

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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The President's Message

Greetings Hudson Garden Club Members:

Happy New Year and welcome to 2022! I hope you are enjoying our mild weather as much as I am! I hope many of you had a chance to see the creative talents of our members who created the beautiful holiday displays at Stan Hywet, Cleveland Botanical Garden, or our window display at First and Main - all such a wonderful opportunity to showcase our organization.



As we have followed the developments of Covid, the cancellations of programs and events, and the recent closing of Hudson City offices, we have determined it is in our best interest to Zoom for our General Meeting in January. We have learned during Covid that we are lucky to have this option available to us instead of not being able to meet. You'll find all the details about our speaker and his program, along with the Zoom link to join the program, in this newsletter. We will also post the Zoom link on our website home page.

We will monitor and evaluate each month the best and safest option to gather for our General Meetings and we will communicate with you in the newsletter and on our website. Let's hope we can soon return to in-person.

Our plans continue for our 2022 Home and Garden Tour in June, and you'll be hearing about volunteer opportunities over the coming months. Julie Kodatsky and Bronwyn Pierson are our co-chairs this year, and we are grateful to them for taking on the planning and coordination of the Tour.

Hope to see you on Zoom,

Jan Lindstrom

Photo from Holden Forests and Gardens

HGC New Social Media!

Managed by Kyla Rollins, photo from @HudsonGardenClubOhio on Instagram

Hudson Garden Club is getting a social media refresh! We now have three social media accounts you can follow, share, and tag:

- **Hudson Garden Club Facebook page** will continue posting club activities and gardening tips
- **@HudsonGardenClubOhio** on Instagram will be the sister account to our club's Facebook page
- **@HudsonOHHGT** on Instagram will be the new hub for all things related to the Home & Garden Tour #TakeTheTour2022



Membership Updates and the 2022-23 Directory

Lois James, photo from HGC Instagram via Lois's visit to Longwood Gardens

The new HGC directory will be mailed out the first week in January to those who requested one on their membership form in September. It will also be posted on our website in the members' area for which the password is "HGC2020." Simply click on the "Club Directory" tab at the top, then, "Click to download the 2022-2023 Directory." Everyone is included who joined before December 20, 2021. Any new members will be added to the Addendum page each month.

Memorial Book Donations

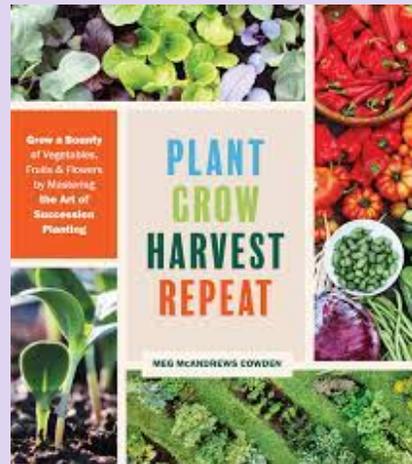
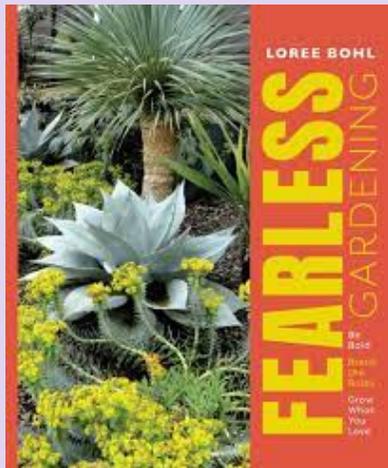
Thank you to Dorothy Malpass

Beginning in 1933 and continuing today, the Hudson Garden Club annually donates books, magazines, and film to the Hudson Library to spread the knowledge and love of gardening. Topics stretch from garden and landscape design to floral arrangements, photography, and more. The next time you're looking for a good read, we hope you consider taking a peek at some of the library's offerings.

This month, the following books were donated in loving memory of two club

members:

- *Fearless Gardening*, by Loree Bohi, was donated in memory of Martha Cailor
- *Plant, Grow, Harvest, Repeat*, by Meg McAndrews Cowden, was donated for Lonnie Collette Krauss



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

HGC Spreads Holiday Cheer

Barb Earnhardt

Thanks to all our members who in various ways made it possible for Hudson Garden Club to add beauty to our community this holiday season!

A sparkling Christmas tree at Stan Hywet, a Holiday mantel at the Cleveland Botanical Garden, and a decorated store window at First & Main were made possible not only because of the members who volunteered time and talent to set up and take down, but also because of the contributions and efforts by others.

Thank you to Jen Baughman who donated many of the decorations and materials used at these locations. It was wonderful to create seasonal beauty using all you gave us!

The store window at First & Main has decorated and lighted Christmas trees using handcrafted decorations created by the Glow Girls. The window included a poster with greetings "To our Community From Hudson Garden Club". Also, gift-wrapped boxes with oversized tags noted the gifts HGC gives to the Community. Liz Murphy connected us with the First & Main property managers to get the ball rolling. Jan Lindstrom handled the poster and gift tags with a graphic designer and printer she knows. Lois James had a wrapping party to get the packages for the window wrapped and beribboned and ready to go in the window. Helpers at the party and/or the



day we decorated the window were Connie Chakford, Kristina Dahlhausen, Luanne Freedman, Lou Ann Hanink, Betty Kalish, Ginny Kelleher, Patti and Jim LaFontaine, Ginny Kelleher, Carol Lasko.

