

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, making plans for our 2018 garden beds or looking through some seed catalogs for spring planting.

If you planted an amaryllis bulb at our December meeting, you should be able to see that it is sending up foliage and a stalk. By Valentine's Day, you should begin to see beautiful blooms!

We are especially grateful for the very generous donations made in 2017 to our account at the Hudson Community Foundation. Funds donated to that account will help HGC provide scholarships to Hudson students planning to study horticulture, or related subjects in the environmental sciences, and grants to fund worthwhile projects or programs that fulfill the mission of the Club.

At the January 18 meeting we will install our 2018 Board of Officers. The slate of officers, elected at the November meeting, is listed on page 3.

Remember our snow policy states that we cancel any HGC events 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.

Carla Maurer

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Although artificial trees are convenient, it seems for many folks that a real tree is still the only way to go. The argument against having a live tree is that having a tree just for the Christmas season only to be thrown away is a waste. However, if there were no live trees grown solely for Christmas trees, the trees would not have been planted at all and during their long growth period (7 years or more) the trees provided erosion control, shelter for birds and other animals, and produced oxygen.

(Adapted from Tom Dayton's blog. Tom owns Dayton's Nurseries in Norton, a family business.)

And a reminder: Hudson's Merry Mulch program shreds the trees and uses the mulch in our parks.

Pickup starts January 8 and ends January 22.

ONE LAST LOOK AT GLOW AT THE CBG



As we take down our tree decorations at the Cleveland Botanical Garden, the Glow Girls wish to thank a few more members who made contributions to our lovely tree. Sue L'Hommedieu harvested and gave us bittersweet vine with berries and Alice Caniglia and Caren Young donated moneyplant for the tree. And, if you were charmed by the pinecone fairies, they will be for sale at the Garden Shop during the 2018 Home & Garden Tour.

2017 HUDSON GARDEN CLUB GRANT REQUEST SUMMARY FOR 2018 IMPLEMENTATION

Jan Lindstrom, Grants Chair

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

- **Hale Farm & Village** - \$2,500 to complete period landscaping. Expand garden accessibility by improving and resurfacing garden pathways and restoring areas along the path.
- **Carolyn Bouquot** - \$250 to maintain the island at the intersection of Terex and Barlow Road.
- **Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park** - \$2,400 to provide funding for lower income children to attend CVNP programs. Provide 15 scholarships (at \$160/each) for students from local lower-income families to attend All the Rivers Run, an immersive outdoor learning program for 4th to 8th graders.
- **Cleveland Botanical Garden dba Holden Forest and Gardens** - \$1,500 CBG's signature youth outreach program is the Green Corps Urban Farming Program. Up to 50 teens, ages 14-18, from underserved families in Cleveland and its inner-ring suburbs make up the Green Corps each year. Typically all teens work for the entire summer session which usually runs just over ten weeks.
- **Hudson Montessori School** - \$290.45 to support the school's bee hive program initially funded by school alumni. Grant request is for new tools, materials and bees to continue to work with the hives.
- **Hudson City School District** - \$3,000 to fund the planting of trees to increase diversity of tree types and to replace lost ash trees at the Hudson High School campus.
- **David Hudson Chapter DAR WWI Restoration and Centennial** - \$750 for restoration and landscaping of Hudson's WW1 memorial for Centennial—1918 to 2018.

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!!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE ANNUAL DESIGN & BEYOND 2018 GARDEN SYMPOSIUM, "THE HEART AND SOUL OF THE GARDEN" PRESENTED BY THE SUMMIT COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

This event, on Saturday, January 20, 2018, will sell out quickly, so register now before the deadline of Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Go to www.summitmastergardeners.org for details and to register.

NEW LOCATION IN 2018 — improved audio/visual — Our Lady of Cedars Banquet Center, 507 S. Cleveland - Massillon Road, Fairlawn, Ohio 44333 from 8:30am until 4:00pm. (Doors open at 8:00am)

COST for the day is \$50 and includes a continental breakfast and buffet lunch served by Bradley's Catering, plus symposium materials. A silent auction and raffle will also be featured.

