



# Newsletter

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## **President's Message**

Hello Hudson Garden Club Members:

September kicks off our annual Membership Drive and you will find all the details for your online renewal below.

Your dues support all the activities planned by your Board - plant exchanges, field trips, Gardener to Gardener programs, Herb Group, monthly programs, workshops and much more! We value your membership and continually seek ways to enrich our membership with a wide range of opportunities.

As you renew your membership, please be sure to note areas of interest to you or committees you might like to serve on so that you can receive additional information.

In addition to our monthly newsletter, as always please watch your emails for other upcoming events that may offered during the month.

I hope you enjoy September, one of our nicest months of the year - warm days, cool nights!

Jan Lindstrom

## **September Calendar**

9 - Harvest Fair, East Woods School - 8:00 AM



## Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new member to Hudson Garden Club:

Mike Dombi



## Membership Renewals Begin This Month

We are pleased to officially welcome our new Membership Co-Chair, Clare Smith, who will be helping Lois James as we refine the membership process. She has great ideas to make things run a bit more easily and smoothly. We are excited to have her on board!

She's coming on board in the midst of a few changes! Starting this month the Hudson Garden Club will be adopting a **paperless policy**. This means that **membership renewals and payments will be online only**.

Please go to **Membership** on our website at [hudsongardenclub.org](http://hudsongardenclub.org). Please complete the online form by selecting 'Online Membership Form'.

At the bottom of the online form is an option: **Pay Dues Via PayPal Here** and you can pay your dues online.

No PayPal account? You can also pay with a credit card. Or if you would like to establish a PayPal account, go to [PayPal.com](https://www.PayPal.com), click on Sign Up and then, "Get Started."

If you need any assistance with your renewal, please contact Lois James at [membership@hudsongardenclub.org](mailto:membership@hudsongardenclub.org) and she will help.

As we kick off our new year, **we will also be sending our newsletters only by**

**email.** Feel free to print your newsletter if you would like a hard copy. In addition, back copies of all our newsletters can be found on our website in the Member Area. The same will apply to Directories, which are also on our website in the Member Area and can be downloaded to print if you prefer.

***These changes reflect our goal to reduce paper usage and save at least a few trees! A good fit with Hudson Garden Club as we annually support tree plantings with our grants program.***

With all the clubs and organizations available in Hudson, we are grateful that you have decided to invest your time with us. **Thank you for your continued support!**

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## **Harvest Fair 2022 - Volunteers Needed!!**

Last Spring, 2nd graders learned how to plant a garden. Many students purchased seeds through the Hudson Garden Club. Any child who planted a garden over the summer can now show off their hard work and become a member of the Green Thumb Club.

**Volunteers are needed at East Woods Elementary School at 8:00 am Friday, September 9, 2022. Help is needed setting up the tables for the students to display their flowers and vegetables from their garden.**

This year the entire East Woods Intermediate School will participate. 3rd, 4th and 5th grades are encouraged to bring in their plants, flowers, vegetables and/or photos.

The Harvest Fair will be Friday, September 9, 2022. There are 3 categories for submissions: Flowers & Herbs, Vegetables and Crazy Critters.

Please contact Kathy Harrison at [kathysuky@gmail.com](mailto:kathysuky@gmail.com) or call 330-656-3407 to volunteer.

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## **Home and Garden Tour - Garden Shop 2023**

**2022 was our most successful Garden Shop sale ever! Total revenues were \$11,168.75!**

**We need your help with donations for next year's garden shop sale . We're already collecting for next year.**

As you begin to put your garden to sleep, clean out garden tools, pots, statuary, etc. we welcome your donations. As you saw this year, we're not limited to garden themed things, but general household items as well.

We are also in search of extra yard sale price stickers or hang tags.

Call for a pickup or drop off your donations at Judy Mikita's, 2297 Middleton Road. Phone 330-701-1364.

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## **Fall Plant Exchange**

Our ever-popular Plant Exchange will take place on **Saturday, September 17th**. Check-in will



begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Exchange will start promptly at 10:00 a.m.

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.

**Check in:** 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. **Use the below button to download the labels.**

We welcome as many plants, bulbs, tubers and seeds as you would like to share, with the **exception of any ground covers (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.**

**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.

**Tickets:** One ticket will be issued for every standard size plant you bring. You may use tickets to purchase plants from the exchange. 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.

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 in!

