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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! The warmest February on record! Just hope we won't be paying for this with snow and frozen flower and tree buds in April.

The HGC Scholarship committee is currently accepting scholarship applications (due March 10) and will soon review those to determine who will receive \$10,000 in Genevieve Jyurovat Scholarship awards for 2017. The scholarship dollars are typically divided between four or five high school or college students. The success of our annual Home & Garden Tour and the Garden Gathering allows us to award these scholarships to students studying horticulture or related subjects in the environmental sciences.

While on the subject of the annual Home & Garden Tour, our Tour chairs, Camille Kuri and Dawn Maloney, are putting the final touches on the June 15-16, 2017 Tour, which will be the 70th anniversary of the Tour, formerly known as the Home & Garden Pilgrimage. This year's Tour stops will honor the anniversary by featuring a home and/or garden from each of the seven decades. Volunteer help is always needed in the homes, gardens, garden shop and tea room. If you have not already done so, please contact Camille Kuri (440-667-3334 / kuri@roadrunner.com) or Dawn Maloney (330-990-4236 / dawnsold@gmail.com) to volunteer.

The 2017 Garden Gathering will be a bit different, too. It is usually held the weekend after the Tour, but, this year it will be a kick-off for Tour week and will be the SATURDAY before. The Garden Gathering is a cocktail party fundraiser typically held at a lovely Hudson home that is not on the Tour. HGC members have the first opportunity to purchase tickets before they are sold to the public.

Carla Maurer

WINTER 2017 SEMINAR SERIES
Held at Dayton Nurseries
3459 Cleveland Massillon Road
Barberton, OH
Call or Email and reserve a spot

Looking to learn some interesting facts about things in your garden. Give these topics a try. Cost is \$8 per seminar and they begin at 11am and last 2 hours. Phone: (330) 825-3320 Email: info@daytonnursery.com

March 4 Not Your Grandma's Daylilies
March 11 The Best New Plants for 2017



MEMORIAL BOOKS

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair

The following Memorial Books were ordered in January 2017 and will soon be on the shelves of the Hudson Library & Historical Society:

Beaks, Bones and Bird Songs: How the Struggle for Survival has Shaped Birds and Their Behavior by Roger Lederer **in Memory of Joanne Weisz**

The Inspired Landscape; Twenty-one Inspired Leading Landscape Architects Explore the Creative Process by Susan Cohen **in Memory of William (Bill) Kampf**

HERB GROUP

Sherry Beam, Herb Group Chair



While we wait a couple more months to be able to plant our herbs or for those that are perennials in our gardens to be harvested, we are creatively sampling a variety of herbs, both fresh and dried this winter with some of the programs we had in the past few months.

The February herb butter program recipes were some of the best ever — who knew radish chive butter would taste so good! Whether March comes in like a lion or a lamb we have had a pretty good winter and it won't be long before we "herbies" can be checking for the "fairies in the garden."

Whether you enjoy sweet or savory — tasty herb finger sandwiches, sides and desserts will be what we are celebrating the start of (almost) Spring on **Tuesday, March 14 at 10:30am** at the home of **Beth Lawrence**. Reservations are required. Each participant will receive a recipe of their choice to make and bring.

Please RSVP to sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 573-6353 by March 10.

PREPARATIONS FOR HGC's CHRISTMAS TREE AT CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN'S GLOW 2017

Barb Earnhardt, Glow Chair

The theme for GLOW 2017 (the Cleveland Botanical Garden's Holiday event) is **Woodland Forests and Gardens of Nature and Wonder**. The beauty of nature in settings of woodland forests, glades, glens, gardens are to provide the inspiration for the decorations of all the trees.

We must name a design, based in reality or fiction, that ties into the theme. We are to create at least one ornament or set of ornaments made from recycled/reused materials. Our first planning and crafting session will be in March, date to be finalized, at the Hudson Library. Please join in and bring your thoughts about our design and interpretation of the theme.

