

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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The President's Message

As I write this we have a thick layer of snow and some of the coldest temps this winter. Up until now, it's been an unusually mild season. A week ago we had 50 degree temps and I went out and cut a few buds from my hellebores to bring indoors. At the suggestion of a gardener friend, I also brought in a couple of forsythia stems, filled with hopeful buds. They are in my kitchen window and I am looking forward to those beautiful, bright yellow, first flowers of spring! In the next few weeks we will likely have our first opportunity to get outside and see our gardens beginning to come back to life. Resist the urge to uncover your perennials too soon! We may still have a few more very cold nights!

Do you have an interest in becoming more involved in the many fascinating aspects of our club? Throughout this newsletter are many opportunities to participate in club activities and perhaps even step into a new role to serve HGC while learning new things and meeting more gardener friends! The June 2016 Home & Garden Tour is coming together and many volunteers are needed to make it a success. Contact Camille Kuri or Dawn Maloney to help in one of the homes or gardens, or in the garden shop or tea room. The Tour is our major fund-raiser and this will be the 69th Home & Garden Tour for HGC. The proceeds from the Tour are primarily used for Grants, Scholarships and Community donations and programs that support our club's mission. We all benefit from a successful tour.

Happy Spring!

Carla Maurer



Featured Artist
Joseph Raffael

FIELD TRIP TO THE CANTON ART MUSEUM

Friday, March 4, 2016

Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair

On Friday, March 4 join us on a field trip to the Canton Museum of Art. Call a friend and plan to come and enjoy the work of an artist inspired by gardens with the bonus of live flower arrangements and get a dose of Spring!

"Moving Toward the Light," an exhibit of large water color paintings **by Joseph Raffael**, is coming to its close at the Canton Museum of Art. We can still see these dazzling large scale paintings with "meticulous detail which bloom before your eyes as you experience the pop of his lavish color palette." And, because the date of our field trip is a "First Friday," admission is FREE. We will also have a docent for our group to add detail to our viewing experience, depending on the size of our group. There is another reason to go on this field trip — a special Floral Art Exhibit which integrates one-of-a-kind designs of live flowers, inspired by the paintings of Joseph Raffael inside the Museum galleries. The floral exhibit is organized by The Canton Garden Center.

Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1933, Joseph Raffael and his wife Lannis moved to the South of France thirty years ago wanting to simplify life so Joseph could devote himself to painting without distraction. Over this time the couple, who live in a simple home overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, have created what might be called an earthly paradise providing Joseph with wonderful subjects for his nature focused art work.

We will meet in the Acme parking lot near the Otani restaurant and leave promptly from Hudson at 10:30am. Optional late lunch just five minutes away from the Art Museum at Bender's, a local and historic favorite. Drivers need for carpools. **Please RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or (330) 653-3831 no later than Monday, March 1, 2016.**



HERB GROUP Making Candles in March

Sherry Beam, Herb Group Chair

Back in the late 1990s, the Herb Group had a candle making workshop. We thought we were pretty crafty and the molds we used were empty soup, tomato paste and small tomato sauce cans. We struggled with keeping the wicks down and straight and the paraffin wax (now considered toxic when burned) from sinking in the middle when it hardened — but, we certainly had a great time and lots of laughter.

It is through suggestions made by you, our Club members, that we try to create programs for the Herb Group. When it was suggested to do a workshop on making environmentally friendly candles, I started researching. I immediately thought it would be soy wax candles that we would do, but, I discovered that it is a blend of soy, palm and beeswax, and has chemical additives, so I began looking for alternatives for us to use.

Fast forwarding...a perfect answer and a great program awaits us in March. We are teaming up with Gwendolyn Elizabeth's, a new business in Hudson that was founded by 14-year-old Gwendolyn Carson, who with the support of her parents was able to open a storefront location. The focus is on bath, body and candle products and most importantly to her — tying the products to charities throughout the world, and they already have some up and running.

All the products are made at the store. We will first be learning why they use the natural, sustainable, environmentally-friendly palm oil for candle making, and they will demonstrate how they make the candles.

Since quite a bit of room is needed to work with the wax and molds, we will plan on scheduling a session for making our own there, at a later date. **Please save Monday, March 14 at 6pm** for this special program. We will meet at the store, Gwendolyn Elizabeth, located at 126 W. Streetsboro Street, #5. If you park in the ACME shopping center lot by Perkins Restaurant it is in the building next to it and faces that lot. Space is limited so please — **RSVP before March 10** deadline to Sherry Beam at sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 673-6353.

Check out their website: gwendolynelizabeth.com or Facebook (great pics) <https://www.facebook.com/gwenolynelizabethshop>

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.

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Twinsburg Parks & Recreation and Twinsburg Garden Club present:

Native Plants Adventures in the Garden

Sunday, March 13th

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Twinsburg Community Center
10260 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

Within the **FREE WORKSHOP**, learn the **WHY, WHAT** and **HOW** that our speakers offer about native plant gardening. Years of expertise come together in this workshop, to provide supportive information to guide you in the adventure of native plant gardening in your surroundings. Shaded areas, full sun, woodland edges, wet or dry soils, tiny lots or large; everyone can and should be investing in native plant species! Questions welcomed and encouraged, with time allowed for them through the day.

