

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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Join Us!

The President's Message

Welcome to another 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 review the areas of interest you check off and direct the information to the appropriate committee chair person.

This month we encourage you to lend a hand at the Harvest Fair at McDowell School on September 7 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. We are also looking for volunteers to fill several open HGC positions on our board as well as on the Tour committee. Please consider volunteering some time to keep our club running smoothly. Contact me for details (330-524-8026 or cbmaurer@roadrunner.com).

I am looking forward to another busy year of HGC programs and activities and I look forward to seeing you at our September 20 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



CIVIC NEWS

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

What a summer it has been for the gardens that our Club designs, plants and maintains. The birds, bees, butterflies and many other pollinators continue to visit and get nectar, and they have been a colorful feast for our eyes, and a pure delight if you have had the opportunity to be up and close to them.

A special thanks goes out to those few that have made it all possible and have gone above and beyond to help regardless of the extreme heat this summer. It is they who have really made these areas a beautiful showcase for all who visit, pass through..and live here. Thank you BUGs!

FLORAL PHOTOS 2018 Hudson Home & Garden Tour

If you have not visited the Hudson Garden Club web page featuring the 2018 Home & Garden Tour floral arrangements, I highly recommend you give it a look. You will be impressed, as I was, at the outstanding job done by our HGC floral arrangers.

The beautiful photographs were taken by HGC member Daniela Baloi.

Go to the following web address which takes you directly to the photos:

<https://hudsongardenclubphotos.gallery.shutterstock.com/pictures/770>

**Hudson Garden Club celebrates 30 years of Plant Exchanges
2018 Fall Plant Exchange on Saturday, September 22 at
Veterans Way Park Pavilion**

For 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 22, 2018. 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. 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>

**Volunteers needed for Fall Plant Exchange on
Saturday, September 22 — volunteers start at 8:45am.
Please email Sherry Beam at sherrybeam@hotmail.com
if you are able to help.**



2018 FALL HARVEST FAIR

Carol Lasko, Youth Chair

Youth Program Harvest Fair will be held Friday, September 7 as students arrive before school. Volunteers are needed to check in students with their harvest of veggies, flowers and/or "crazy critters." Each entry is put on display with a ribbon and volunteers fill out a certificate for each student.

Volunteers have reported that in previous years they enjoyed sharing each student's pride in their Harvest Fair entry/summer garden.

Volunteers can arrive at 8:20am and will be done by 9:am. Please email Carol Lasko if you can volunteer bclasko@windstream.net

Membership Renewal

September is Membership Renewal Month and for your convenience we have included a purple Membership Form with every newsletter.

Please take a few minutes to complete the process below and return your Form and check to us by September 30. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. Please remove the purple Membership Form from this newsletter.
2. Fill in name, date and that you are a "Renewal."
3. If all contact info is the same as last year, check that box.
4. Also check that box if only one thing has changed and write in that one thing.
5. **Note \$5 charge for mailing monthly newsletter by U.S. Post.**
6. Write check to accompany Form.
7. Enclose your check in envelope with Form and mail to P.O. Box 651.
8. **No check will be accepted without a Form and vice versa.**

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.

ENJOY DAHLIAS AT THEIR PEAK THIS MONTH



Did you know that somewhere in Hudson, someone is growing 1800 Dahlias? September and October are the peak of the Dahlia season, with captivating blooms of every color except blue, in sizes from 2" to 12".

Dahlias are a member of the same family as the lowly dandelion! (The Asteraceae plant family.) Did you now 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.

Stop by the Hudson Farmers Market Saturdays through September 22 to see and/or buy a bouquet or individual stems of Dahlias from friends of HGC, the hosts of the 2014 Garden Gathering, Dahlia lovers and growers, Mark and Brenda Depew.

FLOWER ARRANGING SCISSORS

This past Tour, the Garden Shop sold Joyce Chen scissors, created as kitchen tools, but beloved and used by flower arrangers everywhere. These are great floral scissors: for both snipping blooms in the garden and arranging, with blades of stainless steel that cut quickly and cleanly. They are comfortable in your hand and stay sharp. A few pairs are still available for \$30 each.

Also available is a leather scissor pouch that hooks with a clip onto your belt or waistband so you will never set your scissors down and misplace them. The pouch is \$15.

If you are interested in owning a pair of these handy scissors, please contact Barb Earnhardt via call or text at [330-671-2024](tel:330-671-2024) to purchase these items before they are offered to other flower arrangers outside of our Club. Free delivery or pick up at the next monthly meeting!

GARDEN GLOVES FOR SALE!!

Worn out your garden gloves? Need a replacement pair for fall cleanup? Also from the Garden Shop are a few pairs of Atlas gardening gloves, mostly lightweight nylon with a Nitrile coating to protect fingertips and keep fingers dry. We have several colors in size M available for you (or for gifts!) at the cost of \$7 a pair. These wonderful gloves will be available at the next few monthly meetings until they sell out!

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What's Coming Up

Friday, September 7, 2018 @ 8:10am

HARVEST FAIR

McDowell Elementary
See page 3 for details

Thursday, September 20, 2018

HGC September General Meeting

Speaker: Casey Judd, Master Gardener

Program: 7:00pm
See this page for details

Saturday, September 22, 2018

HGC Fall 2018 Plant Exchange

Check-In: 9am

Exchange: 10am (starts promptly)

See page 2 for details

September 29 & 30, 2018

**Barberton Mum Fest, Lake Anna Park
Barberton, Ohio**

October 4-7, 2018

**Inspiration in Bloom during the
Ohio Mart at Stan Hywet**

HGC FACEBOOK PAGE

Our facebook page has been featuring photos and tips from members' gardens this summer. **Like** and **Follow** our page so you don't miss a post!

If you enjoy social media and might like to be involved with the administration of our page, let Carla Maurer know and we'll find a role for you.

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Hudson Garden Club September General Meeting

"Fall Planting of Spring Blooms and the Care of Tender Bulbs"

Guest Speaker: Casey Judd
Geauga County Master Gardener

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Social Time: 6:45pm

Program: 7:00pm

Laurel Lake Community Room

Back by popular demand...our September meeting will feature Geauga County Master Gardener Casey Judd. Casey will discuss the fall planting of some of our favorite spring blooms and the care of tender bulbs like dahlias and cannas.

Casey will also share the wonderful quality of special tulips — bulbs that multiply and come up year after year. Most gardeners don't even know they exist!

See you at 7:00pm on September 20 for our first fall meeting.