

West Trenton Garden Club

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MAY 2022

Dear Garden Club Friends,

The wonderful month of May has arrived! We've received our Spring flowers and hopefully have gotten them planted. Their burst of color and beauty bring such happiness to the soul, as they continue to bring us enjoyment all summer long.

Many thanks to Rick Lazarick, who through his clever and talented computer skills was able to bring us our last program directly from Paris, France. Together with presenter Gary Kraut, we were treated to a program on "The Tuileries Garden: the Royal Walk from the Louvre to the Champs-Elysees." Linda Gerasimowicz and her hospitality committee once again, using Easter as it's theme, delighted us with bunnies, carrot snacks and many delicious dishes. Thank you to all who provided this delectable array of goodies!

This was Rick Lazarick and Kevin Fair's first rodeo, co-chairing the Spring Flower Sale. Kudos to them both, grossing sales of over \$7,000! Another amazing successful fundraiser. We also received \$140 in donations for Birmingham Park. Thank you to everyone who participated, and also to our outgoing chair, Sue Fair, who acted as the consultant on this project. Sue helped to make the transition a little easier for Kevin and Rick. Speaking of Birmingham Park, please remember to come out and volunteer to help Heidi Furman and Rick to keep our park looking as beautiful as it has been. It is the home of our Blue Star Memorial!

Things have been picking up for the club in April, so more thanks go out to Anne and David Chmielewski, co-chairs of the Arbor Day Tree Give-Away, which was held at the Ewing Library. Anne and David have handled this project for many years, and it is safe to say that it is their baby. They tend to it with loving care and the recipients are always so happy.

Happy Birthday to our May celebrants:

Rick Lazarick – May 12

Lorraine Persiani – May 14

Linda Geiger – May 21

Camille Rainiero is working diligently on our Scholarship Fundraiser Breakfast. It is scheduled for June 18 at the Ewing Senior and Community Center. More information will follow as plans progress.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – MAY 23 – 7PM – VIA ZOOM

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – MAY 2 – 6:30 PM – EWING SENIOR CENTER

"POLLINATORS and POLLINATION STRATEGIES"

May 8 – MOTHER'S DAY Remember all of our mothers, here and those who have passed. May they always have a special place in our hearts.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR WTGC MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, GREAT-GRANDMOTHERS, AUNTS, and OTHER MOTHERS! ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

Warmest Regards,
Barbara Bernhard, President WTGC

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

ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022, AT 6:30 PM



Epimedium, photo by Jeff Tryon.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was called to order on April 4, 2022 at 6:44 by President Barbara Bernhard. Barbara welcomed all members, several guests, and Gary Kraut who will be presenting tonight's program. She gave birthday wishes to April 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 \$6,974.73 in the club's account. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership - Sue Fair stated membership dues have been coming in but not everyone has paid. It is \$30 per person and \$45 per family.

Spring Flower Sale - Co-chair Rick Lazarick thanked members who have sent orders or brought them to the meeting. He said the sale is going well. Orders are due by April 8th with the pick up at Ingrid Fair's house on April 29th.

Birmingham Park - Chair, Heidi Furman stated she will set up some dates for clean up. Members were questioned if weekday or weekends were preferable. Rick Lazarick reported the roses will be pruned soon and the magnolias and daffodils are blooming with the tulips to follow.

Arbor Day - Chair, Anne Chmielewski reported she will be distributing 25 silky dogwood, 25 beach plum, and 50 redbud tubelings on April 29th at the Mercer County Library on Scotch Road. Volunteers are welcome, so see Anne to sign up.

Scholarship Fundraiser - Chair, Camille Rainiero reported this year's fundraiser will be a breakfast on June 18th at the Senior/Community Center. She needs volunteers in many areas. Setup will be Friday evening. Jeff Tryon will make the tickets and Linda Reasoner will distribute them to members. Camille has a list of those who offered to make baskets and members who solicited businesses for donations.

Flowers for the Library - Barbara Bernhard reported for Chair, Alicia Magee that Jeff Tryon has provided flowers for April. A picture will be posted on "Ewing Gardens and Gardeners" and on the bulletin board at Marrazos.

Pass the Can - Linda Reasoner 'passed the can' for loose change. The money collected goes to the State and National Disaster Funds.

