

# West Trenton Garden Club

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# The Garden Path Newsletter

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DECEMBER 2021

*Dear Garden Club Friends,*

Another year has passed us by and we are all grateful to, once again, be meeting in person. Thank you to Iliana Okum for providing us with a beautiful and creative design program by Deborah Pomroy. Her holiday centerpieces were exquisite! Our three lucky winners can certainly testify to that. Iliana Okum also chaired Hospitality for the evening. Thank you and your committee for providing us with another great night of refreshments. Iliana created two more centerpieces for the tables, which were also raffled off. Thank you so much for the added bonus!

Happy Birthday to the following members who are celebrating in December:

Janis Stia - December 3  
Pat Bowker - December 13  
Jim Keenan - December 14

Zofia Jablonski Feulner - December 15  
Colleen Harrison - December 24  
Anna Adamaitis - December 25  
Heidi Furman - December 28

Thank you to Linda Reasoner for placing a wreath at our Blue Star Memorial and also to Rick Lazarick for the many flags he added to the display. It was a nice tribute to our fallen heroes!

The grand total for our Spring Bulb Sale was \$715, netting us a profit of \$314.87. Thank you to Sharon Johnson for ordering and packaging the bulbs, and to Sue Fair for handling the pickup. We appreciate all who donated to Birmingham Park and to everyone who participated in this fund raiser.

Thanks to Heidi and her creative committee, our tree at Morven, "Peacocks and Paisley," is up and ready for visitors! Stop by and put in a vote for the WTGC. The schedule was sent out in an earlier email.

Drumthwacket will be decorated shortly after Thanksgiving by Lorraine Persianni and her committee. The Music Room will be adorned in visions of gingerbread. More info will follow as it becomes available.

Thank you to Iliana Okum and Terry Palise for delivering our donations to Trenton Psychiatric. Many thanks to our members, who provided all the generous donations.

Janis Stia and Terry Palise are chairing the Poinsettia Sale. Thank you, ladies. Please remember to pick up your orders on Friday, December 3 starting at 10:00 AM.

December 6th is our Annual Holiday Party. Camille Rainiero will be chairing the event. This replaces our general monthly meeting for December! So come out and have fun!

REMINDER!!! EARLY START @ 6:00PM Please bring a gift to help with our raffle!

And so Holiday Season 2021 begins! Wishing everyone a happy, peaceful Christmas, followed by a New Year of good health and joy, filled with love for you and your families!

Looking forward to working with you in 2022!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
HAPPY HANUKKAH!  
HAPPY KWANZAA!

All my best,  
*Barbara Bernhard*  
President, WTGC

WTGC HOLIDAY PARTY AT REVERE  
802 River Rd, Ewing

ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021, AT 6:00PM



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### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was held on November 1st, 2021. President Barbara Bernhard called the meeting to order at 6:41pm. Barbara welcomed all members as well as several guests and program presenters Deborah Pomroy and Kelly Thompson. She thanked members for their Spring bulb or monetary donations for Birmingham Park. She also thanked members for donations for Trenton Psychiatric Hospital and Iliana Okum and Terry Palise for collecting and delivering them.

### 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 \$6,735.88 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 thank you to Pat Coiante for her donation to the scholarship fund, a "Cheer Up" card to the Keenan's and a sympathy card to the family of Grace Sutterly.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Trenton Psychiatric Donations**-Chair Iliana Okum reported she and Terry Palise will be delivering donated items the next day. She thanked members for their generosity.

**Poinsettia Sale**-Co-Chair, Janis Stia announced she is collecting orders with November 5th as the last day to submit orders. December 3rd is the delivery date.

**Holiday Party**-Chair, Camille Rainiero states the Holiday Party will be December 6th. After much discussion, the Board has decided to have the party at Revere Restaurant. Camille is collecting forms and \$40 payment. These can also be mailed to her.

**Drumthwacket**-Chair, Lorraine Persiani stated the club is decorating the Music Room and the theme is gingerbread. She and her committee are hard at work making gingerbread items. November 30th is the date to decorate. The dates of the open houses to visit Drumthwacket will be on their website.

