



Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello Hudson Garden Club Members:

It's August already! How did that happen? Hudson Garden Club has been very active so far this summer with our amazing 74th Home and Garden Tour, Garden Gathering, field trips and Gardner to Gardner sessions. More opportunities are headed our way. Information on two upcoming events are included in this newsletter.

In addition to our monthly newsletter, watch your emails for other upcoming events.

Jan Lindstrom

August Calendar

- 6 - Cleveland History Center Program - 1:00 pm
- 22 - Akron Garden Club - Hitomi Gilliam - 10:30 am



Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to



Hudson Garden Club: Mimi Wood, Paula Kijowski and Mary Ann Dombrowski

Welcome Returning members: Erin Poskocil & Mary Mackessy

Photographs of Hudson Garden Club Events Now Available

We have updated our online photo albums with pictures from the tour, tour flowers and our 2022 Club activities.

See these and all our albums at:

<https://hudsongardenclubphotosgallery.shutterfly.com/pictures>

You do not need a Shutterfly account to view them.

Membership Renewals Begin Next Month

Our annual membership renewals will begin next month (September) and all renewals will be online this year. Watch for all the details in next month's newsletter. We look forward to your continued membership.

74th Hudson Home and Garden Tour

After a two-year 'Covid hiatus' the HGC's Home and Garden Tour returned in traditional form to celebrate its 74th year. Attendees had anxiously awaited the tour and we heard overwhelmingly positive feedback on the beautiful homes and outdoor living spaces. They also expressed great appreciation that the Club had brought the tour back in its full form.

With back to back 'Chamber of Commerce' days, seven uniquely styled and manicured homes, a 'vintage' Garden Shop for the ages, an incredible complimentary Tea Room and a fabulous terrace luncheon at the Country Club of Hudson.....tour goers were truly afforded nothing but the best in this comeback year!

As the Hudson Garden Club's major annual fundraiser, the success is not only in the above, but also in the 'numbers' enabling HGC to continue the philanthropic endeavors that define our organization.

We extend our utmost gratitude to the many people supporting this fundraiser, but in particular to the Homeowners. Each and every one allowed for multiple tour committee entrances to decide flower arranging, determine traffic flow, ribbon off rooms, introduce volunteers, etc. All the while, they were painting, staining, rearranging, staging, planting, mowing, mulching and doing it all for the perfect tour experience...and it was!! Again, many, many thanks!

Also, we would be remiss not to have another 'shout out' to our Committer Chairs/Board Members whose dedication and commitment were truly a blessing:

- **Homeowner Liaison: Jennifer Fisher**
- **Advertising/Program: Cindy Durrett**
- **Publicity: Kyla Rollins**
- **Garden Shop: Judy Mikita, Susan McCutcheon**
- **Tea Room: Camille Kuri, Ann Blechman**
- **CCH Luncheon: Shelley Sedlacek**
- **Parking/Safety Ambassador: Chris Downing**
- **Tickets: Sue Brown, Carla Maurer**
- **Floral Coordinator: Barb Earnhardt**
- **President: Jan Lindstrom**
- **Treasurer: Beth Loxley**

We are pleased to report we raised approximately \$50,000 which will be returned to our community in Grants, Scholarships, Tree Plantings, Youth Programs and much more!

Cheers to 75 Years!
Julie and Bronwyn

Garden Gathering 2022

A beautiful summer evening at the wonderful home of Jan and Ray Dalton was the site of this year's Garden Gathering cocktail party. Attendees enjoyed delicious heavy appetizers and desserts along with cocktails of their choice.

Thank you to the Dalton's for hosting and to Karen Kelly and Cynthia Field for chairing this year's Garden Gathering.

The event raised approximately \$5,000 which will support our grants, scholarships and other programs within the community.

Mark your calendars and **save the date for June 24, 2023** for next year's Garden Gathering!

