

West Trenton Garden Club

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Dear Garden Club Members,

Alas! June is about to arrive! The weather's been great, and the gardens are abloom! We have made it through a full year of COVID restrictions, and our club is still thriving. We have over 50 members and have only lost a few. Since things are opening up, as per the governor, I'm anticipating actual, in person meetings come fall. I will be checking with the Church during the summer months, in hopes that they will give us the ok for in-house meetings. Won't that be a happy day?!

We just wrapped up our Annual Spring Flower Sale and it was an amazing success! Many thanks to our chairperson, Sue Fair and her very hard-working committee, Ingrid and Kevin Fair, who once again offered their home for the sale; also thanks to Anne Chmielewski, Linda Gerasimowicz, and Gary Fair. We reached an all time high this year, thanks to our generous members, friends and family of the WTGC.

Our June meeting will be held on Monday, June 7th at Linda Gerasimowicz's House. If you haven't yet signed up to bring an appetizer or dessert and plan on coming, please contact Linda or Camille. It's sure to be a fun, informal night!

Sue Fair will be sending out the proposed 2021-2022 budget in an email. It will be up for discussion at the June meeting.

Happy Birthday to Helga Fontus, who will be celebrating her special day on June 1st!

Don't forget to sign up with Heidi Furman to help out at Birmingham Park during the summer. We want to keep our park looking good, especially after all the work Heidi, Rick Lazarick, and the club members have put into it. Please check with Rick if you want to help out with the signage project.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me and the WTGC during the past year. We had much success with our programs, fund raisers and virtual Zoom meetings. It means so much to see all of you band together to keep our club in force. Looking forward to the 2021-2022 year!

June 14 – FLAG Day – Remember to wave your flags!

June 20 – HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the dads, grandfathers, uncles, and other dad figures!

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL the NEW GRADUATES!

HAVE A FUN, SAFE SUMMER!

My best regards,
Barbara Bernhard, President WTGC



YOU ARE INVITED TO LINDA GERASIMOWICZ'S



HOUSE ON MONDAY, JUNE 7, AT 6 PM

44 TANGLEWOOD DRIVE, MERCERVILLE, NJ (609) 587-6698

PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR



Photo by Alecia Magee

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was held via the internet as a ZOOM meeting on May 3, 2021. Twenty-four members participated. President Barbara Bernhard called the meeting to order at 7:12. Barbara welcomed all members as well as tonight's guest speaker, Ann Laurie Fratticioli and several other guests. Barbara thanked Sue Fair and her team for their hard work on the Spring flower sale. She also thanked Camille Rainiero who has offered to take over as chair for Awards. She gave birthday wishes to May birthday members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sue Fair reported a balance of \$12,414.13 in the Club's account.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Corresponding Secretary, Iliana Okum stated she had already sent a get well card to Jeannie Geremia but will send another one since she is still not feeling well.

AGENDA ITEMS

The officers for 2021-2022 will remain the same since there has been no opposition. Barbara again thanked the nominating committee.

Membership:

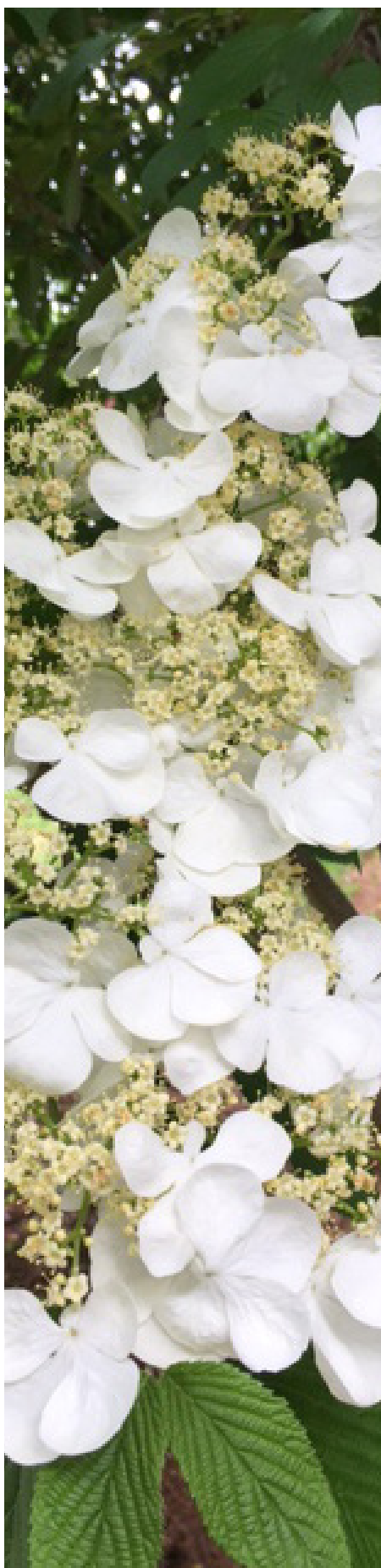
Chair, Pat Bowker stated there are now 51 members. She stated she has contacted the Chair for membership for the Garden Club of NJ with the current total.

Budget:

Treasurer, Sue Fair stated she presented the budget at the Executive Board Meeting and it was approved. A copy of the budget will be sent to all members before the June meeting.