**Morven**-Chair Heidi Furman reported her committee is working on their theme Peacocks and Paisley. Decorating will take place November 16th.

**Flowers for the Library**-Barbara reported for Chair, Alicia Magee that an arrangement by Helga Fontus is on display in the library.

**Random Acts of Beauty**-Chair, Nancy Grant has requested members submit nominations to her for rewards. Exceptional Christmas decorations on homes, businesses or restaurants can also be nominated.



Calendula still blooming on a straw bale in Alecia's garden.  
Photo by Alecia Magee.

**Website**-Chair, Pat Bowker states she has made many revisions and updates to our website. She would like to post pictures of member's gardens or specialty Christmas trees.

**Programs**-Co-chair Iliana Okum states she is presenting a design make and take front door basket for our March meeting. Members need to sign up so she knows how many baskets to purchase.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Party is December 6th at Revere Restaurant at 6PM. The next Executive Board Meeting via ZOOM is January 31, 2022. The next General Meeting is February 7, 2022.

Several bags of Spring bulbs are still available for sale. All newsletter items should be sent to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Hearing no further business to discuss Anne Chmielewski motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 6:54 and seconded by Pat Bowker.

Iliana then introduced Deborah Pomroy who presented a program on "Stylish Designs for Your Holiday Decorating and Entertaining." The three arrangements were then raffled off.

*Linda Gerasimowicz, Recording Secretary*



A native plant, Aromatic Aster, was added to Birmingham Park this summer. Photo by Rick Lazarick.

# FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Photo by Alicia Magee

Here is Helga Fontus's magnificent Library arrangement. She has carefully maintained it and rearranged where necessary in the library which is a severe environment for plants of any kind due to dry conditions and sun focused right on our display spot.

Below is a lovely houseplant called "Gold Dust" from the Jim and Eileen Keenan arboretum, carefully hidden in their home. Huge plants in wonderful condition cared for by Eileen and Jim. This one is perfect for blending into the home as a smaller version.

## Ewing Branch Public Hours:

### Public Browsing

Monday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
 Tuesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
 Wednesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
 Thursday: Closed  
 Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: Closed



Photos courtesy of Jim and Eileen Keenan.





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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**DECEMBER 6:** WTGC Holiday Party at Revere, 802 River Rd, Ewing, 6:00 PM. Camille Rainiero, Chair. Sweets table designed by Diane Sanchez.

- Morven Festival of Trees “Peacocks and Paisley,” is up and ready for visitors! Stop by and put in a vote for the WTGC. On display through January 9, 2022.
- Drumthwacket will be decorated shortly after Thanksgiving by Lorraine Persianni and her committee. The Music Room will be adorned in visions of gingerbread.

**JANUARY 1:** HAPPY NEW YEAR!! No regular scheduled club meeting.

**JANUARY 20:** GCNJ Judges Council - 10 AM - 12 PM - Holly House.

**JANUARY 31:** WTGC Board Meeting - 6PM - Via Zoom.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Pat Bowker - December 13

Jim Keenan - December 14

Zofia Jablonski Feulner -  
December 15

Colleen Harrison - December 24

Anna Adomaitis - December 25

Heidi Furman - December 28

Nancy Grant - January 1

Grace Starrett - January 9

Jeff Tryon - January 11

Barbara Bernhard - January 18

Kevin Fair - January 23

Linda Gerasimowicz - January 30

## DON'T FORGET!

**FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY** - Iliana Okum (December);  
Alicia Magee (January)

**HOLIDAY PARTY** - Please bring your holiday craft (see ideas below) to the party to help with our raffle.

Our annual holiday celebration will take place at REVERE, Ewing. Please bring a “homemade” craft/treat, or garden type item to help with the raffle. Suggestions: wreaths, greens (e.g., decorative pine, holly, etc.), a holiday plant or arrangement, homemade holiday cards and treats, special holiday teas or coffees, etc. It is not necessary to have a raffle item for everyone since all attendees will receive a small poinsettia to take home. The raffle is another fundraiser for the club and participation (purchase of a ticket) is appreciated.



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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