

West Trenton Garden Club

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The Garden Path Newsletter

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Dear Garden Club Friends,

Long-awaited Spring officially comes this month, even though it has already felt like Spring! We've had several balmy days that have confused our bulbs into sprouting early!

This past month we said goodbye to a special lady – Grace Starrett. She was an active member of the WTGC for 62 years. Grace was a wonderful teacher with so many interests, crafting, needlework, and especially creating beautiful flower arrangements. I recall so fondly my first meeting at the WTGC. Grace made me feel so welcome as she asked me to sit with her. Her warmth and friendship that night meant so much to me. She will be missed!

With our \$1,000 Plant America Community Project Grant check in hand, we're moving forward on the enhancement of Birmingham Park. Thanks, again, to Rick Lazarcik and his committee for securing this grant. Our park will not only be more beautiful, but be educational and informative for those who "sit a spell" and visit. I am sure Rick's committee will be asking for volunteers to help with this project. So get out your garden tools and gloves and help make this project a big success!

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, MARCH 6, 2022, AT 6:30 p.m.



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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was called to order on February 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President Camille Rainiero. Camille welcomed our guests and announced the January and February birthday's wishing a Happy Birthday to all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Monique Bonnier reported the minutes of the last meeting were in the newsletter. Hearing no other additions or corrections, the minutes will be filed as reported.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Rick Lazarick reported a total of \$8,657.17 in the club's account. There was net income of \$4,564 from the Holiday Party, Poinsetta and Boxwood sale, Raffle and other dues, and new member fees. Expenses totaled \$4,821.73 for the Holiday Party, Plant Sale, November speaker, and annual website license. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

Camille Rainiero shared the sad news that Grace Starrett had passed away that morning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Birmingham Park – Chair, Heidi Furman reported that some of the flower beds in the park had been destroyed as a result of the town having to conduct a water test due to an oil pipe leak.

Flower Show – Chair, Helga Fontus thanked everyone for all of their help. She announced there are only 5 spots left please signup before you leave. Iliana and Diane are busy designing the room layout. There will be a list at the next meeting for volunteer opportunities.

Design Class – Iliana Okum will be providing a design class at the Ewing Library in preparation for the Flower Show. Please let Iliana know if you will attend either the Saturday February 11th or Saturday March 11 class. Member wishing to attend both are welcome.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. The next Regular Meeting is March 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Hollowbrook Community Center with a program to follow “Wildlife Habitat Gardens a Visit to Model in our Community.”

With no further business to discuss, Monique motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 6:46 p.m. and seconded by Rick Lazarick.

Our program for the evening was “Ready, Set, Design!” Iliana Okum provided a wonderful workshop on preparing members of the club for the upcoming spring flower show with the help of several other members. There were many beautiful arrangements by the end of the evening. Our hospitality committee provided a delicious spread of Valentine themed goodies for the membership.

—Monique Bonnier, Recording Secretary



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WILDLIFE HABITAT GARDENS — A VISIT TO MODEL IN OUR COMMUNITY

PROGRAM BY: JOANNE MULLOWNEY AND GLENN STEINBERG

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



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In this presentation, you will take a virtual tour of unique local gardens that have been certified as Wildlife Habitat Gardens through the Wildlife Federation Program. See the unique gardens and plants that have been selected by homeowners/gardeners to create welcoming environments for birds, butterflies, and other creatures. Learn about the ways these gardens have been planned and how they are maintained.

Joanne Mallowney, Chair of the Ewing Green Team Board and Glenn Steinberg, TCNJ English Professor and wildlife gardener will be our presenters.

FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Photo by Jeff Tryon

Here is a picture of Jeff Tryon's white Anthurium at the Ewing library.

Anthuriums are epiphytes, a type of plant that will grow on tree trunks or branches in warm, tropical Central and South America. As a houseplant, the Anthurium is extremely durable and requires little care.

Provide bright, indirect sunlight, and allow the soil to partially dry out between watering. For more robust, repeated "flowering," allow your anthurium to rest for six weeks with little water during the winter at approximately 60°F.

April's "Flowers for Ewing Library" will be displayed by Barbara Bernhard.

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

FEBRUARY FLOWER-ARRANGING WORKSHOP





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 4-12 - Philadelphia Flower Show “The Garden Electric” Purchase Ticket at PHSonline.org

MARCH 6 - WTGC Monthly Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (Hollowbrook Community Center); Program: “Wildlife Habitat Gardens a Visit to Model in our Community.” See below.

MARCH 17 - HAPPY ST PATRICK’S DAY!

MARCH 27 - GCNJ State Board Meeting - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

MARCH 27 - WTGC Board Meeting - 7 p.m. - Via Zoom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH 2023

- Carol Bozarth - March 23
- Sharon Johnson - March 25
- Jo Ann Seaman - March 29

DON'T FORGET!

FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY - Jeff Tryon

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – Terry Palise (Chair), Devah Brinker, Anne and David Chmielewski, June Miller, and Linda Reasoner.



Rendering of the 2023 Philadelphia Flower Show entrance. Courtesy of PHS.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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

**2023 WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB SPRING FLOWER SALE
ORDER FORM – ORDER DUE APRIL 14, 2023**

Name: _____

WTGC Member: **Y** or N

Cell/Home Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

HERBS & ANNUALS	\$ Each	# WANTED	TOTAL
Basil (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Lavender (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Asparagus Fern (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Dracaena Spike (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Potato Vine – Purple (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Potato Vine – Green (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Geranium – Red (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geranium – Pink (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geranium – Violet (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geranium – White (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geranium – Salmon (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Ivy Geranium (No Color Choice) (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens-Lavender (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens-Orange (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - Red (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - Salmon (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens – White (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - Pink (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Calibrichoa (4.5" pot)	\$4.25		
Premium Coleus (Sun/Shade) (No Color Choice) (4.5")	\$4.25		
Celosia (5.5" Pot)	\$4.50		
Dragon Wing Begonia (5.5" Pot)	\$4.50		
HANGING BASKETS			
10" Fuchsia	\$15.00		
10" Confetti Mix	\$15.00		
10" Geranium (No Color Choice)	\$15.00		
WINDOW BOX			
24" Window Box Geraniums & Annual Mix	\$18.50		
ANNUAL FLATS			
Flowering Vinca (8 4packs)	\$14.00		
Marigold African (8 4packs)	\$14.00		
MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO BIRMINGHAM PARK SUMMER PLANTING PROJECT	Any Amount \$\$\$		
TOTAL			

Pick up will be Friday, May 5th, from 1-7pm or Saturday, May 6st, from 9am-12pm. All checks to be made payable to West Trenton Garden Club. **PLEASE PAY AT PICK UP!** Pickup will be at Ingrid Fair's home, 6 Honeywood Lane Ewing, NJ 08638. Mail, email or call Ingrid or Sue Fair by April 14th with your order. Ingrid Fair: blondie2327@gmail.com (609)-462-2592. Susan Fair: 1122 Wheldon Shivers Dr. Ewing, NJ 08628; sfair17@aol.com (863)-258-1721.