

# West Trenton Garden Club

# The Garden Path Newsletter

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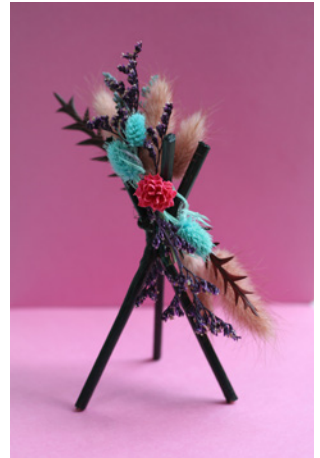
*Bon Jour!*

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate our club members on our fantastic “Back-to-Paris!” Flower Show! It was a wonderful event that impressed everyone who attended. I’ll be talking about it for some time! Congratulations to all for the beautiful entries that truly showcased the great talent in our club.

A heartfelt “Thank You” goes to Helga Fontus, Chairperson, and her dedicated committee who went above and beyond to make the show so special! A special “Thank You” to Diane Sanchez for planning and orchestrating the entire staging task that pulled the flower show together. I would also like to thank the many members, and several husbands, who helped set up and dismantle the room and those acting as docents, clerks, other assistants.

Now that our Flower Show is just a memory, we look forward to our end-of-the-year bash! It will be held at Hollowbrook Community Center and will begin at 6 p.m. Many things to remember to bring: an hors d’oeuvre or dessert (finger food only), a tricky tray item (value at least \$5), and a floral arrangement for your place setting. The place settings will be judged in these four categories: Whimsical, Patriotic, Earthy, and Dainty. Mark your calendars — See you on June 5!

Remember to *Live Life in Full Bloom*,  
— Lorraine Persiani, President WTGC



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*Newsletter Editor*

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### NOTE



We will NOW be meeting at the  
**HOLLOWBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER**  
320 Hollowbrook Drive, Ewing 08638  
**ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2022, AT 6 p.m.**

### NOTE





Photo by Jeff Tryon

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was called to order on May 1, 2023 at 6:42 p.m. by Lorraine Persani, President. Lorraine welcomed our new guests and wished Happy Birthday to our May birthday members.

## 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 \$11,060.10 in the club's account. There was net income of \$1,048.00 from dues, donations and the April 50/50. There were no expenses this month. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Iliana had nothing to report this month.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Birmingham Park** – Chair, Heidi Furman reported that there is a sign up for planting and cleaning jobs. Rick reported on the test of the new gravity fed water pump. He indicated that it is working fine and he is the custodian of the pump. It was also reported that 2 (two) new benches will be in the park and one of them is sponsored by Ingrid and Anne in memory of Ingrid's grandmother.

**Plant Sale** – Chair, Ingrid Fair reported that all orders would be ready to pick up on Friday at noon. Please try to pick them up on Friday as storage until Saturday is hard and the deer like to eat the plants.

**Flower Show** – Helga Fontus reminded everyone that the show is May 19th and 20th. All exhibits must be in place by May 18th between 12 and 6 p.m. Illiana went over how to fill out the entry card. Practice sheets will be sent via email. Card tables are needed for the show.



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**Nominating Committee** – Chair, Anne Chmielewski announced that the current nominations were accepted as there were no disagreements. June 5th at 6 p.m. will be the annual installment of officers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. The next Regular Meeting is June 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Hollowbrook Community Center with the installation of officers. Please remember to bring an appetizer or dessert, your place setting, a small arrangement and an auction item.

With no further business to discuss, Rick motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7:23 p.m. and seconded by Monique.

Our program for the evening was “Selecting and Growing Iris’s in your garden” Catherine Button presented a beautiful presentation on so many different varieties of Irises.

Thank you to our Hospitality Committee for providing delicious treats.

—Monique Bonnier, Recording Secretary



Black and White Photo by Monique Bonnier.



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# WTGC OFFICERS INSTALLATION AND YEAR-END BASH!

PROGRAM BY: WTGC PRESIDENT LORRAINE PERSIANI

JUNE 5, 2023 | 6 p.m.

Let's all gather together to celebrate the conclusion of another busy and exciting year. Along with the installation of officers and the annual year-end hors d'oeuvre and dessert buffet, all members are sure to enjoy the ever-popular tricky-tray auction. Please don't forget your small arrangement, your place setting and your auction item. Donated items for tricky-tray auction should have an original value of at least \$5.



"Back to Paris!" Flower Show photos by Jeff Tryon.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**JUNE 1** - GCNJ Judges Council - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**JUNE 4-10** - National Garden Week

**JUNE 5** - WTGC Monthly Meeting - REMINDER EARLY START AT 6 p.m. (Hollowbrook Community Center); Program: "Annual WTGC Installation of Officers and Year-End Bash." Chair: Barbara Bernhard. See below.

**JUNE 8** - 97th GCNJ Annual Meeting, Bridgewater Marriott.

**JUNE 14** - Flag Day

**JUNE 19-23** - National Pollinator Week

**JUNE 26** - GCNJ State Board Meeting - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**JUNE 2023**

• Nancy and Helga Fontus - June 1

**JULY 2023**

• Greg Chasar - July 19

• Terry Palise - July 28

• Gerree Pecht - July 29

• Pat Coiante and Eileen Keenan - July 31

## DON'T FORGET!

**FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY** - Terry Palise (June)  
Linda Reasoner (July)

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** – Lorraine Persiani (Chair), Jennifer McKeever, Rita Obed, Camille Rainiero, June Rosso, and Diane Sanchez. Volunteers will be needed for setup. Thank you.

**ALL MEMBERS** - Please bring your appetizer or dessert, place setting, small arrangement, and auction item for the June Installation Celebration.

**RANDOM ACTS OF BEAUTY** – We have had much rain — the lawns and gardens will be beautiful. Remember to keep your eyes out for nominees for our "Random Acts of Beauty" Awards. Contact Nancy Grant at 856-305-1857.

**PLEASE SIGN UP** to help at our Birmingham Mini-Park this summer! Contact Heidi Furman.

• **IMPORTANT:** Please forward all info and photos for the 2023-2024 WTGC Yearbook to Helga Fontus by July 31st. Early submissions welcome. Thank you!



### 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)

**Martha Washington Garden Club**

# Garden Walk

**\$20**  
per person

**Tour many locations in  
Morrisville, Yardley and  
Washington Crossing**

**Wed., June 7, 2023**

**10 am to 3 pm**

**Rain date: June 8**

**Entry wristbands and  
addresses available on June 7  
from 9:30 to 12:30 at either  
Seasons Garden Center in  
Washington Crossing, or at  
824 N. Lafayette Avenue in  
Morrisville.**

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