

West Trenton Garden Club

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Dear Garden Club Friends,

Yay for March, the month that brings us Spring. I think we are all ready! Soon it will be time to get out in the garden, preparing it for our spring flowers. There was a beautiful robin outside of my house today, always a sign of hope of what is to come.

Our meeting in February was hosted by Linda Gerasimowicz and her committee, who did an excellent job featuring the Valentine holiday. There were plenty of red and pink goodies, along with heart shaped pretzels and candy hearts to complete the table. Thank you to all who contributed to the feast!

Rick Lazarick did an outstanding presentation on the planting, growing and care of Dahlias. Rick, an expert in the field, and a many time winner, educated us with his knowledge of dahlias through pictures and facts. Each flower was more beautiful than the next! Thank you so much Rick, for taking the time to put this together for us. It's a blessing to have you as a club member!

Happy March Birthday to the following members:

Carol Bozarth – March 23

Sharon Johnson – March 25

Eileen Kaluzny – March 27

JoAnn Seaman – March 29

Please remember to bring your club dues to the March meeting. It is \$30 per person and \$45 per family. You can make your check out to the WTGC. You can also mail your check to: Sue Fair, 1122 Wheldon Shivers Dr., Ewing, NJ 08628.

Also, our slate of new officers will be presented at the March meeting. Thank you to Carol Bozarth and her committee, who worked very hard, making numerous phone calls to fill the positions.

Kevin Fair and Rick Lazarick are preparing for our Spring Flower Sale. They will have the price list out soon, so please be kind and have them back on time for them to place our orders. This is their first year running the sale, so I ask for your utmost cooperation. I'm sure they will do an excellent job, and once again, our Spring Flower Sale will be a great success. Good luck, gentlemen!

We took a vote at the meeting as to where we should have our meetings after this year. It was unanimous that we continue to meet at the Ewing Township Senior and Community Center. Rick presented a list of pros and cons for both venues and we had a productive discussion which led to the deciding vote.

The Seaweeders Garden Club of Bay Head and Mantoloking is holding a Garden Tour, Boutique and Luncheon, "Gardens by the Sea", on June 16, 2022 from 10am -3pm. The invitation is available to view in the newsletter. It sounds like a lovely day at the shore!

You will be able to "Welcome Spring at your Front Door" by attending our March meeting and creating your very own basket of flowers. Iliana Okum will do a demonstration, after which there will be a make and take workshop. It will be available to those members who signed up, since Iliana needs to get the baskets and supplies beforehand. Thank you, Iliana, for providing us with this fun evening!

Hoping to see many of you at our March 7 meeting. Till then, "May the Luck of the Irish be with You."

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! HAPPY 1ST DAY OF SPRING!

REMEMBER TO SPRING AHEAD ON MARCH 13!!!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!!!

My best regards,
Barbara Bernhard
President, WTGC

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

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



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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was called to order on February 7, 2022 at 6:51 by President Barbara Bernhard. Barbara welcomed all members as well as former member Chris Kamping and member Rick Lazarick, who is our guest speaker this evening.

Barbara thanked Lorraine Persiani and her committee for the amazing gingerbread themed decorations at Drumthwacket. She also thanked Camille Rainiero for organizing the wonderful holiday party at Revere Restaurant and Diane Sanchez for the candy centerpieces. Thanks also to Terry Palise and Janis Stia who chaired the poinsettia sale.

Barbara gave birthday wishes to January and February birthday members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Linda Gerasimowicz reported the minutes of the last meeting were in the newsletter and gave a brief overview of the minutes since it was 3 months ago. Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes will be filed as reported.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Susan Fair reported a total of \$6,554.33 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 get well cards to Anna Adomaitis and Barbara Bernhard and sympathy cards to Zofia Jablonski Fuelner and Ginny Sari.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Morven-Congratulations were given to Heidi Furman and her committee for winning 2nd place in the tree decorating event for their Peacocks and Paisley theme.

Venue for Meetings-President Barbara Bernhard reported she was contacted by OLGC stating their renovations are complete and questioning if the club wants to meet there. Rick Lazarick had compiled a list of pros and cons for OLGC and the Senior/Community Center and presented them to the members. After much discussion a vote was taken and all agreed to continue with meeting at the Senior/Community Center at least for the remainder of this year. It was suggested a visit to OLGC should be made to at least see what the renovations look like.

Candidates for Officers-Nominating Committee Chair Carol Bozarth reported there is still an opening for President and Lorraine Persiani has agreed to stay on as Vice President. Monique Bonnier has agreed to take Recording Secretary, Rick Lazarick has agreed to take Treasurer and Iliana Okum will remain as Corresponding Secretary. Carol asked members to contact her with any prospective presidential candidate.

Membership-Membership dues, \$30 per member or \$45 for family are due at the end of the March meeting. Checks can be given to Treasurer, Sue Fair.

Birmingham Park-Chair, Heidi Furman states she will start looking for help with clean up in March.



