

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to Fall! It is definitely my favorite time of year and doesn't last long enough to suit me. I was driving recently in Geauga county, sun shining and leaves falling as I passed farms where the corn is being cut. Northeast Ohio at its best!

This month's meeting will be outdoors at Highfields Event Center on Georgetown Road on Monday, October 12 with a rain date of Wednesday, October 14. All the details are included in this newsletter. We'll learn about landscape design for four seasons from Derek Kuryla, landscape architect.

This will likely be our last outdoor event of 2020 as our current plans are for a November virtual meeting likely utilizing Zoom. City of Hudson facilities remain closed to gatherings and for the comfort and health of our members, we plan to be cautious in our planning of upcoming meetings.

Enjoy October and all it has to offer,

Jan Lindstrom

HGC OCTOBER 12, 2020 GENERAL MEETING

Location: Highfields Event Center
1940 Georgetown Road, Hudson



Our meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2020 (rain date Wednesday, October 14, 2020). We will be meeting outside and social distancing on the patio area at Highfields Event Center, 1940 Georgetown Road, Hudson. **Please bring your own chair.** Masks are encouraged. Indoor restrooms will be accessible. Arrival beginning at 6:00pm with the program beginning at 6:30pm.

Our speaker will be Derek Kuryla, landscape architect, who will share with us planning and designing of outdoor areas for four-season interest and will include a walking tour of Highfields gardens. Derek will give an overview of the architecture and landscape design as examples of planning and execution. Derek oversees the KGK design studio taking on diverse design challenges in public, private, civic, social, environmental, commercial or residential sectors. Prior to joining KGK, Derek received a Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in Landscape Architecture from The Ohio State University and worked as a design professional for MKSK Studios of Columbus, Ohio.

Highfields is based on preserving the mature woods, taking advantage of open space, and retaining the history of the property while designing for the future. The new 5,000 square foot Hudson event center which opened in 2020 is located on twenty acres of Ohio farm and native woodland property that has been in the Kuryla family since 1959. Highfields Event Center is based on the timeless theme of harmonizing elegant architecture and natural open-air views with landscaped grounds.

Putting the Hudson City Gardens to Bed

Sherry Beam, Civic Chair

As the days get shorter, it is time to transition into "putting the community gardens of Hudson to bed" mode. Sometimes it is hard to pull out some of the annuals, as they are still in bloom and colorful. However, it only takes one unseasonable turn in the weather, that first hard frost, to make the job harder.



The Civic BUGs will start removing the annuals and cutting back the perennials at the Flagpole and Community Gardens in the next few weeks. The Farmer's Market isn't over until October 10, so it will be after that. We will miss the smiles that the

sunflowers, zinnias, sunpatiens and so many other colorful varieties brought. The hanging baskets on Main Street, along with the planters (contracted out by the City) have never looked lovelier and the Clocktower trough has been a bright and colorful beacon all summer, as has the garden strip next to the Open Door.

Since Spring, the Hudson BUGs as a group, and on their own, have helped to cleanup, weed, plant and continually maintain these areas. Please thank them for doing so many big and little things to keep Hudson blooming!

Take Time to Visit HGC's Website & Facebook Sites

Sue L'Hommedieu, Website

Looking for a treat? Take some time to check out the Hudson Garden Club photo albums online. The Open Gardens from this summer, past tour stops and tour flower arrangements are just some of what you can browse. <https://hudsongardenclub.org/photos-2/>

Didn't get to visit the Sunday Open Gardens? You can enjoy some of the highlights here. You don't need a Facebook account to view our Facebook page. Just click here <https://www.facebook.com/TheHudsonGardenClubHomeGardenTour/>

Miss the Fall Plant Exchange? Swap plants via our site. Our Fall plant exchange was canceled but we have a way to easily swap plants with other members. Send what you have to share or what you are looking for and your email address to info@hudsongardenclub.org. We will post it in the Members Area of our site. Remember: Your member password is hgc2020 (lc). <https://hudsongardenclub.org/members-area-2-2/>

Thank You to "Open Garden" Hosts

Barb Earnhardt, Field Trip Chair

We send a big virtual bouquet of thanks to the members who opened their gardens to us for the five Sundays in August. That month we enjoyed a variety of gardens from well-established to newly restored from flat terrain to a rolling yard with drainage issues, from native plants to exotic water plants. Thank you to April and Charlie Walton (who invited us twice, one in the misty rain and then again on a glorious sunny day), Bill Clifton in nearby Peninsula, Marcia Carsten (a repeat from July due to the high interest in native plants) and Dr. Justin McCutcheon and Susan McCutcheon.

All in all we are grateful to have had eleven weeks of opportunities to see, learn more about, and enjoy gardens through this special summer event. One of our long-time members commented, "This is one of the most garden focused events we have had since I have been a member and it was special because it was our members who opened their gardens to us. Hats off to the garden owners who opened their gardens. Thank you to Sue L'Hommedieu who took delightful photos and posted them on our Facebook page The Hudson Garden Club—Ohio and created a Shutterfly album, which can be accessed through our website, hudsongardenclub.org/photos-2.

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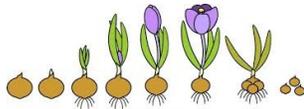


A GARLIC ADVENTURE

The Hudson Garden Club's Fall Kick-Off meeting was educational, interesting and entertaining! Chris and Fred Thaxton shared their history together and how they started down the path on their great garlic adventure. The many bumps along the way (each of which was a learning experience for them) were also humorously mentioned. Thirty garden club members attended the two sessions where after the presentation, half got to tour the garlic field while the other half visited the barn.

