



The President's Message

Many, many thanks to all for another successful Home & Garden Tour! Tour Chairs Camille Kuri and Dawn Maloney, assisted by Logistics Chair Katie Doran, and the entire Tour committee are to be congratulated for a job well done! I also thank the homeowners and the hundreds of volunteers who make it all possible.

In addition to the Tour, special thanks to Lois James and Karen Kelly for planning and organizing another elegant Garden Gathering. The Garden Gathering was started a few years ago to supplement the Tour when we switched to two days.

We don't have "final" numbers yet, as we are still paying some Tour related expenses, but we are definitely on par with recent years and between the Tour and the Garden Gathering we have certainly raised enough funding to support scholarships, grants, programs and other donations to our community for the coming year. I want to express my gratitude to all of you!

Please have a safe and enjoyable rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you at our September 15 general meeting.

Carla Maurer



Volunteers are needed to fill the following HGC positions

- Club Historian—clips newspaper articles, receives/documents club activities and organizes into a scrapbook. Photographs and documents monthly speaker information. Maintains records of club newsletters.
- Recording Secretary—Takes notes at HGC Board meetings and General club meetings, types up minutes in Microsoft Word, distributes/makes corrections, as needed. Distributes minutes via email.

Please call Carla Maurer (330) 524-8026 for more details.

2016 HARVEST FAIR Friday, September 9 McDowell Elementary



The Fall **HARVEST FAIR** for the Third Graders will be held at McDowell Elementary on Friday, September 9, 2016. Volunteers ARE needed to assist with signing certificates and presenting ribbons to the students who bring in the "harvest" from their 2016 gardens.

Volunteers can arrive at McDowell at 8:10am and will be done by 9:00am. Please email Youth Chairperson Carol Lasko bclasko@windstream.net if you would like to assist with the **HARVEST FAIR** and help showcase the young gardeners.

2016 Home & Garden Tour Earns Positive Review

Camille Kuri, Tour Co-Chair

The "walking Tour" was a big crowd pleaser. I think guests of this year's Home & Garden Tour really enjoyed the wide variety of homes and gardens that were all within easy walking distance of the Garden Shop. No one could pick a favorite as they were all unique and interesting in their own way, providing much inspiration and many ideas to take home for the future! It is no surprise that the creativity of the flower arrangers also earned rave reviews. John Rigby took photographs of most of the flower arrangements and hopefully these will be transformed into note cards that will be available for sale at the Garden Shop next year.

The weather forecasters predicted rain on Thursday and this did hold attendance down a bit; however, Friday's weather was glorious and attendance was robust as a result. Thank you to all the members of the Hudson Garden Club who chaired a committee, worked on one or volunteered to help in any way. They all deserve a well-earned pat on the back.

In addition, a special thanks to our neighbors who graciously offered their homes and gardens as the main attraction of the event. Thank you to the hundreds of non-member volunteers who offered to work at a home or garden and to the local businesses that have helped to support the Tour.

The proceeds of the Tour support many different programs throughout the Akron/Cleveland area by direct donation or through a grant process. Scholarship programs to local students, the Cleveland Botanical Garden, the Hudson Parks and Recreation Department, The Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Cleveland Metropark System are just a few of the recent recipients.

To stay/become involved next year, please check the box on the HGC Membership Renewal Form that will come with the September newsletter. The following Tour Committee positions are available: Publicity, Garden Shop, Tea Room and Program/Advertising. If you have any interest in any of these positions, please contact me (330) 650-2305, Dawn Maloney (330) 990-4236 or Katy Doran (216) 534-1952. We will be happy to meet and work with you.

Next year is the 70th annual Home & Garden Pilgrimage. Because of this special anniversary, we are hoping to feature homes and gardens from each of the previous decades of the Tour. We already have two homes, one that was featured in 1969 and one from the 1998 Tour!

2016 TOUR Flower Arrangements

This year 19 women created dozens of beautiful, unique and fun floral designs for the homes on this year's Tour. Creativity and styling to suit each home were evident in the variety of designs. Five teams of at least three (a leader and helpers) contacted and met with the homeowners, planned locations and containers for each arrangement, picked flowers from gardens of our members and friends and created and delivered the designs. And then came back each morning of the Tour to freshen and water the arrangements, and again after the Tour to clean up.

Thank you to the teams led by Grace Blower, Alice Caniglia, Barb Earnhardt, Nancy Forhan and Fern MacMillan for the fine job done to enhance the efforts of the homeowners to showcase their properties.

Welcome to our no-longer-novice-helpers Connie Chakford, Brenda Depew, Kathy Foley and Paula Shaw! And a thank you also to the HGC members who let us come to their gardens in search of the best and most lovely flowers and foliage and other botanical finds that end up in the flower arrangements that continue to "wow" Tour visitors!

We are indebted to Smithers Oasis for their donation of Oasis products that are the mechanics of our designs. And we are grateful to Jack Rigby (member Chris Rigby's husband, and a member of the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society), who took photos of some of the arrangements with professional cameras, lenses and lighting. When he is done editing these, they will be on our website www.hudsongardenclub.org and our Facebook page (currently The Hudson Garden Club Home & Garden Tour but will be changing its name — watch the newsletter for an announcement).

