

# West Trenton Garden Club

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# The Garden Path Newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2023

*Dear Garden Club Friends,*

Happy New Year! I always look at January as a fresh start – a quiet time to reflect on the year gone by and to plan for the year ahead. Our garden club is gearing up for an especially great year with several wonderful projects, programs, and activities.

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT! The West Trenton Garden Club has been awarded a \$1,000 Plant America Community Project Grant from the National Garden Clubs, Inc. for the enhancement of Birmingham Park. A heartfelt “Thank you” to Rick Lazarick and Heidi Furman and their committee for the hard work in preparing and submitting the lengthy application for this grant. Over 180 applications were submitted! The project will refresh and enhance the Memorial and surrounding park areas, add new native and pollinator plants, create new habitat areas, and refurbish park features. I’m sure many of us will want to help at Birmingham Park to see the project come to life!

Also, several programs are being planned for our semi-annual Flower Show in May.

Thanks to Helga for chairing the Flower Show. She’s been working hard on preparing for this event. Hopefully, many of you visited the site of the Flower Show with Helga on January 18 at Mercer County Office Park, 1440 Parkside Avenue, Ewing.

Thanks, also, to Iliana for planning two programs to practice floral design for the Flower Show. The first workshop is on Saturday, February 11, and the second on Saturday, March 11. Both are at the Ewing Library from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Participants need to sign up prior to the sessions.

We have a busy year ahead of us! Let’s make this a great year for the West Trenton Garden Club!

Remember to *Live Life in Full Bloom*,

— Lorraine Persiani, President WTGC

### NOTE



We will NOW be meeting at the  
HOLLOWBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER  
320 Hollowbrook Drive, Ewing 08638

### NOTE



**ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022, AT 6:30 p.m.**

# READY, SET, DESIGN!

A HANDS-ON DESIGN WORKSHOP TO GET US READY FOR OUR  
UPCOMING SPRING FLOWER SHOW “BACK TO PARIS!”

PROGRAM BY WTGC MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 6, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.



Come join us and practice floral design techniques for the show!

**To participate in this hands-on workshop, please bring the following to the meeting:**

**A round container suitable for a tabletop design using flowers and line materials.** The container should be about 5 to 7 inches in diameter and about three inches deep. This will be a good size for most designs. About the size of a deep salad bowl or cereal bowl. The container can be ceramic, crystal or plastic — your choice. The Dollar Store has some ceramic ones for \$1.25 each. The WTGC will provide flowers and an oasis for the workshop.

Also bring your **clippers, scissors, newspaper** or **plastic bag** to cover the table. Look around the garden and **bring green line materials** or stop by the food market and buy a bunch. This will help you personalize your design.

# FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Photo by Helga Fontus

Here is a picture of Helga Fontus' Poinsettia display at the Ewing library.

The next "Flowers for Ewing Library" will be by Carolyn Kane.



Here is Alicia Magee's Library plant which is called Elephant Bush (*Portulacaria afra*) and it makes up a significant portion of an African elephant diet.

