



The *Garden* Path

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The President's Message | Lorraine Persiani

November 2023

Isn't autumn in New Jersey wonderful? Seeing pumpkins everywhere, kicking up the leaves, and delighting in the colors of the season. I live near Sayen Gardens, and walk there almost every day with my dog. The gardeners have removed all the summer plants and have filled the garden with mums – hundreds of them! It's so beautiful! I recommend visiting Sayen Gardens to enjoy its serenity and beauty.

A special “Thank You” to Andrew Reasoner for teaching us “The Japanese Art of Bonsai” at our October meeting. He shared his techniques for selecting and training trees and emphasized the need for patience in developing beautiful bonsais. An inspiring program!

Thank you, too, to Rick Lazarick for inviting our WTGC members to visit his amazing

dahlia garden. Rick was so pleased with the turnout! His garden has over 40 varieties of dahlias and more than 150 plants! Rick shared details on each variety. A note for dahlia growers —remember to remove your tubers after the first frost and store them in a cool place for the winter.

Each year I look forward to our November program featuring lovely designs for holiday arrangements. Once again, Deborah Pomroy from Seasons Garden Center will make three floral arrangements that will be raffled off to lucky garden members. Mark your calendars for November 6 at 6:30 PM at the Hollowbrook Community Center.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Remember to Live Life in Full Bloom,
~ Lorraine Persiani*



WTGC Annual Poinsettia Sale

Please call or email Susan Fair with your order or bring to the meeting on Monday, November 6, 2023. All orders due by Sunday, November 12, 2023.

Susan Fair cell (863)258-1721 or email sfair17@aol.com. See page 8 for details.



Regular Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2023

Meeting Called to Order

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was called to order on October 2, 2023 at 6:43 p.m. by President Lorraine Persiani. Lorraine welcomed our guests and wished a happy birthday to our October 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 \$12,896.63 in the club's account. The sale of bricks for Birmingham Park has generated over \$2,000 in net proceeds. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

Correspondence

Iliana Okum reported that she sent new members welcome notes. We presently have 13 new members. She reminded all members to let her know if anyone needed cheering up.

Committee Reports

Bulb Sale

Chair Rick Lazarick reported that the bulb sale finished with 714 preordered bulbs with a net proceeds of \$347.17. Thank you to all of the members who purchased bulbs. Please do not forget to pick them up.

Poinsettia Sale

More information at the November meeting along with order forms. The price will be the same as last year.

Holiday Party

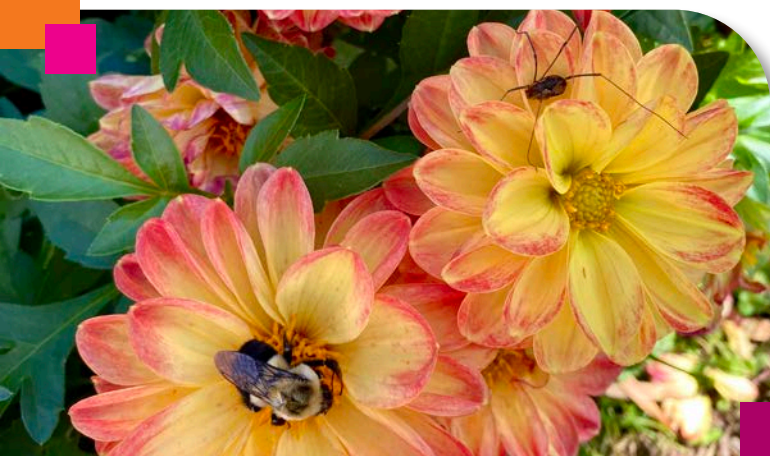
Chair Barbara Bernhard announced that the party will be at Sal De Forte's restaurant. We will have the entire restaurant. Party starts at 6 p.m. on December 4th. BYOB. Registrations will be available at the next meeting.

Birmingham Park

Chair, Rick Lazarick reported that a lot of work has been done at the park. Two benches, two flags, and 100 red white and blue perennials have been installed and planted in the garden. Thank you for everyone who helped.

Morven Holiday Decorating

Chair Barbara Bernhard announced that this is the 70th anniversary of Morven. This year we are decorating a mantel and the grandfather clock. Dates of the show will be from November 15th to January 7th. Please stop by to see the Festival of Trees!



Regular Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2023

Announcements

Items for the newsletter are Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. The next Regular Meeting is November 6th at 6:30 at the Hollowbrook Community with a program to follow "Holiday Arrangement Designs to Brighten Your Home" by Deborah Pomroy. Deborah Pomroy and her assistant will return to our club to inspire us to make holiday magic for this very festive season.

- Special thanks to Andrew Reasoner for his wonderful presentation on "The Japanese Art of Bonsai"
- The Q & A portion of the meeting was held with members asking questions of the members.
- The Club still needs a chair for The Spring Flower Sale. If you are interested please contact Lorraine.
- Anne Skalka has invited everyone to an Orchid Auction on October 28th at Trinity Church, Princeton at 10 a.m. until the orchids run out around 1 p.m.
- Pat continues to update the website. Please send in pictures of your gardens.
- With no further business to discuss, Rick Lazarick motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7:09 p.m. and seconded by Monique Bonnier.
- Our hospitality committee provided a delicious spread of fall themed goodies for the membership.

