

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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The President's Message

Hello HGC Members:

Winter has finally arrived in Northeast Ohio in the last couple of weeks. Guess we were overdue. The cold but sunny days have been a real treat to help on these winter days.

Due to ongoing concerns with Covid, we will again Zoom for our February meeting. All the details on our guest speaker and a link to join the meeting can be found in this newsletter and will post to the website homepage.

I was reading an article in Midwest Living today about "7 Dazzling Orchid Shows to Visit Around the Midwest" and the upcoming orchid show at Cleveland Botanical Garden was #1 on the list. Right in our own backyard!! So if you need a bit of spring, the 16th annual Orchids Forever Show from January 29 to March 13 might be just the place to visit. "Thousands fill galleries, hallways, and glasshouses."

Happy Valentine's Day,

Jan Lindstrom

Photo from HGC Facebook

Orchids Forever at the Cleveland Botanical Garden

Shared by Karen Kelly

- Saturday, January 29th – Sunday, March 13th
- Tuesdays - Fridays: 10am – 5pm
- Saturdays: 10am – 8pm
- Sundays: Noon – 5pm
 - Mondays: Closed
- \$16 per adult, \$12 per child (ages three to 12), free for members

From the Garden:

"Shipments of gorgeous orchids have been arriving at the botanical garden in preparation for the opening of ***Orchids Forever!*** Our indoor spaces and glasshouse will be adorned with thousands of orchids of every shape, size, and color and we can't wait for you to experience it!

Tickets are now available online at www.holdenfg.org. Advance reservations are strongly recommended for all visitors and members. Ticketing is timed with limited capacity. Walk-up sales are permitted, but certain times may be sold out. Providing a safe and comfortable experience was top-of-mind for the *Orchids Forever* design team. Face masks and social distancing are required. ***Orchids Forever*** is generously supported by Just Add Ice®."

Letter from 2021 Scholarship

Recipient Christopher Oh

*Letter shared courtesy of Lynda Grieves,
photo from 2021 scholarship recipient
announcement by Kathy Foley*



Hudson Garden Club,

Happy New Year! I wanted to update you with how my college experience at Washington University in Saint Louis is going so far. I entered college without any semblance of what I wanted to study. I joined multiple clubs and took unique and sometimes uncomfortable classes. However, through this learning process, I realized that I am interested in studying the sciences. I am currently majoring in biochemistry and minoring in environmental studies. I hope to study environmental law in the future. With the Genevieve Jyrovat scholarship, I have realized my interest and passions for the environment, and how different chemical properties can impact the ecosystem. I have currently joined a club called the "Burning Kumquat," an organization that specializes in growing unique fruits such as lychee and durian (jackfruit). And yes, durian smells absolutely disgusting. I would also like to thank you again for generously awarding me with the scholarship and I hope to continue my passion by applying again this year!

Thank you so much,
Christopher Oh

Book Committee: Thank you, Dorothy! Welcome, Kim!

We thank Dorothy Malpass for her many years of service as Book Chairperson. During her time, Dorothy expanded the donations from just books to also include gardening videos and magazine subscriptions. She worked closely with the Hudson Library, ordering through them to make our funds go the farthest possible. Over the years she has selected books covering a wide range of gardening topics. Every book HGC has donated has a bookplate acknowledging the club. Memorial books' bookplates also include the name of the HGC member in whose memory the book was purchased.

We welcome Kim Nickerson as the new Book Chair and thank her for stepping up to fill this board position. If you have a suggestion for a future book purchase, **email Kim at nickerson321@gmail.com**.

To learn more about our book donations and other projects, [click this link to visit our Community Projects webpage](#).



Winter's Wonders: Say "Hello!" to Hellebores

Courtesy of Barb Earnhardt

The precocious flowering in late winter and early Spring by Hellebores makes them a favorite of gardeners. Not to mention that they are deer-proof, undemanding, nearly pest-free, easy to grow perennials! The plants are adaptable to some sunlight and drier conditions (under trees). They thrive in shady corners in Zone 4-9 (we are Zone 6) where not much else will grow, tolerating most soil types (even our Hudson clay).

Some Hellebore species start to bloom as soon as late January (not this year with the deep snow cover). In addition to assorted colors and your choice of single and double blossoms, many species grow on tall sturdy stems and

feature interesting evergreen foliage - making them an altogether beautiful cut flower. You will see both the stems and the leaves in flower arrangements during the Home & Garden Tour. Yes, they bloom in late Winter and we use them in flower arrangements in early Summer! This is possible because the showy parts of the flower are actually sepals, not petals, and they do not fade or shrivel as petals would. For many years member Joan Brandon brought Hellebore blooms that were cut short and floated in a shallow bowl of water to the check-in desk at our late Winter monthly meetings. You could see their captivating faces in a variety of colors and kinds; white, pink, rose, red, mauve, purple, yellow, lime green, black, freckled, single, double. A breath of fresh air to us gardeners! Because the flowers on their stems tend to nod downward, floating them in a shallow bowl gives you a close-up view of their variety and beauty, and they should last about a week.

