



The Garden Path

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Wishing all a happy and healthy new year!

Now that the holiday festivities are behind us, we can settle into the cozy, calmer season of winter. With the blustery cold and snowy weather outside, maybe you can warm up by a fire, or enjoy a flavorful cup of tea, and a good book.

I always love to have fresh flowers in my home, especially during winter when we can't enjoy them outdoors. So, buy a bouquet or two at your favorite market to bring sunshine into your home. Maybe your Christmas cactus is still blooming!

Again this year the West Trenton Garden Club will be having many wonderful programs to enhance our gardening knowledge. Thank you Iliana Okum for making these arrangements so we can learn as we enjoy each other's company at our meetings.

A special "Thank You" to Barbara Bernhard and her committee for a wonderful Holiday Party. Also, many thanks to Diane Sanchez and Janis Stia for creating the cute party favors. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the hot cocoa and S'mores!

I am sad to report that we lost a dear member of our club. Anna Adomaitis – an active member for 16 years – passed away recently. She will be truly missed. We send our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

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

Happy Birthday!

- Nancy Grant - January 1
- Jeff Tryon - January 11
- Barbara Bernhard - January 18
- Kevin Fair - January 23
- Linda Gerasimowicz - January 30
- Harry Gamble - February 1
- Fredricka Billups - February 2
- Camille Rainiero - February 23

Don't Forget!

Flowers for Ewing Library

Dolores Brezak

Hospitality Committee

Barbara Bernhard (Chair), Fredricka Billups, Sue Fair,
Linda Gerasimowicz, Alicia Magee, and Jill Voorhees

Newsletter Deadline

Submit all info to Jeff Tryon by the
15th of the month via email at:

wtgcnewsletter@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendar

February 1, 10:00 AM via Zoom

GCNJ Judges Council

February 5, 6:30 PM

Hollowbrook Community Center

WTGC Monthly Meeting. Program: "Fragrant Plants
in Your Garden"

February 26, 10:00 AM via Zoom

GCNJ Board Meeting



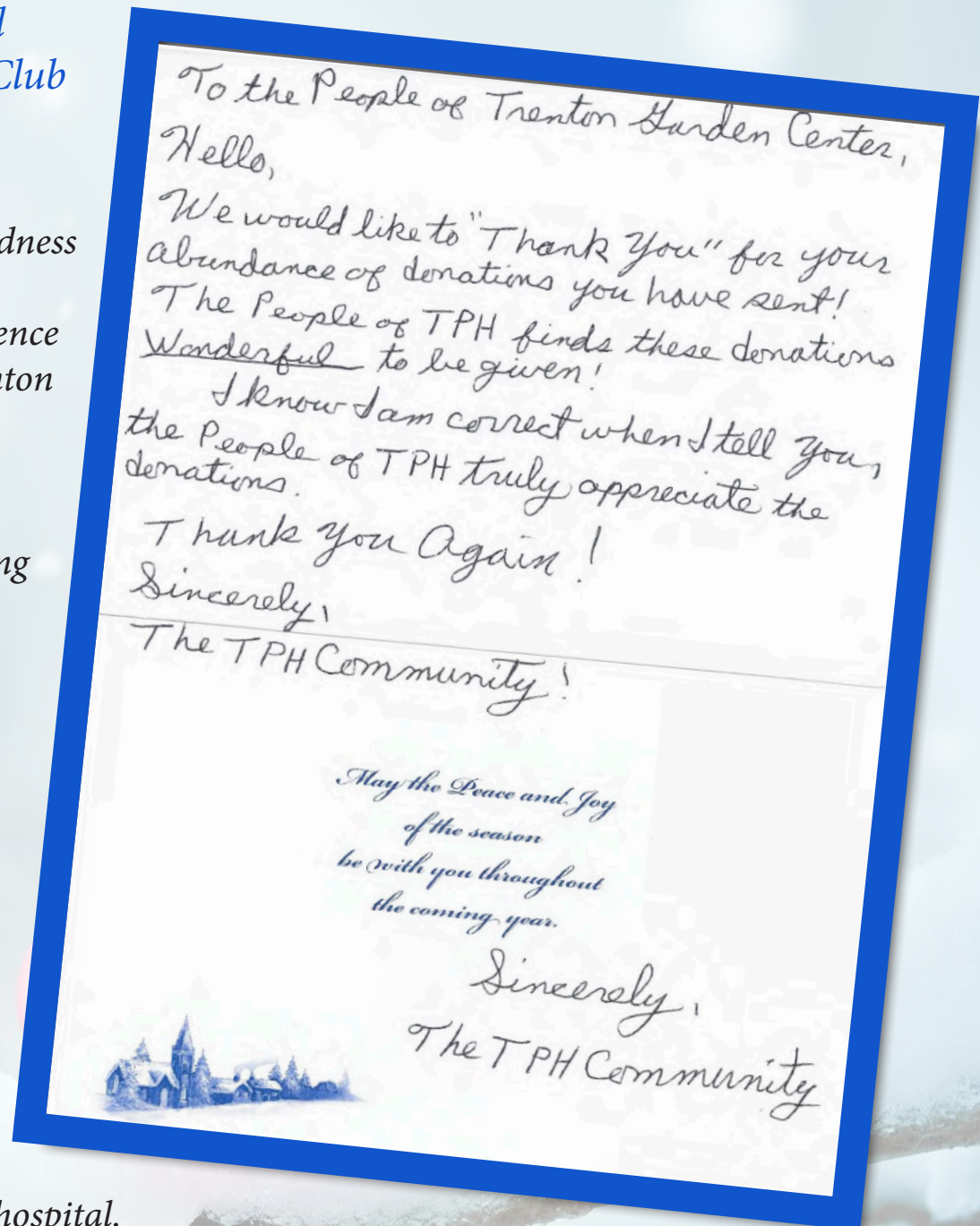
Happy
Valentine's Day!

