

HUDSON GARDEN CLUB



NEWSLETTER 2019

Hepatica nobilis 'Blue Form'

Welcome to Spring 2019!

After a long and difficult winter, hope is on the way and we will soon be complaining about the hot summer! At last it is time to talk about our amazing season, filled with fabulously interesting speakers, a field trip and two one-day trips.

I regret to inform you that Margaret Waller resigned as President at the end of last year. I have been filling in for the balance of her term until the AGM in April, which explains why I am writing this!

Over the winter, a sub-committee reviewed the operations of our Club. There were several goals, but two of the main reasons for the review was to recognize the difficulty in managing a number of events where we had problems finding volunteers and have had to either cancel events or rely on a small number of the same people for support. In future, there will not be a meeting in March and the Local Garden Tour and the Flower Show will be held in alternate years. The second goal was to review the time in which the President, VP and Past President are expected to serve their terms in the club. To this end we have removed the position of VP and will be seeking the next President from the current Board.

We have a busy year ahead and will be seeking help from you, our members, to support our speakers and events.

The highlight speaker this year will be Carson Arthur who is finding time between his busy schedule of television (HGTV) and film work and his successful gardening company, to come and talk to us in October.

Deborah Barclay

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.

Board Members

Acting President Deborah Barclay – Day trips

Treasurer & Membership Bill Osler
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Secretary Sandi Johnson (514)949-5864

Directors

Louise Guillemette – Inter Club Liaison/Flower Show

Carole Heider – Local Garden Tour

Michael Hickman - Communication

John Hill – Lambert de Wit Education Grant

Kathy Leech - Root Sales

William McCann – Communication

Lorrie Phelan – Communication/Town Liaison

Mireille Youssef - Communication



Talks and Events



Please Note

Unless specified below, meetings are held on the **Third Tuesday** of each month from **April to November** at **St. James' Church**, 642 Main Road, Hudson.

Guest fee for regular meetings is \$5.

Meetings commence promptly at 7:30 pm.

Tous les membres sont les bienvenus. Veuillez toutefois prendre note que nos conférenciers feront leur 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.

April 16

Opening Meeting.

7.30pm

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

The Annual General meeting will be followed by wine and nibbles as the Board presents our exciting 2019 season to you.

April 20

Easter Seed Planting

11:00am -1:00pm

We will be at the Stephen F. Shaar Community Centre at 394, Main Rd, Hudson to help children plant seeds in little peat pots and to inspire them to become future members of the HGC! Come and join in the fun.



May 21

Field trip

7:00 pm – 164 Evergreen, Hudson

This is a unique opportunity to watch the work in progress as a pond is being built in a private garden in Hudson.

The Designer and Contractor, John Kiraly of Les Jardins J. G. Kiraly will explain the work he has completed and what he still has to do to finalize the pond and the surrounding area.



June 1

Spring Plant Sale

Once again as part of the Wyman Spring Fling the Hudson Garden Club Spring Plant Sale will be held from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on the lawn of Wyman Church.

June 12

**One-Day Bus Trip
On Top of the World:
Explore Amazing Roof Top
Gardens of Montreal.**

Take a tour of four ambitious green roof gardens. Enjoy the amazing views of the city and learn how gardening techniques have been adapted to create areas for relaxation as well as the production of organic vegetables. Watch your email for price and details.

Tickets will be on sale at the April meeting and afterwards at the Hudson Village Travel. Tickets will be sold only to HGC members until May 16, 2019, after which non-members will be invited. Reservations are confirmed with payment by cheque made out to Hudson Village Travel.

**June 18 - Meeting
7:30pm**

**Container Gardening by
Elaine Sanders
(solutionsjardins.com)**

A stunning container can turn a ho-hum entrance, balcony or forgotten corner of your garden into something special. Join *Solutions Jardins* founder Elaine Sanders to learn about the important steps to successful container gardening and to see many beautiful examples of what

you can grow above ground, from edibles to ornamentals.



July 13

**One-Day Bus Trip
Rural Beauty: A Visit to The
Laurentians**

Opened especially for our visit, don't miss this unique opportunity to visit four amazing private gardens, nestled in the hills near Piedmont and St Adele. Lunch will be at a critically acclaimed restaurant. Watch your email for price and details.

Be advised some gardens could be a problem for people with mobility problems.

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**July 16 - Meeting
7:30pm**

**Permaculture Landscaping
and Perennial Plantings by
Jonah Neumark
(neumarkdesign.com)**

What do you do if you're a landscape designer, plant producer, educator, and artist? Permaculture! In his talk, Jonah Neumark will present various permacultural techniques and principles using some of his projects as examples. He will cover tips and tricks for perennial plantings and share his favourite plants ones you might just want to grow! This special speaker event is hosted in partnership with the Hudson Food Collective.





