

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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The President's Message

Well, winter finally arrived! Sometimes it's hard for me to imagine that under all the snow and frozen ground, my garden is patiently waiting to awaken once again! In the meantime, this is a good time of year to page through the seed, flower and vegetable catalogs that are arriving. Or, to visit the Hudson Library to check out a few of the many books that our club has donated over the years.

Actually, garden club activities are a great way to break up the long, cold winter. I very much enjoyed our January program about photography and am anxious to improve my own garden photos this season. There are a couple of home and garden shows coming up at the IX Center or the Cleveland Convention Center. A visit to the Cleveland Botanical Garden is always a great winter treat, too!!

This is also a good time of year to "take care of some HGC business!" At our January meeting we installed a new board for 2016-2017 and we welcome our newest board member, Julie Kodatsky, as Treasurer. Many, many thanks to Daniela Baloi who will now serve our club as Assistant Treasurer. The full slate of officers is printed on page 3 of this newsletter. Also, included within the Treasurer's Report in this issue is the 2016 budget. We will vote on this budget at the February General meeting.

Hope to see many of you at our February 18 meeting,

Carla Maurer



CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN'S GLOW 2016



Yes, we are already starting to talk about Christmas 2016! HGC will once again join area Garden Clubs in helping the CBG decorate for their Christmas Holiday gift to Cleveland: GLOW. The GLOW 2016 theme is "Timeless Traditions of the Winter Season," featuring activities, events and celebrations that occur between December 1 and March 1. At this time, CBG already has nearly 30 trees spoken for. This event will be in its fifth year and has grown into a favorite among visitors. This year's participating clubs stepped up their game since HGC last participated. It's time we got back in!

This project is more about decorating and crafting than strictly related to gardening or flower arranging, so will be more of a fun and social time for members and can be worked on well in advance of the installation. Our HGC theme is "Sparkle" and we have some starter ideas.

Here are the guidelines:

- All trees will have lights pre-installed

- CBG staff placed plant material and gingerbread houses (over 150 in 2015) around the base of the trees. Nothing is to be placed on the floor.
- CBG orders the trees, typically Fraser Firs, in three sizes, 6', 8' and 10'. Most are 8'.
- Nothing can be hung from the ceiling.
- Decorations that are 3-dimensional, as opposed to flat, display better and are preferred.
- Botanical materials are to be used in some fashion on the tree.

Join other HGC members in planning, gathering and crafting elements and ornaments for our tree. We will have a enjoyable time crafting and decorating together!

The first of 3 or 4 monthly meetings for GLOW will be **Thursday, February 4, at 10am in the Flood Room** at the Hudson Library. Please RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831 if you can give some time and have some fun on this worthwhile Community Outreach project.

Flower Arranging

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair



Members are now invited to sign up for the chance to exercise their creativity and the craft of floral design by designing a small arrangement for our monthly meetings. Each month our Hospitality Committee provides a flower arrangement to brighten our meeting room and to give to one of our members or friends. Now those

who would like to try their hand at this craft or who would like to gain experience have the chance to do so, giving only their time and talent. HGC will pay for the rest.

WHO: Any members, from novice to experienced. Work with a friend if you'd like.

WHAT: A simple flower arrangement

WHEN: For the monthly general meeting on the third Thursday of each month: March 17, April 21, May 19, September 15, October 20, November 17.

WHERE: Make the arrangement in the comfort of your own home and deliver it to Judy Mikita the day before or the day of the monthly general meeting, or bring it to the meeting by 6:45pm the day of.

WHY: For the enjoyment and experience! Be inspired!

HOW: Purchase your choice of fresh flowers and foliage at Heinen's or Nordlie's Wholesale, up to \$30, using HGC's tax exempt purchasing and submit your receipt to Judy Mikita for reimbursement. Oasis will be provided. Container will be provided, if needed. Add your own accessories (ribbon, etc.) as you wish. Ideas can be found in some of the books and magazines HGC has purchased for the Hudson Library. Ideas can also be found on websites such as Pinterest and Nordlie.com and others mentioned in past newsletters.

Pick a month, send me an email or give me a call to sign up and with your questions. Contact Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831.

February Herb Group Meeting Canceled



Our presenter had to cancel, so there will not be a February Herb Group program. Look for us in March.

