

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Welcome Autumn! I just love this time of year. Most of my garden is dying back, but, the mums, asters, fall-blooming clematis and sedums look great. And, I just finished planting the new "treasures" I picked up at the recent HGC Fall Plant Exchange. October days are so beautiful; and the evenings and early mornings are refreshingly cool and crisp. I'm also enjoying the fall decorations I see popping up all round town.

Our October program will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 6pm. Be sure to RSVP to Judy Mikita by October 15, 2018 (see page 4).

If you have not already done so, please mail in your annual renewal dues, and the purple renewal form that was included with your September newsletter. Forms can also be downloaded from our website, [www.hudsongardenclub.org](http://www.hudsongardenclub.org).

We need a few volunteers to fill a couple of open, or soon-to-be open, positions for our club. These include Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Publicity Chair and Historian/Social media chairperson. Please contact me for details at [cbmaurer@roadrunner.com](mailto:cbmaurer@roadrunner.com).

Happy Halloween! I look forward to seeing you at our general meeting on Thursday, October 18.

*Carla Maurer*

**WESTERN RESERVE HERB SOCIETY  
HERB FAIR  
Saturday, October 13, 2018**

Celebrate the best in herbs at the 73rd Annual Herb Fair held at the Cleveland Botanical Garden on Saturday, October 13. There are a lot of fun things for sale this year such as herb wreaths, jams and jellies, baked good, teas, lovely pressed flower gift cards plus gifts and so much more.

This event is free to CBG members with a \$12 admission fee for non-members. Treat yourself to an Autumn day in the lovely setting of the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

**HGC GRANT REQUESTS  
CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED**

Since 2000, the Hudson Garden Club has offered grants to fund worthwhile projects or programs that fulfill the mission of the Club — spreading the knowledge and love of gardening, the beautification of public property and the support of education in horticultural and related fields.

Grant applications will be accepted until November 1, 2018. If you know of any organizations that would be interested in applying, please direct them to our website under "Grants" where the current application and additional information can be found.

## FUTURE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIPS

*Lois James, Membership Chair*

- Even if all of your contact information is the same as last year, we still need the line FOR YOUR NAME filled in! Luckily those people who left out their name paid by check so we could easily identify them.
- If all of your contact information is the same, after you check that box, you DO NOT have to fill in any other information in that section (besides your name) as I already have it. That saves you a step and some time.
- If all of your contact information is the same except for a phone number or an email address, go ahead and check the box that says that everything is the same, then simply fill in the info that's CHANGED. Then I know I only have to check that ONE ITEM.
- If all of your contact information is the same, PLEASE CHECK THAT BOX so I don't have to go over your address, phone number and email address to see what has changed from last year, only to discover that nothing has!

(These suggestions will be published in the September newsletter again next year.)

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Thanks to the 82 of our 163 members who have sent in their Membership Renewal Forms! Since the deadline for Membership Renewal was September 30, everyone will receive the October newsletter as usual. However, if we have not received your Membership Form, until we do, you will not receive future newsletters and your name will be removed from the HGC roster, preventing you from receiving any information about club activities. Reminder phone calls have been discontinued — so it is up to you! Please take a minute to send in your purple form today — or go on line and print one out.

### HELPFUL TIP FOR YOUR DAFFODILS

A tip from our September speaker Casey Judd:

Cut daffodil foliage back to 7 inches after the plant blooms. This allows enough foliage to feed the bulb for the next year, is short enough to prevent flopping and easier than braiding or tying up.

## TIPS ON PLANTING BULBS FOR SPRING

*Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair*

Our last program speaker, Casey Judd, told us about a homemade deer repellent spray that will protect our tulips IF WE APPLY IT. For another option, consider some tips from the Netherlands Bulb Company (our Amaryllis supplier). When it comes to planting spring flowering bulbs animals look at your garden is a meal. Tulip and Crocus bulb are the animals favorite. Use the three tips below to help keep animals out of your garden. If you remember these tips this fall while planting your flower bulbs you should have a garden free of unwanted guests.

TIP 1: Plant fritillaria bulbs with tulip and crocus bulbs. Animals actually do not like the smell of fritillaria and will stay away.

TIP 2: Plant flower bulbs that animals do not like to eat. There are many to choose from, but the most popular ones are alliums, daffodils and hyacinths.

TIP 3: Clean up your area after you are done planting. Animals like the smell of things like bulb bags and bulb skins, so clean up the area and you will be critter free.

### NOW, WHAT DO I DO WITH MY AMARYLLIS?

Whether you've been growing them in pots or in the ground indoors or out, you should now have several long, strappy leaves. If you want them to bloom again, Autumn is the time to get them ready for winter blooming indoors. Amaryllis bulbs must be exposed to temps of 50-55 degrees for a minimum of 8-10 weeks. This can be accomplished by inducing the plant to go dormant, then storing the dormant bulb at that temperature. To induce dormancy, there are two options.

This or next month, when the night temps are in the 50s, or when the leaves die back, removed the plant from the soil. Cut the leaves back to 3". Remove some of the roots (get the number and mass of roots cut back to like it looked when you first received it). Wash off the soil and let the bulb dry. Store it in a dark, cool place for 8-10 weeks/2-3 months. In November/December/January bring it out, repot, water lightly till new growth appears. Then water regularly as it grows and blooms again.

