

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We continue to work within the uncertainties of today, not knowing when City of Hudson facilities might be available for meetings, the comfort level of meeting in person, etc. We continue to explore options available to us for September and beyond when we would normally resume our monthly meetings. They may very well be virtual meetings rather than in person. Stay tuned!

Our next newsletter will be July/August and we hope to be able to share much more with you at that time about our tentative plans for the rest of 2020. As always, we will need to be flexible and responsive to current events.

Happy gardening and enjoy the wonderful outdoors now that our summer is with us.

Sincerely,

Jan Lindstrom

Check Out the HGC Website New Look and New Features

Sue L'Hommedieu, Website Chair

In order to help keep our membership informed our website has undergone an update. We have added a Members Page with three tabs: **General Info for Members**, our **Membership Directory** (view online or download) and our **Newsletters** (going back ten years!) To access that page all members use password **hgc2020**.

You can now complete your membership form and pay dues online. Scholarship and Grant applications can be made right on our site. Take a few minutes to check out our Photos page where our photos are organized in Shutterfly albums and sorted by year.

Our address is the same hudsongardenclub.org but be sure to refresh/reload the page in order to see the new changes.

A Note from Gabriella Church HGC Scholarship Recipient 2019-20

Gabriella has finished her first year as an Environmental Science major at Bowling Green University. She was faced with some health issues and was advised by her physician to not take her Spring 2020 classes. Luckily she entered BG as a sophomore so she has a safety net. Gabriella's words:

With few classes available I was able to sign up for two classes that were available online and continued with them through the Spring semester. One class was Great Roman Minds which I enjoyed immensely. My second class was Aboriginal Peoples of North America. I received an A in both classes. Both of these classes are Multi-Disciplinary Courses. My third class was Principles of Microeconomics which is required for my major. I found the class fast paced and difficult and made a B.

I will be taking a Geology course over the summer to make up for "lost ground," and have a full Fall 2020 schedule planned out and ready to go. I am still passionate as ever about my major and minor (Spanish).

TENDING OUR CITY GARDENS

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

We definitely miss our routines, and being together, but our Hudson Garden Club members have been able to get together in small groups and still beautify our downtown area. Over four separate days the Civic BUGs weeded and cleared up various gardens, removed, donated and transplanted several thousand sunflower seedlings at the Flagpole Garden and just before Memorial Day, our plants were delivered and we started planting! You will notice the color filled areas, downtown, and in the next few weeks as they settle in and start growing they will be blooming throughout the summer.

We will finish the planting on June 1st when we plant the Community Garden. We will then go into maintenance and watering mode!

With the cancellation of the Tour, we are very mindful that no income is coming in, so we have had to make sure we were able to bring beauty to our Greens and gardens we plant and maintain, but, do it on a very limited budget. This is a year where every penny does matter. We will not be doing any of our normal garden enhancement with leaf humus, fertilizations, or the additional replacement plantings, etc. We know that we have even had to do this in our own lives and find ways to be more creative! Being outside and enjoying nature is a perfect way to enjoy these warmer days and welcome in summer. (See picture on Page 4)

SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE CANCELED

SHARING PLANTS

Sherry Beam, Chair Plant Exchange

We weren't able to do our Spring Plant Exchange this month; however, we do plan to have our Fall exchange in September. Date is to be determined.

With that in mind, several Club members have contacted me in regards to plants that they have to share and a couple have some specific plants they would like to obtain.

So...please email me and if you are digging up some extra plants and want to share let me know and I will post on email.

The same goes for those who are looking for certain plants. Our Club members always seem to come through!

I know that personally I will have a variety of perennials since we are redoing our backyard. Some of my most cherished plants have come from some of your gardens!

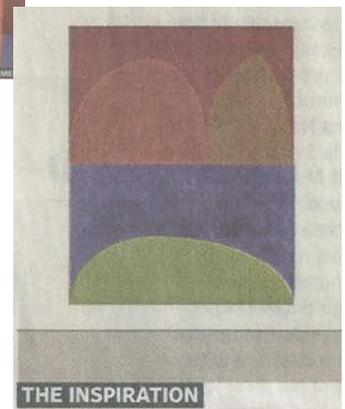
Please email me at: sherrybeam@hotmail.com.

FLORAL ARRANGING AS ART

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

The Wall Street Journal has a periodic article called "Flower School" with a piece of art that inspires/riffs/translates to a flower arrangement by NYC floral designer Lindsey Taylor. Her ideas and comments can inform us and inspire us too! In this example we see that the look of the arrangement is clean and modern, like the art by Suzan Frecon. Only one variety of flower is used in each vase; all are cut so that they hug the rim of the container, hiding their stems (because stems would add vertical lines not present in the art).

The groups of flowers are rounded to mimic the rounded shape in the art. Thank you Martha Cailor for sharing these articles with me for all of you! What do you see in the art pieces in your home that might inspire you to interpret one with flowers and try this technique?



