

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to March — such a hopeful month! We continue to gain daylight and “spring forward.” In Hudson, OH, the first day of March is 11 hours, 20 minutes long. The last day of the month is 12 hours, 42 minutes long, so the last day of the month increases to 1 hour, 22 minutes longer in March 2020.

Our erratic winter temperatures have resulted in my bulbs poking up for quite some time, so I'll be watching to see how they do as this month moves forward. Should be interesting! Indoors, I'm enjoying the amaryllis bulbs I planted at our meeting last fall. They're a pleasant reminder of outdoor blooms to come.

We are only a couple months away from our Home & Garden Tour in mid-June. This is our major fundraiser of the year that allows us to give back to the community — scholarships, grants, Civic gardens and more. Interested in being involved and helping? There are many volunteer jobs and we need your help — selling tickets, working in the Garden Shop, hostessing and much more! Let us know if you can help — just email cbmaurer@roadrunner.com.

Jan

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

When you save the third Thursday of the month to attend a Hudson Garden Club meeting we want you to look forward to an interesting and informative social time.

In the past, other than seasonal programs (like making a Christmas wreath or how to prune your perennials) we have shown you how to encourage pollinators and how to discourage deer, how to grow dahlias and how to plant and grow your amaryllis, how to make a fairy garden and how to design a koi pond. We have had programs on native plants and invasive plants. And we have drawn from our club's membership for speakers who proved very knowledgeable.

Now we are asking for your input on what kind of programs you would like to see when you attend a Garden Club meeting. What new topics would you like to hear about? You might want to revisit a program that we had in the past which would be relevant now.

Farming the Trapp Family Way

September 2013 program featuring a horse powered farm located in Cuyahoga Valley National Park
(Part of a Conservancy)



This is your club and we want it to be one you value and one that serves a purpose. We would like to know where your interests lie and how we can meet them. Please take a moment and contact Jan Lindstrom at jalindstrom@hotmail.com or call her at 330-697-3487 and pass along your suggestions. Thanks in advance.

As well as our meetings, where you can learn about gardening from azaleas to zinnias, there are also sub groups like Flower Arranging, Herb Group, Field Trips as well as the BUGs who maintain the community gardens. These auxiliaries to our meetings are also ways to learn facts and techniques that you can put to good use.

OAK WILT PRECAUTIONS



Dan Burkholder, City of Hudson Arborist, gave an overview at a recent Tree Commission meeting on the problems caused by Oak Wilt and what you can do to prevent it.

- Oak Wilt has been confirmed in at least one Oak Tree in Hudson.
- Oak Wilt is a serious and deadly vascular disease in Oaks.
- All Oaks are susceptible.

Symptoms - Foliage begins wilting in the upper canopy often in mid-to-late summer.

Disease Cycle - The pathogen spreads from diseased to healthy trees overland and underground.

- Overland spread occurs mainly by sap feeding beetles that pick up fungal spores and carry them to freshly wounded healthy trees, as in pruning cuts.
- Underground spread occurs between neighboring trees through root grafts.

Control - Preventative measures are best. **It is recommended to avoid pruning throughout the growing season (April 1 - November 1).** If pruning must be done during this time, use wound dressing spray to seal the cuts.

Maintenance Pruning - Maintenance pruning should be done between November 1 - March 31.

Treatments - Preventative applications of systemic fungicide is an option and should be administered by experienced, professional tree service personnel.

Mr. Burkholder has developed a list of recommended tree service companies that are familiar with Oak Wilt and how to manage and treat it. If you are interested, please contact him at dburkholder@hudson.oh.us.

2020-22 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

It may have caused some confusion when you found yourself with two new Membership Directories. Unfortunately, due to a printing glitch some pages were missing in the first one. To correct this we had new Directories printed and mailed to you either by email or U.S. Post, whichever you requested. Our apologies for any confusion this may have caused. Please replace the first one with the **REVISED** edition.

MORE ENTERTAINING & EDUCATIONAL THAN TV! GOOD GARDENING VIDEOS ON THE INTERNET



Have you discovered the "Garden Answer" videos on YouTube? Google and/or search on youtube.com for "Laura LeBoutillier Garden Answer" to access the more than 1000 videos available.

