

# West Trenton Garden Club

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# The Garden Path Newsletter

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APRIL 2022

*Dear Garden Club Friends,*

After weeks of snow, rain, winds and very cold temps, Spring is officially here! That groundhog sure had it right for 2022. But the sun is shining, temps are rising and everyone is itching to be outside. On that note, our Spring Flower Sale is now in full force. Kevin Fair and Rick Lazarick have compiled the order form and Rick emailed it to our members. Time to spruce up your gardens with these beautiful, colorful additions. Some of the prices have increased, however, it seems to be the sign of the times. Just a reminder, you can also make a donation of your choice, to Birmingham Park. Thanks to all of you, it's been flourishing with many beautiful plants from Spring right through Fall.

Of course, a garden needs a lot of TLC. That is provided by Heidi Furman, chairperson for Birmingham Park, and the many volunteers, who have helped with the planting and maintenance. Then we have Rick Lazarick, who has taken on the tedious task of identifying and labeling all these wonderful plants and trees. They will be looking for some volunteers starting in April. Please contact Heidi or Rick if you are available to lend a helping hand.

Also, Friday, March 25, from 9AM-1PM is the official work day for the Boys and Girls Club Centre Street cleanup. Please help if you are able!

Our March meeting, hosted by Terry Palise and her committee, provided a lovely array of yummy treats all in shades of green. There was even Irish Soda Bread and Irish Potatoes homemade by Anne Chmielewski. Both were delicious! Thank you, Anne. Thank you Terry and your entire committee for a job well done!

Iliana Okum provided the program, a make and take Spring Flower Basket. Everyone's arrangements were very eye-catching and cheerful. Just what we needed after all this wintry weather. So much fun, too! Iliana demonstrated three baskets, in a very entertaining manner. Thank you kindly for this much needed hands on meeting.

FYI, I have contacted Nancy at the Ewing Senior Center and she has confirmed our meeting dates for 2022-2023. Everyone seems quite comfortable here, so I am happy that they could accommodate us.

Camille Rainiero is working on a fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund. She will provide us with more information as it becomes available.

Happy Birthday to Carol Thomas – April 26. There are no other birthdays this month.

Don't forget to visit Anne and David Chmielewski at the Ewing Library for the Arbor Day Tree Give-away and Arbor Day Poetry Reading.

April 22 is Earth Day, whose purpose is to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Please be mindful of the planet we call home – Earth.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2022.

There is no Board Meeting in April.

Happy Easter to all,  
Barbara Bernhard  
*President, WTGC*

We will be meeting at the the EWING SENIOR CENTER  
999 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing

ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022, AT 6:30 PM



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### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was called to order on March 7, 2022 at 6:45 by President Barbara Bernhard. Barbara welcomed all members. She thanked Iliana Okum and Terry Palise who are presenting a program on making a Spring Door Basket. Barbara gave birthday wishes to March birthday members.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary, Linda Gerasimowicz reported the minutes of the last meeting were in the newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections the minutes will be filed as reported.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Susan Fair reported a total of \$6,459.92 in the Club's account. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Corresponding Secretary, Iliana Okum reported she sent a congratulatory card to Pat Bowker on the occasion of her marriage.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Memberships**-Susan Fair stated membership dues are due. Please let her know if there are any changes to personal information.

**Nominating Committee**-Barbara Bernhard reported in Chair Carol Bozarth's absence the list of candidates for officers. They are:

President-Lorraine Persiani  
 Vice President-Camille Rainiero  
 Recording Secretary-Monique Bonnier  
 Treasurer-Rick Lazarick  
 Corresponding Secretary-Iliana Okum  
 Parliamentarian-Maggie Kramer

2 year term: Diane Sanchez  
 Ginny Sari  
 Anne Chmielewski (2nd year of 2 year term)  
 Susan Fair (2nd year of Rick Lazarick term)

1 year term: Dolores Brezak  
 June Rosso

Nominating Committee: Chair-Anne Chmielewski  
 Carol Bozarth  
 Zofia Jablonski Feulner  
 June Rosso  
 Gerree Pecht

**Spring Flower Sale**-Co-chair Rick Lazarick reported he still hasn't received a price list from the supplier. He will send it out to members when he receives it.

**Birmingham Park**-Rick Lazarick reported he has been doing some clean up at the park. He also placed new name tags for flowers which weren't blooming when the other plants were tagged. Volunteers will be needed soon for Spring clean up. Iliana Okum stated she and Terry Palise will again prune the rose bushes.