Field Trips

Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair

In 2016 HGC field trips will focus on visiting local gardens — and especially our Club members' gardens. One scenario is to see gardens at the peak of their beauty. There is a season when a garden is at its best. For some it is the Springtime, when bulbs are bursting after the winter's rest. For others, it may be when their annuals have filled out and are in full bloom. For yet others, it might be when the Autumn colors reveal themselves. Another scenario is to visit different styles of gardens — examples being cottage, formal, all perennial, native species, rose, container, raised bed, one color, small space, or historic gardens.

Maybe you have or know of a garden of a certain style or one that has an art feature or water feature or even just a unique plant that you'd like to share with others. Please submit nominations for consideration, including your own garden! Please invite us in to see. Let's share our knowledge and give others the enjoyment of being in and seeing each other's gardens. Contact Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831 with nominations.

In the meantime, local garden centers have many Saturday programs and workshops of interest. More details are on their websites, including start times and registration and fees, if any.

From: www.grafgrowers.com

- 2/6 "Garden Design for the Modern Family"
Speaker: Laura Deeter, Prof. at OSU
- 2/6 Workshop "UnWINEd: Wine Bottle Succulent"
- 2/13 "Take your Container Gardening to the Next Level"
Speaker: Lisa Graf, Graf Growers Garden Center
- 2/13 Workshop "Fairy Garden"
- 2/20 "The Best Perennials - Gardening in Deer Country"
Speaker: Cynthia Drunkenbrod, CBG

From: www.donzells-gales.com

- 2/6 "Birds in Your Backyard"
Speaker: Joyce Pelz, Akron Audubon Society
- 2/13 "Growing Orchids in Your Home"
Speaker: Barb Ford, Greater Akron Orchid Society
- 2/27 "Starting Seeds Indoors"
Speaker: Lee Paulson, Master Gardener

From: www.daytonnursery.com

- 2/6 "Seasonal Containers"
Speaker: Cynthia Druckenbrod, CBG
- 2/13 "Ohio Wetlands & Your Backyard"
Speaker: Greg Snowden, Davey Tree
- 2/20 "Renewing Your Landscape"
Speaker: Tom Dayton
- 2/27 "Miniature Landscaping"
Speaker: Mark Langan, Mulberry Creek Herb Farm

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of December 31, 2015

PNC Savings	\$ 61,908.97
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,780.43
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 3,779.21

Total Bank Accounts \$ 84,468.61

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

President, Carla Maurer, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. She welcomed over fifty members and guests. Carla stressed the importance of volunteering and encouraged all to consider volunteering at the Home & Garden Tour and working in the Civic Gardens. Carla introduced the Hudson Garden Club Board for 2016-2017.

Program Chairman, Bronwyn Pierson, introduced guest speaker Tim Naujoks. Tim is a photo/artist who focuses on weddings, portraits, events, nature and architecture. He has been the photography teacher at Hudson High School for the last four years. Tim spoke on the basics of photography, understanding light and how to successfully photograph nature.

The floral centerpiece was won by Judy Mikita.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Saxer, Recording Secretary

2016 BOARD MEMBERS

Officers

President	Carla Maurer
1st Vice President	
2nd Vice President	Bronwyn Pierson
Treasurer	Julie Kodatsky
Assistant Treasurer	Daniela Baloi
Recording Secretary	Nancy Saxer
Corresponding Secretary	Beth Lawrence

HGC Committee Chairs

Books	Dorothy Malpass
Civic Gardens	Sherry Beam
Field Trip/Flower Arranging	Barb Earnhardt
Gardener to Gardener	Dorothy Malpass
Grants	Jan Lindstrom
Herb Group	Sherry Beam
Historian	
Home & Garden Tour	Camille Kuri
	Dawn Maloney
Hospitality	Judy Mikita
Membership	Lois James
Newsletter	Nancy Kolodgy
Publicity	Karen Downing
Programs	Bronwyn Pierson
Scholarship	Marilyn Olzmann
Trees	Chris Rigby
Youth	Carol Lasko

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2015 BUDGET FOR HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