Presenters:

Sandy Barbic - Summit Soil & Water

"Lake Erie Starts Here: Protecting our Tinker's Creek Watershed with Native Plants"

Meghan Doran - Summit Metro Parks

"Creating YOUR Backyard Adventure"

Stanley Stine - City of Twinsburg

"Experimenting with Companion Plants in the Milkweed Garden"

**Registration preferred, call 330-963-8722.
Walk-ins will be welcome.**

Part of the Twinsburg Garden Club Educational Series. For more information contact Sue Davis at 330-687-7818 or Davis4233@roadrunner.com.

The Garden Shop is looking for donations. Please call **Brownyn Pierson at (330) 612-4879** if you are doing some spring cleaning and have items to contribute. She can pick them up or you can drop them at her house 1630 Goshen Drive. Gardening Books and magazines — Any gently used garden items such as (but not limited to) pots, statuary, decorative items, topiary frames, fairy garden accessories, tools — We still need a few additional large baskets/troughs/old watering cans to be used as planters — Thick walled Styrofoam containers (used to mail temperature sensitive medicine or frozen steaks) — Last year we had members who surprised us with crafted items to sell — Pinterest inspired crafts welcomed. All your help is appreciated.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of January 31, 2016

PNC Savings	\$ 61,908.97
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,780.43
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 3,569.25

Total Bank Accounts \$ 84,258.65

Daniela Baloi, Treasurer

February 18, 2016 General Meeting Minutes

President Carla Maurer called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. She welcomed over 45 members and guests. Carla then made the following announcements:

Former HGC member Alexa Espinoza passed away.

We are accepting applications for scholarships; \$10,000 in scholarships is awarded each year.

For the second year Bronwyn will be in charge of the Garden Shop during the Home & Garden Tour. "From Our Garden Shed to Your Garden Shed" will again be featured. Please contact Bronwyn if you have any donations. *(See bottom of Page 2)*

Carla then reviewed the 2016 Budget. Judy Maupin moved and Carole Smith seconded to accept the budget as presented. The budget was unanimously approved by the members. Carla introduced the new HGC Treasurer, Julie Kodatsky.

Program Chairman, Bronwyn Pierson, introduced guest speakers Candace Sveda and Brian McDonnell who shared their experiences as "Backyard Beekeepers." They tend seven hives located throughout their property. After their very interesting program they had a question and answer session.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Saxer, Recording Secretary

Gardener to Gardener Program
Perennial Combinations
Wednesday, March 30 at 9:30am
Dorothy Malpass, Gardener to Gardener Chair

Daniela Baloi will be our March program speaker. You might remember how beautiful her garden beds were when her garden was on the Hudson Home & Garden Tour in 2013. Recently, three of her plant combinations were selected and published in Nancy Ondra's new book, *The Perennial Matchmaker: Create Combinations With Your Favorite Perennials*. Daniela will share her ideas with us and welcomes beginner and experienced gardeners. We will meet at my home on 7441 Dillman Drive in Hudson on Wednesday, March 30 at 9:30am. **Please confirm your attendance by March 27** to dorothy.malpass@gmail.com or (330) 656-1857.

New Member/Renewal

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2016 HGC Directories were given or sent to each current dues paying member of the HGC. Please take a moment to check your personal information. If there are any changes now or during the club year, please contact Membership Chairperson, **Lois James** at jameslois19@gmail.com or (330) 650-4209 so we can bring our records up to date. This is especially helpful in getting your newsletter to you. Thank you.



HGC HELP WANTED

Volunteers are needed to fill the following club positions:

- Club Historian
- Scholarship Chair (work with current Chair in 2016 before taking over in the future)
- Flower arranger, occasionally, for HGC General Meeting arrangements
- If you have a suggestion for a General Meeting program let us know.

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

Help is always needed for a successful Home & Garden Tour; positions include:

- Home/garden host/hostess
- Garden shop
- Tea hostess
- Flower arranger
- Cookie baker
- Ticket Tent or Registration Table
- Traffic control
- HGC Tour Publicity (Last year's chair will provide support in 2016)
- Tour logistics, training in advance of stepping into the role of Tour Chair

Contact Tour Chairs Camille Kuri (440) 667-3334 or Dawn Maloney (330) 990-4236 for more details.

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What's Coming Up

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Speaker: Jennifer Baughmann

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

See this page for details

Wednesday, March 23 - 7:00pm

How Healthy Is Your Soil?

Seiberling Nature Realm

1828 Smith Road, Akron, OH

No article accompanies this date

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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Hudson Garden Club March General Meeting



"Pots and Planters: Success With Container Gardens"

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Baughmann

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Our March presentation will feature Jennifer Baughmann as our speaker. Her program will be "Pots and Planters: Success With Container Gardens." Jennifer will bring in plant examples for demonstration and inspire us all into planning our spring and summer planters.

Jennifer's beautiful home and garden on Hudson Aurora Road has been featured TWICE on our Home & Garden Tour. Always a showstopper through her unexpected use of color and texture, we are lucky to learn the same techniques she uses at her home.