

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Several times over the past 18 months, I have commented in the President's Letter about how our efforts today will benefit others far into the future. Our Hudson Garden Club does so many wonderful things for our community and the area around us by physically and financially supporting like-minded organizations and projects.

As my time as President is winding down, I am once again thinking ahead as I seek members to fill board positions to ensure that our Club continues with the same strength into the future.

There are many opportunities to get involved...big and small. With Carla Maurer as our in-coming president, I can guarantee it will be a great experience. Please consider donating your time and talents to our great Club!

Thanks and see you at the September meeting,

Bronwyn

THYME FOR HERBS

Sherry Beam, Herb Chair

Members from the Herb Group had a wonderful visit to a "magical" fairy garden in Garrettsville this summer and also checked out some other places of interest in the area.

Recently we had a great program and sampling of the herb "lovage" and we anticipate it being grown in gardens far and wide in the future! In October we will be learning about the 2015 Herb of the Year "Savory" and its many uses.

This month we will have a fun program on "How to Make Herb Infused Sugars" using herbs from our gardens. Adding herbs in our cooking and baking creates new flavors and tastes and these sugars will be a great addition as well as making great gifts. Fresh herbs like sage, thyme, lavender, scented geranium leaves, lemon verbena, bay leaf, basil and cilantro add great flavor to sugar. Those attending will receive info on what they will need to bring to the workshop.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 8 at 9am in the North Meeting Room at the Library. Please register by the September 4 deadline to sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 573-6353.

VISITING STAN HYWET'S "BLOOM!"

Nancy Kolodgy, Reporter

A group from Hudson Garden Club carpooled on August 26 to Stan Hywet for a field trip to "Bloom!," a display featuring 32 kiln-formed glass art creations by Craig Mitchell Smith of Lansing, Michigan. There were glass flowers throughout the gardens from groupings of orange poppies to purple Japanese iris to glass cardinals hanging from tree limbs. Not to be outdone by the glass display, the real life sunflowers were outstanding. The gardens are getting ready for fall with many flowers busy producing seeds for next year's showing.

Even though summer is saying "Good Bye" there were many growing things doing their best to show off the gardens. We enjoyed walking through the English Garden that transports you to the serenity of Merrie Olde England and then on to the tranquility of the Japanese Garden with its setting of a pond and Asian sculptures. Oh just to stay and curl up with a good book and let the world go by.

When you visit Stan Hywet in the growing season you are awed by the amount of work it must take to maintain its perfection. If you love gardens and have the time, what a wonderful way to spend your volunteer hours in this special place so close to us.

**NOTE WE ARE NOW AT
VETERANS WAY PARK PAVILION**

**HGC 2015 FALL PLANT EXCHANGE
Veterans Way Park Pavilion
Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 10:00am**

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair



For the past 29 years, the Hudson Garden Club has welcomed the community to share in the time-honored tradition of Spring and Fall plant exchanges. Thousands of plants have found new homes and brought joy as they grew, many also being shared again years later, and the cycle continues. In many respects, little has changed from the early days when the rule was "bring a plant and take a plant" and if you don't have any, pay a nominal price.

This is not a fundraiser for the club; it truly is sharing plants from our home gardens. This is also a great opportunity to visit the park. The Hudson Garden Club donates through our only fundraiser, the Home & Garden Tour, some of the monies towards trees and other projects in the Parks and throughout the City and we have a wonderful relationship with all.

2015 brings changes to the long-standing tradition for the Spring and Fall Plant Exchanges. **We have moved from our long-time location at Hudson Springs Park to one of our newer Hudson Parks—Veterans Way Park.** We hope to make this our permanent home. Everyone who attended the Spring Exchange loved close parking and accessibility.

Veterans Way Park is located at 55 Veterans Way near downtown and is accessed from Route 91 (the traffic light by Starbuck's) or Milford Drive (which runs behind ACME Plaza). The pavilion is just off the parking lot adjacent to the children's playground, making it easy to carry plants to share and take home. It's only steps away.

The date is Saturday, September 19 at 10:00am. This is always a fun event for the HGC members and the community. The check-in will begin at 9:00am and the exchange will start 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 (no groundcover will be accepted)** or if it is a known invasive variety perennial or herb.

*****Invasive plants will not be accepted*****

*No more than two plants of the following will be accepted:

- Herbs: lemon balm, mints, chives, valerian, tansy and bee balm (monarda)
- 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 may be purchased at the end of the exchange.

All plants, excluding the premium plants, which are labeled as such, are available for one ticket/or \$1.00. Premium plants are priced slightly higher.

This is a wonderful and fun tradition for both the Garden Club and the residents of Hudson and beyond. 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 plant 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: www.hudsongardenclub.org to download **plant labels** and read more complete guidelines. Click on this link to the Plant Exchange to go directly to the site.

<http://www.hudsongardenclub.org/page/plant-exchange>

SEE YOU AT THE PLANT EXCHANGE LOCATION—VETERANS WAY PARK PAVILION

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of June 30, 2015

PNC Savings	\$ 61,871.53
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,778.54
Unrestricted Cash/Checking	\$ 46,540.71

Total Bank Accounts \$ 127,190.78

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

CIVIC BUGs ON THE MOVE

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

Sometimes being a Civic BUG is like being a mail carrier — no matter what the weather may be, the gardens we plant and care for on and off the Greens must be maintained. We all remember the seemingly never ending rain we had all spring into June (and so many weeds), then we battled the lack of rain and heat this past month! But...through it all, the gardens have shown off their resiliency and ability to grow, thrive, and dazzle us with their colors, thanks to the BUGs.