RSVP or refer your questions to Barb Earnhardt at (330) 653-3831 or barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com. There will be at least a few crafting sessions so if you can't make the first meeting, just plan on attending the next ones! The group that created and installed our 2016 design enjoyed themselves and encourage you to join in! Bring yourself, your ideas, a friend and the following (if you have these items): baker's twine, glue dots or glue sticks, circle punches (any size), Christmas themed scrapbook paper, old Christmas cards (we have some but could always use more).

FLOWER ARRANGING NEWS From oasisfloralproducts.com IDEA newsletter

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

Designers and decorators stay in touch with the Color of the Year selections made by the Pantone Color Institute. Their color selections affect the trends in everything from paint colors to home furnishings, clothing, and even **floral designs**. For 2017, Pantone selected the color 'Greenery,' a versatile yet vibrant green, as the 2017 Color of the Year. For many designers, this energetic yellow-green feels like the essence of spring with the promise of new growth, making it a natural choice for the fresh start of a new year.

Most florists consider green a neutral. Forget black, white and gray, the colors consumers generally consider neutrals. People with a green thumb see Pantone's Greenery as the neutral, as that's a natural complement to fresh flowers in their designs. What is surprising about putting a green on center stage is that it is usually considered a background color, not the star of the show. No longer can you simply add a few live plants to a room or insert some leaves into a bouquet and think you've tagged a green color trend. This dramatic hue brings its own colorful personality into the limelight.

Green is more than just one of three secondary hues found on a color wheel. The color selection suggests a 'back to basics' healthy lifestyle, an earth-friendly social movement, or the color of money with a prediction of economic growth. Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, describes Greenery 15-0343 as a "symbol of new beginnings, fresh and revitalizing."

Have you created an all-green flower arrangement? They are surprisingly pretty indeed! Think of using Lady's Mantle flowers and assorted shapes, sizes and colors of foliage (hostas, iris, grasses for example) as a starting point, then look for other flowers with touches of green to add to them.

GARDENER-TO-GARDENER MET IN FEBRUARY THE TOPIC WAS GROWING HELLEBORES

Dorothy Malpass, G-T-G Chair

Five members met at my home Friday, February 24, including a new member. Joan Brandon and Judy Maupin discussed the perennial plants called Hellebores. Both Joan and Judy have extensive collections and often invite members to view them. The common name for Hellebores is Lenten Rose because they bloom around the beginning of Lent. They typically like the shade of trees or shrubs and once established can create little colonies of new plants which can be lifted and shared with friends. Their beautiful blooms can be seen in late February, but Joan reminded us not to completely uncover them until the danger of severe frost is over. Companion plants could include ferns, Bleeding Hearts, primroses and hostas.

Following the presentation, experiences and advice were shared among the group. We enjoyed chatting over a cup of tea accompanied by lemon squares and cranberry bread; true gardeners anticipating the arrival of Spring in Ohio.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of January 31, 2017

PNC Savings	\$ 36,970.18
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,784.51
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 3,070.95

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 21,671.76
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 80,497.40

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

February 16 General Meeting Minutes

On Thursday, February 16, 2017, twenty-nine members and guests gathered to hear the presentation "Beat the Drumm Slowly... My Life With a Large Sculpture" by Len Lampert, Architect and Hudson Garden Club member.

Prior to the presentation, President Carla Maurer presented the HGC proposed budget for 2017. After addressing all member comments and questions, Carla called for a vote on the budget. The budget was unanimously approved by the members of HGC.

Through pictures and personal anecdote, architect Len Lampert shared his three-year journey of planning, construction and installation of a large art piece in his home's outdoor landscape. Lampert commissioned local sculptor, designer and artist Don Drumm for the project. In addition to showing the audience how the artwork was installed, Lampert showed how he was able to enhance the art by surrounding it with select trees and ground cover.

