

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I love this time of year! All the lights, trees and beautiful decorations. My flower beds are now "asleep" until spring and I can curl up with some hot cocoa and watch all my favorite Christmas movies! I'm also looking forward to our December general meeting where we will learn about amaryllis bulbs while we plant the bulbs we ordered back in September. Even if you didn't order a bulb, we hope you will still come and learn with us and enjoy the festivities. Due to the holidays our usual third Thursday of the month meeting has been changed to the second Thursday, December 14 at 7:00pm. As in past years, we invite those attending to bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share during our social time at 6:45pm.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who make our club the wonderful organization that it is. I'm so proud and appreciative of all the work our members do, all year long. The Civic BUGs who keep our community gardens looking gorgeous from early spring to late fall, the hundreds of volunteers who make our annual Home & Garden Tour and Garden Gathering a success year after year, the committees who work diligently to award scholarship and grant money. The volunteers who plan monthly programs, field trips, gardening tips and herb group events. Our talented floral arrangers who make us shine in our own community and at the Cleveland Botanical Garden and Stan Hywet. Our volunteer who thoughtfully chooses books and magazines to be donated to the Hudson Library, our web master who manages our website and our newsletter editor who works hard every month to publish a colorful and informative newsletter. Another who mails greeting cards and newsletters, when appropriate. We have a volunteer who represents our club at the Hudson Tree commission meetings and another who inspires a love of gardening in our school-age youth. We have members who promote our events to the public, manage the club's treasury and membership records and others who record meeting minutes and plan refreshments and accommodations for our general meetings. These are all volunteers and I am so proud of you all!

I hope that you will continue to take advantage of the many exciting opportunities available to you as a member of the Hudson Garden Club in the coming year!

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you at our general meeting on December 14.

Carla Maurer



HGC interpreted a Christmas card received by the Seiberling's for Stan Hywet's annual Christmas event "Deck the Hall." This year's theme is "Postcards from the Past." Photo shows the solarium with the vintage card at bottom left. We used dried and painted allium, hydrangea, paper origami flowers, curly willow and fabric with Stan Hywet trees and other items to complete the decorations.

See www.stanhwyet.org for days and hours to visit "Deck the Hall" to see all the decorations in the Manor House for yourself!

The professional designers and florists who decorated other rooms use this opportunity to promote their businesses, we use it to promote our club and our Home & Garden Tour.

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

WE HEAR FROM ONE OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Daniela Baloi, Scholarship Chair

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to give you an update on my life in Vermont this semester. It has been a busy one that is for sure.

I am currently the treasurer of the UVM Outing Club which is basically a 15-hour job every week where I am managing the budget for the biggest club on campus. It is tons of work but very rewarding, especially since I am so passionate about the club. I led two hiking trips this semester for the club and am leading a winter refresher weekend trackpacking trip the first week I get back from break.

My living community, Farm to Table, is going great! We just started our winter share CSA (community supported agriculture). This week we received tons and tons of butternut squash, brussel sprouts, spinach, potatoes and carrots. We all decided to make a Thanksgiving meal together which turned out yummy.

When it comes to academics, I switched my minor to GIS/Geospatial Technologies. This minor will complement my concentration on land conservation and stewardship really well. All of my classes have been really interesting. My favorite so far has been my Natural Areas, Conservation and Stewardship class. We are learning about all of the federal sectors that deal with our natural areas. Next semester, I am very excited to take a radical environmentalist history class and an environmental policy class.

Summer is already on my mind! I received a job offer to head back to the Sierra National Forest to be the lead ranger for the Ansel Adams Wilderness. I am still debating if I want to go back or not. I have found some really awesome conservation internships in Alaska I am going to apply to first before I accept the Forest Service job. I also may stay here in Vermont for the summer. The Lake Champlain Land Trust is looking for a summer intern and I may apply to that as well. I will keep you updated on how this all turns out!.

Lastly, I want to again express how thankful and appreciative I am for the Hudson Garden Club's scholarship I received. It has really helped relieve my financial situation. Out-of-state tuition is so pricey and they raised the price again. I have to say though, every penny in student loans I have is worth it. My passion for Vermont is strong and the state has stolen my heart.

Laura Pinover
University of Vermont
Environmental Studies Major

YEAR-END GIVING IDEA

Barb Earnhardt

Inspired by the recent Giving Tuesday (November 28)? Looking for a holiday present or hostess gift that keeps on giving? Planning your year-end tax-deductible donations? SUPPORT OUR CLUB'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITH A DONATION TO THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB FUND AT THE HUDSON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. Making contributions is easy. Go online to www.hudsongardenclub.org/join-us for a link to the Hudson Community Foundation's donation form.

If you'd prefer to mail a check, please mail it to The Hudson Community Foundation, PO Box 944, Hudson, Ohio 44236, noting you wish to contribute to The Hudson Garden Club Fund. Every dollar given to the Fund is invested in perpetuity to generate funding for our community projects and sustain the work of the club.

Direct donations to the club (not tax deductible) can continue to be made to the Hudson Garden Club, PO Box 651, Hudson, Ohio 44236. Thank you!



