



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a time we find ourselves in — nothing could have prepared us that our lives would be 'turned upside down' in just two months. It is disappointing that we have had to cancel our remaining General Meetings this spring and even more significant the cancellation of our beloved Home & Garden Tour in June. However, I am confident that our 70+ year tradition will continue in 2021 and I am extremely grateful to this year's homeowners who are willing to consider opening their homes and gardens next year. We are fortunate to have their continued support.

Being at home rather than out and about has its benefits — I've never spent so much time in my garden so early in the year. I am enjoying watching the many perennials start to grow and am visibly noting the daily changes — nature is amazing! Despite everything else going on, our gardens are 'doing their thing' as they always do. It is also very heartening to see how many people in and around Hudson are enjoying nature — walking neighborhoods, Hudson Springs Park, Summit County Metro Parks and CVNP. We are fortunate to live in area that offers so many outdoors venues.

In this newsletter you will read about our hard working deserving scholarship winners for 2020. They are mazing recipients, well deserving of our organization's support as they continue their education.

I am hopeful that in September we will be able to resume our meetings while conforming to all requirements for 'social distancing' in place at that time. No matter what, we will keep health and safety the foremost consideration as we make plans. We will keep you updated. Enjoy springtime in Hudson, and stay healthy!

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NEWS ON THE CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN'S 2020 "GLOW" EVENT

Kevin Borowiak, the "Glow" Affiliate Club coordinator has announced that they have a theme for "Glow" 2020. "Jillian Slane, Director of Exhibits & Experiences, shared that the working theme this year will be "Hearth & Home for the Holidays."

An underlying theme with this show is to feature how plants and trees contribute to celebrating the holidays through home décor, games, food, toys etc. CBG is going to be transformed into magical Holiday living spaces."

More info will follow as the HGC Glow Girls start planning for our entry. Stay tuned!!



You can bury a lot of troubles by digging in the dirt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB'S 2020 GENEVIEVE JYUROVAT HORTICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Hudson Garden Club has announced three 2020 recipients of the **Genevieve Jyurovat Horticultural Scholarship Award**. The recipients are: **Anna Herchl**, West Virginia University, **Allison Katitus**, Hudson High School and **Jocelyn Weaver**, Hudson High School.

Anna Herchl, a second year recipient is a freshman at West Virginia University majoring in Environmental Soil and Water Science with a career plan in the field of Environmental Policy, Regulation, Advocacy or Reclamation. Anna has had a successful first year at WVU academically as well as her involvement in professional and recreational organizations. She is a member of Sierra Club, Plant & Soil Science Club and Women in Natural Resources adding volunteer hours maintaining and building trails with the WVU Falling Run Greenspace as well as assisting at the Agricultural Science Job Fair. Anna has continued her love of Rugby as a viable member of WVU Women's Club Rugby as well as participating in the WVU Ski Team and the lifestyle focused Healthy Hippies Club. Anna plans to build on her career path at WVU with course work in Environmental Protection.

*"I was raised by my two parents, the Cuyahoga River and the soil of my garden. This crooked river taught me how to feel the world around me, while the soil of my garden taught me to go below the surface and dig deeper into what appears to be shallow. The river led me through every twist and turn of life showing me how to really connect with everything that flows around me. The soil helped me to grow what I need on my own, without taking what I am given for granted. My time with the river and the soil has weathered me into who I am today.".....**Anna***

Allison Katitus, a senior at Hudson High School, plans to attend The Ohio State University majoring in Environmental Science. It is important to Allison to do her part in helping create a sustainable environment. Allison is a member of the National Honor Society, Seal of Biliiteracy for Spanish, Drug Free Clubs of America and has been recognized as a Scholar Athlete. Allison has volunteered for the Kiwanis basketball tournaments, Vertical Runner summer camps, Polar Express and Bloodhound Physics Project. She has developed leadership skills as a mentor for HUDDLE (**H**elping **U**s **D**evelop **L**eadership and **E**nthusiasm), mentoring younger students about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Allison is a four member of the Cross County Team, Track and Field and CYO Basketball.

*"The environment captivates me because I cannot seem to understand how something so important to the human race can appear so unimportant in their daily lives. The lack of concern for the environment and its destruction is astounding.".....**Allison***

Jocelyn Weaver, a senior at Hudson High School plans to attend Ohio Wesleyan University majoring in Environmental Science with a minor in Biology or Geology. Her passion for the environment began on family vacations visiting our beautiful National Parks. At the age of seven she volunteered at the Garden Shop during the Hudson Home & Garden Tour. Jocelyn is conscientious in her preparedness in Academics and as a Cellist in the high school Orchestra. She is a member of National Honor Society, National Honors Music Society and Drug Free Club of America, and Children and Daughters of the American Revolution. Jocelyn is a four-year member of the High School Basketball and Track Teams receiving both the Captain's Award in basketball and Scholar Athlete Award.

