

The Garden Path

West Trenton Garden Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Members:

Welcome to the new season of the WTGC 2014-2015! What a wonderful summer it has been but, it is time to get back to work. We have a fantastic year planned for you filled with exciting programs brought to us by Helga Fontus and special events culminating in our Spring 2015 Flower Show.

In August, we learned about the Ewing Green Team with Joanne Mullooney who told us all about all the progress of the team. Thank you, Joanne.

Thanks to our August Hospitality committee: Anne Chmielewski (chair), Jackie Anderson-Kraus, David Chmielewski, Ingrid Fair, Sharon Sheppard and Mary Pat Voorhees. Great Job!

Our Program this month is "**Jersey Fresh**". Don't forget to bring your "**Jersey Fresh**" item for the auction. Please see details in this newsletter. We had so much fun at this event last year! There will be more opportunities to sign up for the **Flower Show**. Also, the **Spring Bulb Sale** order forms will be collected. Note: Your participation in fundraisers is a requirement of our club.

Gardening Tip: This is the time to fill in the empty spots in the garden with Fall plants such as perennial chrysanthemums, asters and grasses. Did you try *successive pruning*? If so, you will enjoy the *elongated bloom season as well as the bees and butterflies that will feast for weeks*.

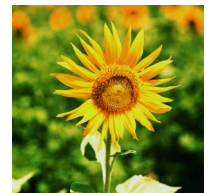
To follow up on my theme of "Choices make Changes" (TM pending), please consider paper reduction. For example, try to print double sided if you have to print out material. If you have scrap paper that can be recycled, consider how else it can be used. Can an envelope be reused somewhere else instead of plastic? Can some papers be composted or used for weed barriers under mulch? Can you receive some notices by email? Please help to reduce the estimated one tree per person per year paper use.

For our anti-aging tip this month, I ask you to try to get quality rest and sleep. The body is said to need at least four hours of deep REM sleep daily to rejuvenate itself. It helps us form memories and keeps the brain active. Gentle stretching in bed after a good night sleep is a great way to welcome the new day – try it.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in September for "Jersey Fresh"! Have a restful Labor Day!!!

Happy Gardening,

Dianne Dickinson, President



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**West Trenton Garden Club Minutes
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2014**

Call to order: 7 PM

President Dianne Dickinson welcomed any new guests and our newest member to the meeting. She extended a happy birthday to all the July and August birthdays. A special thank you was given to Pat Bowker for all the work she has done on the yearbook this summer.

Approved May minutes thanks went out to Camille Rainiero.

Treasurer's report: Sharon Johnson reported we have \$5,887.89 in our account.

Pass the Can: Linda Reasoner reported we donated \$106.82 to the national disaster fund and will be running the project again this year.

Correspondence and Communication: Diane gave an update on Butterflies and Butterflies project and encouraged members not to use toxic chemicals that kill bees. GCNJ meeting and Luncheon (6/5/14) was reported on and congratulations went out to Pat Bowker for being inducted to serve on the Endowment Committee.

COMMITTEES:

Awards: Linda Reasoner – looking at the paperwork and will apply for the awards our club are eligible for.

Bulb Sale: June Miller: Has bulb catalog and will be selecting bulbs and putting order sheet in the September newsletter.

Poinsettia Sale: Terri Palise / Janice – no report.

Civic & Library Arrangements: Sharon Guiliano – has members to place arrangements in the library monthly.

Environmental: Karla Robinson – no report.

Flower Show: Pat Bowker – still need chairs, brought sign up boards, and went over design categories and horticulture categories. Explained new categories such as Famous New Jersey person and scrapbook entries.

Garden Therapy: Devah Brinker – no report.

Horticulture: Judy Bubar – no report.

Mini Trips: Camille Rainiero / Helga – no report.

Newsletter: Terri and Carol – no report.

Programs: Helga – no report.

Publicity: June Russo – no report.

Random Acts of beauty: Eileen & Joe Kaluzny – no report.