	Actual 2014	2014 Budget	2015 Budget	Change in Budget
INCOME				
Dues	\$ 3,090	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 0
Garden Tour				
Garden Gathering	\$ 6,275	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,500	-\$ 500
Garden Shop	\$ 6,046	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 0
Tour	\$ 35,890	\$ 36,200	\$ 36,200	\$ 0
TOTAL Garden Tour	\$ 48,211	\$ 51,200	\$ 50,700	-\$ 500
Interest	\$ 86	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 0
Plant Exchange	\$ 20	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 0
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 51,406	\$ 54,875	\$ 54,375	-\$ 500
EXPENSES				
Administrative	\$ 4,950	\$ 6,162	\$ 5,962	-\$ 200
Community Donations	\$ 11,212	\$ 14,360	\$ 14,360	\$ 0
Community Outreach	\$ 2,371	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 0
Garden Club Grants	\$ 9,770	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000	+\$ 2,000
Programs	\$ 2,172	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,150	\$ 0
Scholarships	\$ 9,500	\$ 7,000	\$ 10,000	+\$ 3,000
Tour				
Garden Gathering	\$ 2,836	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,500	+\$ 100
Garden Shop	\$ 1,826	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 0
Tour	\$ 6,520	\$ 8,450	\$ 8,850	+\$ 400
TOTAL Garden Tour	\$ 11,183	\$ 15,850	\$ 16,350	+\$ 500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 51,158	\$ 59,672	\$ 64,972	+\$ 5,300
INCOME IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES	+\$ 248	-\$ 4,797	\$ 10,597	+\$ 5,800

Annual Budget to be voted on at February General Meeting

Each fall, the Hudson Garden Club Board puts together the following year's budget. Each budget line is thoughtfully and carefully reviewed and each of the committee chairs put the requests in for the areas that they oversee. As with all budgets, it is give and take — and we have been very successful in maintaining a good, healthy and financially sound budget.

The Board votes on the budget in January, and then at the February general meeting, the treasurer does a broad review of what is planned for that year's budget, and it is voted on at that meeting by those in attendance, and copies are available upon request. A copy of the budget appears to the left of this article.

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, February 4, 2016—10 am

CBG "GLOW 2016" Planning Meeting
Hudson Library—Flood Room

See page 1 for details

NOTE: *If unable to attend the first meeting, please let Barb Earnhardt know that you are interested for future meetings/workshops.*

Thursday, February 18, 2016

HGC General Meeting

"Backyard Bee Keeping"

Social Time: 6:45pm—Program: 7:00 pm

See this page for details

Thursday, March 17, 2016—9am to 3pm

Tree Pruning Class
Barlow Community Center

FREE — RSVP required

See page 3 for details

REMEMBER TO:

Sign up to make a floral arrangement for one of the monthly HGC meetings.

THINK ABOUT:

Inviting members to visit your garden during one of the growing seasons.



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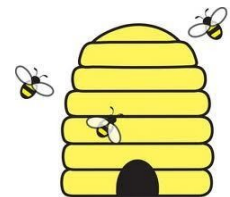
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Hudson Garden Club February General Meeting



"Backyard Bee Keeping"

Guest Speaker: Candace Sveda & Brian McDonnell

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room

Our February general meeting will feature Candace Sveda and Brian McDonnell as they share their program, "Backyard Bee Keeping." Brian has kept bees for over ten years and introduced Candace to the process. They now tend to seven hives — located throughout their own Hudson Property and their friends' local gardens.

Brian and Candace will discuss their experiences as bee keepers including their successes and the challenges. They will also be able to answer any questions the members might have about starting their own hive. As gardeners, we all know the importance of a strong bee population! In addition to their pollination skills, the honey created by local bees has also been reported to reduce seasonal allergy sensitivities.



Many locals know Candace from her strong ties to the community and her business, Candace Sveda Interiors. In addition to bee keeping, Brian is a general contractor who works throughout Northeast Ohio.

Young Tree Pruning Workshop
Thursday, March 17, 2016
Barlow Community Center
9:00am—3:00pm

Research shows that properly pruning young shade trees will greatly increase their health, beauty and longevity. Learn how to properly prune and train young shade trees in this hands-on field training session. The program will begin with a talk on proper pruning techniques, which limbs to remove and how to remove them. Then the class will move to the field where proper techniques will be demonstrated, followed by supervised pruning where you can try your hand on some young trees.

Dress for the weather, pack a lunch and bring hand saws, hand prunes, pole saws and pole prunes. If you do not have them **do not buy them before the class.** Good tools will be discussed as part of the class.

CLASS IS FREE BUT RSVP IS REQUIRED. You can make your reservation by calling Alan Siewert at (440) 591-8914. You can leave a voice mail or you can email him at alan.siewert@dnr.state.oh.us.

**Bring Spring Indoors Early
 for Winter Color and Fragrance**

By Nancy Gingrich Shenk

Many ornamental trees and shrubs set their flower buds during the previous growing season. These buds must experience a period of dormancy before they will open. After six weeks of cold temperatures, buds will usually come out of dormancy after two to three weeks of being exposed to warmth and moisture. Depending on your geographic location, usually by the time February arrives, most species suitable for forcing have experienced the required period of dormancy.

