

THE HUDSON GARDEN CLUB

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The President's Message

Hello, Hudson Garden Club Members:

We have been a busy Club recently!

Our Flower Arranging Committee recently held a workshop where attendees created beautiful arrangements. A photo was posted recently on Facebook on our page and is included in this newsletter. Such beautiful arrangements! Thank you to Barb Earnhardt and Fern MacMillan for planning this event.



Our Youth Committee recently presented to all 350 Ellsworth Hill students about planting and growing seeds as part of our Green Thumb program. The Committee also met with fourth graders at East Woods for Arbor Day and each student received a sapling to take home and plant. Many thanks to Sarah Fulytar and Kathy Harrison for engaging with our students.

You'll read more in this newsletter about four very deserving students who have been selected to receive \$2,000 scholarships for their studies to begin this coming fall. Many thanks to Lynda Grieves and her committee for their efforts in selecting these students.

We are able to award scholarships and share with our Hudson students from the proceeds of our annual Home and Garden Tour which will be next month on June 17 and 18th. MANY volunteers will be needed to help so please consider helping! Watch for sign-up information soon.

During the Tour, the Garden Shop this year will be located at Eastwoods Elementary and this is a 'not to be missed' opportunity as we have been collecting donations since our last shop in 2019, so you are sure to find MANY treasures. You do not need a ticket for the Tour to visit the Garden Shop which will also be selling a variety of beautiful plants.

I saw this photo recently and thought it reflected many of the gardeners I know - they love any reason to add to their gardens!

Happy gardening,

Jan Lindstrom



Herb Group

Sherry Beam, Herb Chair

Each year, the International Herb Association selects one herb to celebrate as the Herb of the Year. Selected plants must be outstanding in at least two of three major categories: decorative, culinary, or medicinal. The 2022 Herb of the Year, Viola, scores in all three categories. This month was the perfect time to learn more about a favorite flower of Spring, and Mary Gallo and Amy Squyres gave great presentations. Known under several names, we learned about the history of each of the species and their uses. We learned how to make an

easy Spring centerpiece using the violas and pansies, how to showcase them in decorative containers, prep the flowers and freeze into ice cubes, and how to make candied flowers! We are really enjoying having in-person programs and - soon - field trips.

Flower Arranging Workshop Success!

Photo courtesy of Barb Earnhardt

On Tuesday, April 12, at Christ Church Episcopal Parish Hall, HGC members met for a flower arranging workshop led by Barb Earnhardt and Fern MacMillan. We began with a discussion on how to best prepare and care for your cut flowers. Then we focused on mechanics, the part of the arrangements that securely hold the flowers and foliage. Bright colored flowers for Spring and Easter, with greens and pussy willows, a reusable mechanic, and a reusable container were provided for each participant. Thank you to Flower Arranging Committee members Sarah McNally and Deborah Pineau for the help with planning and logistics. A good time was had by all!

Another workshop is in the works for the Autumn season!. Watch for an announcement in the future. And in the meantime, please enjoy the flower arrangements you will see in the homes on the Home & Garden Tour, created by HGC members with flowers and materials from the gardens of members and friends. Be inspired to create some for your own home!



Flower Arranging Tips from HGC

Photo from Outsidepride seed store

As we head start seeing our spring and summer blooms, here are some arranging tips from the Club:

- Line the inside of a clear vase with a big leaf like hosta
- Condition garden flowers by keeping them in water in the dark for a few hours or overnight.
- Cut flowers in the early morning when they are fully hydrated
- Use filler foliage of basil or mint or other herbs (for scent)
- Pachysandra, coleus, and box will root in water. Change out the water often and add fresh flowers
- Group bud vases with a single stem in each or place one striking leaf in a vase.
- When cutting from the garden, try to cut just above where a leaf or new stem will form. Makes the garden look better and you may get more blooms, too.
- Use ornamental grasses—either the foliage or the blooms or both. Northern Oat grass seed heads are great for this. So pretty and delicate, but beware, it spreads in the garden.



