

West Trenton Garden Club

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The Garden Path Newsletter

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Dear Garden Club Friends,

Welcome to Fall 2021! We have been enjoying some very pleasant days and I hope you have been out in your gardens or perhaps taking little day trips.

Happy November Birthday to the following members:

Anne Chmielewski – November 1

Lalita Lalla – November 4

Devah Brinker – November 10

Maggie Kramer – November 13

June Miller – November 19

Susan Chrystal – November 22

Many thanks to Mark Wetherbee, our guest speaker from October. Although there were a few technical difficulties, Anne Chmielewski stepped up to the plate with her vast amount of knowledge, while Rick Lazarick and Jeff Tryon, among a few others, tried to get Mark's presentation onto the screen. They needed a different cord, which Jeff will be ordering for the club to prevent this from happening again.

Mark also was kind enough to send some picture files of the surrounding parks in Mercer County. Please take some time to look at them, if you haven't already.

Our bulbs have been ordered by Sharon Johnson. The DELIVERY for our SPRING BULBS, like many things right now, HAS BEEN DELAYED!!! Since Sharon doesn't know exactly when they will arrive, we must change the pick up date. I will notify you when the bulbs arrive and a new pickup date has been chosen. Thank you to all who participated, either by purchasing for themselves or donating to Birmingham Park. Thanks also to Sharon Johnson and Sue Fair for their contribution and to Ingrid and Kevin Fair.

Lorraine Persiani will be overseeing the decorating of the Music Room at Drumthwacket. Her committee will be busy creating home made gingerbread houses and ornaments. It should be delightful! Also looking forward to Heidi Furman's entry at Morven's Festival of Trees. Some nice things to look forward to over the Christmas holidays!

Soon we will be getting an update on the poinsettia sale and also our Holiday Party. Please remember to bring your unwrapped items for Trenton Psychiatric to the November meeting. Iliana Okum and Terry Palise will deliver them to the facility. Please be generous to these poor souls, who do not have much, but are much appreciative upon receiving our donations!

Thank you, Rick Lazarick, for offering tours of your beautiful gardens and sending us home with flowers, also. Check Rick's email for more info.

Helga Fontus, Linda Gerasimowicz and I attended the District VII meeting at the home of Jean Pollack, our new Chairperson. We received some new ideas, got to know some of the other Presidents and other members. It was nice to network with these creative women, and I hope to share some of their ideas with all of you!

Devah Brinker and the October Hospitality committee did an outstanding job decorating and providing us with a multitude of snacks. It was like trick or treating without all the walking. HaHa! We even had a mask contest. Thanks for making our first meeting at the Senior Center so much fun!

Please remember to get Newsletter info to Jeff by the 15th of the month. Thank you!

Our next BOARD MEETING is on MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021 @ 7:00 PM by ZOOM

Our next GENERAL MEETING is on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 @ 6:30 PM AT THE EWING SENIOR CENTER

There will be a demonstration of Holiday Designs by Deborah Pomroy, which will be raffled off afterwards. This is always a very popular meeting. Guest fee: \$5.00.

See you then,
Barbara Bernhard
President, WTGC

We will be meeting at the the EWING SENIOR CENTER

999 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing



ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021, AT 6:30PM



MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was held on October 4th, 2021. President Barbara Bernhard called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm. Barbara welcomed all members as well as our guest speaker Mark Weatherbee. She thanked Terry Palese for hosting the September meeting and for her informative presentation on roses. Barbara gave birthday wishes to October 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 \$7,266.32 in the club's account. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

Corresponding Secretary, Iliana Okum read a note from member Pat Coiante donating \$50 toward scholarships in memory of Ginger Young.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spring Bulb Sale-Susan Fair reported for Chair Sharon Johnson that orders are due to Sharon by October 8th. Members can also donate bulbs or cash for Birmingham Park. Pick up will be October 22nd at Ingrid Fair's house. (*Note: PICK-UP DELAYED)

Drumthwacket-Chair, Lorraine Persiani reported decorating the mansion is happening. There is a meeting on Wednesday for more details. Our club will be decorating the Music Room.

