

Join Us!

The President's Message

Welcome to a new HGC program year! Our year begins in September with a return to our monthly general meetings, which are usually the third Thursday of each month through May. Annual dues are also to be paid in September to renew your membership for the coming year. Your dues payment helps with the cost of producing the monthly newsletter and monthly programs. A form has been included in this newsletter to be returned with your payment. The form helps us to decide on future programs/workshops/field trips based on your interests. We also direct your areas of interest to the appropriate committee chair person.

This month we encourage you to lend a hand at the Harvest Fair at McDowell school on Friday, September 9 at 8:10am. The students bring in samples of what they grew over the summer and I promise you you'll be amazed at their creativity in displaying their harvest! Contact Youth Chair, Carol Lasko for more information.

We are also looking for volunteers to fill the positions of Recording Secretary and Historian. Please contact me for details.

Special thanks to HGC members Al and Jackie Seremak and Bill and Nancy Clifton for opening their gardens to our members for a visit in recent months. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to both.

I am looking forward to another busy year of HGC programs and activities and I look forward to seeing you at our September 15 general meeting. Remember, you are always welcome to bring a friend. Our general meetings are open to all and are a great way to introduce a friend to our club.

Carla Maurer

2016 HARVEST FAIR REMINDER

The Fall **HARVEST FAIR** for the Third Graders will be held at McDowell Elementary on **Friday, September 9, 2016**. Volunteers are needed to assist with signing certificates and presenting ribbons to the students who bring in the "harvest" from their 2016 gardens.

Volunteers can arrive at McDowell at 8:10am and we will be done by 9:00am. Please email Youth Chairperson, Carol Lasko bclasko@windstream.net if you would like to assist with the **HARVEST FAIR** and help showcase the young gardeners.

MEMORIAL BOOKS



The following books have been purchased in memory of a HGC member and will soon appear on the shelves in the Hudson Library.

In memory of Kenneth Blower:

The English Country House Garden by Marcus Harpur

In memory of Marjorie Anne Derr:

Raised Bed Revolution: Build it, Fill it, Plant it...Garden Anywhere by Tara Nolan

**Hudson Garden Club's 2016 Fall Plant Exchange
at VETERANS WAY PARK PAVILION
Saturday, October 1, 2016**

For almost 30 years, the Hudson Garden Club has welcomed the community to share in the time-honored tradition of spring and fall plant exchanges. Thousands of plants have found new homes and brought joy as they grew, many also being shared again years later, and the cycle continues. In many respects, little has changed from the early days when the rule was "bring a plant, and take a plant," and if you don't have any, pay a nominal price.



This is not a fundraiser for the club; it truly is sharing plants from our home gardens. This is also a great opportunity to visit the park. The Hudson Garden Club donates through our only fundraiser, the Home & Garden Tour, some of the monies towards trees and other projects in the Parks and throughout the City, and we have a wonderful relationship with all.

Veterans Way Park is located at 55 Veterans Way near downtown and is accessed from Rte. 91 (the traffic light by Starbuck's) or Milford Drive (which runs behind ACME Plaza). The pavilion is just off the parking lot adjacent to the children's playground, making it easy to carry plants to share and take home. It's only steps away.

The date is Saturday, October 1, 2016. This is always a fun event for the HGC members and the community. The check-in will begin at 9:00am and the exchange will start promptly at 10:00am.

Check in: Each plant needs to be **divided** and **labeled** and brought potted in good condition to the Exchange. ***A label has been designed that will keep all the plants uniformly marked and easy for those volunteering and those choosing plants. The label identifies the plant, providing **name, color, height, bloom time and growing needs**, i.e.: sun, shade, etc. We welcome as many plants as you would like to share, with the **exception of any groundcovers (no groundcover will be accepted)** or if it is a known invasive variety perennial or herb. *****Invasive plants will not be accepted***** No more than two plants of the following will be accepted:

Herbs: lemon balm, mints, chives, valerian, tansy and bee balm (monarda)

Fast spreading perennials: roadside Daylilies, Yarrow, Gooseneck Loosestrife, Black-eyed Susans, Shasta daisies, Obedient plant, Coreopsis and Violets, among others.

Tickets: One ticket will be issued for every standard size plant you bring. You may use tickets to purchase plants from the exchange, and if you have leftover tickets, they may be used for a plant exchange held in the same year. If you do not have any plants to share, plants may be purchased at the end of the exchange.

All plants, excluding the premium plants, which are labeled as such, are available for one ticket/or \$1.00, these are priced slightly higher. This is a wonderful and fun tradition for both the Garden Club and the residents of Hudson and beyond. Please come out and join us and hope for a sunny day.....there is not a rain date.

