

# West Trenton Garden Club

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# The Garden Path Newsletter

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*Dear Garden Club Friends,*

Alas! We have made it to the end of another exciting year as members of the West Trenton Garden Club! Now it is once again time for our Installation of New Officers and Year-End Bash. This will be our first time celebrating as such, since 2019! REMINDER EARLY START AT 6PM!!! Please bring your appetizer or dessert, since we will all be arriving hungry. LOL! Everyone should bring an item, valued of at least \$5, for our fun auction! Most importantly, please bring your place setting. The themes for this year are HOPE, JOY, LOVE, AND GRATITUDE. There are flowers that symbolize these emotions, which you can incorporate into your little arrangement and also, think of a color that you might associate with them. There are no rights or wrongs. Just use your imagination, and go with it!

Anne Chmielewski, thank you for the informative May program on "Pollinators and Pollination Strategies." Mary Anne Borge was certainly well versed in her field! Many thanks to Linda Gerasimowicz and her May Hospitality chair, Rick Lazarick and his committee, for another night of delicious dishes. Much gratitude to Anne and David Chmielewski, who went over and above to cover for their vacationing children! Thank you all so very much!

There is just one big Happy Birthday going out in June, and that is to Helga Fontus who celebrates her special day on June 1.

WISHING A HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OF OUR SPECIAL DADS, GRANDDADS, UNCLES, AND "OTHER FATHERS" ON JUNE 19th!!!

I must say, after three years, this has been the hardest and probably, the shortest letter I have written. There is so much to say, so many people to thank. So as bittersweet as this may be, I just want to thank EACH and EVERY ONE of YOU for having my back, in good times and bad. It wasn't always easy, but you made it all worth the effort! Thank you again for all of your love and support. It was an honor and a pleasure to server as your WTGC President for the past three years!

Please join me on June 6th as we welcome in our new President and Officers. Hope to see you then!

Much love,

Barbara Bernhard  
President WTGC

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

ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022, AT 6:00 PM



Mountain Laurel, photo by Jeff Tryon.

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was held on May 2, 2022. President Barbara Bernhard called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m. Barbara welcomed all members, guests, as well as our guest speaker Mary Anne Borge. Barbara gave birthday wishes to May 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 \$11,135.20 in the club's account. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Corresponding Secretary, Iliana Okum reported she sent a get well card to the Keenans.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Spring Flower Sale** - Co-chair Rick Lazarick reported the sale was a success. Over 1,700 plants were sold with a profit of over \$4,200. He thanked all who helped as well as members who purchased and donated to Birmingham Park. He also mentioned there are some plants still for sale tonight.

**Birmingham Park** - Chair, Heidi Furman reported the water has been hooked up. Volunteers will be needed for weeding soon.

**Arbor Day** - Chair, Anne Chmielewski stated it went well. She read a poem to the children. With the help of Ginny Sari there were 50 white pine, 25 beach plum, and 25 silky dogwood handed out.

**Scholarship/Fundraiser** - Chair, Camille Rainiero reported Linda Reasoner has handed out tickets for each member to sell for the breakfast fundraiser scheduled for June 18th at the Senior/Community Center. Camille has a list of donor baskets. They should be delivered to Linda Reasoner at 75 Lochatong Rd. the week of June 6th. Camille has lists for volunteers for various aspects of the fundraiser.

**Scholarship** - Chair, Camille Rainiero states she has received applications from a student at Nottingham High School and a student at the Sypek Center.

**Flowers for the Library** - Chair, Alicia Magee reported to President Barbara Bernhard that pictures are posted in "Ewing Gardens and Gardeners" and on the bulletin board at Marrazzos. Devah Brinker has provided the flowers for May.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