IN MEMORY



Dot Reid, one of our long-time members, passed away on April 16, 2020. Dot and her husband Kirk have lived in Hudson for 50 years and were faithful attendees at our General Meetings. Dot was a lovely lady who touched others with her kindness and gracious nature. A Memorial Service will be held July 18 at 11am at the Hudson Presbyterian Church, 201 W. Streetsboro Street.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of April 30, 2020

PNC Savings	\$ 32,075.87
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,005.77
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 2,408.77

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 54,905.07
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Total Bank Accounts \$ 99,395.48

Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Lois James, Membership Chair

Our Membership Drive this September will bring several changes. Since our dues still do not cover our operating expenses, the Board has voted to raise the basic dues level by \$5 to \$30. In addition, the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter has risen to over \$8, so we are asking that each member who wishes to receive their Newsletter by U.S. mail add \$8 to their dues.

We will be offering the opportunity for members to join at three different levels this year. (The higher number includes the printing and mailing of the Newsletter.)

Daisy \$30/\$38

Lilac \$50/\$58

Peony \$75/\$83

We hope that you will consider joining at one of the sponsorship levels to enable the HGC to continue doing all it does to enrich our community. There will even be an option to pay using PayPal. (This convenience will include a small fee.)

Lastly, there will be a Membership Form on the website that is downloadable to print out and mail in with your check. In addition, a form will now be fillable on line - no need for a stamp or envelope! Members will need to choose either of these two options, as no paper form will accompany the September Newsletter (except for those members who currently receive their Newsletter in the U.S. mail).

Thanks to Nancy Kolodgy for creating the new form and to Sue L'Hommedieu for setting up the new website options.

GARDEN GATHERING CANCELED

In normal years we would be busy finalizing the details for the June Garden Gathering fundraiser. However, due to the unprecedented times created by the Covid19 virus and the uncertainty about the safety of large crowds, the Board has decided to postpone the Garden Gathering until next year. We look forward to the coming year where we can enjoy great fellowship and food at another wonderful one and garden.

HGC Members Only Open Garden Days

Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair

It's Spring and our gardens are growing and blooming! Our Club hasn't been meeting, and the fun of working together during the Tour won't be a part of this year, but our gardens still grow and bloom and beg to be shared. Virtual tours of public gardens have been an enjoyable pastime, but nothing beats enjoying time in a real garden!

For the Brits, Open Gardens have become a tradition. The Garden Conservancy in America has promoted annual Open Garden Days since 1995, publishing a nationwide Directory. "Fueling America's passion for gardens, Open Days is a nationwide community of gardeners and garden enthusiasts teaching and inspiring each other. From expert to novice, we think there is no better way to improve as a gardener than by experiencing a diverse range of gardens firsthand. Open Days provides opportunities to visit the country's most exciting, creative, and innovative private gardens. It has become our best-known and most beloved program."

Borrowing the idea from them, our Club plans to present some of our gardens, to members only, for a few hours, in the next few months, as activities get back to normal. The first HGC Open Garden will be the garden of Pam Smith on Father's Day June 21 with other in July.

The Open Garden concept means that visitors should expect to have a walk through the garden, while maintaining social distancing guidelines in place at the time. Visitors may or may not find the owner at home to answer questions while they have a stroll through the garden. There will be no fussing of hospitality expected from those opening their gardens, this is just a chance to see and enjoy a garden that has been tended by one of our own members! As one who has been asked to open her garden said, "We all put a lot of work into our gardens. It's nice for others to see it."

Spending time in a garden is therapeutic whether you tend one or visit one. Please watch for more details on each HGC Open Garden Day — dates, times, specifics — that will come in an email blast from Sherry Beam. Contact Barb Earnhardt with questions or to nominate or offer a garden at (330) 671-2024 or via email at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com.

*June is Perennial Gardening Month, as set by the Perennial Plant Association, which designates a plant each year as The Perennial Plant of the Year. For 2020, the Perennial Plant of the Year is **Aralia "Sun King,"** a perennial for shade with vibrant color. See <https://perennialplant.org> for more info on the Association and Aralia "Sun King."*

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What's Coming Up

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Hosta Talk

Virtual Event from 7pm to 8pm CT w/ Q&A
Register Today (only accepting 500)
(See this page for details)



**WEARING MASKS
AND PRACTICING
SOCIAL DISTANCING
WHILE BEAUTIFYING
OUR CITY**

THANK YOU BUGs

O Deer, Here We Go Again

Check out <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/deer-resistant-plants/> for another extensive source of research-based lists of annuals, biennials, bulbs, ferns, groundcovers, ornamental grasses, perennials, shrubs, trees and vines and their level of deer resistance.

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The American Hosta Society is holding its first-ever virtual event, and you're invited!



Hosta Talk: Hosted by the American Hosta Society
When: Thursday, June 25, 2020 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm CT
(Followed by Q&A)

Topic: "HOSTA GARDEN DESIGN"

Learn from hosta and garden experts and enthusiasts! Join host, Rob James, along with presenter and AHS Vice President, Tammy Borden for this exciting online event held via Zoom. Special guest, AHS President, Andy Marlow, will help us kick things off and welcome you.

There is a limit of only 500 participants.
(Please only sign up if you plan to attend.)

Learn more on the registration page, and stay tuned for information on future virtual Hosta Talk guests and topics.

REGISTER TODAY

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEseqyrDsrHNMwP8yvtaZ9SacuqSmplzF5**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEseqyrDsrHNMwP8yvtaZ9SacuqSmplzF5)