Don't forget to bring containers to take your plants home in! If you have any questions, please call Sherry Beam (330) 342-0969, or our HGC email: info@hudsongardenclub.org. Check out the HGC website: www.hudsongardenclub.org to download **plant labels**, and read more complete guidelines. Click on this link to the Plant Exchange to go directly to the site.

<http://www.hudsongardenclub.org/page/plant-exchange>

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of July 31, 2016

PNC Savings	\$ 51,948.24
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 18,782.60
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 21,937.09

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 21,539.24
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 114,207.17

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer



International Peace Garden of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens

HGC member, Jen Batton is a volunteer for the International Peace Garden of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens. In August she sought plant donations from HGC members and ended up with a car full of perennials.

If you are willing to donate plans, money or your time, please contact Jen at [\(216\) 952-5609](tel:2169525609).

HGC Open Positions

Volunteers are needed to fill the following HGC positions

Be a part of this community invested group and get involved in its decisions and direction. Feel connected... Fill a need... Find a friend!

- Club Historian — clips newspaper articles, receives/documents club activities and organizes into a scrapbook. Photographs and documents monthly speaker information. Maintains records of club newsletters.
- Recording Secretary — Takes notes at HGC Board meetings and General club meetings, types up minutes in Microsoft Word, distributes/makes corrections, as needed. Distributes minutes via email.

Please call Carla Maurer [\(330\) 524-8026](tel:3305248026).

FOURTH ANNUAL GARDENING GATHERING

On June 18, 107 guests enjoyed themselves at the home of Tom and Tracy Corpus to celebrate the culmination of another successful Home & Garden Tour. A highlight was being able to go on a mini-tour of the house and see all the unique furnishings and artwork the couple has collected.

A big thank you to all those who attended or donated bottles of wine to the wine raffle. Your generosity allowed us to add an extra \$600 to our profit which brought the grand total to \$4,697.64!

If you or someone you know would like to host this event next year, please contact Lois James [\(330\) 650-4209](tel:3306504209).

"GLOW"

Cleveland Botanical Garden's Christmas Event

Barb Earnhardt, HGC Glow Chair

The Glow Team had a good turnout at the August 18 workshop. We plugged in our glue guns and got going on what we are calling "Sputnik" stars. They are made by using a sweetgum seed pod, filling the indentations with glue, inserting a round toothpick and then sprayed white to show up against the green tree. Some of the toothpicks were enhanced with glue spirals to add more texture. We went through hundreds of toothpicks — good thing they are inexpensive because we plan to make many more of these Sputnik stars!

The plan is coming together — a few more workshops and we should be ready for the installation date (November 22). We hope to complete enough decorations for a 10' tree (fresh Fraser fir), if the CBG will grant us one, otherwise we'll do an 8' tree.

Our next workshop is **Tuesday, September 13 at 1pm in the North Flood Room at the Hudson Library**. Bring your glue guns and extra glue. Anyone who would like to join this merry bunch of elves is more than welcome. Many hands make light work and we sure could use your help.



Barb Earnhardt, Lois James, Nancy Ginsburg, Nancy Kolodgy

What's Coming Up

Friday, September 9 @ 8:10am

HARVEST FAIR

McDowell Elementary
See page 1 for details

Tuesday, September 13 @ 1pm

"Glow" Workshop

North Room of the Hudson Library
See page 3 for details

Thursday, September 15, 2016

HGC September General Meeting

Speaker: Judi Strauss

Program: 7:00pm
See this page for details

Saturday, October 1, 2016

HGC Fall 2016 Plant Exchange

Check-In: 9am

Exchange: 10am (starts promptly)

See page 2 for details

HGC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

The orange sheet included with this month's newsletter is your HGC Membership Form for renewal of your membership for the 2016-17 club year.

Please take a moment to fill out the boxes indicating your areas of interest so we can forward your name to the Chairperson.

And also, give some thought to the openings on the Board. Getting involved enriches your experience with your membership to this community-minded club.

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Hudson Garden Club September General Meeting



"Awash in Squash"

Guest Speaker: Judi Strauss
Educator and Author

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

We are kicking off our fall season with a fun and delicious meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016! Join the club at Laurel Lake for our featured speaker, Judi Strauss and her program, **"Awash in Squash."**

By the end of the season aren't we all a little tired of making the same dishes with the items from our gardens? Judi, an educator who teaches both gardening and cooking in the greater Cleveland area, will present the club with innovative recipes and ideas for using squash and other goodies for the late season garden and orchard.

Samples of a select number of her culinary creations will be available for tasting as well as copies of her recipes to take home. Also an author with several cookbooks, Judi will have books available for purchase with cash or check on the evening of the event.

It was one of those perfect summer days — the sun was shining, a breeze was blowing, the birds were singing, and the lawn mower was broken."

.....James Dent