

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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Happy Thanksgiving

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We enjoyed a beautiful Indian summer in October — dry, but beautiful! I think it's about over now. Time to look ahead to the upcoming holidays and late fall/winter indoor and outdoor decorations.

I hope you were able to join us in October for the wonderful potluck supper prior to our presentation by Betsy Kollman Bresky. Many thanks to Judy Mikita for planning and organizing the potluck.

Join us on November 16 at 7:00pm when we will elect our 2018 slate of HGC officers at the start of the general meeting.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, and I look forward to seeing you on November 16.

Carla Maurer

STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS November 24—December 30, 2017

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

Hudson Garden Club is decorating an entire room for **"Deck the Hall"** at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. The estate is illuminated inside and out with over ONE MILLION lights and the historic Manor House decorations are inspired by the theme of *Postcards from the Past*. **"Deck the Hall"** will be open select evenings from November 24 to December 30, 2017. Come see our room, the Solarium, decorated by Barb Earnhardt, Nancy Forhan, Jane Harrison and Fern MacMillan!

HGC was the only garden club invited to participate. Other rooms in the Manor House are being decorated by professional florists and designers! See www.stanhywet.org for more information, hours, admission fee (for non-members), and other attractions that are part of **"Deck the Hall."** Several major room renovations have been done in the Manor House so Christmas is sure to be more beautiful than ever.

A HEADS UP FOR OUR DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

December will be here before we know it and we want to give you some information for our December general meeting.

- IMPORTANT...Our December meeting will not be on our usual meeting date. In December we are meeting the second Thursday, December 14, 2017.
- Our meeting will be more of a social than a regular business/presentation meeting. Those who ordered them will pick up and/or plant amaryllis bulbs.
- Plastic pots in assorted sizes will be provided. Bring your own planting pot or decorative cover if desired.
- If you have not paid for the bulbs you ordered, please pay at the meeting.
- Please bring cookies or dessert to share as we gather to celebrate the holiday.



QUAILCREST FARMHOUSE LUNCH

Friday, December 8, 2017

Sherry Beam, Herb Group Chair

PLEASE NOTE: There is limited seating for this lunch. We have 14 reserved seats and the first people to respond will get them. Thanks. Sherry.....

On Friday, December 8 the Herb Group will be traveling to Wooster and taking part in their yearly holiday tradition, a soup and herb bread lunch at Quailcrest Farm. Overlooking the magnificent Killbuck Valley, Quailcrest Farm has emerged from a century-old dairy farm to a family nursery.

The Bruch family has owned Quailcrest Farm since 1957, and the business itself has been in existence for 42 years. The Garden Barn houses a 12,400 square foot greenhouse where they specialize in perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, old-fashioned roses and an extensive selection of herbs. The gift shop is also located in the Garden Barn, where a large selection of garden adornments and housewares are displayed among antique cupboards and tables. With this being the holiday season they have a vast array of Christmas gifts for purchase.

The 30 acres of grounds and gardens at Quailcrest are exquisite and compare to no others in the area. About 25 different garden settings are scattered among the grounds. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Quailcrest serves lunch in the 130 year old farmhouse. A delightful fare of 3 different homemade soups and herb bread, lemon verbena tea, or flavored coffee and homemade cookies are served near the fireplace...a wonderful treat to start the holiday season. Our lunch seating is at 12:45pm.

This is the last year Quailcrest will be serving these lunches. The group will be carpooling and leaving from the Park-n-Ride at Route 8 and Chittenden Road at 10:45am. Reservations are required and due to the limited seating must be made by November 20. The cost will be under \$12 per person. RSVP to Sherry Beam at: sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 573-6353. Quailcrest Farm is located at 2810 Armstrong Road, Wooster, OH 44691 (turn W off SR 83 a few miles N of Wooster) <http://www.quailcrest.com>

Missing flowers? Visit HGC's shutterfly photo gallery to see Tour Flower arrangements.

<https://hudsongardenclubphotosgallery.shutterfly.com/pictures>

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS WITH HGC

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

HGC, joining other affiliated garden clubs, is decorating one of the 30 Christmas trees at the Cleveland Botanical Garden for GLOW this holiday season. The theme for this year's trees is "Woodland Forests and Gardens of Nature and Wonder." The CBG's "winter spectacular," GLOW will be in place from November 24 to December 31, 2017. See www.cbgarden.org for more information, hours, admission fee (for non-members), and other attractions that are part of GLOW. Come see our tree, **"First Snow in the Woods,"** with its handmade ornaments created by Connie Chakford, Faye Duber, Barb Earnhardt, Kathy Foley, Nancy Ginsberg, Lois James, Nancy Kolodgy, Jan Lindstrom, Nancy Renner and Tina Schmutz.

HGC members are invited to see all the trees in their splendor while enjoying free admission and light hors d'oeuvres in Woodland Hall on one special day:

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

12:00pm - 4:00pm

Free limited parking

**Affiliate club member, free admission
1 guest per Affiliate club member, \$8.00
admission**

If you are interested, you must register so they can plan for the size of the group. Take your spouse, a prospective member, a friend, a neighbor, a grandchild! Register online at www.cbgarden.org. In the middle of the home page, look for the SUPPORT THE GARDEN. Click on that and you will next see a list that includes Affiliated Garden Clubs. Click on that, see a write up about GLOW Affiliate Night with a link to register yourself and a guest

Should you choose to join the CBG, membership also gives you year-round reciprocal admission to The Holden Arboretum. And thank you to Jan Lindstrom who is HGC's representative on the Affiliate Council.