Time Saving Tip to Clean Hummingbird Feeders



If you have a long narrow feeder, try this idea. Fill the feeder with warm water, leaving 1/4" at the top. Then break a denture cleanser tablet into quarters and add one piece at a time, slowly, to prevent excessive fizzing. Wait the amount of time instructed on the package; usually around three minutes. This loosens dirt and debris inside the tube. Rinse the feeder, clean and don't worry about any harmful effects; denture cleanser tablets are antibacterial and nontoxic.

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Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of May 31, 2016

PNC Savings \$ 51,938.19
 Scholarship Fund (Restricted) \$ 18,781.99
 Unrestricted Cash (Checking) \$ 9,528.20

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund \$ 10,000.00

Total Bank Accounts \$ 90,248.38

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

FIELD TRIP TO TOLEDO BOTANICAL GARDENS

Again this year, the Garden Forum of Greater Akron invites members and friends of HGC to enjoy a day trip with them. Last year we spent a pleasant day at the Franklin Park Conservatory and Ohio Governor's Mansion & Heritage Garden in Columbus, Ohio. Traveling by bus makes it easy to see worthwhile sites that are nearby but yet may be a bit farther than you would like to drive. See the flyer below for details of the trip on **Wednesday, August 10, 2016**. Make your reservation and payment to Marlene Hatton (see flyer). **Note the deadline for your reservation is August 1.** Let me know you are planning to go and we can carpool to the pick up site (Clarion Inn, Rte. 8 at the Turnpike). Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831.



"Empathy"

The Garden Forum of Greater Akron
 invites you to join us for an unforgettable bus trip to
 The Toledo Botanical Gardens
 and Schedel Arboretum
 Wednesday, August 10, 2016
 Cost: \$60.00
 Includes bus, admission, tour and box lunch.

Toledo Botanical Gardens: A 90 minute docent-led tour is included. The grounds include several different types of gardens enhanced with many pieces of artwork from sculptures, to decorative benches, to glass and metal art. The gift shop sells items produced by the many artisans that meet on the property. We will picnic on the grounds.

Schedel Arboretum: This beautiful 17 acre garden estate is home to many species of unusual plant life and offers boundless opportunities for the appreciation and study of nature. Features include Japanese, Rose, Tropical, Peony and Perennial gardens as well as a Bonsai shelter. Explore these grounds at your leisure.



Japanese Garden at Schedel Arboretum

Itinerary

Please arrive 15 minutes before departure.
 8:00am Depart Clarion Inn
 Route 8 at Akron Turnpike Exit
 8:20am Depart Hampton Inn
 Route 21 at Richfield Turnpike Exit
 10:30am Arrive Toledo Botanical Garden
 Noon Box Lunch
 1:00pm Depart for Schedel Arboretum
 4:00 pm Depart Schedel
 5:30 pm Arrive Akron

Name _____ Email or Phone _____
 Garden Club _____ Toledo: Guided Tour or Self-Guided tour _____
 Cell Phone (in case we get separated) _____ Dietary Restrictions _____

Please return this form with a check made out to *The Garden Forum of Greater Akron* by August 1, 2016 to

Marlene Hatton 10386 North Pond Lane, Twinsburg, OH 44087

For more information call: 330-425-3057

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What's Coming Up

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

The Garden Forum of Greater Akron
Field Trip to Toledo Botanical Gardens
Cost: \$60 (Includes bus, admission, tour
and box lunch.)

RSVP by August 1 to Marlene Hatton

See page 3 for details

Saturday, August 13, 2016—10am-5pm

Field Trip to Bill Clifton's Peninsula Garden

See this page for details

Friday, September 9 — 8:10am-9:00am

HARVEST FAIR

McDowell Elementary

RSVP: Carol Lasko (bclasko@windstream.net)

See page 1 for details



Floral arrangement on Page 1 and here are examples of the arrangements featured on the 2016 Home & Garden Tour.



AUGUST FIELD TRIP

Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 10am to 5pm

Location: 1904 Main Street (Route 303), Peninsula, OH
(Grey shingle house on the corner of Main & Emerson)
(Please use the driveway on Emerson)

HGC member Bill Clifton invites fellow HGC members to visit his one-acre garden. The garden will be open in conjunction with Remembrance Day in Peninsula, which honors those who served in the Civil War. The garden features perennial beds, a pond and a woodland. For more information, please call Bill at [\(330\) 657-4032](tel:330-657-4032).

Bill and Nancy Clifton's 1870s home in Peninsula has a quaint cottage look with magnolia trees and a white picket fence that surrounds a front-yard kitchen garden. Roses line the brick front walk and climb the fences. An old water pump stands in a brick circle in front of the house, plumbed to operate as a fountain. A metal gazebo is sitting midway up the slope overlooking the pond that Clifton has allowed to become a frog habitat. In the spring there are thousands of daffodils covering the property.

Take some time from your busy summer for a relaxing visit to the yard and garden Bill would like to share with us. Please choose a time that day that is convenient for you to visit.

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