Send us photos of your gardens and arrangements, or tag us on social media! We want to see your hard work and creativity!

- **Hudson Garden Club** on Facebook
- **@HudsonGardenClubOhio** on Instagram

2022 Spring Plant Exchange on Tuesday, May 17th, at the Veterans Way Park Pavilion

Photo from HGC Website

For over 34 years, the Hudson Garden Club has welcomed the community to share in the time-honored tradition of plant exchanges. Thousands of plants have found new homes and brought joy as they grew, many also being



shared again years later, and the cycle continues. In many respects, little has changed from the early days when the rule was "bring a plant, and take a plant, and if you don't have any, pay a nominal price." Since being established in 1933, the Hudson Garden Club has been known for its decades-long traditions, and the bi-annual Plant Exchange is one of them. When Club member, Sue L'Hommedieu, had the idea in the late 1980s that it would be fun to dig plants from our own gardens, get them all

together in one location, and share with other fellow plant lovers, a tradition that we carry on to this day was born. We no longer use Sue's driveway, which was very short-lived, and for over 25 years the May Pavilion at Hudson Springs Park was our home for the May and September exchanges. In the past few years, we moved to the Pavilion at the Veterans Way Park, which has parking nearby and is a perfect location. Each season we are excited to see those who make it their own tradition to come each year and all those first-timers who are looking to add new plants to their gardens. They are great presents for us and our gardens! We hope you will come and join us.

This is not a fundraiser for the club; it truly is sharing plants from our home gardens. This is also a great opportunity to visit the park. The Hudson Garden Club donates through our only fundraiser, the Home and Garden Tour, some of the monies towards trees and other projects in the Parks and throughout the City, and we have a wonderful relationship with all.

Veterans Way Park is located at 55 Veterans Way near downtown and is accessed from Rt. 91 (the traffic light by Starbucks) or Milford Rd (which runs behind ACME Plaza). The pavilion is just off the parking lot adjacent to the children's playground, making it easy to carry plants to share and take home. It's only steps away.

Additional details can be found in the "This Month's Events" section of this newsletter. Please read the details for participation guidelines.

Website Help Wanted

Hudson Garden Club has a great website with information on current activities along with our Member's Only section with past newsletters, our directory, and much more information.

We are looking for someone who knows WordPress and would be able to assist in keeping our website up-to-date.

Please email Jan Lindstrom at president@hudsongardenclub.org for more information. Thank you.

Membership Updates and Meeting Notes

Lois James, Membership Chair

Membership updates:
We would like to extend a warm welcome to our four new members:

- Chesney Gulas



- Amy Fagan
- Amy Herrbold
- Kendra Morvillo

Our total membership is now 208! With all the options available, we so appreciate that you have elected to give your time and interest to the HGC!

From the Editor

Sophia Loferski

An error was made in the April issue in the scholarship recipient article. Katrina Oiao's name was misspelled as "Oian" in the photo caption. I apologize for this mistake and wish Miss Oiao well in her studies.

I sincerely hope you choose to join us for the Tour this year on June 17 and 18. Don't forget to snag your presale tickets (\$35) from Acme! As a Club, we are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends.

This will be my final newsletter as editor, though I look forward to being active in the Club in other ways and continuing to learn from the wealth of knowledge collectively held by the membership. See you at the Tour!

This Month's Events

Hudson Garden Club Events

You can see all of our upcoming events on our website!

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.

May 12

HGC May Meeting: Sneak preview of the John Davey Arboretum led by Dr. Daniel Herms, VP of Research and Development at The Davey Institute

Time:

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, rain or shine

Place:

John Davey Arboretum
(formerly Oak Knolls Golf Club)
6700 State Route 43
Kent, OH 44240

We will meet at the clubhouse and Dr. Herms will lead us on a mile walk through mowed, grassy areas.