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**Arbor Day**-Chair, Anne Chmielewski reported she was in touch with the DEP New Jersey Forestry Department to order silky dogwood and beach plum and some bare root tubelings. They will be distributed on April 29th at the Mercer County Library on Scotch Road.

**Scholarship Fundraiser**-Chair, Camille Rainiero states she has reserved the room at the Community/Senior Center for May 21st. She contacted Cattani Catering who can put together breakfast/brunch boxes to sell. Camille asked if there are any other suggestions. She plans to form a committee to discuss options and canvas area businesses for baskets/gift cards as prizes.

**Flowers for the Library**-Barbara Bernhard reported in the absence of Chair, Alicia Magee, that Jeff Tryon is scheduled for April for Flowers at the Library. Alicia has built a website-Ewing Gardens and Gardeners, where people can view the photo of the flower of the month.

**Announcements**-Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. The next board meeting via ZOOM is May 23rd at 7pm. The next regular meeting is Monday, April 4th at 6:30 at the Senior/Community Center.

With no further business to discuss, June Rosso motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7:05 and seconded by Anne Chmielewski. Members then decorated baskets with fresh flowers after a demonstration by Iliana Okum and Terry Palise. Also assisting members were Ingrid Fair and Helga Fontus.

—Linda Gerasimowicz, *Recording Secretary*



Alecia Magee's Spring Flower Arrangement, with materials provided thanks to Iliana Okum. Photo by Alecia Magee.



# THE TUILERIES GARDEN:

The Royal Walk from the Louvre to the Champs-Élysées

PROGRAM BY: GARY KRAUT | 6:30 pm



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There are few sights in Paris that have changed as little over the past 350 years as the Tuileries, the grandfather of French gardens. Long before it was a public thoroughfare, the Tuileries was the place to see and be seen, to seduce and to be seduced, to practice one's vices, and display one's virtues. Stroll through the Tuileries and Carrousel Gardens on a walking tour, starting outside the Louvre or Orsay Museums. Leaving Paris' busy streets behind. Our presenter will transport you back to the era of the garden's creation when it was the stomping ground of kings and queens.

Gary Kraut is a native West Trentonian who has been living in Paris for 30 years while returning frequently to New Jersey. He works as a travel writer and lecturer specialized in France. In 2009 he had the honor of receiving from the GCNJ a "New Jersey Native Garden Award" for an article that he wrote about celebrating Arbor Day in New Jersey. In the years since, he has written and published numerous travel articles about gardens in France.



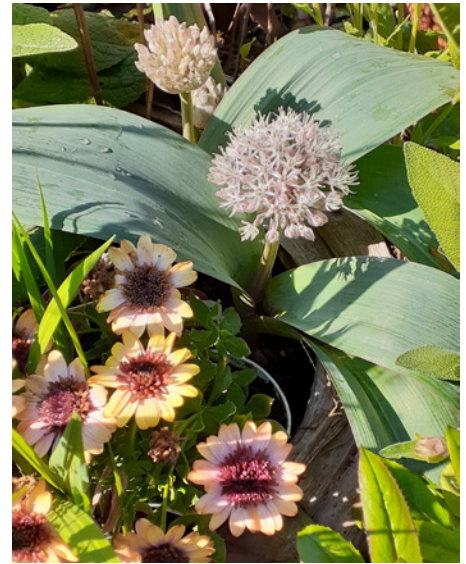
# WELCOME SPRING AT YOUR FRONT DOOR

Photos from our March 7 session with Iliana Okum and Terry Palise





# FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Jeff Tryon's photo of African Daisies with Alliums, above.

Left, is Jeff Tryon's Raven ZZ plant for the library.

Alecia Magee has set up our club photos on the following three Facebook pages: Ewing West Trenton Better Community Update; Ewing Gardens and Gardeners; Ewing New Jersey - Our Town

**Ewing Branch Public Hours:**

**Monday: 9:30 am – 8:30 pm**

**Tuesday: 9:30 am – 8:30 pm**

**Wednesday: 9:30 am – 8:30 pm**

**Thursday: 9:30 am – 8:30 pm**

**Friday: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm**

**Saturday: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

<https://mcl.org/branches/ewing>





# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**APRIL 4** - WTGC Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM (Ewing Senior & Community Center); Program: "The Tuileries Garden: The Royal Walk from the Louvre to the Champs-Élysées." See page 4 for details.