Western Reserve Historical Society Program

The Western Reserve Historical Society is hosting a fabulous program at the **Cleveland History Center on Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 1 to 2:30 pm:**

Frederick Law Olmsted: Bringing Nature to the City

With historian and filmmaker Laurence Cotton (originator of and consulting producer to the PBS special "Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America").

The following link provides more on the event:

<https://www.wrhs.org/events/frederick-law-olmsted-bringing-nature-to-the-city/>

This program is included with any museum general admission purchase for that day. A special discount is available for Hudson Garden Club members and will save \$5 off the admission purchase.

We'd love to have you! Purchase tickets online at:

<https://cletix.com/events/frederick-law-olmsted-bringing-nature-to-the-city-8-6-2022>

Use discount code "GARDENS5" at checkout to receive the discount.

Floral Artist Coming to Akron

The Akron Garden Club has arranged for a world-renowned Floral Artist, Hitomi Gilliam, to come to Akron for a special program open to the public on **Monday, August 22, 2022**. Floral designers and enthusiasts from nearby states who know of Hitomi's work will be coming to see the presentation, and we are fortunate to have this rare opportunity right in our area.

Hitomi is an internationally recognized Canadian floral designer, lecturer, instructor, and author who specializes in contemporary designs, teaches workshops and presents floral programs around the world, and holds accreditation with the American Institute of Floral Designers. This means she has participated in a professional floral design evaluation, achieved scores at the level necessary to be invited to become a member, and completes Continuing Education requirements including some in service and leadership.

Search for her on social media platforms and on YouTube to see some of her work, including flower arrangements and educational videos showcasing her signature style and artistry. While this is not a beginners workshop, if you appreciate art and floral design mixed with the subject of sustainability within this discipline and with ideas you can incorporate in your own flower arrangements, we invite you to consider this presentation.

Barb Earnhardt will be attending and would love to see you there! Please contact Barb with any questions at barb.earnhardt@yahoo.com.

Monday, August 22 - Program begins 10:30 am

Akron Fairlawn Hilton
3180 W Market St
Fairlawn Ohio 44333

\$50.00 fee includes a continental breakfast

Mail check payable to Akron Garden Club and mail to:

Kathy Reed
47 Twin Oaks Blvd
Akron Oh 44313

Advance registrations must be received by August 9, 2022

The Akron Garden Club

Invites you to a program and demonstration by:

HITOMI GILLIAM, AIFD

"STRUCTURE BUILDING FOR SUSTAINABLE DESIGNS"

Monday, August 22, 2022

9:00am Social and Continental Breakfast

9:30am Meeting 10:30am Program

Akron Fairlawn Hilton

3180 W. Market Street

Fairlawn, Ohio 44333

\$50.00 per guest

Tickets for a Raffle of Hitomi's designs will be at the door



Registrations must be received by 8/09/22
Your check is your reservation! Mail checks to:

KATHY REED
47 Twin Oaks Road
Akron, OH 44313

Gardener to Gardener Notes

Implementing Inspiring Ideas -- Tips from our July Gardener to Gardner Event at the Walton Garden

Carefully consider what it is about the inspiring garden that makes it special to you. The colors? The textures? The boldness? The plant combinations? A specific plant that you find engaging? Maybe you need not recreate the entire garden. Maybe you can

just add one or two features you like.

When executing an inspiring planting idea, consider your own garden situation carefully. You may have to adapt that dream garden to account for differences in sunlight, topography, available water, soil type and the time you have to maintain it.

Be patient with your new project. It may require changes and tweaks before you are satisfied with the result. Keep your expectations low the first year.

Adding grasses to a planting design adds movement and gives fall interest. Designer Piet Oudolf uses many grasses, each variety planted in large swaths. Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass is one of his favorites.

Planting a variety of alliums in a bed of low perennials adds delight as the different cultivars bloom in different colors and heights over the course of a month. Alliums are bulbs planted in the fall.

For a large project, purchasing plants from a mail-order company as plugs is a more economical choice. Growing some from seed is an option, too.

