

HUDSON GARDEN CLUB



NEWSLETTER 2015

A Word from the President

I love our climate – we always know our winters will be long and hard, but we also know that our summers will be warm and sunny. As you read this you will, no doubt, be thinking about your garden as we are preparing for our first meeting of the year. You will notice that we have two trips planned – both include the opportunity to buy plants so it is time to start thinking about your shopping list. We are delighted to welcome Christine Gibb who has volunteered to take on one of the most important functions in the club – the Speaker Programme. As you will see in this Newsletter she has been very successful. We have an interesting blend of speakers who will be bringing their talent and expertise to our club. You will not want to miss any of the evening meetings!

Enjoy the summer. I have enjoyed being your President and thank you for the patience and kindness you have shown me over the last two years.

Deborah Barclay

Flower and Vegetable Show 2015



The theme of this year's flower show is **Cuisine Arte** - flower arrangements in everything but the kitchen sink! The information page is posted on our web site and the complete booklet will be available in the spring.

Once again the flower show will be held at the Stephen F. Shaar Community Centre (394 Main, Hudson). Registration will be on Friday, July 17 and the show will open to the public at noon on Saturday, July 18.

So, mark your calendars and start planning your entries. We encourage everyone to take part – enter one or more sections (floral arrangements, cut flowers, roses, vegetables, potted plants and veggie critters) – and you might win a ribbon and/or trophy.

For further details please consult the 2015 Flower Show Booklet and the information on our web site. You may also call Kathy Conway at 450-458-7604 ; e-mail - kathy.conway@live.com

Mission Statement

The goals of the Hudson Garden Club are to:

1. Share horticultural knowledge
2. Promote enjoyment of gardening and its related activities
3. Encourage awareness of our environment

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Important!!

Please advise us promptly if either your mailing or e-mail address has changed; we will correct your address for the next mailing.

Plant photographs used in the Newsletter were taken by myself last year in my garden - Michael Hickman



Hudson Garden Club 2015 Schedule of Events



Please Note:

Meetings are held on the **Third Tuesday** of each month from **March to November** at **St. James' Church**, 642 Main Road, Hudson.

Guest fee for regular meetings is \$5 (does not include the Garden Party).

Meetings **now** commence at 7:30 pm; **invited speakers begin promptly at 7:45 pm.**

Tous les membres sont les bienvenus. Veuillez toutefois prendre note que nos conférenciers feront leurs discours en anglais.

Remember: Instead of waiting until the holidays, non-perishable food items will now be collected at each meeting and donated to **Le Pont Bridging** throughout the year.

March 17 - Meeting

7:30 pm

Note: please come early to renew your membership and reserve a place on the bus for our day trips

Lindsay D'Aoust

Topic - Choosing and growing great peonies

Peony enthusiast and longtime Hudson resident, Lindsay D'Aoust is the owner of La Pivoinerie D'Aoust mail order peony nursery. Come and be inspired to add beautiful peonies to your garden.

www.paeonia.com

March 21

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Please come and join us in this community event and proudly display your club and "green thumbs"!

For further details please contact Lorrie Phelan - 450-458-4032

April 21 - Meeting

7:30 pm

Annual general meeting, including election of officers.

Note: please come early to renew your membership and reserve a place on the bus for our day trips

Reid Allaway, co-manager and founding member of Tourne-Sol Co-operative Farm.

Topic - Green manures and crop rotation on an organic vegetable farm

Reid Allaway is passionate about green manures. He will explain the logic and practice of using green manures in a garden – how different crops can be arranged in rotation to provide fertility cycling and pest and disease control to make your annual garden system as sustainable and resilient as possible with the fewest external inputs.

www.fermetournesol.qc.ca



May 19 - Meeting

7:30 pm

David Morgan, Lee Valley Tools Ltd.