Fast Facts:

- Plant family: Ranunculaceae
- Plant genus: Helleborus
- Plant species: foetidus
- Plant species: argutifolius
- Plant species: orientalis
- Plant species: x hybridus
- Height: 12-24"
- Part to full shade and moist, well-drained soil
- Established plants do not require division



Each species has different leaves and flower sizes/shapes. The most commonly grown type of Hellebore is the Lenten Rose (*Helleborus orientalis*). It produces the largest volume of flowers. Plant breeders have produced freckled flowers and pointed petals, larger blooms, more upwards-facing blooms.

Try planting them on a slope, or in a raised bed so that you can see inside the nodding flowers. They also look great amid carpets of small bulbs like Crocus, Snowdrops, and Grape Hyacinths. Be careful not to plant them too deeply. This can hinder flower production, so make sure the crown of the plant is just below the soil surface. Hellebores frequently seed in large numbers around an established parent plant, and the babies can be dug up and transplanted. However, these babies will probably not be the same color and form as the parents. In late Winter or early Spring, before the plants bloom, snip off the previous year's leaves at soil level. New leaves come up each year.

Digging deeper for my fellow plant geek, there are basically 2 categories of Hellebores: the caulescent group, which means the blossoms are born in multiples on stems produced the previous year (includes the species *foetidus* and *argutifolius*), and the acaulescent group, which send up flowering stems from the plants base as winter's end draws near (i.e. the *orientalis* species and hybrids). In the past few decades, breeders have been crossing the 2 groups and we now have hellebores that fall somewhere in between (*x hybridus*).



Digging deeper for those interested in flower arranging, the acaulescent types should be picked when the flowers have aged a bit and the ovary (the seed pod in the center) has begun to swell, which is the same time

that the stamens begin to drop. These slightly aged blossoms last longer when cut. If you pick young, just opened buds, they will wilt unless you cut them short and float them as described above. Also, note that the caulescent types hold up better without flopping. Condition long cut stems by dipping the stems into hot, almost boiling water for 30 seconds. Remove, then place in a vase of water with floral food or just plain water. And not surprisingly, Hellebore blossoms will hold up longer in a cool room.

Many HGC members have Hellebores in their gardens and may have some to share. Look for them at our biannual plant exchanges and on our website in the Members Area under "Plants-Has/Wants."

In order of photo appearance: assorted H. x hybridus, H. foetidus, H. orientalis, H. argutifolius

Flower Arranging Tips!

Tips shared courtesy of Barb Earnhardt and Sue L'Hommedieu

Check back monthly for more tips! This month we encourage you to get creative with different approaches to arranging. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Float flowers in a pretty bowl.
Hellebores are good this way (see photo). Fun for kids to do!
- Include several different flower shapes (Astilbe, spirea, hosta, rose)
- Make an arrangement with just one type of flower (daisies and mint foliage) or one type of flower in different colors (Alstromeria)
- Make an arrangement with only foliage—coleus, grass, hosta
- Have some greens and blooms spill over the top edge of the vessel
- Get inspiration from Pinterest. Train your eye to know what you like.

Hellebore arrangement in bowl: photo from Carolyn's Shade Gardens



February Gardening Checklist

Courtesy of Barb Earnhardt, calendar and photo credit to Tom Dayton of Dayton Nursery in Norton, OH

- February 9 – Bring in pots of holland bulbs from cold storage
- February 10 – Last day to plant any unplanted spring-flowering bulbs
- February 15 – Average temperatures begin to rise
- February 16 – Check trees and shrubs for rabbit or deer damage. Spray with hot sauce and Wilt-Pruf during a thaw if present. The smell/taste of the hot sauce will ward off the rabbits while the Wilt-Pruf acts as a polymer to prevent the mixture from falling off too quickly.
- February 17 – Re-spray broadleaf shrubs with Wilt-Pruf (or similar) during a thaw
- February 19 – Watch for robins eating crabapple fruits
- February 21 – Re-spray deer repellent on plants susceptible to rabbit damage when above freezing
- February 23 – Remove 2-year-old wood from raspberries
- February 24 – Trim fruit trees and/or grapes when above freezing
- February 26 – Over-seed lawn when snow is gone but the ground is still frozen
- February 28 – Order locally grown bare root fruit trees and other small fruits for late March planting



This Month's Events

Dayton Nursery Weekly Winter Seminar Series

Thank you, Barb, for sharing this with us!

