

West Trenton Garden Club

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Dear Garden Club Friends,

As we enjoy the fond memories of Thanksgiving, we start our preparation for Christmas and Hanukkah. Many of us have started decorating our homes — inside and out — with lights, greens, and decorations. Holiday traditions are so important to all of us.

WTGC also has two special “traditions” — decorating a tree at Morven, and a room at Drumthwacket. Our two committees have been working very hard on these projects and the results are outstanding.

Mark your calendars to visit these events to support our garden club. Bring your family and friends as you tour these grand, historic buildings beautifully decked out for the holidays.

The Festival of Trees at Morven — The theme for WTGC’s tree is “Peace, Love, and Happiness.” The tours run Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. until January 8. Tickets on sale now. Morven.org

The Drumthwacket Open Houses – Our theme is “Winter Elegance.” Visitation is free and runs from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on December 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 22. Guests must register on drumthwacket.org.

Have a very wonderful holiday season! Enjoy the magic of the season!

Remember to *Live Life in Full Bloom*,

— Lorraine Persiani, President WTGC



NOTE



WTGC HOLIDAY PARTY AT REVERE
802 River Rd, Ewing
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022, AT 6:00PM

NOTE





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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was called to order on November 7, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. by President Lorraine Persiani. Lorraine welcomed our guests and announced the November birthdays wishing a Happy Birthday to all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Rick Lazarick reported a total of \$8,914.90 in the club's account. There was net income of \$523 from the bulb sale, last meeting's 50/50 was \$23.50, and we received a donation of \$500 from Drumthwacket for the holiday decorations. Expenses totaled \$207.34 for the Library landscape project and \$55.50 for the NJ Annual Report. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

Corresponding Secretary, Iliana Okum reported that both Georgiann Cook and John Rainiero are progressing, and Grace Starrett wishes she could be at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Holiday Party – Chair, Barbara Bernhard reminded everyone that the Holiday Party was on December 5th at the Revere Restaurant at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$45. Please don't forget your donated item for the raffle.

Ewing Library Sign Landscaping – Chair, Barbara Bernhard reported that the project was completed. Please stop by to see the beautiful garden and all of the hard work done by members of the West Trenton Garden Club, Bountiful Gardens, and the Ewing Library staff.



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Poinsettia Sale – Chair, Sue Fair distributed order forms for the poinsettia sale. Pick-up will be at Ingrid and Kevin’s home. Pick-up will be between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on December 3, 2022. All orders must be in no later than November 13, 2022.

Trenton Psychiatric Hospital Donations – Chair, Iliana Okum and Terry Palise thanked everyone for their donations, the table was full. The donations will be greatly appreciated.

Flower Show – Chair, Helga Fontus provided sign-up sheets for members who wish to participate in the flower show.

Grant for Birmingham Park – Chair, Rick Lazarick reported that the National Garden Club is offering a grant in the amount of \$1,000. Rick has sent in the application and notifications go out at the end of January 2023 to the recipients. Possible uses for the funds would be to refurbish the landscaping around the bluestone memorial and purchase new flags. There are also a few benches in need of replacing as well. He is hoping to work with a Rutgers horticulture class to do the design work. Labor donations will be needed for planting!

Morven Holiday Decorating – Chair, Heidi Furman reported on this year’s theme of “Peace, Love and Happiness.” There is one last working meeting before the installation of the tree on Tuesday the 15th of November. Please stop by to see the Festival of Trees and vote for our tree!

Drumthwacket Holiday Decorating – Chair, Lorraine Persiani reported on the upcoming decorating of the Governor’s Mansion. This year the West Trenton Garden Club is decorating the Parlor in “Winter Elegance” a combination of gold, silver and white! Please sign-up online to visit the open house. Drumthwacket.org

Pass the Can – In September and October \$20.10 was collected for the National Disaster Fund.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. The next Regular Meeting is February 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Hollowbrook Community Center with a program to follow “Ready, Set, Design!”

With no further business to discuss, Illiana motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7:08 p.m. and seconded by Rick Lazarick.

Our program for the evening was “Designing Holiday/Winter Containers for Your Home!” Deborah Pomroy and Kelly Thompson from Seasons Garden Center in Washington Crossing created beautiful pieces to decorate our homes for the holidays. Our hospitality committee provided a delicious spread of fall themed goodies for the membership.

— Monique Bonnier, Recording Secretary



FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Photo by Sue Fair

Here is a picture of Sue Fair's mum in a nice display at the Ewing library. Sue also had a black-spotted Calla Lily on display earlier in the month.

The next "Flowers for Ewing Library" will be by Helga Fontus.

MCL EWING BRANCH PUBLIC HOURS:

Monday: 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

Alicia 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



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER 5 - WTGC Annual Holiday Party - REMINDER EARLY START AT 6 p.m. Barbara Bernhard, Chair. Sweets table designed by Diane Sanchez.

MORVEN FESTIVAL OF TREES HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. NOW through January 8th, 2023. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Years Day.

DRUMTHWACKET DECEMBER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES. Open Houses are 11 a.m to 2 p.m. Guests must register in advance. Masks are optional. Register online at <https://drumthwacket.org/events/december-holiday-open-houses-2022/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Janis Stia - December 3
- Pat Bowker - December 13
- Zofia Jablonski Feulner - December 15
- Jill Voorhees - December 21
- Colleen Harrison - December 24
- Anna Adomaitis - December 25
- Heidi Furman - December 28

DON'T FORGET!

FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY:
Helga Fontus

HOLIDAY PARTY: Please bring your holiday craft (see *Yearbook on Page 19*) to the party to help with our raffle.

BIRMINGHAM PARK MAINTENANCE:
Contact Heidi Furman.

Here is one of the items that will be auctioned at the Christmas Party. It's a Thomas Kinkadee creation and is almost two feet tall. The little trains move around the track, while it plays music and Santa rotates around the top. It is almost a copy of the Club's Morven Tree from several years ago. Brand new in box.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



Please submit all info for *The Garden Path* to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. wtgcnewsletter@gmail.com