Meet Hudson Garden Club's **GLOW** team. This group of ten members, guided by Barb Earnhardt, planned the design, created the ornaments and decorated a 10' Christmas Tree at the Cleveland Botanical Garden's annual **GLOW**. Open to the public now through Sunday, December 31.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of October 31, 2017

PNC Savings	\$ 36,994.98
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,001.49
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 13,489.25

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 34,415.81
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Total Bank Accounts	\$ 94,901.53
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Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 16, 2017

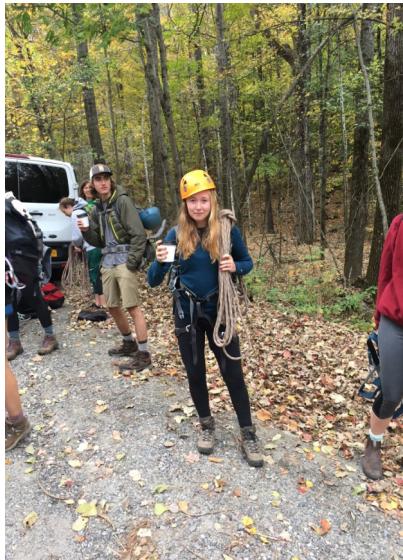
On Thursday, November 16, 2017, 43 members and guests gathered for the annual election of officers and the general meeting.

The chairperson for the Nominating Committee, Judy Maupin, presented the slate of officers. Ann Ingling made a motion to elect the slate as presented and Mary LeRoy seconded the motion. The 2018 slate of officers was elected unanimously.

The recipient of the Poinsettia was Nancy Kolodgy.

Summit County Master Gardener, Lee Paulson, was our guest speaker for the evening. His program, "The History and Horticulture of Christmas" was fascinating. He got everyone in the holiday spirit.

Carolyn Bouquot
Recording Secretary



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AMARYLLIS PLANTING AND CARE

If you receive a bulb for a gift or plant one at our membership meeting on December 14, here are a few tips.

1. Site the containers where they will receive bright light or partial sun. Cooler temperatures (55-65F) will prolong flower life so consider placing your pots in an area that is a bit on the cool side.
2. Plant your amaryllis singly in pots that are a bit snug, ones with diameters 1" - 2" larger than that of the bulbs. For several amaryllis bulbs in the same container, plant close to each other with shoulders about an inch apart for the most brilliant display. Tuck them in so that the top inch of the bulb is above the soil surface. The top of the bulb is the part that looks a little like the stem area of an onion and the bottom has a flat plate, often with a few roots attached.
3. Water well, gently soaking the soil and settling it around the bulb. After the initial watering, wait to add more moisture until after you see stem and/or leaf growth to prevent overwatering. One of the most common problems that occur with indoor amaryllis is overwatering.
4. Allow 12 weeks or more from potting to bloom.
5. Enjoy your colorful flowering plants. Most good quality amaryllis bulbs will produce more than one flower stem, each with 3-5 flowers. As your amaryllis grows, rotate pots a quarter turn every day or two to keep stems upright and to counteract their tendency to lean towards the light.
6. When blooming is finished trim off the flower stems.

After amaryllis bulbs have bloomed, sometimes the inclination is to toss them out. If you would like to have them bloom next fall or winter, it's not hard to do and directions will be given at the meeting and in the next newsletter.

HGC Donates Magazines to the Hudson Library

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair

The following gardening magazines will soon be on the shelves of the Hudson Library & Historical Society complements of the Hudson Garden Club.

Country Gardens

Garden Gate

Ohio Garden Magazine

The Flower Arranger

Fine Gardening



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44236**

What's Coming Up

Thursday, December 14, 2017

HGC General Meeting

See this page for details

From now thru Sunday, Dec. 31

GLOW at Cleveland Botanical Garden

From now thru Saturday, Dec. 30

Deck the Hall @ Stan Hywet

5pm—8pm on select evenings

Wednesday, December 6 from 12-4pm

GLOW Affiliate Day - CBG

PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY



IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

Hudson Garden Club follows the severe weather policy of the Hudson City schools. If school is canceled due to bad weather our meeting/event will also be canceled.

Call [\(330\) 653-1300](tel:(330)653-1300), visit www.hudson.edu or watch HCTV or other television stations to learn of the closing.

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Hudson Garden Club December General Meeting

"Holiday Social and Amaryllis Planting"

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room



Please come to our Holiday Social and Amaryllis planting night at our Thursday, December 14 meeting. Put on your best holiday sweater and join the crowd for seasonal punch and other assorted goodies. If you have already done your holiday baking, bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share!

It will be a great night for socializing and to meet the members we see every month, but never get the chance to really get to know. The night will also include, for those who pre-ordered Amaryllis bulbs, the supplies to plant your bulb...and then stay for the party. (A limited amount of bulbs will be available for purchase that evening.) Contact Barb Earnhardt for questions about the Amaryllis bulbs at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com. Contact Bronwyn Pierson [\(330\) 612-4879](tel:(330)612-4879) for questions about the evening.