will come out and help — believe me, it is fun...especially when it's finished.

I would like to send out a special thanks to the BUGs — I may have the privilege of designing and choosing plants, after sharing ideas with you — but, it is these special wonderful Garden Club volunteers (and even some non-HGC members) that bring those ideas alive and create the beautiful gardens for all who live, visit or drive through Hudson to see, and they certainly didn't disappoint this year.

It will be hard to have to dig up the tropicals at the Flagpole Garden — they have been stars in the garden, bringing vibrant colors and smiles. Who can resist sunflowers and wouldn't it be wonderful if we had them in every garden in Hudson?

As we start this new season of meetings and reconnecting with garden friends, both old and especially our new members, remember that it is the love of the gardens that brings us together. This is the perfect time to visit your garden whether it is just one plant in a pot, or expansive, for soon we will be just watching it from indoors.

Hope to see you many times in September. We have the Green on the Green, the Fall Plant Exchange and playing in the gardens!

A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them.

Liberty Hyde Bailey

New Members



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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.

3rd Annual Green on the Green Day Hudson's Environment Expo—9am—1pm Saturday, September 20, 2014 Gazebo Green—Downtown Hudson

The Hudson Garden Club is again participating at this event and will have a table and some of our members sharing info on various topics. Join us for this fun and educational event.

Over 20 exhibitors from around the region will offer information on tree planting, recycling tips, composting, rain barrels, energy efficiency in homes, organic landscaping and more!

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What's Coming Up

Friday, September 12, 2014-8:10am

Harvest Fair—**Volunteers Needed**

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HGC September General Meeting

"On Growing the Fascinating Dahlia"

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Floral Design classes

Hudson High School Faculty Dining Room

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October 2-5, 2014 @ Stan Hywet

"Inspiration in Bloom"

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Hudson Garden Club September General Meeting

"On Growing the Fascinating Dahlia"

Guest Speakers: Jerry Moreno & Ron Miner



Thursday, September 18, 2014

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room

The presentation will cover dahlia culture from waking them up in the spring to digging and putting them to sleep in the fall. Discussion will include describing the 20 different forms, 15 color classifications and 10 dahlias. Actual blooms will be shown and classified.

Ron Miner has been growing dahlias since the 1980s. He is active in the Dahlia Society of Ohio (DSO) and the American Dahlia Society (ADS) having served for six years as its president. He is responsible for the operation of the ADS Trial Gardens spread across North America. Ron has introduced 32 new cultivars that are recognized by the ADS.

Jerry Moreno was introduced to the dahlia by his neighbor and mentor, Ron, in the early 1990s. He started with five or six varieties which quickly became 60 (compared to Ron's more than 600). He is the ADS representative for DSO and is very active in DSO having served as president for several different terms. He is the editor of the DSO Dahlia Digest newsletter. Please visit DSO's extensive website at www.dahliasocietyofohio.org.