

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a fabulous turnout for our October General Meeting at Highfields Event Center. Over sixty of us enjoyed the beautiful setting and learning about the landscaping that was designed to fit with the property and accentuate the building. The evening weather was perfect and it was so nice to be able to see other members in person even with our masks and distancing.

If you were at the meeting, I said I thought it might be our last chance to be together in person due to the weather, but November brings a hands-on opportunity for wreath making in Mantua at Field of Blooms. Please see this newsletter for all the details and instructions on making reservations. It is sure to be a fun meeting.

While our holidays may look a little different this year, I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope your celebrations are just right for you and your family.

*Jan Lindstrom*

## RAIN DOESN'T STOP A GARDENER

Members, masked and social distanced, gathered in the garden of Sue L'Hommedieu for a Gardener-to-Gardener learning session despite the cold and mud.

Sue explained what she did to prepare the garden for Winter and stressed balancing the health of the garden, providing for wildlife needs and meeting her personal aesthetic standards. A tour of her composting area and discussion on handling leaves on the lawn were also part of the hour-long event.



## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

*Lois James, Membership Chair*

The HGC is so thankful for all of its 189 members, 30 of whom are new since May! We appreciate that you are interested in what we do as an organization to benefit the community, and that we offer information to gardeners of any age, on many topics, through our varied programs. There's always something to be learned when we get together!

We would like to give special thanks to those of you who joined at a sponsorship level, especially this year with the cancellation of the Tour & Garden Gathering.

Also a special "Thank You" to Patty LaFontaine, Kathy May and Brenda Sooy for their help in contacting members we had not heard from by the end of September.

### LILAC LEVEL (\$50)

Eileen Atwood  
Elaine Babcock  
Sherry Beam  
Cheryl Both  
Esther Campanella  
Barb Campbell  
Alice Caniglia  
Bill Clifton  
Barb Earnhardt  
Cynthia Field  
Sarah Filipovitz  
Luanne Freedman  
Anne Marie Gauntner  
Lynda Grieves  
Julie Ann Hancsak  
Lou Ann Hanink  
Barbara Hanna  
Jane Harrison  
Mary Jack  
Tony Johnson  
Betty Kalish  
Ginny Kelleher  
Ned Kendall  
Camille Kuri  
Patty LaFontaine



### 49 at Lilac Level

Sue L'Hommedieu  
Molly Logan  
Judy Maupin  
Carla Maurer  
Kathy May  
Tanya McInerney  
Judy Mikita  
Lisa Nicklash  
Linda Orwig  
Debbie Petersilge  
Carol Pickering  
Bronwyn Pierson  
Joanne Procia  
Julie Ridgway  
Nancy Russell  
Nicole Salmon  
Nancy Saxer  
Shelley Sedlacek  
Paula Shaw  
Mary Ann Shawcross  
Carole Smith  
Clare Smith  
Anca Stoicea  
April Walton

### PEONY LEVEL (\$75)

Jen Baughman  
Grace Blower  
Martha Cailor  
Nancy Cleveland  
Kristina Dahlhausen  
Lisa Drew  
Carolyn Dunn  
Nancy Forhan  
Mary Gallo  
Pat Giorgi  
Lois James



### 22 at Peony Level

Carolyn Kelly  
Karen Kelly  
Julie Kodatsky  
Jan Lindstrom  
Beth Loxley  
Marietta Marquart  
Lynn McInyre  
Deb Pineau  
Jo Ellen Pryce  
Joyce Sutterer  
Diana Taussig

## Community Gardens Have Been Put To Bed

*Sherry Beam, Civic Chair*

It's always hard to say goodbye to the growing season in the Fall and even harder when you still have annual flowers blooming, yet knowing that within days they will be hit with the unrelenting cold. I took pictures at both the Community and Flagpole Gardens before we put them to bed for the Winter. It was a mad dash by Chris Rigby on the first day to try to cut as many blooming flowers as she could!. She took many home and created some beautiful arrangements and sent pictures of them. Several others also took a lot of colorful sunflowers home. Carla Maurer had not been able to join us this whole season, so when she came walking down the hill to help (she finished radiation therapy the day before and rang the bell), it was inspirational and quite moving.

We had several BUGs come and help so when we finished there were huge piles of debris to be picked up. We really enjoyed the 70 degree days! Mary Jane Schremp always gets to the gardens way before the rest of us and gets things started. Ginny Kelleher's little dog was our mascot at the Community Garden.

We continued over to the Flagpole Garden where Mary Gallo and I cut sunflower seed heads off to dry and donate to anyone who would like to grow them - they are Lemon Queen that is the sunflower of the Great Sunflower Project. While we were cutting and watching the bees and other pollinators getting some of their last meals Deborah Pineau and Rob Swedenborg were removing all the sunflowers and annuals next to the Open Door. Ann Ingling had already pulled the superpetunias from the hayracks.

