

# THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While we were unable to hold our annual Home & Garden Tour in June, we were able to enjoy a fabulous summer of open gardens on Sunday afternoons. What a wonderful opportunity to showcase the hard work and dedication to gardening of those who shared their visions of their gardens. Each one I visited gave me ideas for my own garden and it was so nice to have a chance to chat with the homeowners and hear a bit of 'history' of their gardens. Thank you to all our hosts of this summer.

Since our recent survey indicated an interest in outdoor events and meetings, we are working to take advantage of our September and October fall weather to offer our General Meetings outdoors. You will note we are deviating from our 'Third Thursday of the month' schedule to take advantage of opportunities available to us.

This month, we will have the fabulous opportunity to learn all about garlic on a visit to the Thaxton Garlic Farm at 2710 Ravenna Road. Please see all the details in this newsletter. There are two sessions and registration is needed. Remember to bring a chair and any snack you might wish for yourself.

In October, we are currently planning to meet outside at Highfield's Center on Georgetown Road on their lovely patio area. Look for all the details in the October newsletter.

Stay tuned for our plans in November when the weather will be less conducive to outdoor gatherings. Our current plans are for an online meeting using Zoom, but as always we will remain flexible depending on current circumstances.

I hope you enjoy what I think is one of the most beautiful months of the year in Northeast Ohio.

Sincerely,

*Jan Lindstrom*

## TWO IMPORTANT BOARD POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED

Our new Program Chair is Tanya McInerney.

Our new Gardener-to-Gardener Chair is Daniella Baloi. Daniella has been our Treasurer and Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Thank You Tanya and Daniella for taking on these leadership positions.

Please contact Jan Lindstrom if you are interested in helping on our Board.



## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN FULL SWING

*Lois James, Membership Chair*

A HUGE welcome to all of our new members and a HUGE thank you to those members who have already renewed! We are so grateful for your interest in the HGC especially in this crazy year of no face-to-face regular indoor meetings.....and no Tour or Garden Gathering!

If you still want to renew, this is the last month to do it!! The committee chairs are waiting to see the names of those interested in their areas this year and we want to send that info out the first week of October when our membership drive is over. There is a Membership Form on line which is the quickest, easiest way to renew, along with the form that is downloadable to print out and mail in. (Find these at [hudsongardenclub.org](http://hudsongardenclub.org).) Members will need to choose either of these two options, as there is no paper form this year. (Exception: Those members who currently receive their Newsletter in the U.S. mail and do not have computer access.)

### **DEADLINE: September 30th**

As you know, our Membership Drive this month is bringing several changes. Our dues are going up by \$5 to \$30 to cover our operating expenses and, in addition, we're asking that each member who wishes to receive their Newsletter in the U.S. mail add \$8 to their dues to cover printing and mailing. An emailed copy of the newsletter is provided at no additional charge.

We are also offering the opportunity for members to join at three different levels:

**Daisy** - \$30/\$38 (includes printing and mailing of the Newsletter)

**Lilac** - \$50/\$58 (includes printing and mailing of the Newsletter)

**Peony** - \$75/\$83 (includes printing and mailing of the Newsletter)

A huge "Thank You" to all of you who have joined at a sponsorship level - we appreciate your generosity! We have an option to pay using PayPal now, which includes a small convenience fee or a check may be mailed to P.O. Box 651, Hudson, OH 44236

All of this information may be found on our website: [hudsongardenclub.org](http://hudsongardenclub.org). (Select "Join" from the left hand column.)

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## OUR FRIENDS THE POLLINATORS

*Marcia Carsten, Contributor*



As for Pollinator/Butterfly Gardens...plants that attract butterflies have nectar and that is what attracts all the pollinators such as bees, wasps and flower flies to those plants. Many of those same plants have pollen too, as that is how they reproduce. Nectar is sugar fuel for butterflies as well as all pollinators like flower flies, bees and wasps. Butterflies are not really pollinators as they don't interact easily with the pollen on plants as bees, flower flies and some wasps do.

Bees use the pollen as a protein source for food for their eggs, while wasps use insects as the protein source, but the adults all drink nectar for fuel. When people think about bee allergy they believe that all bees cause allergies. True allergies to bee stings are really only for HONEY BEE stings, and they are only aggressive around their hives or if squished. Most wild bees, of which there are around 450 types in Ohio, are so small that they couldn't sting a person if they wanted to which they don't.

Most wild bees are solitary in nature and do not live in colonies with others of their kind, therefore they are very non-aggressive as they have nothing to protect. They create nests in the ground or in sticks or wood and put eggs and food in there for the new bees when they hatch. Bees, wasps and other pollinators that are on plants collecting pollen and nectar are not interested in stinging anyone - even honey bees. They are just interested in drinking nectar or collecting pollen. I get right up to them to take their picture with no problems whatever. Most wild bees don't create colonies to protect so they are not the least bit aggressive. Only bumble bees and a few tiny "sweat" bees create colonies (or semi-colonies in the case of the sweat bees). The colonies are small and are rarely anywhere near where their food source is. I have a bumble bee colony in an old chipmunk hole right beside my front door. They don't bother me at all. All flowers that attract butterflies attract bees too, and it is extremely rare to get stung while around the flowers, unless you might wish to grab and crush a female bee (all wild male bees don't even have stingers). Even vegetable gardens attract bees and, in fact, most vegetables would not produce fruit without pollination from bees.

Marcia Carsten is obviously a friend of bees and other pollinators. She became interested in pollinator habitat restoration six years ago and before that didn't know very much about pollinators or native plants. She is happy to share information to correct much of the misinformation out there about bees and other pollinators.