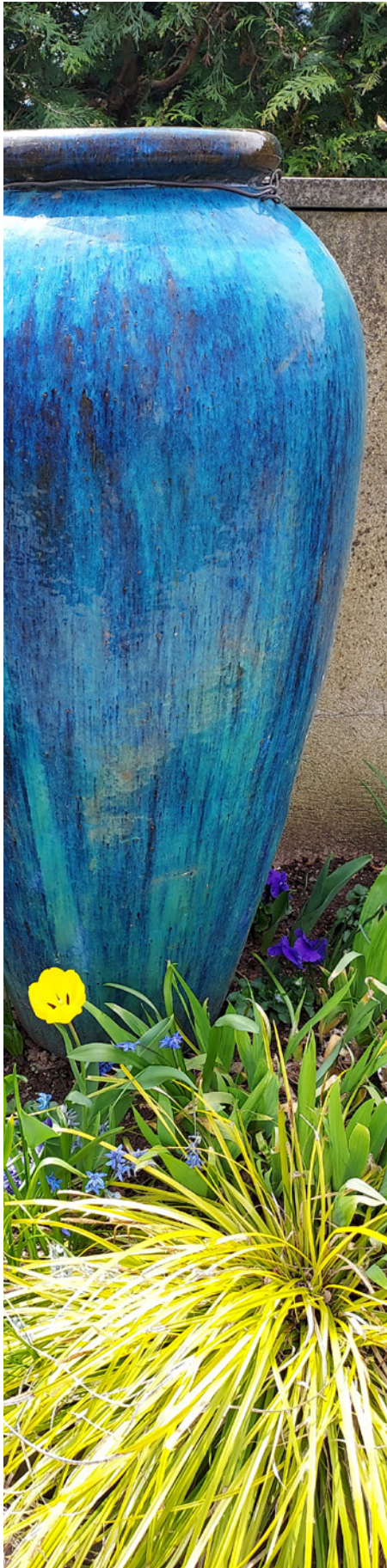


Photo by Jeff Tryon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. There is no Board Meeting in April but a special meeting for Budget and Scholarship will be announced. The next Regular Meeting is May 2nd at 6:30 at the Senior/Community Center. The next ZOOM Board Meeting is May 23rd.

With no further business to discuss, Carol Bozarth motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 6:55 and seconded by Zophia Jablonski Feulner.

Program co-chair Anne Chmielewski then introduced Gary Kraut who presented the program “The Tuileries Garden: The Royal Walk from the Louvre to the Champs Elysees” via ZOOM from his home in France.

—Linda Gerasimowicz, Recording Secretary

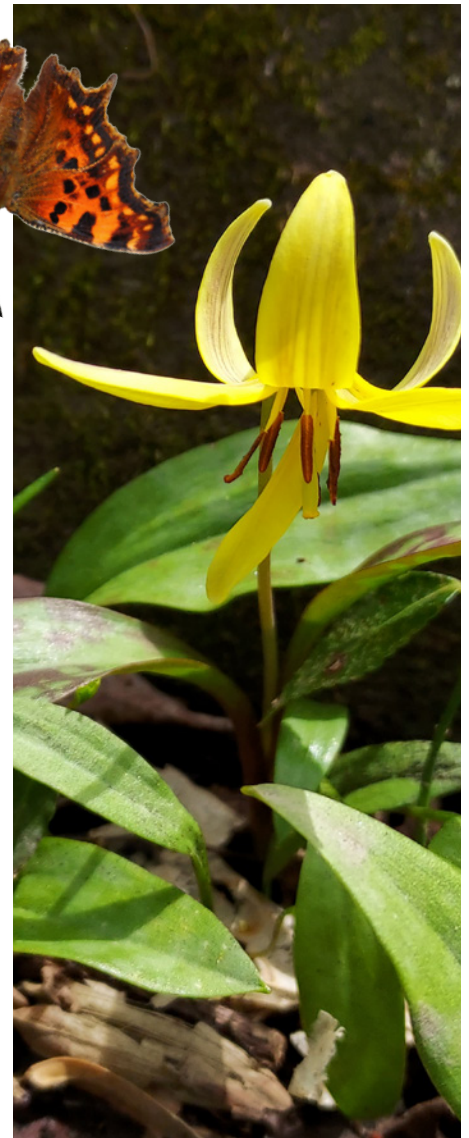


WTGC helps out at the garden for the Boys and Girls Club of Trenton. (Photos courtesy of the Boys and Girls Club of Trenton)



POLLINATORS AND POLLINATION STRATEGIES

PROGRAM BY: MARY ANNE BORGE | 6:30 pm



Flower photos by Jeff Tryon, pollinator photos courtesy of Shutterstock.com.

Many plants depend on the assistance of a third party, usually an animal, to help them successfully achieve pollination. How do plants entice visitors to their flowers and manipulate them to carry pollen to another plant of the same species? We'll learn about some of the many potential pollinators of native plants, including bees, flies, wasps, beetles and birds, and the strategies plants have evolved to achieve successful pollination by taking advantage of these flower visitors.

Mary Anne Borge is a freelance naturalist, writer, photographer, and educator, living in New Jersey. She teaches classes about native plants, and about the relationships between plants and animals (including humans!). Mary Anne is an instructor at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, a Pennsylvania Master Naturalist, and the Editor of *Butterfly Gardener*, a magazine published by the North American Butterfly Association. Her photographs have been featured in numerous publications.

FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Here is a photo of Ingrid Fair's Tradescantia plant and bright green planter at the Ewing Library. Devah Brinker will be displaying her arrangement or plant at the library through the month of May.



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>



Photo by Jeff Tryon.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 2: WTGC Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM (Ewing Senior & Community Center); Program: "Pollinators and Pollination Strategies." See page 4 for details.

MAY 8: Happy Mother's Day!

MAY 15-21: NGC Annual Convention, Orlando, Florida.

MAY 23: WTGC Board Meeting - 7PM - Via Zoom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rick Lazarick - May 12

Lorraine Persiani - May 14

Linda Geiger - May 21

DON'T FORGET!

FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY – Devah Brinker

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE - Rick Lazarick (Chair), Anne Chmielewski, David Chmielewski, Ingrid Fair, Kevin Fair, and Ginny Sari.



Virginia Bluebell, photo by Jeff Tryon.



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