Morven-Chair, Heidi Furman reported she has a committee and the theme is Peacocks & Paisley.

Birmingham Park-Chair, Heidi Furman reported she constantly receives compliments from the public. There is nothing new to report other than donations of the tulip bulbs from the fundraiser or cash are welcome.

Park Project-Chair, Rick Lazarick states the project is continuing. Plant ID tags are in place and Jeff Tryon is working on a library box to house a brochure about the park.

Holiday Party-Chair, Camille Rainiero reported Blooming Grove is only open Tuesday to Sunday. More discussion will be made at the Board Meeting to possibly change the day, check into other restaurants, and poll the members to determine how many would attend.

Pass the Can-Chair, Linda Reasoner passed the can for spare change which is then donated to the Disaster Relief Fund.

Flowers for the Library-Chair, Alicia Magee reported there is a dried arrangement in an antique cigar box done by Grace Starrett in the library for October. Also a picture by Grace Starrett of an orchid is at Risoldi's.



Dahlias in Rick Lazarick's garden. Photos by Rick Lazarick

Poinsettia Sale-Co-chair, Janis Stia reported they don't have prices yet from the supplier. They will send an order form via email when they get prices. The orders will be due at the November meeting.

Trenton Psychiatric Donations-Chair, Iliana Okum passed out lists of needed items for members to donate. These should be brought to the November meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Barbara Bernhard gave congratulations to Iliana Okum whose photo was chosen for the yearbook cover. She also mentioned Pat Bowker has made many changes to the Club's website. The next board meeting is via ZOOM on October 25th at 7 pm. The next regular meeting is November 1st at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center. Newsletter items should be in to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month.

October Hospitality Chair, Devah Brinker announced the winners for Halloween costumes/masks were Alicia Magee, Grace Starrett, Jeff Tryon, and Linda Reasoner.

Hearing no further business to discuss, Carolyn Kane motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7:30 pm and seconded by Devah Brinker.

Program co-chair Anne Chmielewski then introduced speaker Mark Weatherbee. Due to technical difficulties, he gave an abbreviated presentation on Backyard Naturalist:Exploring Local Parks.

*Linda Gerasimowicz
Recording Secretary*





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STYLISH DESIGNS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY DECORATING AND ENTERTAINING

Program By Deborah Pomroy | 6:30 pm



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This presentation will feature creative and colorful designs that may be used to complement your Thanksgiving Table or your year end festivities. Our guest floral designer, Deborah Pomroy, returns to provide us with inspiration and many ideas for our own holiday decor. Come on out and enjoy this unique and fun presentation. Three designs will be raffled off to members holding the winning tickets. You don't want to miss this meeting. Bring a friend.

Deborah Pomroy is affiliated with Seasons Garden Center in Washington Crossing, PA, and has been a floral designer for over 35 years. After owning her own floral shop for 17 years, Deborah moved on to freelance wedding floral design in the tri-state area. She is an Adjunct Professor at Mercer County Community College where she teaches the Floral Design program classes. She has a BS in Ornamental Horticulture (Floriculture emphasis) with a Business minor from Delaware Valley University.

FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Photo by Alicia Magee

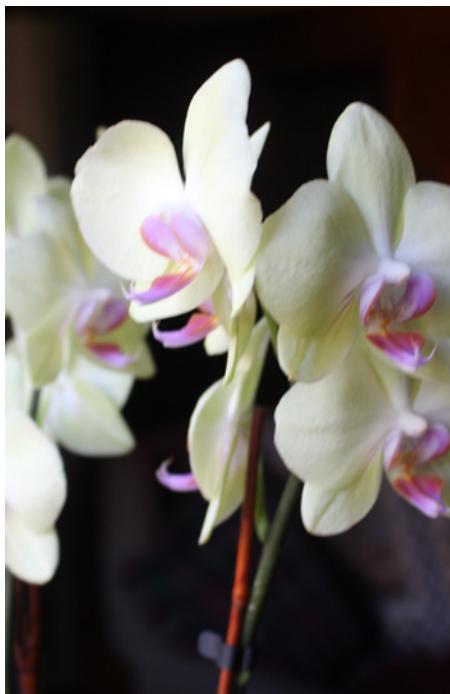


Photo by Grace Starrett

WTGC will be returning to our exhibits of flower arrangements and live plants at the Ewing Branch Library. Our flower photos will still be on display at Marrazzo's Market in the main hallway and also on the Facebook group, Ewing Community Update.