Topic - Ergonomics and tool maintenance

David Morgan is an accomplished woodworker and gardener. He will share his tips on selecting the right gardening tools and on keeping them in tip-top condition.

www.leevalley.com

"Unlike most other works of art, a garden requires of its owner something more than mere appreciation." Louise and James Bush-Brown, American horticulturists

May 23 - Day Trip 1

Montreal Botanical Gardens - The Great Gardening Weekend

Enjoy lunch at L'Academie Restaurant on St. Denis and spend the afternoon at the garden. Bring your shopping lists for unusual plants!

espacepourlavie.ca/jardin-botanique

May 30 - Spring Perennial Plant Sale

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Finnegan's Market - 775 Main Road, Hudson.

Please drop off **labelled and potted plants** before **10:00 am**.

"Flowers are words which even a baby may understand." Arthur C. Cone, English writer



June 16 - Meeting

7.30 pm

Orysia Krywiak-Valenti

Topic - Flower arranging

A demonstration of how to make award winning arrangements.

This meeting is open to the public at no charge.

June 28 - Local Garden Tour

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tour local gardens - \$10 for non-members, payable at the first garden visited. Maps available at meetings, Stephen F. Shaar Community Centre and on our website, or pick up a map at the first garden you visit.

July 17/18 - Flower and Vegetable Show

The theme of this year's flower show is **Cuisine Arte** - flower arrangements in everything but the kitchen sink! Please refer to the Floral Arrangement sheet for a description of the arrangements and start planning your entries.

The show will be held **Saturday July 18**, at the **Stephen F. Shaar Community Centre**, with registration the evening of **July 17 (5:00 pm to 8:30 pm)**.

The complete schedule booklet will be available on our website soon. Please contact Kathy Conway at 450-458-7604 if you have any questions. **The show is open to the public noon to 4:00 pm.**

July 21 - Meeting

7:30 pm

David Easterbrook

Topic - Bonsai

David Easterbrook has been studying and creating bonsai for over 40 years. After apprenticing in Japan he started his own bonsai nursery and later became the Curator of the Montreal Botanical Gardens' bonsai collection for almost 30 years. He currently boasts an eclectic collection of more than 900 bonsai.

July 25 - Day Trip 2

Outstanding gardens located near Mirabel and Ripon

Route des Gerbes d'Angelica in Mirabel is an award winning theme garden.

www.gerbesdangelica.com

Lunch at the famous **Fairmont Le Château Montebello**.

www.fairmont.com/montebello/

Les Jardins d'Emmarocalles near Ripon is a 5 acre century old property with an impressive collection of daylilies and perennials..

www.jardinsdemmarocalles.com

August 9 - Garden Party

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Details to follow.

August 18 - Meeting

7:30 pm

Larry Hodgson

Topic - Great gardens of the world

Have you ever dreamed of travelling the world to discover its most beautiful gardens? Well, Larry Hodgson, the travelling gardener, has done it for you. So sit back and enjoy this trip around the world encompassing gardens of all styles, types and sizes. Travel from North America to Europe, South America, Asia, Africa and even Australia in this panorama of all that is green and beautiful on this planet, all with the informative and amusing comments of someone who's passionate about horticultural beauty.

September 15 - Meeting

7:30 pm

Christie Lovat

Topic - The dirt on dirt

Why won't a plant grow in your garden while your neighbour can grow it right next door? The answer is almost always in the soil. This presentation explains everything there is to know about your soil. Your garden is 90% dirt, it's about time we understood it better.

"The love of gardening is a seed that once sown never dies." Gertrude Jekyll

September 19 - Fall Perennial Plant Sale

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Finnegan's Market - 775 Main Road, Hudson.

Please drop off **labelled and potted plants** before **10:00 am**.

October 20 - Meeting

7.30 pm

Chris Buddle

Topic - Spiders in the garden

These amazing arachnids are one of the most diverse groups of animals on the planet. Based on his upcoming book, Chris Buddle's talk will convert you into an arachnophile (spider lover). So, next time you bump into spiders as they move about your garden, you will see friends and familiar faces instead of fangs.

November 21 DIY Holiday Decor Demo

2:00 pm at St. James' Church, 642 Main Road, Hudson

An exciting opportunity to see demonstrations of how to design and make your own Christmas decorations.