You will find many interesting videos such as "How to Care for Christmas Cactus," "New Spring Plants," "20+ Plants with Blue Flowers," "Flowerbed Makeover," "New Annuals for 2020" with Laura LeBoutillier. Many of the videos feature Proven Winners plants. You may have seen Laura in person at the Great Big Home & Garden Show in Cleveland in early February.

WELCOMING DONATIONS For the Tour Garden Shop

Spring is right around the corner and a perfect time for Spring Cleaning! Wondering what to do with all of your purged items? Now is a perfect time to donate them to our Tour Garden Shop.

We will gladly take garden-themed items, decorative items, purses and jewelry to name just a few treasures that our shoppers will want to buy. We have recently received a wonderful donation of fairy/minature garden items and some cute holiday cookie jars.

Donors can always bring items to the Garden Club Meetings. Other options include leaving your donations on Judy Mikita's porch (2297 Middleton Road - look for the bright blue mail box) or arranging a pick-up with Susan McCutcheon (susan.mccutcheon@va.gov) or text 330-807-4020 or Judy Mikita (juggles1@gmail.com) or text 330-701-1364.

MEMORIAL BOOK



Soon to be on the Hudson Library shelves is a gardening book purchased by HGC in memory of Dick and Joanne Satava's daughter Janet Satava Swarstzel.

New Plant Parent: Develop Your Green Thumb and Care for Your House-Plant Family
by Darryl Cheng

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of January 31, 2020

PNC Savings	\$ 32,067.98
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,005.77
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 6,430.33

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 71,348.79
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 119,852.87

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES February 20, 2020

Fifty-five members attended the February meeting where they enjoyed a fascinating presentation by Paula Mularcik on maple syrup in NE Ohio. We also had the chance to "taste test" pure maple syrup versus what you typically find in the grocery store. A quick survey of attendees showed the strong preference for the "real thing."

A few facts we learned - there are 13 types of maple trees. A tree needs to be 35 years old to start tapping. Over 40 gallons of sap are needed to generate one gallon of syrup - even more for red maples at 60 gallons. The sap collected is 98 percent water. Outdoor temperatures above 32 degrees are the driver for sap production as it moves through the trees to encourage bud and leaf growth. In 1840, Ohio was the largest producer of maple syrup and today is fourth behind New York, Pennsylvania and Maine. Ohio produces 100,000 gallons of maple syrup a year. Many of us went home with maple syrup we purchased, ready to enjoy this Ohio tradition

Judy Mikita is still collecting donations for the Garden Shop during the Home & Garden Tour. You can drop off your garden donations at her home or reach out to her and she is willing to pick up your donations! Just let her know.

Due to missing pages in the recently printed Membership Directory, new copies have been printed and will be in the mail soon.

A raffle was held with Judy Mikita, Joan Brandon and Cindy Petrik each winning a bottle of Real Ohio Maple Syrup.

Submitted by,
Jan Lindstrom

WHAT ARE THE GLOW GIRLS UP TO NOW? MINI-GARDENS!

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair



While we wait for the Cleveland Botanical Garden to choose the theme for GLOW 2020, and we cannot get busy planning the HGC Christmas tree there, we have another opportunity to use our time and talent. Our experience with "Tiny Treasures" Christmas decorations will help us with our newest venture.

The group welcomes new HGC members Kristina Dahlhausen and Luanne Freedman to our latest project - creating Mini Gardens from donated materials to be sold at the Garden Shop! HGC received a very generous donation of Fairy and Mini Garden items - a huge variety of small houses, fairies, trellises, benches, bridges, fencing and tiny birdbaths and much more - most of which will be sold individually in the Garden Shop at very reasonable prices. Some items have been set aside for the Glow Girls so that a few Mini Gardens can be made for the sale. Some gardens may be planted in a tea cup, some may be planted in a bird bath because the scale of the items varies.

The GLOW Girls will each create, plant and nurture the gardens until they are delivered to the Garden Shop for sale in June. For more information and/or if you are interested in helping with this special project, contact Barb Earnhardt at 330-671-2024. Not only will you learn about crafting these adorable little-worlds, your efforts will encourage visitors to purchase the individual pieces and/or one of the Mini Gardens we have designed that are ready-to-go.

