

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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The President's Message

Happy New Year to all! I hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas. Now that the holidays are behind us we can turn our attention to catching up on some reading or making plans for our 2017 garden beds or looking through some seed catalogs to begin ordering seeds and preparing to sow some seedlings for spring planting.

We regret that we had to cancel our December general meeting and hope to reschedule Erica Raeth again at a future date. Our snow policy states that we cancel any HGC event if the Hudson schools are closed for snow/weather reasons on the same day. Even if the weather improves later in the day, we still cancel as we have already notified the speaker and the membership of the cancellation.

Hopefully the third Thursday in January (1/19) will not be another snow emergency and we will look forward to hearing from Jim Porterfield who will share his photographs. Also, at the January meeting, we will install our 2017 Board of Officers. The slate of officers is listed on page 3 for your review in advance of the meeting.

Carla Maurer

Hudson Garden Club's Christmas Tree at GLOW 2017 (Yes, 2017)

We all receive Christmas/Holiday cards from friends and loved ones and enjoy them for their sentiments and for their artistry. When you begin to put away your decorations, please don't throw your cards away! Please save and share them for use on HGC's 2017 Christmas tree at the Cleveland Botanical Garden's GLOW event (non-photo-of-the-family cards only). We will use them and gather other materials and create decorations in advance for our entry in the 2017 show.

Watch for future articles that will share the 2017 theme (as set by a vote of the Affiliate Clubs), and for information about our Club's design idea. Also, dates to meet, plan and craft our decorations will be published in the coming months. Your cards can be given to any Board member at the monthly meeting or when you may see them, or call Barb Earnhardt at (330) 653-3831 to arrange for a pick-up.

Gifts to Hudson Garden Club



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. Our grants and scholarships reflect this mission. If you would like to ensure that the mission of the Hudson Garden Club continues for many years to come, consider a donation to HGC's Endowment Fund established at the Hudson Community Foundation.

Tax deductible contributions to HGC's Endowment Fund (whether cash, appreciated securities, life insurance, IRS distributions) can be made at any time, as memorial gifts, gifts in honor of someone and as future gifts planned from your estate. Also, funds that bear your name can be created at Hudson Community Foundation, leaving a legacy of making annual gifts to HGC and any charity of your choice. Contact Garden Club member Lisa Drew for more information, or visit the HCF website at www.myhcf.org.

2016 GRANTS AWARDED TO NINE WORTHY PROJECTS

Jan Lindstrom, Grants Chair

The Hudson Garden Club has awarded the following grants to nine very worthwhile organizations and projects:

- **Hudson Middle School** - \$2,700 to create a school garden which will help students understand the complexities of gardening, be excited about gardening and take an active role in producing food at the school.
- **Hudson Montessori School** - \$1,750 to rebuild an old greenhouse and use it for micro-economy, scientific learning opportunities and culinary exploits.
- **Hudson Library & Historical Society** - \$1,000 to fund speaker Amy Stewart whose program will educate the community about horticulture and its intersection with history, medicine and science.
- **City of Hudson** - \$1,000 toward maintenance of flower plantings along Park Lane and Clinton Street in downtown Hudson.
- **Cleveland Botanical Garden** - \$1,000 to support Green Corp. Urban Gardening Program within Cleveland's distressed neighborhoods.
- **Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park** - \$1,000 to provide scholarships for students from local lower-income families to attend All the Rivers Run, an immersive outdoor learning program for 4th to 8th graders.
- **Sunday Afternoon Gardeners** - \$700 to restore historic gardens at the Jonathan Goldsmith House at Hale Farm.
- **Trapp Family Farm** - \$600 to fund solar power fences to protect garden areas and educate farm visitors on the value of renewable energy.
- **Carolyn Bouquont** - \$250 to maintain the island at the intersection of Terex and Barlow Road.

We can be very proud as an organization that we can have an impact within Hudson and also the greater Akron/Cleveland area through these grants that will beautify, educate and improve outdoor areas. We are able to distribute these grants due to the success of the Home Garden Tour and the Garden Gathering and your support of these events. Thank you!!

Herb Group Tour Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 24 when the Herb Group will be going on a fun field trip to Eton on Chagrin Boulevard.

We will kick our morning off with a personalized tour of Sur la Table (upscale and innovative culinary store and cooking classes) and while we are there, we will check into the classes they offer to see if we will do a special one in the future. Our next stop is Penzey's Spices, a family-owned business since 1957, and then opened as retail in 1994. They offer a wonderful variety of fresh bottled herbs and unique blends and until we are able to grow our fresh herbs, this is a sensory feast.

We will be dropping off all of our things directly across from Penzey's Spices at Pinot's Palette, which happens to be the new business that my family just opened in September. After lunch, we will have a tour. Blue Star Café, located in the same area, opened in early December has hints of Mediterranean and French influences, kosher, vegan and gluten-free options and we will pick up our lunch from there and return to the studio to eat. From there, you have the opportunity to check out the rest of the shopping center if you choose.

We will be carpooling and meeting at the Hudson United Methodist Church located at the corner of Hudson-Aurora and Stow Road. We will leave at 9am. Please RSVP by Friday, January 20 to Sherry Beam at sherry.beam@hotmail.com or (330) 573-6353.

