

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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Join Us!

The President's Message

Welcome to the 2017-18 HGC program year! Our year begins in September with a return to our monthly general meetings, which are usually the 3rd 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 chairperson.

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

I am looking forward to another busy year of HGC programs and activities and I look forward to seeing you at our September 21 general meeting. Remember, you are always welcome to bring a friend. Our general meetings are open to all and a great way to introduce a friend to our club.

Carla Maurer



CIVIC NEWS

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

As summer begins to wind down the gardens are still crown jewels with their rich and colorful hues, especially the crimson, red and butter-gold combos on the ones at the Community and Flagpole Gardens on the downtown Greens. A few wonderful BUGs have done a great job monitoring and maintaining all summer. We are going to try to keep them looking lovely a long as possible, so let's hope for an Indian Summer!

We have the Fall Plant Exchange coming up on Saturday, September 23 in the morning and volunteers are always needed. I'll be sending out an email request for help. With membership renewal so close, I don't get the names for the fall exchange in time, so please let me know. Please remember to check off the boxes to help and have fun in many Club areas!!!

2017 HARVEST FAIR REMINDER

Carol Lasko, Youth Chair



The Fall **HARVEST FAIR** for the Third Graders will be held at McDowell Elementary on **Friday, September 8, 2017**. Volunteers are needed to assist with signing certificates and presenting ribbons to the students who bring in the "harvest" from their 2017 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.

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Hudson Garden Club's 2017 Fall Plant Exchange at VETERANS WAY PARK PAVILION Saturday, September 23, 2017

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 Rt. 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, September 23, 2017. 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. 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. Premium plants 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) 573-6353, or our HGC email: info@hudsongardenclub.org. Check out the HGC website: www.hudsongardenclub.org to download **plant labels**, and read more complete guidelines. All plants need to be labeled (thank you). Click on this link to the Plant Exchange to go directly to the site: <http://www.hudsongardenclub.org/page/plant-exchange>

AMARYLLIS BULB SALE/PRE-ORDER FOR DECEMBER MEETING PLANTING OR PICK UP

Once again HGC is offering top quality, 34 cm amaryllis bulbs to our members. At our December monthly meeting, we will be potting amaryllis bulbs. These large bulbs send up two or even three beautiful stalks, providing gorgeous blooms for several weeks. Choose between six different varieties/colors of amaryllis! The blooms can be cut for use in flower arrangements. And maybe you'd like a few more to give to friends or shut ins or as hostess gifts during the Holiday Season. Bulb, potting soil and plastic flower pot will be provided at the meeting. You may bring your own pot(s) if you wish. Cost is \$10 per bulb with payment to be made the night of the program, payable to HGC. You may order bulbs even if you are unable to attend the program. Check the retail prices for these bulbs online and you will be pleased at our pricing. **Bulbs must be ordered in September as supplier stock sells out!! RSVP with color choice and quantity of bulbs.** To order, contact Barb Earnhardt (330) 653-3831 or barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com. **Last day to order is September 21 at our September monthly meeting.**

Unfortunately, since we are sending the September newsletter by U. S. Mail the copies are in black and white. Thus, we cannot show you the color of the amaryllis bulbs that we are offering. They all have Large flowers with Bulb #1 being a Double Flower.

#1 Rose	Double Dream	#4 White with green centers	Picotee
#2 Dark Pink w/ white stripes	Gervase	#5 Lipstick Red	Redlion
#3 White	Nymph	#6 Peach	Rilona



Memorial Books

Dorothy Malpass, Book Chair

The following gardening books have been purchased and will soon be on the shelves at the Hudson Library.

The English Roses: Classic Favorites and New Selections by David Austin (Feb. 2017) in memory of Jo York.

The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Frontier Landscapes That Inspired the Little House Books by Marta McDowell (Aug. 2017) in memory of Elsie May Mullin Thomas.



HERB GROUP

Tuesday, September 19 @ 10:45am
Sherry Beam, Herb Group Chair

On **Tuesday, September 19 at 10:45am** Herb Group members will have the opportunity to enjoy the 2017 Herb of the Year—Cilantro. We will be sampling recipes made by members using both Cilantro and Coriander, the spice, which is also the seed from which the cilantro plant grows.

We will also learn its history and how to grow it in our gardens. Cilantro is one of the most widely eaten herbs in the world. Even if you've never cooked with cilantro before, you've probably eaten it. Cilantro is a dominant ingredient in cuisines around the globe including Indian, Thai, Chinese, Mexican, Caribbean, Mediterranean, North African and Eastern European. Cilantro grows in regions ranging from southern Europe to northern Africa and western Asia. It is also one of the world's oldest herbs and has been used since ancient times. The seeds of the plant, also known as coriander, have even been found in ancient Egyptian tombs. Cilantro made its way over to the Americas in the 1600s when the Europeans first brought it over.