Dear Iliana Okum and
West Trenton Garden Club
Committee Members,

Every year your generosity and kindness fill a void that our patients normally experience during the holidays. Trenton Psychiatric Hospital cares for one of New Jersey's most vulnerable populations. Remembering our patients and taking the time to gather gifts never goes unnoticed or unappreciated.

Please know that your annual remembrance of our patients lifts their spirits! The thoughtful actions of the Garden Club members provide hope and a sense of caring that many of our patients remember long after discharge from the hospital.

With sincere gratitude,
Trenton Psychiatric Hospital



In Memoriam | *Anna Adomaitis*

Ann "Anna" M. Adomaitis, 91, of Ewing, passed away January 3, 2024.

Born in Trenton, Anna moved to Ewing with her beloved husband, Alexander. An avid garden enthusiast, she was a longtime member of the West Trenton Garden Club, volunteering for the Philadelphia Horticultural Society as well as a judge for local garden events. Anna received her Master of Education from Houston Baptist University. She worked for the Trenton Board of Education for 26 years, first as a teacher and later on as a facilitator. Anna was a eucharistic minister and a member of her local parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel. She had an energy that could fill any room and she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her brother Donald and his wife Helen, her daughter Renee, her granddaughter Gabrielle, and many nieces and nephews.

(The Times, Trenton)



Arrangement by Anna Adomaitis





Fragrant Plants in Your Garden

Program by Anne Haines | February 5, 2024

Fragrance in the garden is an automatic draw for many of us. From lavender, roses, honeysuckle, and herbs to trees and shrubs, fragrance captures our attention and makes gardening even more pleasing. Anne Haines will speak about a wide variety of fragrant plants for your garden. Although most garden plants are chosen for their visual appeal, fragrance is becoming an increasing focus of interest for gardeners. From aromatic herbs to sultry jasmine, this talk will focus upon the best plants that provide daytime and nighttime aromatic intrigue!

Anne Haines is a Cook College (Rutgers University) alumna with a BS in Horticulture and MS in Entomology from the University of Florida. She owned and operated The Book Tree, a horticultural bookstore for 10 years and Deer Country Gardens, a retail nursery specializing in deer-resistant plants.

Anne's hands-on horticultural experience includes working at Princeton Nurseries and Mapleton Nurseries in Princeton NJ and most recently RareFind Nursery in Jackson NJ for nine years. She now gardens for private clients.

Gallery | Drumthwacket Holiday Open House

Photos provided by Iliana Okum



Gallery | WTGC Annual Holiday Party

Photos by Lynn Grillo



Gallery | Member Creations

Flower show plants and library arrangements



Devah Brinker's Plants from flower show



Alicia Magee's Library Arrangement



Helga Fontus' Library Arrangement