If you have any questions, please call Sherry Beam (330) 573-6353, or email [sherrybeam@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrybeam@hotmail.com).

[Plant Label Form](#)

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## Holden Forest and Garden Book Clubs Announced

The new librarian at HF&G is launching a book club this Fall. The book club is being offered at both campuses and you do need to register, using the following registration links. These links include more details about the book club. If anyone has any

questions they can contact Marisha Sullivan, HF&G Librarian, at 216.707.2845.

**Arboretum Campus Book Club** <https://holdenfg.org/resources/arboretum-book-club/>

**Botanical Garden Campus Book Club** <https://holdenfg.org/resources/cbg-book-club/>

## HF&G BOOK CLUB

Join us to discuss books that open a window to the great outdoors!  
It's free with admission and open to anyone, but please register in advance for the session you will be attending. The upcoming titles include:

*In Defense of Plants* by Matt Candeias

*This is Your Mind on Plants* by Michael Pollan

Both campuses will be reading the same titles but in opposite months!

### Dates & Times

Cleveland Botanical Garden - "In Defense of Plants": Sept. 28

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Price: Free with admission

Cleveland Botanical Garden - "This is Your Mind on Plants": Nov. 16

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Price: Free with admission

Holden Arboretum - "In Defense of Plants": Oct 19

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Price: Free with admission

Holden Arboretum - "This is Your Mind on Plants": Dec 14

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Price: Free with admission

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Kelly, the Hudson Garden Club Affiliate Representative, at [khkelly5@gmail.com](mailto:khkelly5@gmail.com).



### Akron Garden Club Workshop with Hitomi Gilliam, AIFD

On Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> the Akron Garden Club hosted Hitomi Gilliam, AIFD at the Akron-Fairlawn Hilton Hotel to give a presentation on "Structure Building for Sustainable Designs in Floral Design" and a workshop for participants to use the concepts learned from the presentation.

Our Hudson Garden Club had the pleasure of being invited to participate. It was an extraordinary floral design workshop and a treat to be able to learn from someone so sought after for her many talents. Hitomi Gilliam

demonstrated her forward thinking in caring for the earth and limiting waste by showing us how to incorporate these concepts into our floral design work. She has boundless energy, enthusiasm and such experienced craftsmanship that inspired all attendees. Many of us who attended were not AIFD certified so we were a bit overwhelmed at first and Hitomi was able to keep us all on track. We ultimately created a large, tropical arrangement that was both eye catching and would be long lasting on a table.

Some of the key points she emphasized to the workshop group was the importance of learning good floral design mechanics because it's easy to pick, add and arrange flowers but more difficult to make it special and unique looking. Some of those floral mechanics she taught us were making what looked like vines from layers of wire wrapped with layers of yarn weaving called midollino, using strips of plastic to make these vines look even heavier and more lifelike toward the middle of the branch you are weaving. She also taught us how to make wire pillows to act like a floral frog or using similar cage wiring wrapped around a clear glass cylinder to give height. She demonstrated how to connect branches to wire, and how to add clear water tubes to add a 3D effect where additional flowers can be added. All through the teaching moments Hitomi stresses how taking the time to create some of these mechanic pieces ahead of time can save you time and money since these items can be recycled.

Smithers Oasis also participated in the workshop and they demonstrated some other new more sustainable products that are more earth friendly than previous ones.

One of the best parts of the workshop was working with tropical flowers. Hitomi mentioned that topicals typically last weeks longer than your average flowers used in a non-tropical arrangement. All the participants used anthuriums, haleconia and aspidistra leaves plus many other unique and gorgeous tropical flowers. Hitomi mentions that many of these flowers even dry beautifully enabling your arrangement to take on a whole new look.

Everyone in the workshop learned so much so quickly. Given the quality and quantity of the information that was shared it would have been beneficial to have a recording of this amazing workshop. Hitomi suggested looking her up on You Tube or following her on Instagram in order to see her videos and learn the latest in floral design.

Walking away from the workshop with a tropical masterpiece on a grand scale even for a novice floral designer gave one a sense of true accomplishment! This was a very special workshop given by a unique floral design talent. All of us that attended were touched by her positive influence and presence. We hope that she will return someday to Northeast Ohio.

Thank You Hitomi!

Jane Thornton

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### Photographs of Hudson Garden Club Events Available

You can find photographs of our club's activities by visiting the below link to our albums:

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

You do not need a Shutterfly account to view them.

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