After emailing the Club members and going over the breakdown of what the HGC cares for and asking if we could get additional help as we tackled the Clinton Street rain garden, which had been given the least assistance, we had Beth Lawrence and Kathy Harrison join us. We almost lost Beth over the river bank when she tugged a little too hard on some bindweed that had completely enveloped one of the ornamental grasses! We had four work sessions at the rain garden, and once again it has been restored to both beauty and function.

We had leaf humus delivered and spread in July and that has really helped control the weeds at both the Community and Flagpole Gardens. We currently have had the sprinklers at both of the above gardens on for an hour each day the past few weeks, also. We do have a few areas that the water seems to miss, so we appreciate it if you are up near the Flagpole Garden and you notice any of the plants drooping, let me know, especially those on the far right side. It won't be long before we will need to remove the annuals. If anyone would like to have any of the tropical plants to dig up and keep indoors, please let me know, many do wonderfully, and we love seeing them continue to live.

We will be gifted with students from WRA on September 18 as part of their Service to the Community for a few hours, so we will plan on fall cleanup and planting that day. We would love to have you join us as we wrap up our season and plan for next year. Contact Sherry Beam at sherrybeam@hotmail.com.

ALLIUM ALERT FOR 2016 TOUR

Visitors at the 2015 Home & Garden Tour commented on the whimsical sprayed allium used in floral arrangements by our designers. We are sending out a plea to members who grow allium to ask if they would be willing to save their dried allium heads to donate for sale at the Tour Garden Shop. More information to follow closer to Tour time. Thank you in advance.

NEW MEMBER



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SEPTEMBER IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH

September is our annual renewal time and we have included a Membership Renewal Form with this copy of the newsletter.

Please fill out the form (required) and return with your check. These forms are our way of knowing that you paid once the checks are deposited. They are also helpful to the committee chairs of the various activities we do throughout the club year. Please take time to look in the front of your Members Directory where you will find a brief description of the Club's activities and also our Club website: hudsongardenclub.org.

Green on the Green Day

Saturday, September 26, 2015

The fourth annual **Green on the Green Day** will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 9am to 1pm in downtown Hudson on the bandstand Green. The Hudson Garden Club will have a table in one of the tents. Please check the Hudson HUB for more details closer to the event. We need volunteers for each of the one-hour shifts. Please contact Sherry Beam. Email sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 573-6353.

NEW GARDENING BOOKS

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair

The HGC has ordered the following gardening books and they will soon be on the shelves at the Hudson Library.

The Artist's Garden, American Impressionism and the Garden Movement by Anna O. Marley

The Wreath Recipe Book: Year-Round Wreaths, Swags, and other Decorations to make with Seasonal Branches by Aletha Harampolis and Jill Rizzo

Miniature Gardens: Design and Create Miniature Fairy Gardens, Dish Gardens, Terrariums and More — Indoors and Out by Katie Elzer Peters

Tomatomania! A fresh Approach to Celebrating Tomatoes in the Garden by Scott Daigre and Jenn Garbee

Royal Horticultural Society Companion to Scented Plants by Stephen Lacy

The Bee: A Natural History by Noah Wilson-Rich

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What's Coming Up

Tuesday, September 8, 2015—9am

"How to Make Herb Infused Sugars"
Hudson Library—North Meeting Room
See page 1 for details

Friday, September 11, 2015—8:10-9am

Harvest Fair @ McDowell Elementary
RSVP to Bronwyn Pierson
See article below

Wednesday, September 17, 2015—7pm

HGC September General Meeting
Hattie Larlham's Nathan Edge, Speaker
Social Time: 6:45pm—Program: 7:00pm
See this page for details

Saturday, September 19, 2015—10am

2015 Fall Plant Exchange (Veterans Way)
Check-in begins at 9am
See page 2 for details

Saturday, September 26—9am—1pm

Green on the Green Day on Bandstand Green
See page 3 for details



Harvest Fair **Friday, September 11 at** **McDowell Elementary**

Mark September 11 at 8:10am down on your calendars for the always fun Harvest Fair at McDowell Elementary. I will need several volunteers for an hour in the morning to help check in entries. Please email Bronwyn Pierson at bronwyn6870@aol.com.

Friendship is born at the moment when one person says to another, "What?! You too? I thought I was the only one!"

C. S. Lewis, Author

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A hard copy of the September HGC newsletter is being sent to everyone for this issue only. Enclosed is the information and form needed for Membership renewal and payment.

HUDSON GARDEN CLUB **September General Meeting**

"Hattie's Gardens"

Guest Speaker: Nathan Edge
Thursday, September 17, 2015
Social Time: 6:45pm
Program: 7:00pm
Laurel Lake Community Room

THE GARDEN



Hattie's Gardens is a Hattie Larlham sustainable agricultural program for adults with developmental disabilities. This fabulous program is in our own backyard, and Nathan Edge, Garden Manager, will speak to us about their garden philosophy, the challenges of growing organically and the benefits to the community.