Choosing native plants will invite more pollinators to your garden. Plants native to the area adapt well to local soil conditions and rainfall. They usually thrive with little care.

The Recipe for “THE FLOWERS” on Tour

Combine:

- 21 willing and enthusiastic members and friends
- More than 2 dozen gardens
- Hours of time
- Gallons of gas
- Searches through container inventories
- A contribution of mechanics / material from Smithers-Oasis
- Visits to the homes on Tour
- Add some creative thinking to interpret the style of the home into an appealing design
- Time spent viewing Pinterest ideas
- Mix well ahead of time and let rest

Result: Lovely and creative flower arrangements for the 74th Hudson Home & Garden Tour!

All in all, nearly 80 flower arrangements were planned, prepared for, made, delivered and checked daily! Team Leaders Eileen Attwood, Nancy Forhan, Jane Harrison worked with Barb Earnhardt to organize the teams and plan the designs for the seven properties.

Experienced members Connie Chakford, Sarah Filipovitz, Pat Giorgi, Mary Jack, Fern MacMillan, Paula Shaw, Jane Thornton shared their enthusiasm and creativity. Members Sue Brown, Missy Burrows, Barb Faulkner, Michelle Novosel, Joanna Reese participated for the first time and their interest and work ethic inspired their teams.

While visiting the houses on the tour, it was interesting to hear the comments that the flower arrangements were noticed, studied, and appreciated. The unique and varied designs and material suited the styles of the house and moods of the rooms. Visitors

were aware of and commented on distinctive containers. We are told every year that some visitors come “just to see the flowers”. The art and beauty of floral design added joy to the days and also inspired!

To see this year’s designs, a Shutterfly album has been created and can be viewed thru a link on the Hudson Garden Club website and the Hudson Garden Club Facebook page. (See above article.)

The Tour Flower Arrangers very much enjoyed contributing to the success of this year’s Tour. We carry on the lovely, long tradition of the Hudson Home & Garden Tour and the support it allows the Hudson Garden Club to give back to our community.

Next year is our 75th annual Tour and is sure to be a special one in celebration of this milestone!

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

“Give anyone a flower and wait for the expression. Everybody smiles. That’s why we want to see flowers inside our houses, because we equate them with joy, and above all, Houses should make us happy.” ~Mimi McMakin, Kemble Interiors

THE MAGIC OF PEONIES IN TOUR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

"How do you have peonies in mid June? Mine are done and gone by the end of May!" Many of the comments about the flower arrangements mention and question the peonies that are always a part of the Tour flowers. It’s not magic, just a process that starts in early May and ends with the big blooms making their annual appearance in our floral designs.

White, red, and pink herbaceous peonies, Itoh peonies in yellow and copper, and an occasional tree peony bloom have been part of the Tour flowers in this and past years. There is a protocol that the Tour Flower Arrangers use with much success. Tour co-chair Bronwyn Pierson shared this information several years ago:

- Harvest in the morning.
- Choosing a bud in the correct stage of bloom is important for success. The green leaves on the bud should be opening but the bud should be intact and showing color. While lightly squeezing the bud, it should feel like a stale marshmallow.
- Cut a long stem but leave at least 2 leaves near the bud on the stem still attached to the plant. Remove all other leaves.
- Do not place in water and let rest in a cool, shaded place.
- After resting for 20 minutes, re-cut 1 inch of the stem under water, place the stems in cool water with added floral preservative (like the packets that come with cut flowers) and hydrate for 20 minutes.
- Remove the stems from the water and let the greenery, stem and bud dry. Once dry, wrap in damp newspaper and place in plastic garbage bags. Store in a refrigerator, not in direct flow of the cold air vent. These will keep for several weeks.
- When ready to use, take the stems out of the fridge, re-cut the stems and place in tepid water. Flowers should open by the next day.
- Note not all varieties store well.

Barb Earnhardt, Flower Arranging Chair

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