Join us for a behind-the-scenes peek at the John Davey Arboretum which won't be opening for a couple more years. Dr. Dan Herms, who was just awarded the 2022 Entomology Distinguished Alumnus Award by Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Department of Entomology and is the Vice President of Research and Development at the Davey Institute, will lead us on a tour of the

arboretum while it's currently under construction.

Please email **Tanya McInerney** at design@tanyamcinerney.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

May 17

HGC Spring Plant Exchange

This is a wonderful and fun tradition for both the Garden Club and the residents of Hudson and beyond. Please come out and join us and hope for a sunny day... there is NOT a rain date. Don't forget to bring containers to take your plants home!

Time:

6:00 PM Check-in

7:00 PM Exchange begins

Place:

Veterans Way Park

55 Veterans Way

Hudson, OH 44236

The park is near downtown and accessed from Rt. 91 (the traffic light by Starbucks) or Milford Rd (which runs behind ACME Plaza). The pavilion is just off the parking lot adjacent to the children's playground, making it easy to carry plants to share and take home. It's only steps away.

Tickets:

One ticket will be issued for every standard size plant you bring. You may use tickets to purchase plants from the exchange, and if you have leftover tickets, they may be used for a plant exchange held in the same year. If you do not have any plants to share, plants may be purchased at the end of the exchange.

All plants, excluding the premium plants, which are labeled as such, are available for one ticket/or \$1.00, these are priced slightly higher.

Details:

Each plant needs to be divided and labeled and brought potted in good condition to the Exchange. ***A label has been designed that will keep all the plants uniformly marked and easy for those volunteering and those choosing plants. The label identifies the plant, providing name, color, height, bloom time, and growing needs, i.e.: sun, shade, etc. We welcome as many plants, bulbs, tubers, and seeds as you would like to share, with the exception of any groundcovers (no groundcover will be accepted) or if it is a known invasive variety perennial or herb.

***Invasive plants, shrubs, or trees will not be accepted**

Click on this link to the Plant Exchange to go directly to the site and access labels. <https://hudsongardenclub.org/plant-exchange-2/>

No more than two plants of the following will be accepted:

- Herbs: lemon balm, mints, chives, valerian, tansy, and bee balm (monarda)
- Fast spreading perennials: roadside Daylilies, Yarrow, Gooseneck Loosestrife, Black-eyed Susans, Shasta daisies, Obedient plant, Coreopsis, and Violets, among others.

If you have any questions, please call Sherry Beam at (330) 573-6353, or contact our HGC e-mail: info@hudsongardenclub.org

For more details:

Check out the HGC website! It has helpful info about preparing plants to bring, to download plant labels, and to read more complete guidelines.

All plants need to be labeled (thank you). Click on this link to the Plant Exchange to go directly to the site.

<http://www.hudsongardenclub.org/page/plant-exchange>

As the Covid situation continues to change, we will follow recommendations and directives in place at that time from the City of Hudson, Summit County, State of Ohio, and CDC for outdoor gatherings on city property.

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.

- June 17 & 18, 2022: 74th Annual Hudson Home & Garden Tour
 - Friday, June 17: 10 AM - 7 PM
 - Saturday, June 18: 10 AM - 4 PM
- June 25, 2022: Hudson Garden Club Garden Gathering
 - Hosted at Fox Trot Acres, 6 PM - 8:30 PM
- September 17, 2022: Fall Plant Exchange
 - Check-in begins 9AM, exchange begins 10AM

Donations will be accepted all year to benefit HGC:

- 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.

Like, Follow, Share, Tag HGC

Photo from HGC Facebook, #TakeTheTour2022

Like, follow, share, and tag us on social media! To keep up with the Club:

- **Hudson Garden Club** on Facebook
- **@HudsonGardenClubOhio** on Instagram

To interact with the Tour:

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



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!**

**Click here to
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