This meeting is open to the public.



Hudson Garden Club Gives Back

HGC is a non-profit organization, but sound management means that we occasionally accumulate a budget surplus beyond our operating needs.

HGC is a vibrant part of the community in which we live and in the spirit of giving to our community the HGC gave donations to the following in 2014:

- Nova Hudson, in memory of our deceased members
- Le Nichoir
- Ecomuseum
- The Lambert de Witt Education Grant

The Lambert de Witt Education Grant

The Hudson Garden Club (HGC) is pleased to announce it will again offer an education grant in 2015 to a student in the field of horticulture or environmental studies. The \$500 grant will be awarded in May to a student chosen by the HGC Selection Committee who meets the following criteria.

■The student's home is located in Hudson or Saint-Lazare or Rigaud, and is a high school student who has been accepted in a CEGEP, college or university programme related to horticulture or environmental sciences,

OR

■A student who is currently registered in a CEGEP, college or university programme related to horticulture or environmental sciences.

Past applicants and winners may apply again. The application form may be requested by sending an e-mail to [hudsongardenclub\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:hudsongardenclub[at]gmail.com)

Deadline for receipt of the submission is April 25, 2015.

For information: John Hill, HGC, 450-458-4431

Discounts for Members

As a member of HGC and through HGC's membership in the FSHEQ, 2015 membership card holders may be privileged to receive varying discounts from participating suppliers. Present your card to the cashier **BEFORE your order is rung up.**

Please check with suppliers as to which items the discounts apply, as not all items are subject to their discounts.

We thank the following companies for their generosity: **Champs de Rêves, Hollandia Fleuriste, Les Serres Vaudreuil (Daoust), Pepiniere Chantal (Rigaud), Cité des Jeunes (Saint-Lazare) and Fleuriste Rita (Saint-Lazare).**

Merci beaucoup !

Tell Us!!

*We welcome your ideas and input
Here is how to get in touch with us:-*

Web site:

<http://hgc.fsheq.net>

E-mail:

[hudsongardenclub\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:hudsongardenclub[at]gmail.com)

Snail-mail:

PO Box 573, Hudson, QC, J0P 1H0

HGC now on Facebook

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

\$20 Annually – Per Household
(\$15 if paid before March 31, 2015)

Complete **both parts** of this form and mail it to us at:

Hudson Garden Club
PO Box 573 – Hudson – QC J0P 1H0

If you wish to receive your card by mail, please **INCLUDE** a **SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE**. Otherwise, you may pick up your membership card at any meeting.

OR

Bring the completed form to the March 17 2015 meeting.

To ensure a speedy registration process for everyone, please **come early** and bring your **completed form and cheque** to the **March 17th, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.**, St James' Church, 642 Main Road, Hudson.

You can pick up your **2015** membership card at the **March 17th** meeting.

Membership Inquiries

Bill Osler – 450-450-3548

- or -

Kathy Conway - 450-458-7604

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[hudsongardenclub\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:hudsongardenclub[at]gmail.com)

Helping Hands

We thank all the enthusiastic volunteers who work tirelessly with HGC directors to bring you our many activities throughout the season.

Thank you



“You fight dandelions all weekend and late Monday afternoon there they are, pert as all get out, in full and gorgeous bloom, pretty as can be, thriving as only dandelions can in the face of adversity.” Hal Borland, American journalist

Name

Name of additional **household member** who requires a membership card

Address

Postal Code

Telephone

E-mail (please print clearly)

Please note that by providing your email address you are choosing to receive club communications by email only.

Help with one of our many Hudson Garden Club activities by volunteering for a work group. Generally, this requires very little of your time and it will be greatly appreciated. Please indicate how you want to help:

- Administrative work
- Computer help
- Flower Show helper
- Flower Show Tea Room hostess/server
- Local Garden Tours helper
- Plant sales (Spring _____ Fall _____)
- Telephone Committee
- Wine & Cheese Party helper
- Programme coordination
- Help organize bus tours
- Other (please specify)