This was our first attempt to video tape a meeting, and there will be a Facebook link soon so you can watch what went on from the comfort of your living room. If you missed the event, the barn is open every day so you can browse and see all the bulbs drying as well as other garlic related products.

Treat yourself and make a visit to 2710 Ravenna Street. Just call 330-283-6137.



Gardening Tip: Should you use bone meal when planting your flowering bulbs?

Bone meal was traditionally used at planting as a source of nutrients for newly-planted bulbs. Not only did it contain lots of phosphorous and calcium for promoting good growth, it contained other nutrients from the scraps of meat and bits of marrow that were attached to the bones. Now the bones are steamed and cleaned before grinding so the nutrient value is slightly less. As a slow release fertilizer, bone meal is primarily used as a source of phosphorous (28 percent by weight). It is often used in planting holes for bulbs to help promote fall root growth. The idea is to mix the bone meal into the soil below where the bulbs will be planted so it can be used by the newly emerging roots. Since phosphorous does not move or leach through the soil profile, it is rarely deficient if fertilizer has been applied to a garden in the past. A soil test can tell you if you need to add phosphorous. In addition, the nature of bone meal tends to attract skunks, raccoons and dogs that will dig up your bulbs looking for bones. A better choice might be to use a slow release fertilizer applied according to label directions. Because most spring flowering bulbs have all the energy stored up for next season's bloom, the benefits come in the second season when fertilizer applied at planting helps your bulbs maintain vigorous growth and large flowers. (source: NH Extension Service <https://extension.unh.edu> blog)

GRAB-N-GO BULB SALE

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair



HGC has a supply of *Nectaroscordum siculum* "Mediterranean Bells" (formerly *Allium bulgaricum*) for sale at cost! These bulbs come from one of the wholesale suppliers to garden centers.

Described as carefree and rewarding late Spring bloomers, robust and extraordinarily beautiful, displaying showy clusters of

gracefully dropping bell-shaped flowers combining cream, pink, and green tints rising on a tall, leafless stem atop blue-gray, twisted basal leaves. Easy to grow in well-drained soil or containers, these bulbs are deer resistant and fragrant. Plant in clusters for an eye-catching focal point. Good as cut flowers.

Allow leaves to die down naturally (as advised for daffodils) and they will come back for many years. These are a nice companion plant for early summer bloomers. Light Requirements: Full Sun. Planting Depth: 3". Bulbs per Square Foot: 4. Mature Height: 32-38 inches. Bloom Time: Late Spring Bulb Size: 8/10 cm. Hardiness Zone: 4-8 so they are Winter hardy as long as they don't sit in a very wet area all Winter.

The number of bulbs we have on hand is limited so place your order by sending an email to barbearnhardt@yahoo.com or call or send a text to 330-671-2024. Bulbs are 5/\$2. Once you place an order and receive confirmation you can grab your bag-of-bulbs from my porch, leave your payment in the tin, and go! Cash or checks payable to HGC please.

GARDENER-TO-GARDENER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

RSVP for 10am or 5pm Session

There will be one more Gardener-to-Gardener workshop on Wednesday, October 28 at the garden of Sue L'Hommedieu, 7341 LaCosta Drive. This will be an opportunity to see a mixed perennial garden that is ready for winter. Dress warmly and come to hear what was done and why, get tips on composting and ask questions. **RSVP to Daniela Baloi**, Gardener-to-Gardener Chair at dbaloi2000@gmail.com for either the 10am or 5pm session.

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What's Coming Up

Monday, October 12, 2020

HGC General Meeting - OUTDOORS

Highfields Event Center - Georgetown Road

(See page 1 for details)

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Gardener-to-Gardener - **RSVP Daniela Baloi**

Reservation required

(See page 3 for details)



Last month, one of the suggested "Things to Do" was to visit Holden Arboretum to

see the towering Tilt-a-Whirl Stickwork structure by artist Patrick Dougherty that is now open. Experience the grand sculpture made out of beautiful willow branches and explore its twists, turns and secret cubbies for yourself. A segment about it was on TV on WVIZ/PBS's Applause show. In case you missed it, here's a link to view the Stickwork Applause segment. An interesting five-minute story!

<https://wviz.ideastream.org/news/stick-sculpture-takes-root-at-holden-arboretum>

AN UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP

Lois James, Membership Chair



2020 Membership Report

This year's Membership Drive ended September 30, 2020. Although some members tend to create their own deadlines, at this time we can report 179 members, of which 28 are brand new since May, 2020. This number may change over the next couple of weeks, so we will have the final count ready for the November, 2020 Newsletter.

Thank you all for supporting HGC with your membership — we do appreciate you!

GLOW 2020

The Cleveland Botanical Garden was to decide if GLOW 2020 will be a go or not by September 30. Watch the next newsletter for an update. Here's hoping to have this Holiday event to enjoy!

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New Member Get Togethers

Two New Member Get Togethers were held (outside with masks) in mid-September, 2020. In addition to learning more about the HGC, those attending got to know a bit about each other and realize some common interests other than gardening. Each new member was offered a favor of three fall bulbs and bundles of Gaura to plant in their gardens.

We have now met 25 of these new members and are looking forward to getting to know the other 7 soon. Welcome.