Remembrance: Carolyn Kane – no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Flower Show Preparations “Show and Tell” house plants. Dianne Dickinson brought in a Sedum called Devil’s Blood, Grace Starrett brought in a Mullen stork, Anna Adonaitis brought in a Aloe plant, Karla Robinson brought in photos of wildflowers she took on a trip out west, Linda Reasoner brought in a Begonia plant, Eileen Kaluzny brought in a Pepppermonia & Chinese evergreen, new member brought in a sedum succulent she brought back from her trip.

Drumthwacket Update: “Fantasy through the Arts” is the theme for this year. We will be working with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Company. We will be in the music room again. We will receive \$300 for materials for the Drumthwacket foundation. We will still need a fund raiser to help defray our additional costs.

Birmingham Park: Crap Myrtle tree looks good. Camille Rainiero is still working on getting us a statue.

NEW BUSINESS

Board meeting: Aug 11th at Dianne’s home. Send agenda items to Linda Reasoner.

Minitrip: Garden tour at Dianne’s 6 pm before the board meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

PRESIDENT’S REFLECTIONS:

Anti-aging: watch out for the sun.

“Choices make changes”: save water; water plants as needed use rainwater.

Planting update: prepare for Fall crops, lettuce and spinach are good Fall crops.

Dianne announced tonight’s program: “Growing a Greener Ewing” An Introduction to the Activities of the Ewing Green Team” by Joanne Mullowney.

Adjournment: 6:45pm (motions made).

Hospitality by Anne Chmielewski and committee.

50/50; David Chmielewski won \$15.00 and Karla Robinson won Bulb Garden book.

Minutes submitted by: Linda Reasoner

NOTE: Please consider signing up for a design or an artistic craft class (We need four for each class in order for it to be judged) for the flower show. We will go through all of this information in the coming months. It is a fun and learning experience. The Sign-up Posters will be available at all of the coming meetings or feel free to contact Pat Bowker, Flower Show Chair, for more information.

SHOW TITLE: **JERSEY BLOOMS**

Division II. Design “Favorite Places, Famous Faces”

All Design Classes are eligible for the Award of Design Excellence & the Mari Epley Award.

SECTION A - “FAVORITE NJ DINING SPOT”

(HB pgs. 215-222)

Eligible for Table Artistry Award

Consultant:

Home:

Class 1 - “Newark - NJ’s Largest City”

4 Entries

Famous for its ironbound district, this city is renowned for its Portuguese, Spanish, Italian and Brazilian restaurants.

A Functional Table for TWO (HP pgs. 215-216) Pick a cuisine and manner of dining (informal, semi-formal or alfresco) and stage on a card table, supplied by Committee, measuring 36” square, 30” from the floor. Table must be covered by the exhibitor, no overhang limit. Table will be against a neutral colored wall. Viewed from the front. Designer’s choice of plant material and other components. A floral design unit is required. The type of restaurant should be noted on the index card.

Class 2 - “An Afternoon Tea”

4 Entries

There are many favorite small towns in NJ – two that bring many tourists are only a 20 to 30 minute drive from West Trenton: Lambertville, founded in 1705 and Flemington, founded in 1712. Both of these historical locations have unique shopping and interesting restaurants.

An Informal Functional Tray for One, (HB pg. 218) tray to be provided by the exhibitor, placed in allowable space 24” wide x 30” in depth. A floral design unit is required. All entries will be staged on a table with top covered in white and skirted to the floor in blue, table height is 29” from the floor. Viewed from the front. Designer’s choice of plant material and other components.

Class 3 - “Jersey Diners”

4 Entries

Everyone loves a diner! According to a vacation website, New Jersey has the largest concentration of diners in the country – more than 600 spread out around towns and cities throughout the state.

An Exhibition Table, Type I, (HB pg. 216) innovatively staged on a white covered table, skirted in blue, in front of a white niche (tri-fold display board) supplied by committee, design placed in an allowable space 33” wide x 24” deep x 36” in height. Design may incorporate niche and niche may be covered, underlays are permitted. Must include a decorative unit. Viewed from the front. Designer’s choice of plant material and other components.

