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Organic garden center owner visits Hudson Garden Club

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Marvin Duren, of Marvin's Organic Gardens of the Greater Cincinnati area, will speak to the Hudson Garden Club on May 20 at Laurel Lake Retirement Community.

A reception for Garden Club scholarship winners starts at 6:30 p.m. The winners will be introduced at 7 p.m., and Duren's presentation will follow. Guests are welcome.

For more information, call Mary Gallo at 330-315-3928.

Duren has practiced gardening and lawn care for many years without using any synthetics or chemicals (no herbicides, fungicides, pesticides or fake synthetic fertilizers).

Gardening is "therapy" for him and he encourages others to enjoy the rewards of gardening.

Duren was born in Stone Mountain, Ga., and has been a longtime resident of Warren County in Ohio. He and his wife, Ann, have three children.

Duren served in the U.S. Army Rangers during the Vietnam era, receiving the Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars. He attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga., and Georgia Southwestern University of Americus, Ga.

Duren owned and operated Waffle House restaurants for many years. Since the sale of the restaurants, he has devoted himself to Marvin's Organic Gardens. Seven years later, the business has grown considerably.

Full service organic gardening, design, installation, lawn care and a new garden center housed in a Dutch designed tempered glass greenhouse are all a part of the expanding business.