Another option is to treat the plant as a houseplant, potting it and bringing it indoors. Place in a well-lit, 50-55 degree location. Maintain it with regular water and a bit of fertilizer from fall to early mid-winter. After the 8-10 week exposure to temps of 50-55 degrees move the plant to a warmer location (70-75 degrees).

When growth resumes, some amaryllis bulbs produce leaves but no flowers. This may be because it was unable to store adequate food reserves during the Spring and Summer. Others may not have been exposed to the proper temps (50-55 degrees for a minimum of 8-10 weeks).

## Treasurer's Report

### Account Balances as of August 31, 2018

PNC Savings	\$ 32,022.51
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,005.77
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 30,827.88

### Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 55,146.41
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**Total Bank Accounts** \$ 128,002.57

*Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer*

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES September 20, 2018

Forty-five members and guests were present at our September 20 general meeting at Laurel Lake. Speaker, Casey Judd shared a slide presentation about buying, planting and caring for a variety of plants that are grown from bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes.

Two of our members won the raffle for the mum plant and the pumpkin used to decorate our welcome table.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Maurer  
Secretary pro tem

## NEW GARDEN BOOKS PURCHASED FOR THE HUDSON LIBRARY

*Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair*

The following garden books will soon be on the shelves at the Hudson Library & Historical Society.

### IN MEMORY OF HILLARY SHEETER:

*"Monet's Garden" Through the Seasons at Giverny*  
by Vivian Russell

*Vegetables Love Flowers: Companion Planting for Beauty and Bounty* by Mason Ziegler

*Seed, Grow, Love, Write: One Man's Unexpected and Slow Journey to Fulfillment* by John Markawski

*The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady*  
by Edith Holden

## GRANTS COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Jan Lindstrom, Grants Chair*



If you are interested in serving on the Grants Committee to review applications received, please email Jan Lindstrom at [jalindstrom@hotmail.com](mailto:jalindstrom@hotmail.com).

The time commitment is one evening in mid-November for no more than two hours. In advance you will receive copies of each application so that you have a chance to read before the meeting. This is a great opportunity to support an important community outreach of the Hudson Garden Club with a very limited amount of time needed on your part.



### FALL HARVEST FAIR

Held September 7, 2018  
Third Graders  
McDowell Elementary  
Sponsored by the  
Hudson Garden Club

## MASTER GARDENERS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY (For more information [mgcc.event@yahoo.com](mailto:mgcc.event@yahoo.com))

Please join us on Saturday November 3  
8:15 AM to 3:45 PM  
Parma-Snow Library  
2121 Snow Road in Parma

Seminar fee \$48.00 (\$55 after Oct. 17)  
5 Continuing Education hours

**Sorry, no refunds**

Bonus Bucks not accepted

Includes four sessions, continental breakfast and a boxed lunch  
Lunch is not guaranteed for registrations received after Oct 26.

### SEMINAR TOPICS:

- **Plants Too Good to be Rare**
- **Garden Renovation: Transform Your Garden into the "Garden of Your Dreams"**
- **Shrink Your Lawn: Landscape with Native Plants**
- **How to Nurture a Child's Sense of Wonder Through Exploration of the Natural World**

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### What's Coming Up

**Saturday, October 13 from 10am - 3pm**  
**Cleveland Botanical Gardens**  
**"Herb Fair"**

*See page 1 for details*

**Thursday, October 18, 2018**  
**HGC October General Meeting**  
**Topic: "A Day in Mainau"**

Potluck: 6:00pm

Program: 7:00pm

*See this page for details*

**Saturday, November 3, 2018**  
**8:15-3:45**

**Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County**  
Fall Seminar "Gardening Through the Seasons"

Contact: [mgcc.event@yahoo.com](mailto:mgcc.event@yahoo.com)

*See page 3 for details*

### **OCTOBER HARVEST POTLUCK**



We will have our traditional Harvest Potluck before our October general meeting. Dinner will begin promptly at 6pm and the meeting will begin at the usual time of 7pm.

If you wish to participate, please contribute a main course, salad/side dish or dessert. It has always worked out perfectly! Because space is limited, please **RSVP by October 15** to Judy Mikita at [jugles1@gmail.com](mailto:jugles1@gmail.com) or (330) 656-1849 so we can set up tables and provide sufficient place settings.

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## **Hudson Garden Club October General Meeting**

### **"A Day in Mainau"**

**Guest Speaker: Erika Raeth**  
**Thursday, October 18, 2018**  
**Potluck Dinner: 6:00pm**  
**Program: 7:00pm**  
**Laurel Lake Community Room**



Hudson resident, Erika Raeth, will entertain our attendees with a visual tour of her summer visit to Mainau Island, located near the city of Konstanz, Germany. The most popular attraction on Lake Constance, Mainau has earned the nickname of "flower island," due to the 111 acres of beautiful parks and lush, semi-tropical gardens.

This garden will be one of the stops of the Hudson Landsberg Sister City tour taking place in the summer of 2019.

**REMINDER: THERE WILL BE A POTLUCK DINNER AT 6PM  
BEFORE THE PROGRAM. FOR DETAILS PLEASE SEE THIS PAGE.**