

West Trenton Garden Club

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Dear Garden Club Friends,

2022! Can it be? Yes, it is here, and we can look forward to getting back into the swing of things. The first half of the year was very productive with our bulb and poinsettia sales, and also our participation in Morven's "Festival of Trees" and Drumthwacket's holiday decorating. Pictures of our members' beautiful, creative work can be seen in some pictures that are to follow in the newsletter. Thank you again to Heidi Furman and Lorraine Persiani and their respective committees, for all their hard work and dedication! Congratulations to Heidi and her team for bringing home the second place prize. Always winners!

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to our January birthdays:

Nancy Grant – January 1
Grace Starrett – January 9
Jeff Tryon – January 11

Barbara Bernhard – January 18
Kevin Fair – January 23
Linda Gerasimowicz – January 30

Happy February Birthday to the following members:

Harry Gamble – February 1
Fredricka Billups – February 2
Mary Lou McCabe – February 14

Georgiann Cook – February 22
Camille Rainiero – February 23

In the coming months, we can look forward to learning about the growing and care of dahlias, creating a spring basket for our door, The Tuileries Garden in Paris, and pollinators and pollination strategies. Before you know it, we will be wrapping up the year in June, with the new officers installation and year-end bash!

We should all be looking forward to our spring plant and flower sale fundraiser. Then, for sure, the warm weather will have finally arrived, a welcome site, indeed!

Once again, I look forward to working with all of you. Keep warm and healthy. And always keep that smile on your face, takes less muscles than frowning, you know. Life is good, embrace it. That's my words of wisdom for 2022. May you all have a wonderful year!

Our next Board meeting is Monday, January, 31 @ 7 PM – Via Zoom

Our next Monthly meeting is Monday, February 7 @ 6:30 PM at the Ewing Senior Center.

You will be notified if there are any changes. Thank you!

*Happy Valentines Day,
Barbara Bernhard
President, WTGC*

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

ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022, AT 6:30 PM

ALL ABOUT DAHLIAS:

HOW TO PLANT, GROW, AND CARE FOR DAHLIAS

PROGRAM BY: WTGC Member Rick Lazarick | 6:30 pm



Photo by Rick Lazarick



Photo by Rick Lazarick

Dahlias are one of the longest blooming flowers in cultivation. For this reason, gardeners have chosen to include dahlias in their landscapes, garden plots and as cut flowers in their homes. The variety and types of dahlias provide endless choices for gardeners. This presentation will include photos of dahlias grown in a West Trenton suburban garden. Cultural information for the various types will be provided with hints and practices.

WTGC member Rick Lazarick is a dahlia grower extraordinaire. He has taken this hobby to great heights. His many achievements include competition and awards in the Longwood Gardens Dahlia Show. His garden is landscaped with diverse dahlias accented with annuals, perennials, and shrubs throughout. He photographs, displays, exhibits, and shares his magnificent flowers. In his retirement he enjoys focusing attention on his garden and his dahlia growing hobby. The presentation will also focus on showing dahlias.

FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Photo by Alicia Magee

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

Here is a photo of Ileana Okum's wonderful Library arrangement

MORVEN'S FESTIVAL OF TREES



DRUMTHWACKET



The Music Room at Drumthwacket. The WTGC theme was a "Gingerbread Wonderland."



Photo courtesy of Shutterstock.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 7: WTGC Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM (Ewing Senior & Community Center); Program: "How to Plant, Grow, and Care for Dahlias." See page 2 for details.

FEBRUARY 28: WTGC Board Meeting - 7PM - Via Zoom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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DON'T FORGET!

FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY: Anne and Dave Chmielewski

FEBRUARY HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: Linda Gerasimowicz (Chair), Barbara Bernhard, Fredricka Billups, Sue Fair, Matt Kowalski, and Lalita Lalla.

VISIT ALMANAC.COM FOR HOW TO SHARPEN AND CARE FOR GARDEN TOOLS!



<https://www.almanac.com/video/how-sharpen-and-care-garden-tools>



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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

The Rutgers 46th Annual Home Gardeners School is online again in 2022, and if you register February 1-7, tickets are on sale for 10% off!

Whether you are a flower fanatic or a vegetable virtuoso, Home Gardeners School @ Home: **Gardening for Everyone**, has something for you! This half-day online conference allows gardeners to choose from 15 different workshops taught by horticultural experts on many gardening topics. Be inspired and get ready for spring in this fun and engaging day of learning!

Date: February 26, 2022

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom

How to Register: [Click Here!](#) or go to www.cpe.rutgers.edu/hgs

Questions? Email Amy at ac1988@njaes.rutgers.edu or call 848-932-7649

RUTGERS 46th Annual Home Gardeners School @Home Edition
Office of Continuing Professional Education

Sponsored by **Johnny's** Selected Seeds

Gardening for Everyone!

Online gardening workshops for all levels and interests!

February 26, 2022
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Workshops include:

- soil building and composting
- vegetable garden planning and design
- butterfly gardening
- fruit for the small garden
- updates on Emerald Ash Borer and Spotted Lanternfly
- community gardening
- beneficial native plants
- mushroom cultivation
- color throughout the year
- pruning vines & trees
- ergonomic gardening
- and more!

New for 2022:

- Keynote speech by Mike McGrath
- Virtual "rooms" for beginning and advanced gardeners
- Ample breaks between sessions
- Optional discussion session to connect with and learn from other gardeners

Valentine's Day Sale!

- Register between Feb. 1-7, and get 10% off!
 - \$72 General Public
 - \$67 Master Gardeners

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