Coriander, although it comes from the same plant as cilantro, has a very different flavor profile. It's earthier with a spicy, citrus flavor. It's a main ingredient in garam masala, the Indian spice mix. It's also a major ingredient in Middle Eastern and Asian cuisines. In addition, coriander seeds are commonly added to pickling spices when making pickled vegetables like dill pickles. They're even used to brew certain types of beer, in particular Belgian wheat beers. Which is important since next year Hops is the Herb of the Year!

Mary LeRoy will be hosting this event at her home. Directions will be given to those attending.

Contact Sherry Beam at sherrybeam@hotmail.com or (330) 573-6353 to **RSVP by September 13**. Recipes will be given to the attendees after they RSVP.

DAHLIA FIELD TRIP & SHOW

Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair



September and October are the peak of the Dahlia season, with blooms of every color except blue, in sizes from 2" to 12." Did you know that there are 57,000 registered cultivars of Dahlias in 14 flower type groups? Some of the flower types are cactus, peony, water lily, single, double, ball, pom-pom.

Our field trip will take us to see the 500 Dahlias of a real Dahlia lover, Ron Miner of Chagrin Falls. Ron spoke to our Club a few years ago and welcomes us to visit his three gardens with 100 different Dahlia cultivars. One of his gardens is dedicated to a set of cultivars supporting a virus research project underway at Washington State University. He uses an organic approach in all the gardens and basically grows the plants in compost ("lasagna" beds). He is very fond of fully double cultivars.

Ron is a Dahlia Society of Ohio judge and exhibitor, and a past-president of and currently a trustee of the American Dahlia Society. He manages the ADS Trial Gardens and serves as the liaison between the ADS and Professor Pappu at Washington State University.

Learn about the wide variety of colors and shapes and sizes of this captivating flowerig plant that is a member of the same family as the lowly dandelion! **Our field trip date is Saturday, September 30, 2017.**

We will meet in the Acme Plaza parking lot near the Otani restaurant, form carpools and leave at 12:45pm. RSVP to Barb Earnhardt at (330) 653-3831 or barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com. We will begin our time with Ron at 1:30pm. Drivers needed for carpools.

If you would like to see show-worthy specimens, plan to visit the **Dahlia Society of Ohio Show at the Summit Mall on September 16 & 17** during regular mall hours. The show is free and open to the public.

Since everyone is receiving the HGC's September issue by U.S. Mail we want to take this opportunity to ask if your monthly email copy is getting to you. Unless we get a notice on the computer that your mail was "Undeliverable" we have no way of knowing that there is a problem.

We want to be sure every club member receives their monthly newsletter. If you are not, please contact Nancy Kolodgy at (330) 650-0318 or email me at nankolodgy@gmail.com so we can correct the situation.

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What's Coming Up

Friday, September 8, 2017 @ 8:10am

HARVEST FAIR

McDowell Elementary
See page 1 for details

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 @ 10:45
Herb Group—"Cilantro"

See page 3 for details

Thursday, September 21, 2017

HGC September General Meeting

Speaker: Casey Judd, Master Gardener

Program: 7:00pm

Amaryllis Bulb order due

See this page for details

Saturday, September 23, 2017

HGC Fall 2016 Plant Exchange

Check-In: 9am

Exchange: 10am (starts promptly)

See page 2 for details

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Dahlia Show in Chagin Falls

See page 3 for details



Hudson Garden Club September General Meeting

"Hydrangeas — A Gardeners Greatest Gift And Frustration"

Guest Speaker: Casey Judd
Geauga County Master Gardener

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room

Casey Judd, Geauga County Master Gardener will present her program, "Hydrangeas — A Gardeners Greatest Gift...and Frustration" at the September 21 General Meeting, kicking off the fall meeting schedule.

In addition to providing answers to common questions about care, pruning and maintenance, Casey will discuss the many available varieties, and smart selections for our area. The hydrangeas of Hudson will be stronger, happier and full of blooms after following the suggestions of this speaker.

We plan to premier the short clip promoting our Home & Garden Tour at the beginning of the meeting.

Deadline for ordering Amaryllis Bulbs which are to be planted at our December Meeting. See page 2 for details.

HGC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

The gold sheet included with this month's newsletter is your **HGC Membership Form** for renewal of your membership for the 2017-18 club year.

Please take a moment to fill out the boxes indicating your areas of interest so we can forward your name to the appropriate Chairperson. If these are identical to last year, including your contact information, please check the space indicated.

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