We finished things off on the next day at the Flagpole Garden where Chris once again was like Edward Scissorhands cutting sunflowers before they were pulled. I joined her and was able to fill several containers with all the varieties of annuals there! We gave containers to many passing by, including the City staff using the bucket trucks to put up the Christmas lights! A group of seniors who come every week (they bring their own chairs) lined up by the Flagpole watching us and were delighted to also get some flowers. We weren't able to do May Day this year, so being able to spread joy was wonderful. Just being together was a gift and even though we had a big job (removing many of the sunflowers was like being in a wrestling match) by the end everyone was tired, but it felt great knowing the gardens are fine until Spring.

I love the BUGs, and am so grateful for all their help year round....now they are able to get a few months rest! Enjoy the beauty that still remains.

## Treasurer's Report

### Account Balances as of September 30, 2020

PNC Savings	\$ 32,086.52
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,005.77
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 3,185.65

### Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 60,140.88
------------------------	--------------

**Total Bank Accounts** \$ 105,418.82

*Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer*

## October General Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Carla Maurer*

On October 12 HGC President, Jan Lindstrom, welcomed sixty-two HGC members and guests gathered for our club's general meeting at the newly opened Highfields Event Center on Georgetown Road in Hudson. Another nine people viewed the event via Zoom.

Our speaker was Derek Kuryla, landscape architect, who shared the planning and designing of the outdoor areas and guided the group on a walking tour of the gardens. Derek oversees the KGK design studio taking on diverse design challenges in public, private, civil, social environmental, commercial or residential sectors.

The new 5,000 square foot Hudson event center just opened in 2020. It is located on twenty acres of Ohio farm and native woodland property that has been in the Kuryla family since 1959.

## WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS

Ned Kendall  
603 Cutler Lane, Hudson  
330-650-4734  
Nedandlynn@yahoo.com

Anca Stoicea  
63 Fox Trace Lane, Hudson  
917-558-1172  
paianjen@hotmail.com

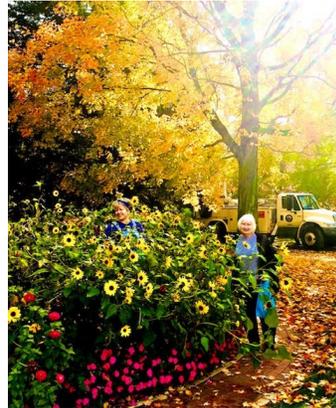
### ADDRESS CHANGE:

Kirk Reid  
200 Laurel Lake Drive - W232  
Hudson, OH 44237



## GARDEN CLEAN UP CREW AT WORK

*(See article on Page 2)*



*Mary Gallo and Sherry Beam hiding in the sunflowers*



*Where did all the flowers go?  
(left to right)*

*Mary Gallo, Ginny Kelleher,  
Rob Swedenborg, Deborah Pineau  
Chris Rigby, Carla Maurer*



*Sherry Beam sharing sunflowers with the City Staff*

**Hudson Garden Club**  
**P.O. Box 651, Hudson, OH**  
**44236**

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

**Thursday, November 19, 2020**  
**HGC November General Meeting**  
"Let's Make a Christmas Wreath"  
Where: Field of Blooms in Mantua, Ohio  
Registration Required  
(See this page for details)

### **GARDEN GATHERING**

*Karen Kelly, GG Chair*

The Hudson Garden Club has begun planning for the **August 2021 Garden Gathering**. Look for further details in the coming months.



**What lies behind us and what  
lies before us are tiny  
matters compared to what  
lies within us.**

*.....Ralph Waldo Emerson*

#### **Newsletter Committee**

Nancy Kolodgy (330) 650-0318  
**[nankolodgy@gmail.com](mailto:nankolodgy@gmail.com)**  
Lynda Grieves (330) 655-4222  
Tina Schmutz (616) 520-1669

Website address:

**[www.hudsongardenclub.org](http://www.hudsongardenclub.org)**

Email address:

**[info@hudsongardenclub.org](mailto:info@hudsongardenclub.org)**

## **Let's Make a Christmas Wreath**

**Where: Field of Blooms**  
**11089 Mantua Center Road**  
**Mantua, OH 44255**

**When: Thursday, November 19, 2020**  
**Time: First session: 1:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**Second session: 6:30pm—8:30pm**  
**Cost: \$65 (Registration Required)**



**What:** Working on a 14" metal frame, you will create a hand-tied wreath to whatever size you want; it all depends on what material you use and how it is applied. We will be using noble fir, white pine, boxwood, magnolia, oregonia, bay leaf, Carolina sapphire, eucalyptus, cedar, birch branches, dried orange/lime/lemon, pampas grass and winterberry, along with various pine cones and dried flowers. Bring your creativity!