SECTION B - “EXPLORING THE STATE”

Eligible for Designer’s Choice Award

Consultant:

Home:

Class 4 - “Famous New Jerseyans”

4 Entries

Famous NJ Natives (past or present), there are so many ...from entertainers, athletes, politicians to scientists and authors. Pick one and tell their story.

Still Life Design, (HP pg. 209) staged on a white covered table, skirted in blue, 30”H, space allotted 33”W x 30”D. Background panel and underlay, if used, provided by designer, no height restrictions. Viewed from front. Designer’s choice of plant material and other components.

Class 5 - “Liberty State Park”

4 Entries

With dramatic views of the Manhattan skyline, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, Liberty State Park and its amenities draw four million guests a year.

A Design (freedom of style) staged on a white pedestal 33” high with an 11” square top, provided by the Committee, in front of a neutral colored wall. Design space should not exceed 3’ wide x 3’ deep x 7” high. Underlays are permitted and may hang beyond pedestal surface. Viewed from the front. Designer’s choice of plant material and other components.

Class 6 - “Jersey Shore - NJ’s Crown Jewel”

4 Entries

What is your favorite beach destination? With 130 miles of coastline, spanning from Sandy Hook to Cape May, it is hard to choose.

An Underwater Design, (HB pg. 212) staged on a white covered table, skirted in blue, 30”H, space allotted 30”W x 30”D. Back-ground panel and underlay provided by designer, no height restrictions. Designer’s choice of plant materials and other components. Viewed from front.

SECTION C: “George Slept Here”

Consultant:

Home:

Class 7 - “NJ - Crossroads of the American Revolution”

4 Entries

NJ played a key role in the American Revolution. General George Washington spent more of the war in NJ than any other state, with more battles fought here (including Monmouth, Princeton and Trenton) than anywhere else.

A Traditional Miniature Design (HB pgs. 203-204) no more than 5” in height, width and depth to be staged in a niche supplied by the Committee (6” wide x 6” deep x 6” high). Niche may be covered. Staged on a white-topped, blue-skirted table, 29” from floor, topped with a shelf (18” high). Designer’s choice of plant material and other components.

Division III. Special Exhibits
“Discover New Jersey”

SECTION A: “NJ Events & Celebrations” – Artistic Crafts

Consultant:

Home:

Class 1 - “The Miss America Show Us Your Shoe Parade”

4 Entries

A grand Miss America tradition!

Embellish a Shoe using fresh and/or dried plant materials and other components staged on ¼ of a white-topped, blue skirted 60” round table, 29” from floor. Underlay may be used.

Class 2 - “Victorian Weekend in Cape May!”

4 Entries

Every October, Cape May celebrates its Victorian heritage with historic house tours, murder mystery dinners, living history programs, lectures, workshops, performances and more. Many dress for the occasion.

Create or Embellish a Hat using fresh and/or dried plant material and other components staged on a hat stand provided by committee. Stand, 12” high, will be placed on ¼ of a white-topped, blue skirted 60” round table 29” from

Class 3 - “Scrap It - A Favorite NJ Memory”

4 Entries

So many vacations, annual events and celebrations, right here in NJ, pick a favorite and “scrap it.”

Create and embellish a Scrap Book Page, 12” x 12”, using botanical materials. One or two photographs may be added which depict an event, celebration or favorite place in NJ. Page should be mounted on 12” x 12” cardboard by exhibitor. Will be displayed on an easel supplied by committee and staged on ¼ of a white-topped, blue skirted 60” round table 29” from floor. Add NJ Event/Location to the 3” x 5” card.

2014 WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB FALL BULB SALE ORDER FORM

Name: _____ WTGC Member: Y or N

Address: _____ Phone: _____

RETURN FORM TO JUNE MILLER: 10 Jacobs Creek Road, Ewing, NJ 08628 or call or email order.

