

The President's Message

As I write my first newsletter message as the Hudson Garden Club's 51st President, I am reflecting on my "career" with our club. I joined in October 2004, at the invitation of my backdoor neighbors, Frank and Patty Manak. It was something I had wanted to do since moving to Hudson in 1994, but working full time at AT&T in downtown Cleveland didn't allow much free time to get involved. Before joining, I very much enjoyed attending the annual Home & Garden Tours and, when I could, volunteered as a hostess. In 2008 I joined the Tour Committee as Ticket Sales co-chair, which I still enjoy doing. Later that year I began "proofreading" the HGC newsletter for Sue L'Hommedieu. The following year we switched roles — I wrote and edited the newsletter, Sue proofread. In 2012 Nancy Kolodgy took over as the newsletter editor, while I switched back to proofreading. For the past two years I have been the club's Vice President.

I would like to start by thanking everyone in the club, and on the board, for their many hours devoted to supporting our club's activities. Special thanks to Bronwyn Pierson for her service as our President in 2014-2015. Bronwyn plans to continue to serve HGC as a board member. I also want to thank all of our board members for their many years of service to our club.

I am awed by HGC's rich history and significant contributions to the community. I hope that together we can continue to serve Hudson well. I appreciate the kind and supportive words of encouragement I've received from many of you and invite you to get involved as we continue to make the Hudson Garden Club a strong and vital part of Hudson's future.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2016,

Carla Maurer

USO LUNCHEON

On December 5 Hudson schools hosted a USO luncheon as students, teachers, staffers, parents and volunteers treated troops and family members of the Stow-based National Guard's 737th Forward Support Company, to a day of fun, food and holiday entertainment. This was the second year in a row the company, part of the 1-145 Armored Regiment, was the guest of honor at the high school event.

The Hudson Garden Club was honored to donate our time and talent to create centerpieces and table decorations the past two years and we have already been asked to participate next December and we are already brainstorming!



Did you know?

Chris Rigby, Tree Chair

Each year as a result of the profits realized during the Hudson Home & Garden Tour the Hudson Garden Club is able to consistently support the City of Hudson and the Tree Commission in its efforts to beautify our city with the planting and care of city trees. It is only one of the many legacies of our Club which makes Hudson such a unique and special place to live. These profits are made possible only by your generous volunteerism.

Next year HGC has a goal of being able to provide \$11,000 dollars to the City of Hudson for the planting and care of ten trees in Markillie Cemetery as well as the purchase of 26 street trees lost to disease last year. Your help is appreciated.

Grants Awarded to Seven Worthy Projects with Proceeds from the Annual Home & Garden Tour

In December 2015 the Hudson Garden Club awarded \$11,692.06 in grants to seven projects that further the mission of the Club which is dedicated to spreading the love of gardening, the beautification of public property and the support of education in horticulture and related fields. From 2000 through 2015 the Club has awarded \$133,502.06 in grants through its Grants Committee process which is separate from, and in addition to, the monies distributed each year for city trees, parks and scholarships.

The following programs or projects were awarded grants as recommended by its Grants Committee and affirmed by the Hudson Garden Club Board:

Hudson Library & Historical Society 90th anniversary of Winnie the Pooh to host garden historian and designer Kathryn Asito to educate the community about the flora and fauna of the Ashdown Forest, inspiration behind the Pooh stories.

City of Hudson for maintenance of baskets and planters on Main Street from Park Lane to Owen Brown.

East Woods School to create a space that will serve as a setting for regular classroom activities, as well as providing an area where students can observe seasonal changes, planting and caring for plants, trees and bushes.

Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park to provide funding for lower income children to attend CVNP programs.

Hudson Montessori School (Middle School) to build small individual hoop houses over the raised garden beds on the middle school's campus. They have five individual raised beds.

Cleveland Botanical Garden Green Corps Urban Farming Program of CBG. Beautify farms and attract more pollinating insects and birds.

The Sunday Afternoon Gardeners to restore Goldsmith Garden at Hale Farm.

Summit County Master Gardeners 2016 Design & Beyond Symposium

Summit County Master Gardeners invite the members of the community to join them for this year's exciting **Design & Beyond Symposium** to be held Saturday, January 23, 2016.

Learn more about the overall benefits of a green lifestyle from this year's keynote speaker, **Shawana Coronado**. As a radio and TV personality, author, and social media blogger, Shawana advocates a green lifestyle and healthy living. She educates audiences about organic gardening and beneficial diet, food and health practices through her organic living media. She will present two sessions:

- "Creative Ideas for Building a Suburban Water Saving Ornamental Edible Garden"
- "How to Grow 35 to 40 Organic Plants Within a 2 Square Foot Garden"

Also presenting are:

Bill Hahn, Registered Landscape Architect, Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist—Historic Trees: The Biggest and Oldest Trees that are Almost Deified Around the World

Doug Parkinson, Four Star/Proven Winners "New & Must Haves from Proven Winners — containers and landscape ideas"

Fred Thaxton, Owner: Thaxton's Organic Garlic
Topic: "Growing Garlic Sustainably"

Cost for this year's symposium is \$50 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

When: **January 23, 2016, 8:30am—2:30pm**
(Check-In begins at 8:00am)

Where: **ST. GEORGE'S FELLOWSHIP HALL**
3204 Ridgewood Road
Akron, OH 44333

PLEASE NOTE: The location has moved this year from St. Sebastian's in order to provide more room, but this symposium sells out, so register early. If you have questions or need to register by mail, call (234) 525-8278.