Special Invitation to Our Members

Once upon a sunny summer day, two of our members visited a lovely Hudson garden, were enchanted by what they saw and immediately invited the family to share it on our Tour. But alas! the home and garden were going on the market before the next Tour. If only we had found this garden sooner!

The good gardener wondered if our club members might like to know that many of her gardening items could not be part of the move and would be part of a sale before the move. Such a nice gesture, with "lots for those who love their gardens."

Margaret Anderson at 2735 Blue Heron Drive in Hudson invites you to come and see the decorative pots, bird baths, stakes, carts, hoses, clay pots, ladders, trellises, small fountains and a few potted plants among the offerings at her sale on March 20-21. And special for HGC, Margaret invites us to come early and shop on Thursday, March 19 from 2pm to 7pm. If interested, make plans to stop-and-shop at the Anderson's before our general meeting that night, or during the next two days, and wish the Andersons well in their new home.

**Hudson Garden Club
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44236**

What's Coming Up

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Hudson Garden Club General Meeting

Social Time: 6:45pm - Program: 7pm

Check the Hudson Hub for Program Info

Location: Barlow Community Center

41 S. Oviatt Street, Hudson, OH

(See this page for details)

Quote seen on the Sweetbay Flower Farm Chagrin Falls Facebook Page



"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just on the body, but the soul."

by Alfred Austin

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Hudson Garden Club March 19 General Meeting

**PROGRAM INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME
OF NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION.**

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00p

Location: Barlow Community Center

**OUR PROGRAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY E-MAIL BLAST AND
NOTIFICATION IN THE HUDSON HUB.**

Don't miss checking out Page 5 of this newsletter

NATIVE PLANT SALE

In Ohio, we have over 1000 native trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, and grasses that are important to our pollinators, birds, insects and all wildlife...including humans. They are part of an intricate, balanced web, that helps to filter and clean our drinking water, remove contaminants from the air we breathe, cool our planet and feed the bees that pollinate most of our food crops. At the very core of this elaborate system, are our native plants.

Please support Ohio's native plant initiative by incorporating native plants into your yards and gardens and encouraging your neighbors to plant natives also. You will be rewarded when the birds and butterflies light up your life by visiting your neighborhood. If you have questions about native plants, please call 330-926-2452 or visit [Ohio Native Plant Month](#).



Now through March 12!!

This year, Summit Soil and Water Conservation District is expanding our Native Plant offerings to include single plants which may be purchased in small groups of three of a single plant species for a minimum order. (In other words, you may purchase three of any species for your entire order if that is all you desire to purchase.) The price of each plant is \$4. Please note, there is a \$12 handling charge for each order.

The **herbaceous plants** include some of our iconic woodland spring ephemerals and come in the form of bare roots and corms just out of dormancy and are less fragile, so the plants are easy to handle and plant right way when the ground is still soft in early April.

The **trees and shrubs** are bare-root seedlings and should also be planted promptly to assure successful growth. If adding mulch when planting your trees and shrubs be sure not to place mulch around them any closer than 6 inches from the stem or trunk. This will help to prevent disease, insect infestation and smothering of the roots.

ORDER DEADLINE: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Payment must be received by March 12, 2020 to complete order.

Order Pick-Up Date/Location: Friday, April 10, 2020, 8:00am - 5:30pm

Summit SWCD Offices

1180 South Main Street, Suite 241, Akron, Ohio 44301

See the plant list and place your order at

<https://sswcd.summitoh.net/featured/2020-tree-shrub-perennial-sale?fbclid=IwAR1iUc7B7SytXahEJFwANJkAd5uCSscPwISPICopLlvC38s6g8EFaohlh3HE>

Or go to <https://sswcd.summitoh.net/> then events/sales, then 2020 tree, shrub, perennial sale,

Remember that when you plant these natives you are helping thousands of species of pollinators and other wildlife, while restoring and sustaining your own ecosystem. You may call 330-926-2452 for more information on the plants or any other stormwater-related and environmental questions that you may have.