## Treasurer's Report

### Account Balances as of August 31, 2020

PNC Savings	\$ 32,086.68
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,005.77
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 3,417.88

### Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 60,140.88
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**Total Bank Accounts** \$ 105,651.21

*Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer*

## A GARDEN SURPRISE

*Dorothy Malpass, Contributor*

My plan this year was to plant herbs and cucumbers on our deck so my husband and I could enjoy watching them grow. Being thrifty, I decided not to replace all the soil in my containers, but just to add a few inches of new soil and some fertilizer. In my long container I planted parsley, rosemary and sage.

The different shades of green looked beautiful and grew well. In a few weeks I looked closely and noticed a neat row of tiny petunias, perfectly placed in front of the herbs. They grew into pretty flowers of pink, white and red. I could not have arranged such a lovely container with the petunias cascading in front of the varied greens of the herbs.

We had a plentiful supply of cucumbers also and when I went to clean out the large container I discovered a pink petunia fully grown at the back. Reusing soil has some happy surprises.

Dorothy's love of plants and spending time to enjoy her garden are very evident in her story she shared with us. Thanks, Dorothy.



## Fall Bulb Planting For Spring

*Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair*



Last year HGC offered assorted bulbs for planting. One that was sold out and we couldn't get was *Nectaroscordum siculum* (Sicilian Honey Lily), a member of the *Allium* family. This year though, we have purchased some for the club! Stay tuned for what we will do with them! Watch for an email about our plans as the bulbs need to be distributed and planted this Autumn for Spring blooms. Described as

carefree and rewarding, robust and extraordinarily beautiful, displaying showy clusters of gracefully drooping bell-shaped flowers combining cream, pink and green tints rising on a tall, leafless stem atop blue-gray, twisted basal leaves.

## Things for HGC Members to Do and Enjoy!

**Thaxton Garlic Farm** - September 10, 2020  
See page four of this newsletter for details.

**Inspiration in Bloom** - October 1 - 4, 2020

Whether you like gardens, flower arrangements, historic homes, or all three, plan to visit Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens on October 1 - 4! For the price of admission, you can see the Manor House filled with special floral designs of professional florists and our own Hudson Home & Garden Tour arrangers (who last year won the People's Choice Award for Best in Show); the Great Garden, chock full of common and unusual varieties of annuals and perennials still blooming beautifully; and take a self-guided tour of the 65-room Tudor Revival Manor House, Gothic Revival Conservatory, Gate Lodge and approximately 70 acres of artistically landscaped grounds and formal gardens. Also featured is garden art on the grounds made by local women artists to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in the U.S., thirteen unique sculptures created by local female artists, now on display through September. Each installation incorporates a kinetic component, using wind or motion as a core element of the design — playing off the title of this year's theme, ***Winds of Change***. For ticket information visit [stanhywet.org](http://stanhywet.org).

**Holden Arboretum**

See a new outdoor sculpture experience just completed, open now! Patrick Dougherty's ***Stickwork*** — twisting mazes, towering castles and hedges full of faces—have been featured in more than 300 locations around the world from Scotland to Japan to Brussels, and all over the United States. His latest structure, recently named ***Tilt-a-Whirl*** by the artist, is now on display. Guests are invited to explore the towering structure with its gentle curves and secret cubbies on the Spruce knoll next to the Myrtle S. Holden Wildflower Garden. The epic sculpture made of willow branches will remain on display until it naturally deteriorates in a year's time. For ticket information visit [holdenarb.org](http://holdenarb.org). (See picture to the left.)



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### **What's Coming Up**

**Thursday, September 10, 2020**

**Trip to Thaxton's Garlic Farm**

**Registration Required**

*(See this page for details)*

**Inspiration in Bloom at Stan Hywet**

October 1 - 4, 2020

*(See page 3 for details)*

**Holden Arboretum**

*(See page 3 for details)*



We welcome our 27 new members who have joined since January and remind them that if they joined after May 1, 2020, no dues are required until September 2021. They are listed in our newsletter each month as they join and at the end of our Directory, both of which are always available online in the Members Area of our website (password: hgc2020). See page 5 of this Newsletter for the list of new members who have joined us since the July/August Newsletter.



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## **A Trip to Thaxton's Garlic Farm**

**When: Thursday, September 10, 2020**

**Time: First session from 1pm - 3pm**  
**Second session from 5pm - 7pm**

**Topic: "PUT SOME GARLIC IN YOUR LIFE"**



On September 10, Fred Thaxton will host us outdoors at his Organic Garlic Farm at 2710 Ravenna Road. Two sessions have been offered to allow for social distancing. The 1pm - 3pm session has two spots available, but the 5pm - 7pm session has been filled. **Please email Lois James to make a reservation.** [jameslois19@gmail.com](mailto:jameslois19@gmail.com) We are investigating the possibility of taping the program for those who choose not to attend.

The event will begin with about a half hour tour of the farm and barn, followed by a 45-minute presentation about the different varieties of garlic and will culminate with a chance to purchase garlic and other garlic products.

Please bring your own chairs for the presentation. (If this is a problem for you, please let us know as we have the ability to provide a limited number of chairs.) Please place them six feet apart for the program. If you would like to bring your own picnic snack and beverage to enjoy during the presentation, please feel free to do so. **Masks are mandatory.**

Carpooling is encouraged. Turn in at the big garlic sign on Ravenna Road. (Not the large garlic bulb on Middletown Road!!!)

**Due to the early date in September information on this meeting was sent to the membership by ebast on August 21.**

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September 1, 2020

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