Dayton Nursery has a winter seminar series for which you can register by email, phone, or in-person. Seminars are held Saturdays at 11:00 AM and the cost is between \$10-\$20 per session. Pre-registration is appreciated. Seating is limited. This month's offerings:

- February 5, 2022, 11:00 AM: Plants for Dry Garden Spaces
- February 12, 2022, 11:00 AM: Thriving or Merely Surviving? an Assortment of Superior Selections at Secrest Arboretum
- February 19, 2022, 11:00 AM: Light Up Your Landscape with Rhododendrons & Azaleas
- February 26, 2022, 11:00 AM: From the Garden to the Kitchen: Edible Flowers

More information and registration can be found at:
<http://www.daytonnursery.com/seasonal/events>

Hudson Garden Club Events

For all Club events, the Hudson Garden Club follows the severe weather policy of the Hudson City schools. If school is canceled due to bad weather, our meeting/event will also be canceled. Call (330 653-1300), visit <https://www.hudson.k12.oh.us/>, watch HCTV or WKYC's closing page, or tune into television stations to learn of the closing.

Now through March 13, 2022

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society's Sale & Cleveland Botanical Garden: Orchids Forever

Orchid Society sale times:

- Feb. 4-5: 10am - 5pm
- Feb. 6: noon - 5pm

Orchids Forever show times:

- Tuesdays thru Fridays: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10 a.m.– 8 p.m.
- Sundays: Noon – 5 p.m.
- Mondays: Closed

Place:

Cleveland Botanical Garden
11030 East Blvd
Cleveland, OH 44106

Admission:

- \$16 per adult
- \$12 per child ages three to 12 (free for children two and under)
- Free for members

Visit with local vendors and purchase an impressive orchid for yourself at the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show and Sale. Alongside the sale, visitors will have the opportunity to view award-

February 17, 2022

Essentials of Vegetable Gardening: speaker Cookie Krizmanich

Time:

6:30 PM - social time
7:00 PM - presentation start

Place:

Virtual via Zoom at this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84209952583?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84209952583?pwd=bHdaSjR3OVoyMW8yVnliZWo2aloxQT09)

[pwd=bHdaSjR3OVoyMW8yVnliZWo2aloxQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84209952583?pwd=bHdaSjR3OVoyMW8yVnliZWo2aloxQT09)

Meeting ID: 842 0995 2583

Passcode: 588945

Details:

Please join us as Cookie Krizmanich from the Cuyahoga County Master Gardener's Speakers Bureau walks us through the 10 Essentials of Vegetable Gardening just in time to start your spring seeds and garden planning.

All Month Long!

Item Donations

Time: Any!

Place:

2297 Middleton Rd.

winning orchids from around the region. Access to the sale is included with the cost of a general admission ticket to the show.

Tickets are available in-person or online. For more information, please **visit the Holden Forests & Gardens website**.



Hudson, OH 44236

Primary needs:
Wrapping materials, specifically tissue paper and bubble wrap

The Hudson Garden Club welcomes garden-related donations of all kinds. Home goods, serving utensils or dishes, garden decor, jewelry, gardening equipment, seasonal or holiday pots, etc. These items are sold to support the Club's initiatives and help us continue giving back to our community.

To donate items, please contact **Judy Mikita** at jugles1@gmail.com or via phone at (330) 656-1849. If you would like to drop items off for donation, please deliver them to Judy's side porch at 2297 Middleton in Hudson.

Future Events

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Keep an eye out for emails or Facebook posts for additional events! A full calendar is available on the Hudson Garden Club website.

Doors will open to events at Christ Church Episcopal at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Some events could go virtual and be held on Zoom depending on public health recommendations.

- March 17, 2022: Garden History: the Evolution of American Homes and Landscapes with Greg Cada of the Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau
- April 21, 2022: Pruning: When, Where, and How with Susan Hildebrant of the Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau with
- May 12, 2022: Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Davey Arboretum's construction led by Daniel Herms
 - Note: This event will be held 10 AM-noon at the former Oak Knolls Golf Club at 6700 State Route 43, Kent, OH 44240. We will meet at the old Golf Course Club House. Additional details to follow.
- June 25, 2022: Hudson Garden Club Garden Gathering at Fox Trot Acres, 6PM - 8PM

Membership Updates

We have updated the password to the Member Area of our website where we post our member directory, past newsletters, and other information for our members.

When you select 'Member Area' in the sidebar of the home page, you will see the below screen:

This content is password protected. Before uploading the supplementary materials, email info@hudsongardenclub.org to receive the upload password. It will be emailed to you:

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Password:

Enter the new password "HGClub-2022" and select the "Enter" button. If you have any questions, please email president@hudsongardenclub.org.

This month's member contact updates:

- Dick and Joann Satava - updated phone number: 234-602-2085

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Photo from HGC Facebook, #TakeTheTour2022

Like, follow, share, and tag us on Facebook and Instagram:

To keep up with the Club:

- **Hudson Garden Club** on Facebook
- **@HudsonGardenClubOhio** on Instagram
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To interact with the Tour:

- **@HudsonOHHGT** on Instagram
- **Hudson Home & Garden Tour** on Facebook
- Tag us or use the hashtag **#TakeTheTour2022**



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