

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to March! Two very encouraging events take place this month — we set our clocks forward one hour on March 14 and on March 20 we welcome spring! I don't know about you, but the increasing daylight and warming temperatures feel good.

During my daily walks with my dogs, as the snow has melted, I have actually seen my mini-daffodils just starting to sprout. Now I check each morning for their progress. Spring is coming!

Due to Covid, we continue with our Zoom meetings. In this newsletter you will find all the information to join us on March 18 for this month's program. We are hopeful that we will be able to meet outside in May. Fingers crossed as Northeast Ohio weather is very erratic and unpredictable.

Also, please check this newsletter for information about a volunteer opportunity at Case-Barlow Farm. If you are interested, Linda Matty's contact information is provided. Friends and family would be welcome to join you for a couple of hours a week.

Jan Lindstrom

Forcing Branches to Bloom Inside

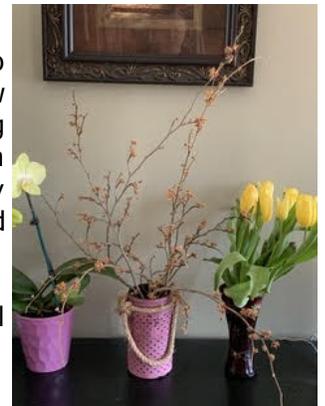
Daniela Baloi, Gardener-to-Gardener Chair

Are you tired of this long winter? Are you looking forward to spring's blooms? Enjoy a spring preview of flowering branches such as forsythia and pussy willow by bringing them in and placing them in a vase. This age-old practice called "forcing branches" brings color and beauty of blooms inside to cheer you up. Just take your pruners, head outside and bring in some flowering branches. Here is a list of shrubs and trees that will be easy to try: witch hazel, forsythia, Easter redbug, cherry and red maples. By March consider lilacs honeysuckle, willow and magnolias.



We challenge you to try this and send pictures of your success to dbaloi2000@gmail.com and slhommedieu@gmail.com or show them on our Facebook page under the forcing flowering branches challenge posts. For more information and details on how to force branches of many other types of trees successfully go to www.almanac.com or www.gardeningknowhow.com and search for "forcing flowering branches to bloom."

Shown here are two images three days after these witch hazel branches were brought indoors.





THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Ohio State Extension Service Looking For Veggie Gardeners to Help With Trial

We are looking for people excited about growing vegetables in their home gardens and then letting us know what they think. Youth and adults are welcomed to participate. Each trial contains two varieties that you will grow side by side to compare throughout the season. You can select multiple trials. For each trial you will get:

- Seed for two varieties
- Row markers
- A garden layout plan to prepare your rows or beds
- Growing information specific to the crop species you selected, including planting date, plant spacing, nutrient requirements, etc.
- An evaluation sheet



The second annual Home Garden Vegetable Trial is open for registration through February 28 for guaranteed participation and March 15 while supplies last. This is open to the general public in Ohio. Last year we had 121 participants from 33 counties. The Trial website is u.osu.edu/brown.6000/vegetable-trials/2021-trials/ and contains complete information about the trial. Participants can go directly to the registration site go.osu.edu/veggies2021 to place their order.

The cost is \$3 per trial and participants can select up to 5 trials. ***Those with donation gardens can select additional trials.***

Ed Brown, M.S.

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NATURE'S BOUNTY, IN THE GARDEN at the Canton Art Museum

Ever been to the Canton Museum of Art? Only about 40 minutes away, it currently offers *In the Garden: Nature's Beauty from the CMA Collection*, on view through March 28. Comments about the subject of the exhibit from their winter publication: "Gardens are beneficial to all - there is increasing evidence that exposure to plants and green space, and particularly to gardening, is beneficial to mental and physical health. Many artists reaped these benefits by painting outdoors en plein air." "The garden in art, like the garden itself, celebrates this bond between humanity and nature." "It's not difficult to imagine artists struck by the beauty of the garden, finding in it a respite from the struggles of everyday life." "Gardens also provide sustenance that we cannot live without. They also serve as places that bring people together."

The HGC members who are artists can expand on these statements, but all of us know them to be true. We enjoy having local plein air painters crafting in the yards and gardens of the properties on the Hudson Home & Garden Tour. Our times visiting each others gardens last year during Open Garden Days were welcome respites during the pandemic. Last year, garden centers everywhere sold out of plants and seeds as people reconnected to a natural way to enjoy a hobby as well as several health benefits.

Canton Museum of Art is a smaller, more intimate museum, with free admission on Thursdays and first Fridays. For more information, see <https://www.cantonart.org>. The website also has virtual tours of their exhibits!

If you can go by March 7, two other exhibits are very much worth seeing. ***Dancing in the Light: Masterworks from the Age of American Impressionism*** features works of American Impressionism, 1878 - c. 1930, with a focus on the uniquely American medium of watercolor. Also see ***60 Proof: Six Decades of the Whiskey Painters of America***. Both exhibits are on display only through March 7.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of January 31, 2021

PNC Savings	\$ 32,087.58
Scholarship Fund (Restricted)	\$ 10,005.77
Unrestricted Cash (Checking)	\$ 1,234.80

Investment Accounts

Field of Interest Fund	\$ 66,278.56
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Total Bank Accounts	\$ 109,606.71
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Julie Kodatsky, Treasurer

Case-Barlow Farm Volunteer Opportunity

Case-Barlow Farm has received agricultural status by the City of Hudson. Along with this status comes the obligation to produce and sell products. Case-Barlow needs to raise \$2,500 every year. In order to do that, the farm has had a boy scout fulfill his Eagle Scout project building raised garden beds. The beds are filled with rich soil, nutrients and everything needed to grow produce. The gardens have been fenced so that bunnies, critters and deer don't stop by for a meal.