Words from HGC 2016 Scholarship Recipient Peter Grantham

I hope this letter finds all of you in good health. As a Garden Club Scholarship recipient, I am grateful to report to you that I am happy to be entering the holiday season with good final grades and a bit of snow on the ground.

Writing this letter has been very challenging for me because I have such a hard time putting into words all I have learned about myself and the world we live in during the last year. I have countless stories to tell of invaluable lessons learned inside and out of the classroom. How crashing my mountain bike and needing surgery to repair a broken clavicle taught me patience and self-sustainability. About the fear and self-doubt I felt as I bid landscaping jobs for the first time, knowing that I'd have to hire on a small crew just so I could keep up with all of my work. About my excitement for the future and challenges of the past semester, the last time I will be spending as a commuter student. And about the immense pride I feel when I look at what I have accomplished in my schooling, business, finances and relationships over the past few years and how exciting it is to think of what the future will hold.

Next semester I will be making my way to The Ohio State University in Columbus. Sometimes, I just have to stop myself and realize that the people and experiences of my life have trained me well; giving me the tools, knowledge and resources I will need for this new journey.

I send you my warmest thanks and best wishes.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of November 30, 2016

PNC Savings	\$ 36,967.67
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,783.87
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 14,363.80

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 21,754.44
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 91,869.78

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

The HGC December 15, 2016 meeting was canceled due to weather conditions.

INSTALLATION OF THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF HGC OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE JANUARY 19, 2017 MEETING

Slate of 2017 HGC Officers and Committee Chairs

HGC Officers

President - Carla Mauer
1st Vice President - Open Position
2nd Vice President - Bronwyn Pierson
Treasurer - Julie Kodatsky
Assistant Treasurer - Daniela Baloi
Recording Secretary - Open Position
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 - Open Position
Home & Garden Tour - Camille Kuri & Dawn Maloney
Hospitality - Judy Mikita
Membership - Lois James
Newsletter - Nancy Kolodgy
Publicity - Karen Downing
Programs - Bronwyn Pierson
Scholarship - Daniela Baloi
Trees - Marilyn Olzmann
Youth - Carol Lasko

FLOWER ARRANGING NEWS

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair



Coming to the Hudson Library's magazine section in 2017 is a very special quarterly magazine, *The Flower Arranger*. Published in the UK, it is the UK's top-selling floral design magazine.

The Flower Arranger magazine features beautiful flower arrangements and inspirational designs from the top floral designers around the world. The magazine features both contemporary and traditional flower arranging. Each issue includes many wonderful color photographs and interesting articles showcasing designs appropriate for the home as well as designs from flower shows and competitions. This is not a magazine for florists or florist shops, but a publication of NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies in the UK). Learn how to arrange flowers with step-by-step instructions and advice, from the simple to complex. Enjoy the latest news and views on ever-changing trends in the floral design world. Be sure to look for this unique publication at our library, purchased by our Club for us and our community.

Judith Blacklock is the editor of *The Flower Arranger* magazine. She is the author of nine books on floral design, has taught worldwide and has arranged the flowers at Kensington Palace. She has designed and arranged medal winning exhibits at the Chelsea Flower Show and has created arrangements for the Royal Family, the Prime Minister and other celebrities. She is an education partner of the American Institute of Floral Designers. Many of her books are available through the Hudson Library, and there are instructional videos on www.youtube.com.

Also, Dorothy Malpass has personally gifted our group and Club with *The Flower Arranger's Workbook, A Creative and Practical Guide to Color-by-color Flower Arranging Throughout the Year* by Pauline Mann. The author is on the editorial board of *The Flower Arranger* Magazine. Chapters include flowers by color and season, how to condition each one, choosing colors and color combinations for arrangements, foliage, containers and mechanics, how to prepare plant material, and how to preserve plant material. The book is available to share and is full of fundamental instruction, good tips, photos, and ideas for designs. Thank you Dorothy for thinking of us! Please contact Barb Earnhardt at (330) 653-3831 to take a turn enjoying and learning from this book.

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, January 19, 2017
HGC January General Meeting

Speaker: Jim Porterfield

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

See this page for details

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Herb Group Tour - 9am

RSVP to Sherry Beam by January 20, 2017

See page 2 for details

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please note that included with January's copy of the newsletter there is a two-sided sheet listing new members and updated information. The HGC Board has decided to print a new Directory every other year and 2016-17 is an off year. Please add this page to your Green 2015-16 Directory and it will bring you up to date on the membership of Hudson Garden Club.

Contact Lois James with Directory additions/corrections at [\(330\) 650-4209](tel:3306504209).

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:3306531300), visit www.hudson.edu or watch HCTV or other television stations to learn of the closing.

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Hudson Garden Club January General Meeting

"Calming Photography"

Guest Speaker: Jim Porterfield

Thursday, January 19, 2017

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room



The January 19 general meeting will feature the photography of the James Allen Collection by Jim Porterfield. The bright and vibrant images focus on a single item. The simplicity of the image allows the viewer to let their imagination run free and creates a feeling of well being.

A world traveler with his camera as a constant companion, Jim started to display his photos at his Physical Therapy clinics in Akron and Cleveland. Over time the staff and patients realized the calming qualities and positive effects of the artwork. Jim will explain the process behind the photography and the calming phenomenon associated with the work. It will be the perfect remedy for all us gardeners during a cold and dark January!