Register online at www.summitmastergardeners.org

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of November 30, 2015

PNC Savings	\$ 61,902.66
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,780.12
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 19,875.23

Total Bank Accounts \$ 100,558.01

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

December 10, 2015 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Bronwyn Pearson at 7:10pm with 42 members and guests in attendance.

Bronwyn announced that her two-year term is over and this is her last meeting as President of the club. She then introduced Carla Maurer who will begin her Presidency in January 2016.

Carla presented Bronwyn with a gift and a poinsettia and thanked her for her service as President.

Bronwyn introduced our speaker, Angela Strach-Gotthardt who is a tea lover and founder and director of the Secret Tea Society. Angela has traveled the world looking for exotic teas. She shared her love of all kinds of teas and herbals giving the audience a taste of different teas from the very subtle tasting white tea to spice and floral herbal combinations. She gave us tips in preparing and serving teas and answered questions from the audience.

Sunetra Patil's and Marilyn Olzmann's names were drawn from the names of attendees and each received a red poinsettia. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm and cookies provided by members were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lawrence, Recording Secretary

THERE IS NO HERB GROUP MEETING IN JANUARY

Check Out A New Memorial Book on Herbs

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair

If you are interested in growing herbs you'll want to check out a new gardening book soon to be on the shelves of the Hudson Library. In memory of Ann George Malthouse, the book is titled, "The Culinary Herbal: Growing and Preserving 97 Flavorful Herbs" by Susan Belsinger and Arthur O. Tucker.

In 2015 our \$600 book donation to the Hudson Library included the selection and purchase of 27 books on gardening, six of them for youth, and subscriptions to five magazines. Take time to check them out.

AMARYLLIS UPDATE

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair



The pictures tell the story — three bulbs planted at the November general meeting, all the same type (Lemon Star), all placed in the same room, all watered at the same time with the same amount, all getting the same light exposure...and all growing at different rates! Part of the fascination with this plant is the ease of growing it and anticipation of the big bright blooms. Most will have 4 or up to 6 blooms on each stem!

We know of at least two members who are holding one bulb back, planning to plant it in Spring with the hope of having the expected bloom for a Home & Garden Tour arrangement. Since gardeners in zones 7-10 plant these outside for their bloom in the garden, and get to pick them for bouquets and arrangements in the summer, why can't we give it a try?

UPDATE FROM WILL HOGAN

My fall semester at Miami University is going great! I am taking six classes for a total of 15 credit hours. The six classes include: Chemistry, Chemistry Lab, Environmental Biology, Differential Equations, English and Computing, Engineering and Society. I will know my GPA after my final exams are computed, but currently I have a grade of B or better in each class including a 96% or higher in three classes.

I am also involved in Club Football. Our Club Football team is quite successful reaching a record of 9-0 thus far, and reached a spot in the National Championship this December 5. Adapting to the new environment and social community has been fun and I have had the opportunity to meet many new friends. I am enjoying my college experience and am glad with my choice at Miami.

Will Hogan HGC 2015 Scholarship Recipient

Info on Tea Lady Angela Strach-Gotthardt

Our December general meeting was both informative and refreshingly tasty. Many have inquired how to contact our presenter, Angela Strach-Gotthardt. Here is her contact info:

Website: secretteasociety.com

Email: angelapearl@secretteasociety.com

Pop Up Shop hours: Wed. 10-4, Thurs. 12-8, Fri. 10-4, and Sat. 10-3



At above times tea and tea supplies are available for purchase at her home. See website for additional details.

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, January 21, 2016

HGC January General Meeting

"Photographing Nature"

Program: 7:00pm

See this page for details

Saturday, January 28, 2016

Master Gardeners Symposium

See page 2 for details

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, visit www.hudson.edu or watch HCTV or other television stations to learn of the closing.

HUDSON GARDEN CLUB'S MISSION STATEMENT

Hudson Garden Club is dedicated to spreading the knowledge and love of gardening, the beautification of public property and the support of education in horticultural and related fields.

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Hudson Garden Club January General Meeting

"Photographing Nature and an Introduction to Camera Controls"

Guest Speaker: Tim Naujoks

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room



The evening will include a show and tell on how to use the camera, a discussion on camera controls and how to successfully photograph nature and understanding light. The evening will end with a slide show of Tim's work — featuring beautifully photographed local outdoor scenes.

After we learn the steps for great photos, the program committee would love to assemble the photographic artwork of our members over the next growing season and resurrect the January program featuring our own gardens. We can't wait to see what you all capture on your cameras in 2016!

Tim has been a photo/artist for over 20 years and started his formal business 10 years ago focusing on weddings, portraits, events, nature and architecture. He has been inspiring the next generation of artists as the photo teacher at Nordonia High School, and most recently, at Hudson High School for the last four years. Tim graduated from Kent State with both an undergrad and masters in art education.