"HERBS FOR HEALTH & WELL BEING"

The Western Reserve Herb Society is presenting an Herbal Symposium entitled "***Herbs for Health & Well Being***" on **Friday, March 10, 2017** at the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

The morning session, from 9am to 4pm, features noted garden speaker and writer, Kirk Brown, who will personify John Bartram: American Medical Herbalist. Three other speakers are also on the program for the morning session. The evening session is from 5pm to 8pm and will again feature Kirk Brown.

Registration is necessary through Cleveland Botanical Garden online at www.cb garden.org or call (216) 721-1600 ext 100. For Symposium fees and more information, please call Kathleen Gips (440) 247-5039 or Beth Gehring (216) 496-1479.

PUSSY WILLOWS ARE IN BLOOM



Garden Tip

Willows, including pussy willows have male and female flowers on separate plants. The male flowers have both pollen and nectar; the females have only nectar. Both male and female plants provide food for bees early in the season, a valuable trait. Not sure which you have? Male flowers turn yellow and the pollen comes off in your hand when you brush it.

Willows are bitter tasting so deer usually avoid browsing them. This photo is a male. Visit willowsvermont.com for extensive willow information and mail ordering.



GROWING SHAMROCKS

One traditional symbol of St. Patrick's Day is the Shamrock. "Shamrock" is the common name for several different kinds of three-leafed clovers native to Ireland. The shamrock was chosen Ireland's national emblem because of the legend that St. Patrick had used it to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity. You can find potted plants of "shamrocks" for sale this time of year.

The variety most commonly sold as Shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day is *Oxalis acetosella*. It is a four-leaf clover with pure white blooms and a compact growth habit. Another wonderful variety for indoors is *Oxalis deppei* with red blooms and quartered leaves that have a dark zone near the center of each leaf. There is a variety that has maroon leaves and pink blooms. In addition to being called *Oxalis*, Four-leaf Clovers and shamrocks, these plants are also known as Wood Sorrels. Although their leaves look similar, they are not related to clover that grows in lawns or to the true Irish Shamrocks.

Shamrocks and other *Oxalis* all need a dormant period each year in order to perform their best. While they will stay alive year-round indoors, this is very stressful to the plant. Instead, let it grow and bloom until it starts to look tired. This is usually in summer. When this happens, stop all water and fertilizer and store the plant for two to three months in a cool, dark place. After that period of time, you can either bring it back out and start watering it again or repot it.

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What's Coming Up

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 @ 10:30am

Herb Group @ Beth Lawrence's home

RSVP to Sherry Beam by March 10

See page 2 for details

Thursday, March 16, 2017

HGC March General Meeting

Topic: Homes & Gardens of Monticello

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

See this page for details

Saturday & Sunday, March 18 & 19

Midwest Cactus & Succulent Society Show

AT THE CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN

March — Date to be determined

Glow Workshop for CBG Christmas tree

RSVP to Barb Earnhardt

See page 2 for details



**FIRST THE HOWLING WINDS AWOKE US.
THEN THE RAINS CAME DOWN TO SOAK US.
NOW — BEFORE THE MIND CAN FOCUS —
A CROCUS!**

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Hudson Garden Club March General Meeting

***"The Homes and Gardens
of Monticello"***

Guest Speaker: Greg Cada

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room



Our March 16 speaker comes to us compliments of the Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners program. The homes and gardens of Monticello are a special place for many people. Greg Cada will discuss Thomas Jefferson and the gardens at his famed Virginia home, illustrating his stories with pictures he has taken. A wonderful night for even the most ardent Jefferson fans — you might hear a new story.

If any members have ideas for future speakers and presentations, please contact Bronwyn at [\(330\) 612-4879](tel:3306124879).

E-MAIL BLAST NOTICE

You should receive e-mail blasts prior to the monthly meetings as a reminder. When special events or a board member, Tour Chair, etc. have messages to pass along then an e-mail blast is sent out. As the weather gets nicer we will have more "spur of the moment" opportunities for field trips, etc. so be on the look out.

If you do not receive an e-mail for an extended period, please let me know.

E-mail: sherrybeam@hotmail.com

Thank You,

Sherry Beam