**APRIL 17** - Easter Sunday

**APRIL 22** - Earth Day

**APRIL 28** - GCNJ Judges Council - 10 AM-12 PM - Holly House.

**APRIL 30** - Arbor Day

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Carol Bozarth - March 23

Sharon Johnson - March 25

Eileen Kaluzny - March 27

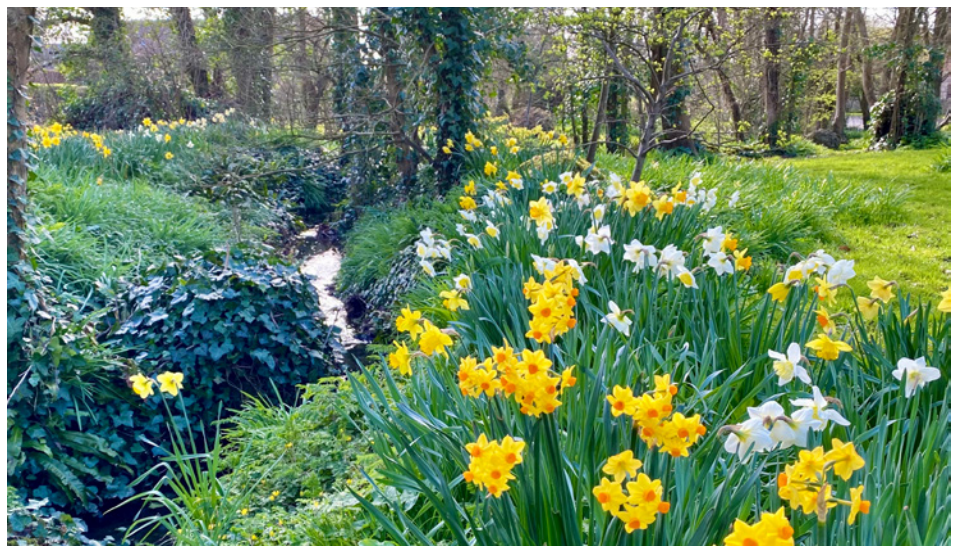
Jo Ann Seaman - March 29

# DON'T FORGET!

**FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY** – Jeff Tryon

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** – Linda Gerasimowicz (Chair), Lynn Aspinwall, Greg Chasar, Sue Fair, Zofia Jablonsky Feulner, and Sharon Johnson.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** – Membership Dues for West Trenton Garden Club are now due. If you have not yet paid, please contact Treasurer Sue Fair.



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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



Please submit all info for *The Garden Path* to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. [wtgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wtgnewsletter@gmail.com)

**2022 WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SALE  
ORDER FORM – ORDER DUE APRIL 8, 2022**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WTGC Member: Y or N

Cell/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>HERBS &amp; ANNUALS</b>	<b>\$ EACH</b>	<b># WANTED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Basil (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Lavender (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Asparagus Fern (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Dracaena Spike (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Vinca Vine (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Potato Vine - Purple (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Potato Vine - Green (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Geraniums - Red (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geraniums - Pink (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geraniums - Violet (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geraniums - Salmon (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geraniums - White (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Premium Coleus (Sun/Shade) (No Color Choice) (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - Red (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - Purple (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - Pink (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - White (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Sun Impatiens - Red (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Sun Impatiens - Pink (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Sun Impatiens - White (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Sun Impatiens - Deep Rose (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Calibrachoa (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Kong Coleus (Sun/Shade) (No Color Choice) (5.5" Pot)	\$4.50		
Celosia (5.5" Pot)	\$4.50		
Dragon Wing Begonia (5.5" Pot)	\$4.50		
<b>HANGING BASKETS</b>			
10" Hiemalis Begonia (No Color Choice)	\$15.00		
10" Confetti Mix	\$15.00		
10" Geranium (No Color Choice)	\$15.00		
<b>BIRMINGHAM PARK DONATION</b>			
Cash donation to be shared, 60% fundraiser and 40% for purchasing Park plants, primarily native perennials	Any amount		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Pick up will be Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-7pm or Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm. All checks to be made payable to West Trenton Garden Club. **PLEASE PAY WHEN YOU PICK UP!** Pickup will be at Ingrid Fair's home, 6 Honeywood Lane in Ewing, NJ 08638. Mail, email or call Rick Lazarick by April 8<sup>th</sup> with order. Rick Lazarick, 8 Blackwood Drive, Ewing NJ 08628; [ricklazarick@gmail.com](mailto:ricklazarick@gmail.com) (609) 433-1793