Case-Barlow is looking for volunteers who would be interested and able to help plant, weed and maintain the raised gardens. This service project would probably only take a couple of hours a week. There are three raised beds. The beds are located at Case-Barlow Farm at 1931 Barlow Road and the raised beds are behind the red wagon barn.

Case-Barlow Farm would love to have a few helpers this growing season. If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering, please contact Linda Matty at LindaMatty@HowardHanna.com or you can reach her cell at 330-807-1877.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Two new members have joined us this month:

Lisa Charpentier
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Joanna Reese
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New/Revived Members-Only Event Coming in 2021

With apologies to Edgar Allan Poe, once upon a winter dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary....on the first sunny day in weeks, a new idea emerged after talking with fellow HGC member Judy Maupin. Judy is one of the many former teachers who are part of the Club. (I think nurturing and sharing is in their DNA.) She, like many of our members, is always willing to give pass-along plants, share helpful information and volunteer many hours during the Home & Garden Tour. To visit her garden and spend time with her is always a pleasure.

While talking with Judy, a warm memory came to me of a late Spring visit to her garden to see a particularly gorgeous flowering shrub. That sprouted an idea, another version of the Open Garden Days we enjoyed in 2020. Discussing it with her, she agreed so the idea will bear fruit in 2021. With the success of the 2020 Open Garden Days, *the 2021 Garden Season will bring a new "Field Trip" event — Pop Up Garden Visits!* These will be members-only, short-notice, announced via email, visits to member gardens that have a special something going on at a time that can't be predicted, but can be expected, For example, Judy Maupin's beautiful yellow Tree Peony is worth seeing when it is at its peak bloom. She knows it is a late Spring bloomer, and she will let me know when it happens. I will let Sherry know, and an email will be sent. There will be a small window of time to see it for yourself! It's like a Show-and-Tell time!

You also may have a special specimen to share, something that delights you. You may have a unique perennial, annual, foliage plant, tree, shrub or vine to share. You may find a Monarch butterfly chrysalis about to hatch, or have a time when your garden art piece looks its best because if what has grown up or flowered around it....you get the idea. I will be asking these members who have something that wowed me to be added to the list, and **I ask you to self-nominate!**

When I talked with Sherry Beam about sending emails for this new event, she remembered that the Club did these "for years back in the late 90s and 2000s....always a lot of fun! We didn't limit it to Club members....we did their neighbors, too! I remember so many of these fun and spontaneous times.

On one visit we walked from Dot Reid's to Andrea McMillan's on the opposite corner (Huntington Road), who had about 100 hollyhocks, than another neighbor, Juva Stephanokis (friend of Betsy Brennan). We did several on Manor Drive when both Doris Eisaman and Janet Cheeseman lived there and buzzed across the street to one on 303....then several in Sue's area on LaCosta - Sue and Kathy Higgins, on Herrick Park - Wallace Murray, then the Satava's on Woodward and a couple on Valerie....we did these all around town....great memories then and new memories for new times!" So then, this event will be *new* for some and a *revival* for others!

Lois James, I'm thinking of your Night Blooming Cereus. Bill Clifton, I'm thinking of the Lotus in your pond. Daniela Baloi, I'm thinking of your Shimanishiki Tree Peony. Chris Rigby, I'm thinking of all the Daffodils you've planted - tell us where to meet you for a walk at their peak! Carole Smith, I'm thinking of your Magnolia macrophylla! **"Nominations" should be sent to barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com or via text to 330-671-2024.**

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Ohio State University Veggie Fair

Registration: Feb. 28 - March 15

See page 2 for details

Thursday, March 18, 2021 @ 6:45pm
Hudson Garden Club General Meeting
"History & Horticulture of Spring Bulbs"

This is a Zoom meeting

See this page for details

Canton Art Museum

Collection on View through 3/28

See page 2 for details



HELP WANTED

Do you have an accounting/finance business background? Know Quickbooks a bit? Know someone who does?

Hudson Garden Club is seeking an Assistant Treasurer to assist our current Treasurer Julie Kodatsky and mentor with her to become familiar with the duties of Treasurer this year. If you would consider or know someone you would suggest, please email Jan Lindstrom at jalindstrom@hotmail.com. We'll set up a time with Julie to provide you with an overview.

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Hudson Garden Club General Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2021

Topic: **"History & Horticulture of Spring Bulbs"**

Speaker: Lee Paulson from Summit County Master Gardeners

Time: 6:45pm



The beauty of spring bulbs is found not only in our landscape but their impact is also found in the disciplines of art, poetry, Greek Mythology, history and economics. From a horticultural perspective, we'll examine cultivars, planting tips, landscape ideas along with disease and insect issues.

Lee Pauson has lived and gardened with his family for the past 41 years in Doylestown. He is retired from sales and from teaching history. He is a runner (18 marathons) and a biker (23 Great Ohio Bicycle Adventures) and 10 bike rides across the State of Iowa. Lee is a lifelong student of nature and the environment and has been a Master Gardener for the past twenty years. His horticultural interests include cannas, photography, invasive weeds, dahlias, annuals, roses, tropical plants and heirloom vegetable gardening. Lee is currently the Chair of the Summit County Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88315348087>

Meeting ID: 883 1534 8087