*"Nature has always called to me. I joined the Hudson Garden Club when I was seven years old. I was a member for years and especially enjoyed helping in the garden shop during the Hudson Home & Garden Tour. After Ohio Wesleyan I plan to pursue a master's degree with my ultimate goal being able to have an influence and impact on our world.".....**Jocelyn***

Hudson Garden Club History of Genevieve Jyurovat

Let me introduce you to Genevieve Jyurovat the lady who's name is connected to our Annual Scholarship Award. The following notes are from the archives of the Hudson Garden Club from 1947 - 1950.

The post-war years were spotlighted by the development of the now-renowned House and Garden Pilgrimage. (Forerunner of the Hudson Home & Garden Tour.) In June 1947 the Wooster Garden Club proposed a visit to Hudson gardens. Members of that club were received at the W. D. Shilts home, 161 Aurora Street, and conducted on a tour of 11 gardens, terminating at the home of the Edgar Bowerfinds, 417 North Main Street.

As a result of the enthusiasm on the part of the Wooster club, the board decided in December 1947 that a pilgrimage of gardens be planned for the following June. The price of admission for the first tour was 50 cents; about 40 people visited 11 gardens and the net proceeds of the tour were \$24.50.

The Ways and Means Committee continued with plant and bake sales and a card party to augment Pilgrimage proceeds for the benefit of the Memorial Garden. The Club also sponsored flower shows at the fall festival.

In 1950 Mrs. Andrew Jyurovat (Genevieve), was the chairman of the Pilgrimage, a position she held from 1950 - 1987. In 1972 the Hudson Garden Club planted three 6-foot Canadian hemlocks in her honor on the West Green. We enjoy these trees today covered in bright lights at the holidays.

Many thanks to Genevieve for the 37 years she dedicated to the Hudson Garden Club. We continue to honor her each year when we award scholarships to students who share her love of improving our world with a healthy environment and nature's beautiful surroundings.

(This article is a partial repeat of an article that appeared in the HGC March 2019 newsletter.)

FLOWER ARRANGING SHOW ON NETFLIX



Netflix is about to launch *The Big Flower Fight* with the same light-hearted, competitive spirit as *The Great British Bake-Off*, but featuring professional floral designers and their jaw-dropping creations instead. Be amazed at the stunning displays florists can create with just a few flowers and leaves. The show premieres on

May 18. The eight-episode series will feature ten teams facing off to create the best, most beautiful flower arrangements and displays. Hosted by comedians Vic Reeves and Natasia Demetriou, with famed florist Kristen Griffith-VanderYacht serving as head judge, the series is sure to be as light-hearted and easy-going as *Bake-Off*.

The teams include pairs of experts in floral design, such as garden designers, sculptors and florists. Similar to *Bake-Off* and other Netflix reality shows like *Nailed It!*, each episode will present the teams with a new theme and challenge to impress Griffith-VanderYacht and a weekly guest judge. The show also pushes contestants to consider conservation as they create their displays, such as using plants that support pollinators.

One team will be eliminated each episode until we're left with the first-ever winners of *The Big Flower Fight*. And their hard work will earn a huge reward; the winning team will get to see one of their creations on display at London's Royal Botanic Gardens, one of the most famous botanical gardens in the world.

PLEASE NOTE

We are sending you this brief newsletter to inform you of our 2020 Annual Scholarship Award recipients. With no meetings, field trips or other HGC activities there is little news to pass along.

This is a perfect time to clean closets, read books and sort family photos. I wake up every morning hoping for a sunny day to play in my yard.

Stay strong — Stay safe — Hope to see you soon

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What's Coming Up

Monday, May 18, 2020
"The Big Flower Fight"
An 8 episode series on Netflix
(See page 3 for details)



FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AND GET ANOTHER YEAR OUT OF YOUR AMARYLLIS

When your fantastic Amaryllis flower is done blooming don't toss out the bulb that gave you so much pleasure during the winter. Remove the flower stem, keep plant in good light and treat like a houseplant, watering when dry about once a week with a water-soluble fertilizer. The floppy leaves are not very pretty, but need to be left on the bulb and in the light to store food in the bulb for the next year's bloom (just like daffodils).

After the danger of frost has passed, move your Amaryllis outdoors to a semi-shaded area. Harden or acclimate the plant to the outdoors, gradually expose it to more sun, then plant in the garden either in a pot or in the ground. Continue to water and fertilize throughout the Summer and early Fall. Then discontinue fertilizing, reduce watering.

Before the first hard frost, dig up bulb, cut off the foliage, let it dry and induce dormancy. Dormancy (a rest period) of 8-10 weeks; in a cool, dark place (garage or basement) is required for reblooming! After the rest period, repot the bulb and move it into a warm, well-lit area, and start the process all over again!!

(Article on Amaryllis care from the November 2019 HGC newsletter.)

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