Coincidentally, late winter is the best time to prune deciduous trees and large shrubs. We usually head out into the yard with pruners in hand starting in January. We get a jump-start on our pruning along with an early gift of spring color inside our house. We prune our trees and shrubs for shape and to remove crossing branches and old or diseased wood. From the wood we have cut off the plant we select branches for forcing that are less than 1/2 inch in diameter and cut them to the desired length.

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**Trees for
 Barlow Farm Park
 and the City of
 Hudson**

Our Tree Chair, Chris Rigby last month reported that (once we have an approved budget) the request from the City of Hudson for 2016 included the planting and maintenance of 10 trees at Markillie Cemetery, and replacing 26 street trees which were lost to disease. Also included in the purposed \$11,000 is the Park's donation.

Since 2005, our club has earmarked our annual donation to Hudson Parks for the purchase of trees at Barlow Farm Park. This active-use park was once a cultivated farm field and badly needed trees. Every year, 20-25 young trees were planted by the Hudson Parks crew. As of the fall of 2014, our Club has funded the planting of 201 lindens, maples and oaks at this park! This does not, as yet, include those from 2015 — it has been decided to plant them in the next couple of months, so that will bring the total to close to 225 trees!

For the fall of 2016 they have requested planting an additional 15-20 trees there. If you haven't been to Barlow Farm Park in a while, you need to check out just how much the trees planted from 2005 on have grown and are how Monies raised through our annual Hudson Home & Garden Tour make the donations possible. This 60-acre park on Barlow Road is a center of active recreation. The park has six soccer fields, four ball diamonds, approximately two miles of multipurpose trail, pavilions, grills and playground equipment.

We work with the City Arborist and Parks Department a year ahead on their requests from the Club. Unlike the rest of we gardeners, who have our gardens to bed in late fall — that is when they purchase the trees, and planting is done before the ground freezes. All our donations allotted to outreach in our community depend on the success of our one and only fundraiser — our Home & Garden Tour!

We will be touring the Barlow Farm Park trees in the spring, come out and see a little of what our Club gives back to our little corner of the world.



**The best time to plant a tree
 was 20 years ago —
 The next best time is now.**

Proverb

Fine Gardening magazine tips for forcing branches — a continuation of Article on Page 5.

Cutting and forcing branches in mid-to-late February:

Beeches—for catkins	(Fagus spp. and cvs.)
Birches—for catkins	(Betula spp. and cvs.)
Eastern Redbud	(Cercis canadensis)
Lilacs	(Syringa spp. and cvs.)
Magnolias	(Magnolia spp. and cvs.)
PJM Rhododendron	(Rhododendron 'PJM')
Quinces	(Chaenomeles spp. and cvs.)
Red Maple	(Acer rubrum)
Serviceberries	(Amelanchier spp. and cvs.)
Willows—for catkins	(Salix spp. and cvs.)

Our method for processing branches is pretty straightforward; we cut and gather the branches and bring them inside. We then add floral preservative, according to the instructions on the package, to a bucket of warm (100° to 110°F) water and set it aside. (You can make your own preservative with one tablespoon of Listerine or one tablespoon of lemon-lime soda per quart of water.) The preservative will promote hydration and retard bacterial growth, keeping the water clear for up to a week.

Next, we fill a sink with very warm water. Holding the stems underwater, we recut them at a severe angle an inch or two above the original cut. For larger branches — around 1/2 inch diameter — we split the end of the stem in half for a distance of about an inch to allow more of the interior of the stem to be available to take up water.

We immediately place the stems in a bucket of water. At this point we have a choice to make. We can simply store all of the stems in this bucket of water and set it aside in a cool place, like a protected porch or garage, where the temperature is 45° to 55°F, then arrange the branches for display when the first buds begin to show color. Or, we could immediately create an arrangement, put the masterpiece in a place of prominence, and watch as the buds slowly swell and spring into bloom. In either case, to keep the branches healthy, we will change the water and add new preservative each week, or when we notice the water starting to discolor.

Both before and during bloom, place the branches away from bright, direct sunlight and away from any direct heat source, which will dry out the buds and branches and reduce overall bloom color and quality. Ideally, try to duplicate the cool, moist environment of spring weather. If you use common sense when selecting a location, your blooms should look good for at least a week. Branches forced for their foliage will last even longer.

Cleveland Botanical Garden's "Glow" 2015

Samples of some of the botanical elements of CBG's "Glow" 2015 trees.



Refer to "Glow" article on Page 1 of this newsletter.