This month we have a photo of an orchid that Grace was gifted by her son, on display in the main hall at Marrazzo's Market.

Grace Starrett's meticulously designed dried arrangement in an antique wooden cigar box is on view at the Library this month.

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

DONATIONS FROM WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB FOR TRENTON PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

Items for Women and Men: Pajamas, nightgowns, sweaters/ sweat shirts, gloves/ knit hats, ankle socks, knit tops or blouses, hair bows, pony tail holders, cosmetic bags, cosmetics (lipstick, make-up, nail polish),
Larger sizes of clothing preferred.

Items for Men: Sweat shirts, pants, jogging pants, wallets, coin purses, pocket tee shirts, men's knit hats, sport shirts, sport socks, flannel shirts, sport or baseball caps XL and XXL sizes most needed

For Recreational Therapy: Playing cards puzzle & word search books, model cars, trucks, planes, Dominoes, chess, group games, Scrabble, Checkers, Monopoly, Yahtzee, writing paper, pens, coloring books, boxes of crayons, glue sticks, construction paper.

Good Grooming Gifts are Appreciated: Regular size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, combs, brushes, after shave creams, toothbrushes, regular size toothpaste, cologne, perfume, hand lotion, tissue packets, lip balm.

Other Items Requested: Umbrellas, costume jewelry, soft candy, used luggage (in good repair), Christmas gift wrap, used tote bags (in good repair), soft cuddly animals, teddy bears, etc.

Thank you for your generosity.

Please bring items to the November where they will be collected.



Photo by Jeffrey Tryon

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1: WTGC Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM (Ewing Senior & Community Center); Program: "Stylish Designs for Your Holiday Decorating and Entertaining" Guest fee: \$5. All designs will be raffled off. See below.

NOVEMBER 25: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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June Miller - November 19

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DON'T FORGET!

FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY - Helga Fontus

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE - Iliana Okum (Chair), Nancy Grant, Gerree Petch, Terry Palise, June Rosso, and Janis Stia.

HOLIDAY PARTY - Stay tuned for updated information from Barbara Bernhard.



"ART IN THE NATIVE LANDSCAPE" at the HoBART art show in October in Frenchtown. Photo by Jeffrey Tryon



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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

2021 WTGC ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE

It is time to order the Poinsettias that are going to brighten your home during the holidays, that will make great presents, and that will help to support the fundraising for our club. The choices for this year's Poinsettia sale are as follows: **red, white, pink, and Jingle Bell speckled poinsettias**; sizes: **6" for \$6, and 8" for \$14.**

Please call or email Janis Stia with your order at our meeting on
Monday, November 1, 2021 BUT NO LATER THAN November 8, 2021.

Janis Stia at home (609-882-3862) or email stiajd5@aol.com

You may use the order form below for your order. The delivery date will be
Friday, December 3, 2021 starting at 10 am at Terry & Frank Palise's home at the address listed below:

Terry & Frank Palise's home:

24 Hopkins Drive, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648,

Cell telephones: **609-439-7154 (Terry) after 10 am or 609-575-7493 (Frank).**

Terry Palise & Janis Stia, Co-Chairs



WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB 2019 POINSETTIA SALE

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ E-Mail: _____

WTGC MEMBER: YES or NO

Poinsettia Color/Size		# of 6 Inches/\$6	#of 8 Inches/\$14	TOTAL \$ FOR PLANTS
RED				
WHITE				
PINK				
JINGLE BELL (Speckled)				
TOTAL # OF PLANTS ORDERED FOR EACH SIZE:				

**CHECK WILL BE NEEDED ON DAY OF PICKUP FOR ENTIRE ORDER MADE OUT TO:
"WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB"**