

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It won't be long now. Spring has finally arrived. At least the calendar says it has. We've had a few beautiful days and should begin to have many more in April.

LONGWOOD GARDENS

I love these early spring days. Crocuses, snowdrops and hellebores are popping open and the daffodil, tulips and hyacinths will be blooming soon too.

This month, at the HGC general meeting, we will meet our 2018 Scholarship recipients. The Scholarship committee, chaired by Daniela Baloi, is busy reviewing the applications to determine who will receive a portion of the \$7,500 in scholarship monies we have budgeted.

Final preparations for the June 14-15 Home & Garden Tour are underway and there are many opportunities for our members and friends to help ensure another successful event. Home and garden hostesses, traffic and garden shop volunteers, tea hostesses and cookie bakers are always needed. If you can help, please contact Tour Chairs Dawn Maloney dawnsold@gmail.com or Patti Starr starrpatti@aol.com.

Another wonderful event that supports our club's mission is the Garden Gathering, which will be held on the evening of Saturday, June 9. It is a cocktail party fundraiser held at a lovely Hudson home that is not on the Tour. HGC members are given the first opportunity to purchase these tickets before they are sold to the public.

Happy Spring!

Carla Maurer

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE TOUR'S GARDEN SHOP TAG SALE

The Garden Shop is once again collecting gently used books and items for the Tag Sale at the middle school commons during the Home & Garden Tour to be held June 14 and 15, 2018.

We will be collecting gently used garden books, plant containers and garden art items to decorate your garden and possibly even give as gifts. The garden art has proven to be an interesting area in the Gift Shop and we welcome your treasures.

If you have any of the above, please save them and drop them off at the middle school on June 13, 2018 or at Kathy Foley's home at 2214 Olde Farm Lane starting in April. Call Kathy (330) 650-2996 if you have questions. Thanks!!

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DRIVERS NEEDED FOR "GARDEN GATHERING"

Two drivers needed for Saturday June 9 during the "Garden Gathering" (5:30pm to 9:30pm) to transport guests from the Rejoice Lutheran Church on Stow Road to the home of Ron & Sharon McGregor at the end of Stow Road and then back (about 3/4 mile).

The Hudson Local Schools are lending us vans, but we need drivers with State Farm Insurance to drive them, according to the HGC's State Farm agent. **PLEASE contact Lois James (330) 650-4209 if you can help.**

Garden Pots & Tools Housecleaning Tips

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair



While we are waiting for more Spring-like weather to start working in both our home gardens and those we maintain in downtown, here are a few things we are able to do...now!

Time to start Spring cleaning your garden pots and tools:

TERRA COTTA POTS

- Empty your pots of old and depleted soil. If your pots have a whitish buildup, you need to remove it.
- Some people really like the look of crusty old terra cotta pots and don't want to clean them. Unfortunately, using dirty pots over and over again can be very unhealthy for your plants.
- Dirty pots can harbor pests and diseases, which is definitely not something you want. Cleaning and disinfecting plant pots is a habit you should get into no matter what type they are.
- If you're wondering how to clean clay pots with plants in them, well... if a plant has been growing in the same terra cotta pot for so long that the pot has buildup on it, then it's time to repot that plant and give it some fresh soil anyway. Start by using a cleaning brush or steel pad and gently dry brush any white deposits. Next, find a bucket that is large enough to hold your pot. Fill the bucket with a vinegar and water solution. Add one cup of white vinegar to every six cups of water. Allow your pot to soak for 20 to 30 minutes. Depending on its size, you may need to turn the pot to make sure you get all sides submerged. Finally, wash your pot with soap and water, Castile soap is excellent for this.

SHOVELS

- Inspect your shovel for any rusty spots.
- Rub a thin layer of non-toxic linseed oil over the shovel. Use a wire brush or pad to scrub off any rust.
- Next, inspect the handle. If it has any splinters or rough sections, use a piece of sandpaper to smooth them out.
- You can rub a thin layer of linseed oil over the wooden handle to keep it from drying out and to prevent further splintering.

PRUNERS AND SHEARS

- Start by washing blades with Castile soap and water.
- Use a wire brush or steel pad to scrub off any rust.
- Apply a thin layer of linseed oil to prevent rust from forming again.
- NOTE: This is a great time of year to get your pruners sharpened. Sharp pruners protect your plants from getting crushed or bruised which makes them vulnerable to disease.

HGC has just ordered a new gardening book for the Hudson Library that will soon appear on their shelves.

Farm from Home: A Year of Stories, Pictures and Recipes from a City Girl in the Country by Amanda Brooks

GARDENER-TO-GARDENER CONTAINER GARDENING CLASS

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Dorothy Malpass, G-T-G Chair

We are hoping that our harsh winter is behind us and that we are able to plan and work in our gardens very soon.