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Spring Door Basket-Iliana Okum will be coordinating a make and take project at the March meeting. She will demonstrate, along with several helpers, how to make a Spring Door Basket. She will provide all the materials and there is no cost to members. If anyone has not signed up they can do so tonight.

Spring Flower Sale-Co-chairs Rick Lazarick and Kevin Fair have been in touch with the supplier. April 28th & 29th are pick up dates. Donations can also again be made for Birmingham Park.

Arbor Day-Chair Anne Chmielewski reported she has been in touch with the Parks & Forestry Department to obtain Bare Root Stock or Dogwood Shrubs to distribute at the Ewing Library on April 29th.

Scholarship Fundraiser-Chair Camille Rainiero reported she checked with PJ's Pancake House in Ewing and they would give the club 10% of the food bill on certain days when presented with a flyer or ticket advertising it was a fundraiser for the club. She also stated she would need a committee to get donations from businesses for raffle items.

Flowers for the Library-Anne Chmielewski reported she will be placing a terrarium at the library for this month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. Next board meeting via ZOOM is Monday, February 28th at 7PM. Next regular meeting is Monday, March 7th at 6:30PM at the Senior/Community Center.

With no further business to discuss, Carol Bozarth motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7:30 and seconded by Zofia Jablonski Fuelner.

—Linda Gerasimowicz, Recording Secretary



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SLATE of OFFICERS, BOARD of DIRECTORS and NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2022-2023 OFFICERS

President	Lorraine Persiani
Vice President	Camille Rainiero
Immediate Past President	Barbara Bernhard
Recording Secretary	Monique Bonnier
Treasurer	Rick Lazarick
Corresponding Secretary	Iliana Okum
Club Parliamentarian	Maggie Kramer

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Two-Year Term	Diane Sanchez (1 st Year) Ginny Sari (1 st Year) Anne Chmielewski (2 nd Year) Susan Fair (2 nd Year for Rick Lazarick)
One -Year Term	Dolores Brezak June Rosso

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Anne Chmielewski (Chair)
Carol Bozarth
Zofia Jablonski Feulner
Gerree Pecht
June Rosso

WTGC Venue Comparison

VENUE	PROS	CONS
Ewing Senior Center Community room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a nice projection system for speakers using video presentation • no fee/donation for our use • easier to navigate • there is a dedicated tech support person on site • willingness of staff to set up the room • It is good to end the meetings at 9pm • has handicapped access • parking is more convenient • chairs are nicer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • smaller room • no option for meeting materials storage • forced to end meetings by 9:00, hence starting earlier at 6:30
Our Lady of Good Council Basement meeting room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a larger room • allows us to store meeting materials • more flexible start and end times • stage • recommended by God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • annual donation (precedent) • no meeting support person on-site • lower level less convenient access • dark parking lot

WELCOME SPRING AT YOUR FRONT DOOR

PROGRAM CHAIR: WTGC Member Iliana Okum | 6:30 pm



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Come out to the March meeting and watch a demonstration as Iliana Okum decorates a pretty basket for the front door. This will be a make and take workshop after the demonstration. Bring some greens from your garden and your pruning shears. Also bring ribbon if you would like to enhance your design. We will supply dried materials such as eucalyptus, alliums, seeds, lunaria, tickseed, even some dried hydrangeas and other florals to decorate your basket. We will also supply the oasis to build the framework for the design. Complete your "Welcome Spring" design to take home. Have some fun with fellow garden club friends.

Iliana Okum loves everything about rose gardening and she currently serves as Secretary and Program Chairperson for the West Jersey Rose Society (WJRS), and also as President and Treasurer over the past 17 years. Iliana is a Master Rosarian, Consulting Rosarian, Horticulture Judge, and an Apprentice Arrangement Judge. She has a garden that features many fragrant roses, English Roses and shrubs and climbers. Iliana likes the feel and look of an English cottage garden and so has many companion plants with her roses. Iliana loves to design floral arrangements and currently chairs the Design Section of the Annual WJRS Rose Show. She especially enjoys East Asian Ikebana Designs and Modern Designs.

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FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Here are photos of Anne Chmielewski's wonderful Library terrarium!

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>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 7 - WTGC Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM (Ewing Senior & Community Center); Program: "Welcome Spring at Your Front Door." See page 4 for details.

MARCH 17 - HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Carol Bozarth - March 23

Eileen Kaluzny - March 27

Sharon Johnson - March 25

Jo Ann Seaman - March 29

DON'T FORGET!

FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY: Ingrid Fair

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – Terry Palise (Chair), Ingrid Fair, Linda Gerasimowicz, Iliana Okum, June Rosso, and Janis Stia




Here is the photo by Devah Brinker of the Red Flowering Quince which makes a lovely Valentine greeting on Marrazzo's Market bulletin board.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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



The Seaweeders Garden Club of Bay Head & Mantoloking
presents

Gardens by the Sea

Garden Tour, Boutique & Luncheon

June 16, 2022

10 am - 3 pm

For information call 631-786-7831
or email acastagnola@comcast.net