Monique Bonnier, Recording Secretary



Japanese Maple, photo by Devah Brinker

Happy Birthday!

Anne Chmielewski - November 1
Devah Brinker - November 10
Maggie Kramer - November 13
Jennifer McKeever - November 13
June Miller - November 19
Susan Chrystal - November 22

Don't Forget!

Flowers for Ewing Library

Jeff Tryon

Hospitality Committee

Linda Gerasimowicz (Chair), Pat Bowker, Greg Chasar, Marcia Felcone, Carolyn Kane, Maggie Kramer, June Rosso, and Jeff Tryon.

Newsletter Deadline

Submit all info to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month via email at: wtcnewsletter@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendar

WTGC Monthly Meeting

Oct. 30, 7:00 PM via Zoom

WTGC Board Meeting

Nov. 6, 6:30 PM

Hollowbrook Community Center

Program: "Holiday Arrangement Designs To Brighten Your Home" Guest fee: \$5. All designs will be raffled off.

Nov. 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 27, 10 AM, Holly House

GCNJ State Board Meeting

WTGC is decorating the Dining Room at Drumthwacket for the holidays. Open Houses are on December 1, 2, 3, 16, 17, and 19. Register on Drumthwacket.org.



*"Come and sit
with me under my
Dogwood Tree"*

Photo by Devah Brinker

Designs to Brighten Your Home

Program by Deborah Pomroy

When the holidays approach it is wonderful to have new ideas to decorate our tables. Lovely designs make any holiday party more festive and elegant. During this presentation we welcome back the creative and talented team from Seasons Garden Center to show us how to design holiday magic for our homes. Three lucky members will be eligible to win one of the designs that will be raffled after the meeting.

Deborah Pomroy and her assistant are both affiliated with the Seasons Garden Center in Washington Crossing, PA. Deborah has been a floral designer for over 35 years. After owning her own floral shop for 17 years, Deborah moved 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 with a Business minor from Delaware Valley University. Bring a friend for this exciting and popular program! ❁





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.

NOTE: Trenton Psychiatric Hospital donations will be collected by Iliana Okum and Terry Palise at the November meeting.

Thank you for your generosity.



2023 WTGC Annual Poinsettia Sale

Susan Fair, Barbara Bernhard, Linda Gerasimowich, Co-Chairs

The Holidays are fast approaching and it's time to place your orders for our beautiful, festive poinsettias. It's an easy way to decorate your home and they make wonderful gifts. The WTGC appreciates your continued support in our Fundraising efforts.

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 Susan Fair with your order or bring to our meeting on Monday, November 6, 2023. *All orders due no later than Sunday, November 12, 2023*

Susan Fair cell (863)258-1721 or email sfair17@aol.com

Delivery date: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Pick up: 10am-3pm at the Fairs' home: 6 Honeywood Lane, Ewing, NJ

| 2023 WTGC Poinsettia Order Form | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Name | | | Phone |
| Email | | | WTGC Member? Yes/No (circle) |
| Pointsettia Color/Size | # of 6 in (\$6 ea) | # of 8 in (\$14 ea) | Total \$ Amount |
| Red | | | |
| White | | | |
| Pink | | | |
| Jingle Bell (Speckled) | | | |
| Total # plants per size: | | | |
| | | Total \$ Due | |



Check or cash needed on day of pickup for entire order.
Checks payable to: "West Trenton Garden Club."

In Memoriam | Matthew Marc Furman



It is with great sadness that we share news of the passing of WTGC member Heidi Furman's beloved son, Matthew Marc Furman.

Matthew Marc Furman, 42, of Ewing Township, passed away unexpectedly October 17th, 2023. Born in Trenton and a lifelong area resident, Matt was a graduate of Ewing High School Class of 1999. He received a diploma in Networking and Data Communication from Chubb Institute and an Associate Degree from Mercer County Community College. He was employed by the New Jersey Department of Treasury in the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services (DORES).

Matt was a sports enthusiast all his life whether it was on the fields or watching his favorite teams on TV. He was a diehard Yankees fan!

However, his biggest joy was sharing his sports knowledge with the kids of Ewing and their families. Coach Matt could always be heard on the soccer and baseball fields providing direction, encouragement, and support as needed.

Matt's family was his heart and soul. Being a dad to Logan and Lucas was the highlight of Matt's life. He lived and breathed for his boys. The bond they shared and the lessons he taught them will remain for a lifetime. He is and will be missed beyond measure.

Matt is survived by his loving wife of 15 years Heather Hice Furman, two sons Logan and Lucas Furman, parents Marc and Heidi Houck Furman, his paternal grandparents Moreland and Evelyn Houck, a brother and fiancé Andrew Furman and Christina DiLorenzo, his father and mother-in-law Dennis and Barbara Hice, a brother-in-law Dennis Hice Jr., his nephews and niece, Roman, Nico and Mia Hice, their mother Nicole Edelson, lifelong friend Luke Curran, and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and cherished friends too numerous to mention.

Donations can be made to Heather Furman, with Logan and Lucas in the memo, and delivered to Heidi Furman at 504 Maple Ave. Ewing, NJ

Gallery | Bonsai Presentation by Andrew Reasoner