July 21

Local Garden Tour

1:00pm – 4:00pm

An afternoon full of promise. Visit local gardens kindly opened for us to share and enjoy.

Come rain or shine. \$10 for non-members payable at the first garden visited. Maps will be available on our website <http://hgc.fsheq.org>, at meetings, and the Stephen F. Shaar Community Centre in Hudson.

August 20 - Meeting

7:30pm

Dahlias by Keith Vraves

Native to Mexico, the Dahlia has long been treasured on dinner plates (the tubers are edible) and in gardens around the world. Its beauty and historical and botanical quirks are just some of the reasons why the National Garden

Bureau in the USA selected the Dahlia as 2019's "bulb" of the year. Join Cramer Nursery's Keith Vraves for a fascinating exploration of this beautiful genus.

September 17 - Meeting

Tips on Pruning Trees and Shrubs by Dr. David Wees

If you've ever wondered about pruning, this is the talk for you. David Wees, the Associate director of the Farm Management and Technology Programme at McGill University shares the long and the short of pruning. When should you prune and when should you leave "good enough" alone? Some tips on why, how and when to prune your trees, shrubs and vines.

September 21

Fall Plant Sale

The Fall Plant Sale will be held at Le Verger (the apple orchard west of Finnegan's) at 439 Main Road, Hudson from 1:00 to 4.00 pm.



October 15 - Meeting

7:30pm

***Where's the G in HGTV?
by Carson Arthur
(carsonarthur.com)***

Throughout his 20-year television career, the popular landscape designer and television personality Carson Arthur has taught home owners how to raise the value of their homes through outdoor renovations while maintaining a focus on environmentally friendly choices. With a keen insight into how homeowners view their outdoor spaces, Carson is able to both enlighten and entertain large crowds with practical information that appeals to all. Come and join us for an evening of fun and inspiration as Carson explores the answer to the question, - "Where have all the gardening shows gone?" Learn why gardening left...and if it will ever come back as the Canadian definition of the backyard changes once again.

November 23

An event to be announced.



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 2018

NOVA Hudson, in memory of our deceased members

Greenwood (Membership)

Fireman's Fund

The Lambert de Wit Education Grant

Ecomuseum

Le Nichoir

Le Pont Bridging

The Lambert de Wit Education Grant

STUDENTS CAN APPLY NOW FOR A \$500 GRANT

ATTENTION Any student who has been accepted in a CEGEP, college or university programme related to horticulture or environmental sciences or a postsecondary horticultural and/or landscaping course and lives in Hudson, Saint Lazare or Rigaud can receive a grant of \$500.

HOW? Simply fill out the Lambert de Wit grant application form [downloaded](#) from the Hudson Garden Club. Go to www.hgc.fsheq.org or request by e-mail from johnghill@bell.net or mail@hgcquebec.org

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION to Box 573 Hudson QC J0P1H0 or e-mail to johnghill@bell.net.

WHY? A great way to help you in your further studies.

DEADLINE. Last date for receipt of application is Tuesday April 30 2019.

DON'T DELAY!! APPLY NOW!!

Discounts for Members

As a member of HGC and through HGC's membership in the FSHEQ, 2019 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, Les Serres Vaudreuil (Daoust), Pepiniere Chantal (Rigaud), Cité des Jeunes (Saint-Lazare), Botanix Cleroux (Gouin Blvd, Pierrefonds) and Fleuriste Rita (Saint-Lazare).**

Tell Us!!

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

Web site: <http://hgc.fsheq.org>

E-mail:

mail@hgcquebec.org

Snail-mail: PO Box 573,
Hudson, QC, J0P 1H0

HGC on Facebook 

 - [hgcquebec](https://www.facebook.com/hgcquebec)

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

\$25 Annually – Per Household

(\$20 if paid before May 21, 2019)

Complete 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 April 16 meeting.

To ensure a speedy registration process for everyone, please **come early** and bring your **completed form and cheque** to the meeting on **April 16, 2019 at 7:30pm**, St James' Church, 642 Main Road, Hudson.

You can pick up your **2019** membership card at the **April or May** meetings

Membership Inquiries

Bill Osler – 450-458-3548

Helping Hands

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

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

Local Garden Tours helper

Plant sales (Spring _____ Fall _____)

Programme coordination

Help organize bus tours

Other (please specify)