## MCL EWING BRANCH PUBLIC HOURS:

**Monday:** 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday:** 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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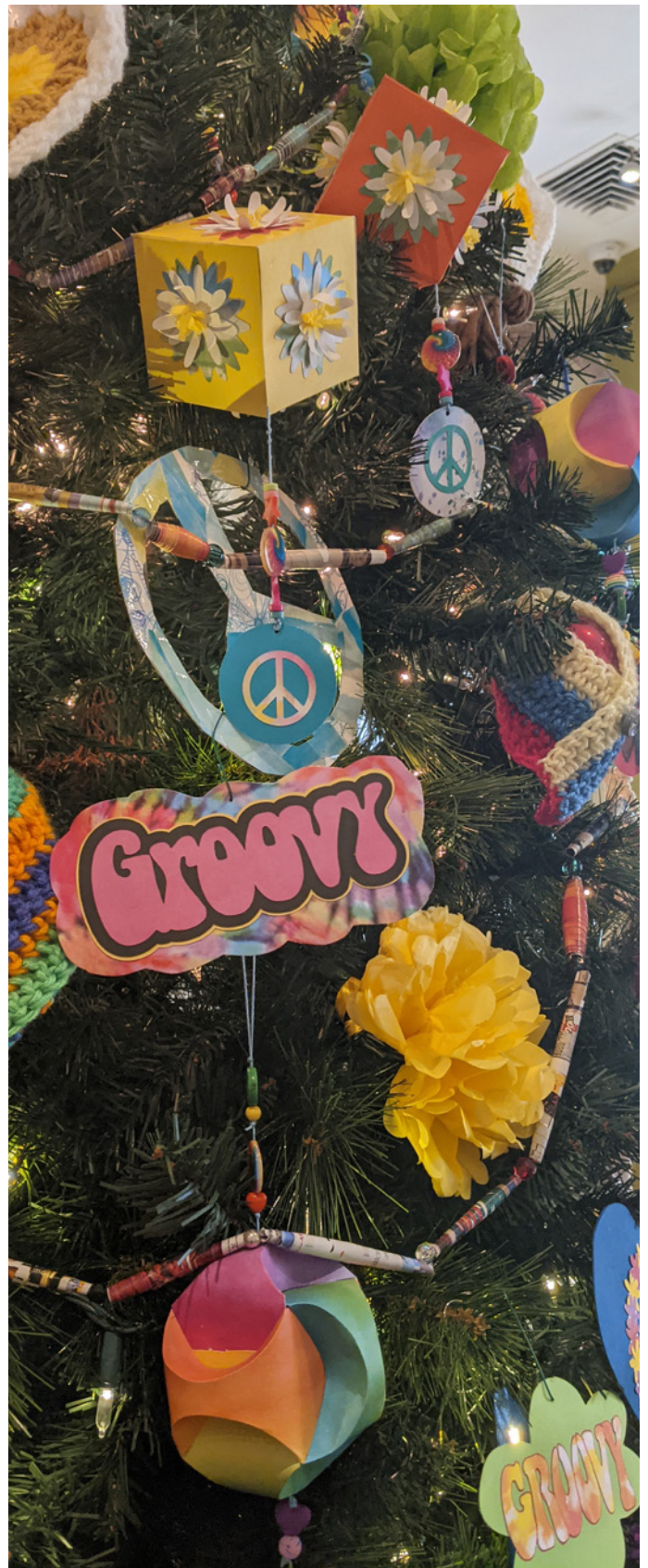
# HOLIDAYS AT DRUMTHWACKET

PHOTOS BY ILIANA OKUM



# MORVEN FESTIVAL OF TREES

PHOTOS BY ILIANA OKUM



# HOLIDAY DINNER AT REVERE

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Photo by Iliana Okum

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**FEBRUARY 6** - WTGC Monthly Meeting - 6:30PM (Hollowbrook Community Center); Program: "Ready, Set, Design!" See page 2

**FEBRUARY 8** - GCNJ Judges Council - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 27** - GCNJ Board Meeting - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**WINTER WORKSHOPS** - Iliana Okum has scheduled two workshop dates at the Ewing Township Library for our WTGC members to practice floral designs prior to our flower show in spring.

**Saturday- February 11 and Saturday March 11**  
from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This is strictly an invitation to anyone who is interested in a practice session. We have about ten members already signed up from last September.

Members will need to sign up prior to attending the sessions.

Please bring the following materials:

Flowers, line materials, containers of their choice, pruners, newspaper for the table. I will provide an oasis and I will bring some extra line materials.

There will be a demonstration, photos of designs and hands on help.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### JANUARY 2023

- Nancy Grant - January 1
- Grace Starrett - January 9
- Jeff Tryon - January 11
- Barbara Bernhard - January 18
- Kevin Fair - January 23
- Linda Gerasimowicz - January 30

### FEBRUARY 2023

- Harry Gamble - February 1
- Fredricka Billups - February 2
- Georgiann Cook - February 22
- Camille Rainiero - February 23

## DON'T FORGET!

**FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY** - Carolyn Kane

**FEBRUARY HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** - Linda Gerasimowicz (Chair), Barbara Bernhard, Fredricka Billups, Sue Fair, Helga Fontus, and Jill Voorhees.



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



Please submit all info for *The Garden Path* to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. [wgcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wgcnewsletter@gmail.com)