

Introducing the Nominees for the HGC Board

Following is a list of nominees to two-year positions on the HGC board. Please make a note to attend the Annual General Meeting on March 16 to support your club. See you there!

Debbie Seitz, who has lived in Hudson for thirty years and has served on the HGC board handling Treasurer and Membership functions for over fifteen years, is stepping down from those duties this year. Debbie will be replaced by Bill Osler but will remain a director on the board and oversee the perennial root sales.

Pat Anderson has served on the board as Secretary over the past 20 + years, and has decided to step down from that role this year. Pat intends to remain on the board as a director and will continue handling the club's social correspondence. Sheila Britt will be replacing Pat in the role of Secretary.

Shelley Lamonde, a native of Port Perry, Ontario, has been actively involved with HGC since arriving here in 1990. Past president of the Club, Shelley has run the highly popular bus tours since 2002, which she finds time to organize in the off-season from her busy gardening and landscaping business.

Penny McCaig, a beekeeper with husband Jim for some 30 years, says she still loves the biology and closeness with nature their award-winning avocation brings. Penny also enjoys curling and cross-country skiing when the hives are quieted by cold weather.

Bill Osler, a construction estimator by training, has a lifelong interest in gardening. Before retiring, Bill spent over 50 years in the construction and engineering industry. He brings a depth of experience, having served as treasurer for a local square dancing association and the American Association of Cost Engineers, to the board in the role of treasurer.

Can you guess the significance of Nasturtiums?

HGC Gives Back!

HGC is a non-profit organization, but good management means that we occasionally accumulate a budget surplus beyond our operating needs. HGC is a vibrant part of the communities in which we live; therefore we are pleased to give back to those communities when we can.

In 2009, we made donations to the following organizations:

- * NOVA Hudson, in the name of members who have passed on;
- * the Firefighters Christmas Basket Fund;
- * Le Nichoir;
- * Fondation des soins de santé de Vaudreuil-Soulange Health Care Foundation;
- * Le Pont Bridging;
- * Go Green Hudson;
- * the Westwood School - Senior and Junior campus libraries.

Hudson Garden Club Mission Statement:

The goals of the Hudson Garden Club are to:

- ❖ *share horticultural knowledge,*
- ❖ *promote enjoyment of gardening and its related activities, and*
- ❖ *encourage awareness of our environment.*

Important

Please advise us promptly **if you no longer use your Post Office Box number** or if you have moved; we will correct your address for the next mailing.

Remember that members who do not renew before our May meeting will be dropped from our mailing list.

We welcome your ideas and input; get in touch with us:

Website: <http://hgc.fsheq.net>

E-mail: hudsongardenclub@gmail.com

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DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS

As a member of HGC, and through HGC's membership in the FSHEQ, **2010 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: **Saltarelli, Champs de Reve, Hollandia Fleuriste, Les Serres Vaudreuil (Daoust), Pepiniere Chantal (Rigaud), and Fleuriste Rita (St. Lazare).**

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!!**

Education Grant!!

Encouraged by last year's success, the Hudson Garden Club is once again offering an education grant to a local student.

The grant is offered to a Hudson/St-Lazare student to support studies in horticulture or related subjects in the environmental sciences at a recognized school, CEGEP or University.

Applications are available now at local high schools and CEGEPs, as well as on our website. The grant is expected to be awarded in May 2010.

Good luck!!!

**Happy birthday to you,
happy birthday to you,**



Nasturtiums are the traditional flower given for a 40th wedding anniversary.

Happy 40th Anniversary!



2010 Spring Newsletter

Five positions on the HGC board are up for election this year. Please make a note to attend the Annual General Meeting on March 16 to support your club. See you there!

Returning Board Members

President*

Kathy Conway - 458-7604

Vice-President*

William McCann - 458-1819

Past-President*

Carole Ann O'Connell - 458-9902

Treasurer & Membership

Bill Osler - *Interim - Pending Election*

Secretary*

Sheila Britt

Directors*

Gisèle Aubin - 514-633-9084

Meredith Royds - 458-7560

**Terms ending March 2011.*

Nominated for a Two-Year Term

Treasurer & Membership - Bill Osler

Directors - Debbie Seitz, Shelley Lamonde, Penny McCaig and Pat Anderson