**Details:** Each of the two sessions can hold ten people. Rose Standish, owner of Field of Blooms, will demonstrate the wreath making process. We will be meeting in a barn so it will be chilly. Please dress appropriately and wear your mask. Everyone will be spaced to comply with social distancing. We can add more sessions should the demand warrant it.

**Zoom:** We can Zoom one of the sessions of the wreath making so members can get tips on wreath making from Rosie. The Zoom information will be made available on Facebook.

**Registration Required:** As soon as the event is online, registration will be made through Rosie's Field of Blooms website [www.fieldofblooms.net](http://www.fieldofblooms.net). We will send out the link via email and Facebook.

If you have questions regarding this event, please call Tanya McInerney at 614-271-1890 or email her at [tanyamcinerney.com](mailto:tanyamcinerney.com).

## SILVER SPARKLE

### Stan Hywet's 2020 "Inspiration in Bloom"

by Jane Harrison

Stan Hywet said "Yes" to "Inspiration in Bloom" 2020 despite the Pandemic. Chloe, the event coordinator, contacted Barb Earnhardt to see if the Hudson Garden Club would be willing to participate again as we had in the past. Barb reached out to team members from previous events - Nancy Forhan, Fern MacMillan and me, but I was the only person available. A bit of a stretch for a two-person team, but Barb and I agreed to participate in the event.

We chose the Dining Room, which was last year's entry for which we won "The People's Choice Award for Best in Show." It's a fun room to design with the grand table and all the silver - andirons, urns, etc., all of which had been cleaned and polished earlier in the year. We decided it might be good to play off all the silver.

Starting with a low budget, we looked at what materials we could use in late September that would be free. The largest resources we had available were a huge curly willow tree, dried hydrangeas and a garden full of bittersweet. Meeting a couple of times, we pruned many, many willow branches and bittersweet vines, meticulously stripping all the leaves while discussing ways to use them.

We contacted Brenda Depew of Ms. D's Dahlias and she donated an assortment of white, yellow and pink/peach dahlias! More donations of shiny green pittosporum, a colorful assortment of hydrangeas from Grace Blower, money plant from Alice Caniglia which Barb sprayed silver, and hydrangeas sprayed light blue from Jane along with some dichondra "silver falls." We spotted artemisia outside the Manor with its lovely white green texture, and big, colorful begonia leaves that were soon to be cast-offs. Barb also had a number of dried honeysuckle vine in 6 ft. sections from a previous project which we were certain could be used somehow. Continuing with the silver theme, we purchased dusty miller from Cochran's Garden Center.

The curly willow branches were sprayed silver, then placed in a pot and secured in plaster of Paris. The pot was then placed in a black pottery bowl and set on a black pedestal. The higher the better, as we wanted this centerpiece to take up a grand space. We arranged dusty miller, artemisia and dichondra around the tree in the black bowl. The pedestal was wrapped with honeysuckle vine. This silver willow tree was to be the centerpiece of the long table, with the tree centered in front of the fireplace and between the two chandeliers but off center of the 12 ft. table.

Starting with an empty table, a base of 12" square mirrors, borrowed from Stan Hywet, were placed along the center which acted as a "silver" table runner on both sides of the silver willow tree. Long black plastic flower trays would extend from the tree on both sides, three trays on the left side and one tray on the right. Having inserts with black oasis in the trays we began arranging using our hydrangea, dahlias and greens, Then we wanted the honeysuckle vine to wrap and loop around these trays How are we going to do that! The trays required risers for the honeysuckle vine to go under the wrap and loop. There were times when more than four hands would have been helpful for this wrapping and looping part of the design plan! We laid the bittersweet on the mirror runner along the base of the trays to help cover the risers on both sides. The beautiful orange bittersweet really enhanced the whole design. Bittersweet was also entwined in the silver tree of willow. We then attached water tubes of dried flowers which were wrapped in embroidery thread of orange and complimentary blue. Also on the tree mirrored discs were hung to add to bit of silver sparkle. We chose to line the table on both sides with Stan Hywet's high back chairs featuring a muted woodland motif tapestry.

To finish off the room, we placed an arrangement on the fireplace mantle and side buffet designed with silver curly willow, hydrangeas, silver money plant, bittersweet, water tubes and dahlias.

Accomplished on a low budget - in partnership with friends and supporters - the only non-professionals invited (besides the Stan Hywet Flower Arrangers) - this design is another one for the books! There were no awards given this year....but we can imagine! Regardless, it was certainly a lot of fun! Thank you to all who helped us create this year's design for 2020 "Inspiration in Bloom."

2020 "Inspiration in Bloom"

At Stan Hywet



**Photographs accompany the "Inspiration in Bloom" article featured on Page 5.**