SPEAKERS AND PROGRAM TOPICS:

- Keynote Speaker, Paul Zammit, the Nancy Eaton Director of Horticulture, Toronto Botanical Garden
- Space Conscious Gardening
- The Soul of the Garden

- Joining Paul,
Martha A. Smith - University of Illinois Extension, Horticulture
- Stepping Stones to Perennial Garden Design

Ann Cicarella, Ann Cicarella Landscape Design, LLC

- Pots with Panache
- Cleveland Pollinator and Native Plant Symposium

If you have questions or have difficulty registering on-line, please contact Helen Ryan-King, Registrar, (330) 338-1043, tibrodain@yahoo.com.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of November 30, 2017

PNC Savings	\$ 36,998.02
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,002.06
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 12,238.24

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 34,415.81
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 93,654.13

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES December 14, 2017

On Thursday, December 14, 2017, forty-two members and guests gathered for the Holiday Social and Amaryllis Planting. Barb Earnhardt shared a beautiful presentation on the many interesting ways to care for and display Amaryllis bulbs.

We learned a few botanical facts about the Amaryllis and the different types on the market. We learned how to pot and grow them indoors, what to do after they finish blooming, how to have them bloom again the following year. We saw photos of ideas for holding the flower stems upright, potting multiple bulbs, planting them in stones or in hyacinth vases instead of in soil, examples of way to use them as cut flowers in floral designs. Thirty-five members and friends ordered bulbs, and a few others joined in the fun and purchased some of the extra bulbs that night. Now we wait for them to bloom!

Thank you to everyone for their understanding that the crop failure in Holland affected our order and caused many members to receive a slightly different bulb than was ordered.

In addition to the Amaryllis planting, members and guests socialized while enjoying holiday punch and assorted goodies.

Carolyn Bouquot
Recording Secretary

FREE MASTER GARDENERS PROGRAM: HYDRANGEAS

Want to learn more after our Fall program on Hydrangeas? Tom Dayton, owner of Dayton Nursery, offers another program about Hydrangeas including pruning, feeding, soil amendment and more. Presented on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7pm at the F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm Visitors Center, 1828 Smith Road, Akron. Part of the **Meet Me in the Garden Series from the Summit County Master Gardeners.**

SLATE OF OFFICERS/CHAIRS FOR 2018

2018 HGC Officers

President - Carla Maurer
1st Vice President - Jan Lindstrom
2nd Vice President - Bronwyn Pierson
Treasurer - Julie Kodatsky
Assistant Treasurer- Daniela Baloi
Recording Secretary - Carolyn Bouquot
Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Saxer

2018 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 - Dawn Maloney and Patti Starr
Garden Gathering - Lois James and Karen Kelly
Hospitality - Judy Mikita
Membership - Lois James
Newsletter - Nancy Kolodgy
Publicity - Karen Downing
Programs - Bronwyn Pierson
Scholarship - Daniela Baloi
Trees - Marilyn Olzmann
Youth - Carol Lasko and Sarah Fulytar



HGC Donates Books to the Hudson Library

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair

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

Get Plants: How to Bring Green into Your Life
By Katherine Price

Peony, The Best Varieties for Your Garden
*By David C. Michener
and Carol A. Adelman*

**The Less is More Garden: Big Ideas for
Designing Your Small Yard**
By Susan Morrison

**The Garden Photography Workshop:
Tips and Techniques for Capturing
Your Garden**
By Andrea Jones

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, January 18, 2018
HGC General Meeting
"The Lovely and Private Gardens
of Southern England"

See this page for details

Saturday, January 20, 2018
Design & Beyond Garden Symposium

See page 2 for details

Wednesday, January 24, 2018
Hydrangea Program at Nature Realm

See page 3 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.

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Hudson Garden Club **January General Meeting**

"The Lovely and Private
Gardens of Southern England "

Thursday, January 18, 2018
Social Time: 6:45pm
Program: 7:00pm
Laurel Lake Community Room



Our January 18 meeting will feature Cynthia Druckenbrod, Director of Horticulture at Cleveland Botanical Garden and her presentation, "The Lovely and Private Gardens of Southern England." Few gardens rival those of southern England in the spring...and the presentation will hopefully create excitement and inspiration as we plan additions to our own sleeping gardens. The presentation will end with a collection of highlights from the Chelsea Flower Show over the past several years.

Social time will begin at 6:45pm and the meeting will kick off at 7:00pm. Contact Bronwyn Pierson (330) 612-4879 for questions about the evening.