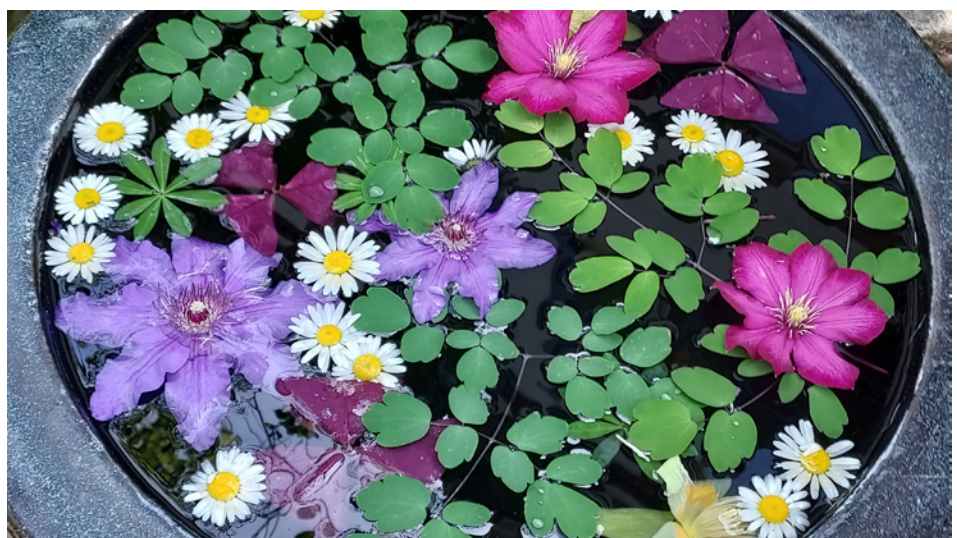
Linda Reasoner reported \$18.68 was collected last month from “Pass the Can” for Disaster Funds.

Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month.

The next Executive Board Meeting is May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior/Community Center. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, June 6th at the Senior/Community Center. This is the year end bash and installation of officers. A sign up sheet is going around to indicate if you are bringing an appetizer or dessert. Also, members should bring a place setting, small arrangement and auction item.

With no further business to discuss Anne Chmielewski motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7:13 p.m. and seconded by Heidi Furman. Program co-chair Anne Chmielewski then introduced Mary Anne Borge who will present a program on Pollinators and Pollination Strategies.

—Linda Gerasimowicz, Recording Secretary



Photos by Jeff Tryon

# FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Photo by Devah Brinker

Here are Devah Brinker's plants for the Ewing library through the month of May. A nice succulent arrangement and potted cannas!

Alecia Magee has set up our club photos on the following three Facebook pages: Ewing West Trenton Better Community Update; Ewing Gardens and Gardeners; Ewing New Jersey - Our Town

#### **Ewing Branch Public Hours:**

**Monday: 9:30 am – 8:30 pm**

**Tuesday: 9:30 am – 8:30 pm**

**Wednesday: 9:30 am – 8:30 pm**

**Thursday: 9:30 am – 8:30 pm**

**Friday: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm**

**Saturday: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

**<https://mcl.org/branches/ewing>**



Photo by Jeff Tryon.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**JUNE 1:** GCNJ Judges Council - 10 AM - 12 PM — Holly House.

**JUNE 5-11:** National Garden Week

**JUNE 6:** WTGC Monthly Meeting - REMINDER EARLY START AT 6PM. (Ewing Senior & Community Center); Program: "Annual WTGC Installation of Officers and Year-End Bash." Chair: Barbara Bernhard. See below for details.

**JUNE 9:** 96th GCNJ Annual Meeting, Bridgewater Marriott.

**JUNE 14:** Flag Day

**JUNE 19:** Happy Father's Day!

**JUNE 20-26:** National Pollinator Week

**JULY 25:** WTGC Board Meeting - 7PM - Host - Via Zoom.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Helga Fontus - June 1
- Greg Chasar - July 19
- Terry Palise - July 28
- Gerree Pecht - July 29
- Pat Coiante - July 31
- Eileen Keenan - July 31

## DON'T FORGET!

### WTGC OFFICERS INSTALLATION AND YEAR-END BASH

Let's all gather together to celebrate the conclusion of another busy and exciting year. Along with the installation of officers and the annual year-end hors d'oeuvre and dessert buffet, all members are sure to enjoy the ever-popular tricky-tray auction. Please bring your appetizer or dessert, your small arrangement, your place setting, and your auction item. Donated items for tricky-tray auction should have an original value of at least \$5.

**FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY** – Linda Reasoner (JUNE); Terry Palise (JULY)

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** – Barbara Bernhard (Chair), Linda Gerasimowicz, June Miller, Lorraine Persiani, Camille Rainiero, and Diane Sanchez. Volunteers will be needed for setup.

**BIRMINGHAM MINI-PARK** – Please sign up to help at our Birmingham Mini-Park this summer! Contact Heidi Furman.



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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