GARDEN CLUB OF OHIO INVITES HGC AND FRIENDS ON A HOLLAND & BELGIUM RIVER CRUISE

The Garden Club of Ohio invites HGC and interested friends to come aboard Alki Tours' Holland & Belgium River Cruise May 6 -16, 2018. Join this exclusive cruise of the rivers of Holland & Belgium with Host Eric Johnson of GardenSMART from PBS. Watch filming as you visit some of the most magnificent European gardens in the Spring. Early booking pricing ends November 15, 2017. For more information on this trip, contact Alki Tours Worldwide at www.alkitours.com or (206) 935.6848 and be sure to mention the Garden Club of Ohio connection.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of September 30, 2017

PNC Savings	\$ 36,991.74
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,000.88
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 24,184.18

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 33,799.47
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 104,976.27

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES October 19, 2017

On Thursday, October 19, 2017, 53 members and guests gathered for the Annual Fall Potluck Dinner and monthly meeting. Special thanks to Judy Mikita and her Hospitality Committee for planning a delicious potluck dinner. Beautiful fall mum arrangements adorned the tables and were given as door prizes.

Betsy Kollman Bresky from Kollman's Greenhouse shared her experiences owning and operating a successful family business. Kollman Greenhouse has been a family business for over 45 years. Betsy and her husband purchased the business from her parents two years ago.

Prior to purchasing the family business, Betsy spent many years traveling the world as a research scientist for Proven Winners. She explained the fascinating process of breeding and growing the best flowering plants in the world to become "Proven Winners."

Carolyn Bouquot
Recording Secretary

GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

Sue L'Hommedieu, Web Site

- Store Dahlias and Elephant ears over the winter in cedar shaving bedding. Buy bedding at pet store.
- Save a garbage bag of dry, chopped leaves. In the spring use them as a mulch around newly planted perennials to keep the soil moist.
- A long serrated knife is a great tool for cutting down perennials.
- Leave Hellebore foliage on the plant to protect the crown over the winter. Cut it off in the spring as soon as the buds start pushing up. Waiting longer makes it hard to avoid the flower stems.

HGC Donates Books to the Hudson Library

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair



The following gardening books will soon be on the shelves of the Hudson Library & Historical Society complements of the Hudson Garden Club.

Build it Yourself: Weekend Projects for the Garden by *Frank Perrone*

The Living Forest: A Visual Journey into the Heart of the Woods by *Robert Llewellyn* and *Joan Maloof*

Keshiki Bonsai: The Easy, Modern Way to Create Miniature Landscapes by *Kenji Kobayashi*

Sunken Gardens: A Step - by - Step Guide to Planting Freshwater Aquariums by *Karen Randall*

Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style by *Joseph Tychievich*

Plant Craft: 30 Projects that Add Natural Style to Your Home by *Caitlin Atkinson*

Fresh from the Garden: An Organic Guide to Growing Vegetables, Berries and Herbs in Cold Climates by *John Whitman*

HARVEST MOON VEGETABLE CHOWDER

Several years back we used to have a Fall Harvest Soup Supper in October instead of the potluck we have now. The following recipe (which was served at this year's potluck) was one of the featured soups:

- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 1 cup broccoli florets, cut into small pieces
- 1 cup peeled and diced potatoes
- 1/2 cup finely diced celery
- 2 cups chicken broth or stock
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 4 T all-purpose flour
- 1 13oz can evaporated milk
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- Croutons (optional)



Place vegetables and broth/stock in a dutch oven, or soup kettle, simmer until vegetables are tender crisp, about 10-15 minutes. Melt butter in saucepan over low heat, whisk in flour. Slowly add evaporated and regular milk stirring constantly until thick and smooth. Add to vegetable mixture. Simmer over low heat until thickened. Add cheese and stir until melted. Garnish with croutons. Variation: For a thicker soup, add 1 cup mashed potatoes. May also add chopped, cooked chicken.

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, November 16

HGC General Meeting

See this page for details

Monday, November 20 (1pm - 4pm)

Our GLOW committee will decorate
HGC's Christmas tree at Cleveland
Botanical Garden

Fri. Nov. 24 to Sun. Dec. 31

GLOW at Cleveland Botanical Garden

See page 2 for details

Fri. Nov. 24 to Sat. Dec. 30

"Deck the Hall" at Stan Hywet

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Wednesday, December 6

Affiliate Day - Cleveland Botanical Garden

REGISTER NOW

See page 2 for details

Friday, December 8, 2017

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RSVP to Sherry Beam by Nov. 20, 2017

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IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

Hudson Garden Club follows the severe weather policy of the Hudson City schools. If school is canceled due to bad weather our meeting/event will also be canceled.

Call (330) 653-1300, visit www.hudson.edu or watch HCTV or other television stations to learn of the closing.

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Hudson Garden Club November General Meeting

***"The Traditions and Horticulture of
Christmas"***



Guest Speaker: Lee Paulson
Thursday, November 16, 2017
Social Time: 6:45pm
Program: 7:00pm
Laurel Lake Community Room

Ever wonder why we incorporate certain plants into our holiday decorating? Lee Paulson, Summit County Master Gardener, will present "The Traditions and Horticulture of Christmas" at the November 16 general meeting and will have all the answers! This interesting program will get everyone in the holiday spirit.

NOTE: We will be electing HGC officers for the 2017-18 club year.

***** Someone left a white, plastic serving spoon with a red tip at the October Potluck. Call/email Carla to claim it. (330) 524-8026 or cbmaurer@roadrunner.com**