Judy Maupin creates and maintains beautiful mixed containers with different combinations of vegetables, herbs and flowers. She will do a demonstration at her home with the help of Joan Brandon and Sally Richenbacker. There will be practical advice on types of containers, best soil mixes, interesting combinations and good maintenance.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 15 at 10:00am at Judy's home at 83 Division Street, Hudson. RSVP to Dorothy Malpass at dorothymalpass@gmail.com or (330) 656-1857 by May 11.

"GLOW" AT THE CBG CHRISTMAS 2018

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

HGC is again pleased to be accepted into the group of Affiliate Clubs creating decorations for a Christmas tree for the Cleveland Botanical Garden's GLOW event.

You may remember that early in 2017 we collected Christmas cards with the hope of using them for GLOW 2017, only to have our design idea changed for the 2017 theme. But those greeting cards were saved and will be used for GLOW 2018 for the theme "***Days of Yore.....Remember When.***"

HGC's design, "***Across the Miles,***" will remember the sending and receiving of traditional seasonal greetings and the art of Christmas/Holiday cards—especially as it seems that such cards are sent in fewer numbers each year and also are being replaced with family photo postcards, newsletters and ecards.

Every club participating is required to have a different design and to include recycled/upcycled items, so we will reuse and upcycle our members' Christmas/Holiday cards that we have already gathered. Interested in crafting and getting to know some fellow members while working together towards another beautiful contribution to our community?

Join the Glow Girls by contacting Barb Earnhardt at barbearnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831. We will be scheduling planning meetings and workdays beginning in April.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of February 28, 2018

PNC Savings	\$ 32,006.38
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,003.79
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 1,917.35

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 44,464.53
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 88,392.05

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES March 15, 2018

On Thursday, March 15, 2018, thirty-eight members and guests gathered to hear the presentation **"The Art of Gardening: Learning from Monet's Gardens and Art"** by Kim Hawkins, Cuyahoga County Master Gardener.

Kim's delightful presentation included the following facts about Oscar-Claude Monet:

- Monet, considered the founder of French impressionism, created artwork and gardens using light, color, texture and form.
- He often painted the same scene many times in order to capture the changing of light and the passing of the seasons.
- He used a lot of white to illuminate and add light to shaded areas.
- In addition, Monet used "rivers" of monochromatic blocks of color winding through the gardens to give the eye a place to rest.
- A favorite quote from Monet: "Apart from gardening and art, I am nothing."

The flower arrangement recipient for March was Jan Schrader's husband, Steve.

Carolyn Bouquot, Recording Secretary



HERB GROUP TRIPS AWAIT WARMER WEATHER

Sherry Beam, Herb Chair

As we go to press, the weather projected for the next couple of weeks will still be on the chilly side. With the filled room turnout at our last Herb Group meeting on Companion Planting, we discussed several field trip options for April and May. We will be watching the weather and plan accordingly.

Several of the specialized nurseries will be opening in the beginning of April, but it's way too early to plant at this point, especially tender herbs. We will send an email blast as the dates and places are firmed — most will be a distance from here. For those who do not have email, contact me so I am able to keep you in the loop. Looking forward to many great adventures this year! Sherry Beam [\(330\) 573-6353](tel:330-573-6353).

Welcome our New Members

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Volunteers needed for Arbor Day Project Friday, April 27 at 9:00am

Carol Lasko, Youth Chair

Arbor Day is just around the corner and volunteers are needed to help bag and count 400 Norway Spruce seedlings on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 9:00am in Carol Lasko's garage (7302 Arborwood Drive). The saplings will be given to each East Woods fourth grader.

Helpers are to dress for the weather. There will be hot coffee but it is usually chilly in an open garage that early in the day, so coats and boots are advised.

We start at 9:00am and should finish by 10:30-11:00am depending upon our number of helpers.

Please email/call Carol no later than Tuesday, April 24 if you plan to help.

bclasko@windstream.net or (330) 653-3237.

Thank you for your support.

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, April 19, 2018

HGC General Meeting

Speaker: Judy Semroc

Presentation of Scholarship Recipients

Program: 7:00pm

See this page for details

Friday, April 27, 2018 — 9am

Arbor Day Project

Carol Lasko's home

See page 3 for details

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 — 10am

Container Gardening

Judy Maupin's home

See page 2 for details



SAVE THE DATES

2018 HGC PLANT EXCHANGE DATES

SPRING: Monday, May 21, 2018

Check in: 6pm Exchange: 7pm

FALL: Saturday, September 22, 2018

Check In: 9am Exchange: 10am

HELD AT VETERANS WAY PARK

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Hudson Garden Club April General Meeting

Speaker: Judy Semroc

***"The Fascinating World
Of Insect & Plant Interaction"***

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room

Judy Semroc, on the staff at the Museum of Natural History, is also a gifted photographer and will include her phenomenal pictures to illustrate the important relationships between insects and plants.

Our April meeting will also include the presentation of our Genevieve Jyurovat Scholarship recipients.