Spring Flower Sale:

Chair, Sue Fair stated this year was the highest sales amount we have ever had totaling \$7,851.00. Our profit was also a record high at \$4,126.00. There are still a few extra flowers for sale. They can be delivered to anyone who wants them. Sue mentioned Fredricka Billups was a super seller as well as Ingrid Fair. Sue also thanked Ingrid for the use of her driveway as a pick up site. Sue also mentioned this will be her last year to Chair this fundraiser.



Devah Brinker's photo of a Viburnum carlesii 'Summer Snowflake Doublefile'.

Birmingham Park:

Chair, Heidi Furman reported the tulips donated by the members were beautiful and many people commented on them. She thanked Rick and his committee for their work identifying plants at the park. She will set more dates for weeding and clean up at the park.

Plant ID Project:

Chair, Rick Lazarick stated so far 45 individual plants have been identified. He is starting to work on the labels. It should be easier to identify the plants as they start to bloom. The labels should be in place by summer.

Scholarship:

Chair, Camille Rainiero stated she still has only one application. June 1st is the deadline.

Flowers for the Library:

Chair, Alicia Magee stated she posted something in the Ewing Community Newsletter. She stated she has a Daylily photo to put in Marazzos for June but it's sometimes difficult to contact the manager.

Random Acts of Beauty:

Chair, Nancy Grant says to please call her if anyone sees a beautiful display of flowers or plantings, and let her know the home address. Call (856) 305-1857 and Nancy will check it out. Thank you!

Announcements

Barbara Bernhard thanked Alicia Magee for information she gave concerning purchasing the straw bales for gardening. Linda Gerasimowicz reported on the offer to hold the June 7th meeting in her backyard. Members were polled at flower pick up whether they would attend, with 24 members planning to attend. It would be the usual appetizer and dessert menu and start at 6pm. Iliana Okum reported her Rose Society is having a Rose Exposition on May 30th at the Burlington County Farm Fairgrounds in Columbus. All are invited.

The next Executive Board meeting is June 2nd at 7pm. The next General Board Meeting is June 7th at 6pm.

Hearing no further business Pat Bowker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 and was seconded by Carol Bozarth. Pat then introduced Ann Laurie Fratticcioli who presented a program on Straw Bale Gardening.

— Linda Gerasimowicz,
Recording Secretary

FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Dave Chmielewski: Day Lily

Here is a lovely photo by Dave Chmielewski of a Day Lily. This photo will also appear on the bulletin board in the main hallway at Marrazos Market and in the Ewing Community Update Facebook page.

Alecia Magee spoke to a Library administrator and they will be taking exhibits again in September. WTGC will be able to display our photos. We have a lovely frame that showcases the photo beautifully and is not obtrusive itself. Perhaps we can transition to plants and arrangements again soon.

Library Open Hours

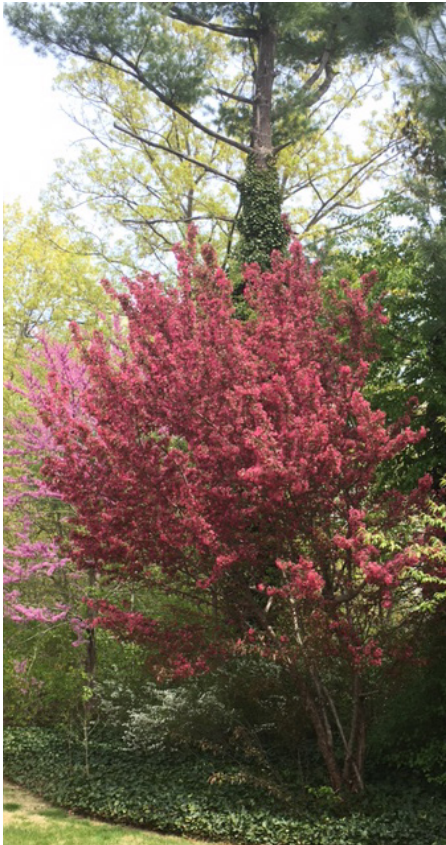
Monday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm,
Wednesday: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm,
Friday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and
Saturday: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Starting June 5th: Monday hours are 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Curbside Pick-Up

Monday: Not Available
Tuesday: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Wednesday: Not Available
Thursday: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Friday: Not Available
Saturday: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Sunday: Not Available

Starting June 5th: Saturday will be open full time, so Curbside will not be available.



Crabapple by Devah Brinker

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 5-13: 2021 Philadelphia Flower Show: "HABITAT – Nature's Masterpiece." For more info, please visit PHS website: <https://phsonline.org/the-flower-show>

JUNE 6-12: National Garden Week

JUNE 7: WTGC Monthly Meeting at Linda Gerasimowicz's House! 6 PM. 44 Tanglewood Drive, Mercerville, NJ. (609) 587-6698. Please bring a lawn chair

JUNE 14: Flag Day

JUNE 21-27: National Pollinator Week

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Helga Fontus – June 1

DON'T FORGET!

FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY – Rick Lazarick

Please sign up to help at our Birmingham Mini-Park this summer! Contact Heidi Furman.



Photo by Barbara Bernhard



Heidi Furman's photo of a Polyphemus moth.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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