Back at Stan Hywet, in addition to the tree HGC decorated, there are other trees interpreting several of the dances from the Nutcracker Ballet. The Waltz of the Flowers tree has a tree skirt of dried pink Hydrangeas shared by Sue L'Hommedieu. The Snowflake Dance tree has Victorian glass crystal prisms originally owned by Joan Brandon.



HGC Mantel at Cleveland Botanical Gardens on Channel 5!

Barb Earnhardt, photo from HGC Facebook

Watching the Good Morning America, Channel 5, on November 19, Nancy Kolodgy noticed that the reporter covering the Garden Holiday Show at the Cleveland Botanical Garden sat in a wingback chair pulled up to a fireplace decorated by Hudson Garden Club! Did Channel 5 choose that particular spot because of the lovely HGC mantel? Was the chair brought in for the segment? One may have thought so, but on

December 9, Kristina Dahlhausen and Luanne Freedman were at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens to attend an appreciation breakfast as HGC's representatives. When they noticed a chair blocking part of our display, they waited for the right moment to swoop in and remove it. Kathy Foley also reported seeing it on another day when she visited, and she moved it out of the way too. Other members spotted the chair in the Holden Forest & Gardens Winter magazine in photos that showed our display in the Garden Holiday Show. Seems that chair became a fixture whether we wanted it or not!

Flower Arranging Tips!

Tips shared courtesy of Barb Earnhardt and Sue L'Hommedieu

Check back monthly for more tips! This month, we focus on the proper use of Oasis, a wet floral foam that helps prolong the lives of cut flowers.

- Never push Oasis down into the water. Allow it to float and soak it up from the bottom.
- Never push a stem into Oasis and then pull it back out to reposition. If you need to do that, recut and push into a different part of the block.
- Previously used Oasis makes a great space filler for the bottom of large pots. Plants can root right into it and it holds moisture. Or place on top and use for fall/winter additions.
- Check the water level daily in a container using Oasis daily. Flowers drink a lot!



- Make sure there is room for water around the Oasis in the container. Too small of a container will run out of water too quickly.

Photo from Earnest Home Co.'s post about post-holiday arrangements



Hudson Garden Club December Meeting Notes and Christkindlmarkt

Carla Maurer and Barb Earnhardt

On December 9, 2021, about 30 members and friends gathered in the fellowship hall at Christ Church Episcopal to make winter swags to decorate the tents at that weekend's upcoming Christkindlmarkt. The swags support the Hudson-Landsberg Sister City organization, a Hudson non-profit dedicated to strengthening the bonds between Hudson and Landsberg via youth exchange, travel for

citizens, and community events like the Christkindlmarkt and Summer Biergarten. One of the Christkindlmarkt event planners is Shelley Sedlacek, who is also an HGC member. She and her committee were pleased to have our Club add to the "gemutlich" of the Christkindlmarkt! As Sherry Beam reminded us the first year we joined in this holiday event, "The spirit of helping other organizations has been one we have embraced since our start in 1933." Joann Fabrics and Craft Stores donated ornaments and other Christmas decor items that were used to adorn the live green swags.



The next morning, members Jan Dalton, Lou Ann Hanink, Linda Horvath, Ann Ingling, Ginny Kelleher, Jan Marcinik, Kelly Nickerson, Deborah Pineau met on the Green to hang the swags. A special thank you to Ray Dalton and Jack Pineau who lent a hand. Ray had the idea to secure the swags in two ways rather than one, and with the very windy Saturday at the Markt, it was a good thing!

This Month's Events

For all 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.

January 20, 2022

HGC General Meeting with guest speaker Dr. Joe Blanda

Time:

6:30 PM - social time

7:00 PM - presentation start

Place:

Virtual via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83454476280?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83454476280?pwd=Z1RYM2ZOL3M2NkVvaXo3T29VYUJUT09)

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Meeting ID: 834 5447 6280

Passcode: 474747

Details:

Happy New Year! We will be kicking off 2022 with a speaker who is an MD, on the Board of Directors for the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, a member of our garden club, and has created an online "Nature Can Heal" program. Information can be found about the program at the following link:

<https://www.conservancyforcvnp.org/naturecanheal/>

At our January meeting, Dr. Blanda will be sharing more about this program which focuses on making spending time in nature a priority for health. Due to the increase in Covid cases, this will be a Zoom program.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tanya McInerney at tanya.mcinerney@icloud.com or 614-271-1890.

All Month Long!

Item Donations

Time: Any!

Place:

2297 Middleton Rd.

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.

- February 17, 2022: Essentials of Vegetable Gardening: speaker Cookie

Krizmanich or the Cuyahoga County Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau

- 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.

Letter From the Editor

Thank you for reading and sharing this newsletter each month, and thank you to everyone who contributed articles, recipes, and photos to the 2021 issues. Special thanks to Nancy Kolodgy, who served as our previous editor, and Tina Schmutz, who continues to support this newsletter and makes sure the printed copies make it into the mail. It is a pleasure and privilege to be part of this wonderful group. If you have any suggestions or would like to submit an article, recipe, photo, or alert us to garden happenings, please send an email to HGCeditor@gmail.com.

Happy New Year! Cheers to 2022 and many sunny days in the garden.

-Sophia Loferski

The Hudson Garden Club is dedicated to spreading the knowledge and love of gardening, the beautification of public property, and the support of education in horticultural and related fields. [Click here to learn more!](#)

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