(609) 771-4390; Email: JuneMiller1119@comcast.net

BULBS	\$ PER PKG.	# OF PKG.	TOTAL
DAFFODIL – Cheerfulness (Pkg. of 6)	\$5.00		
DAFFODIL – Cheerfulness (Pkg. of 12)	\$9.00		
DAFFODIL – Cheerfulness (Pkg. of 24)	\$15.00		
Cheerfulness – Double Creamy White Clusters, Late Bloomers, 3 to 4 blooms on			
DAFFODIL – Actaea (Pkg. of 6)	\$7.00		
DAFFODIL – Actaea (Pkg. of 12)	\$13.00		
DAFFODIL – Actaea (Pkg. of 24)	\$24.00		
Actaea – Sweetly scented, snow white flowers with scalloped petals and small flat eye of yellow with edged bright red. Latest bloomers.			
TULIP – Mistress (Pkg. of 6)	\$4.00		
TULIP – Mistress (Pkg. of 12)	\$7.00		
TULIP – Mistress (Pkg. of 24)	\$12.00		
Mistress – Solid cool pink tulip, tall and shapely. Late bloomer.			
ALLIUM – Purple Sensation (Pkg. of 3)	\$4.00		
ALLIUM – Purple Sensation (Pkg. of 6)	\$7.00		
Purple Sensation – 4 inch globes of rosy purple flowers on long stems.			
TOTAL	-----		\$

NOTE: All of the above will be challenge classes in the WTGC Spring Flower Show! Take a chance and plant at least one or two (or all) of the above. Hopefully, they will bloom at the right time!

Cheerfulness



Actaea



Mistress



Purple Sensation



NOTE: ABOVE IS THE FALL BULB ORDER FORM! PLEASE BRING YOUR ORDER TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, OR CONTACT JUNE MILLER, BULB CHAIR, WITH YOUR ORDER. ALL OF THE BULBS WILL BE CONSIDERED A "CHALLENGE CLASS" IN THE FLOWER SHOW. THE CHALLENGE IS THAT THEY ACTUALLY APPEAR AT THE RIGHT TIME FOR THE SHOW!!

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Milly DeFlesco will be celebrating her 99th Birthday on September 4th!



Carolyn Kane—Sept. 3rd
Betty Sutterley—Sept. 8th
Joseph Kaluzny—Sept 28th
Linda Reasoner—Sept. 18th
Sharon Guiliano—Sept. 22nd
David Chmielewski—Sept. 25th

Dates to Remember

- ♦ **September 4 - “Districts in the Garden”** at the Pavilion, Rutgers Gardens, 10:00 AM (President’s Meeting). President and one member can attend this meeting.
- ♦ **September 6 & 20 - Garden Walk - What’s in Bloom (Rutgers Program)**, 2:00 PM, Hort Farm No. 1, Holly House, NJ Garden Club Headquarters, Contact Mary Ann Schrum - schrum@aesom.rutgers.edu
- ♦ **September 6- 12th Annual Insect Festival**, (1pm to 4pm), Mercer Educational Gardens, 431A Federal City Road, Pennington, call (609) 989-6830
- ♦ **September 8 - WTGC Regular Monthly Meeting** - 7:00 PM (Second Monday due to Holiday) - Our Lady of Good Counsel; Program: **“JERSEY FRESH”**. (See Page 58 for a detailed description of this program.)
- ♦ **September 11 - Rutgers Garden Gala** - 5:00PM to 9:00PM.
- ♦ **Every Friday** - Noon to 5:00PM - **Rutgers Farm Market** - 124 Ryders Lane, for more information, visit the website: <http://rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu/farmmarket.htm>

September - Member Responsibilities

- ♦ **Flowers for Ewing Library** - Zofia Jablonski Feulner.
- ♦ **September Meeting Hospitality Committee** - **Mary Pat Voorhees (Chair)**, Carol Bozarth, Zofia Jablonski Feulner, June Rosso & Grace Starrett.
- ♦ **Continued Maintenance and Plantings at the Birmingham Park** - contact Anne or Eileen (Committee Chairs).
- ♦ **Info for Garden Path** - Submit all information for the *Garden Path* to Terry Palise no later than the 15th of the month.
- ♦ **DON’T FORGET THE BULB SALE** - **Enter the Flower Show Bulb Challenge by buying and planting some bulbs!**