

West Trenton Garden Club

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Dear Garden Club Members,

Can it really be the beautiful month of October already? Such a colorful month, blooming with mums, pumpkins, and corn stalks, just begging for us to get out there and enjoy the glorious days of fall!

Great news! We have secured the auditorium at Incarnation Church for our monthly meetings. It will be so nice to see you in person, once again. More detailed info to follow in the newsletter. We have decided to continue Zooming with our Board Meetings.

A huge thank you to Terry Palise, who not only lent us her home for our September meeting, but also provided us with a program about re-planting roses right in her own garden. Terry gave us many handouts on the care of roses, including diseases and bugs. With her bubbly personality shining through, it was quite an entertaining and informative evening. Thanks again, Terry, for a fun night!

Happy Birthday to Dolores Brezak – October 9, and Ingrid Fair – October 27. May all your wishes come true!

Most of our Yearbooks have been distributed and once again, Helga Fontus has outdone herself. Our gratitude to you, Helga, for another job well done! If you haven't received your Yearbook, you can pick it up at the October meeting. Thank you.

Nancy Grant presented three local families with our Random Acts of Beauty Awards. The addresses and pictures are in the newsletter. Give them a ride by, as they are worth seeing! Nancy said the recipients were so appreciative and phoned her to thank the WTGC, with much surprise and joy! They provided something beautiful for us to see, but I think we received something beautiful in return, that feeling of joy and satisfaction in making someone feel appreciated for their work and creativity. Thank you, Nancy, for reaching out to these Ewing residents and making their day!

We are once again displaying floral arrangements in the library. Alicia Magee is planning to keep things looking good, as stated in the minutes. Thank you, Alicia, for your help.

Once again, it's time for our Spring Bulb Sale. The order form is included in this newsletter. We are offering the option to make donations for Birmingham Park. Heidi Furman is requesting more of the red and white tulips. By donating, you are supporting our club, even if you don't wish to plant your own bulbs. Thank you, in advance, for your kind generosity!

Well, that's all I have for now! Embrace this lovely weather, for as long as it lasts. Plan to join us on October 4, 2021, for our next monthly meeting. The program is entitled "Day and Night Creatures of the Abbott Marshlands."

*See you then,
Barbara Bernhard
President, WTGC*



We will be meeting at the church auditorium at
Incarnation Church, 1545 Pennington Rd, Ewing
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021, AT 7PM





Squash grown by straw-bale gardening, by Alicia Magee.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was held on September 13, 2021. President Barbara Bernhard called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Barbara welcomed all members and thanked Terry Palise for hosting the meeting at her home and also for presenting a program on roses-transplanting, pruning, and all aspects of caring for them. Barbara reported that Incarnation Church has agreed to holding our meetings there starting in October. The Senior Center plans to only be open until 4:30 pm, so having our meetings there is not possible. Barbara gave birthday wishes to September 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, Sue Fair reported a total of \$7,258.20 in the Club's account. Hearing no concerns, the amount will be filed as reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Drumthwacket-Chair, Lorraine Persiani reported there is some uncertainty whether we will be decorating a room at Drumthwacket. The Governor is undecided and hopefully will make a decision soon. If so, we will be decorating the Music Room and given \$700 towards the decorations.

Spring Bulb Sale-Chair Sharon Johnson reported to Sue Fair the choice of bulbs will be the same as last year. Order forms will be online soon and are due back by October 1st. We will again accept donations of bulbs for Birmingham Park. (See forms attached in this newsletter)

Birmingham Park-Chair, Heidi Furman reported she planted some mums there. At present there doesn't need much maintenance.

Holiday Party-Chair, Camille Rainiero reported Blooming Grove is now closed on Mondays. The restaurant manager is skeptical about having our party there if we don't have enough members to attend and also what might be happening with the pandemic.

Poinsettia Sale-Chairs, Terry Palise & Janis Stia reported they will be contacting the supplier soon.

Flowers for the Library-Chair, Alicia Magee reported to President Barbara Bernhard she will go into the library to check arrangements or plants every other day to make sure they are in good shape. Rick Lazarick is placing his dahlias this month and next month Grace Starret will exhibit a dried arrangement.

Random Acts of Beauty-Chair, Nancy Grant reported she had sent certificates to three homes. They were: 43 Rutledge Ave, 31 Stratford Ave and 29 Mountainview Rd.



Butterfly photo by Anne and David Chmielewski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Barbara Bernhard thanked Helga Fontus for the beautiful yearbook. Helga then announced the cover was a picture submitted by Iliana Okum. She sends four copies to the Garden Club of New Jersey—one goes to the President, one to the District Director, one is used to inspect and mark for judging and the fourth to National.

The next regular membership meeting is October 4th at 7:00 pm at Incarnation Church. The next Board meeting is October 25th via ZOOM.

Hearing no further business to discuss Linda Gerasimowicz motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7:52 pm and seconded by Nancy Grant.

*Linda Gerasimowicz
Recording Secretary*

RANDOM ACTS OF BEAUTY



31 Stratford Avenue.



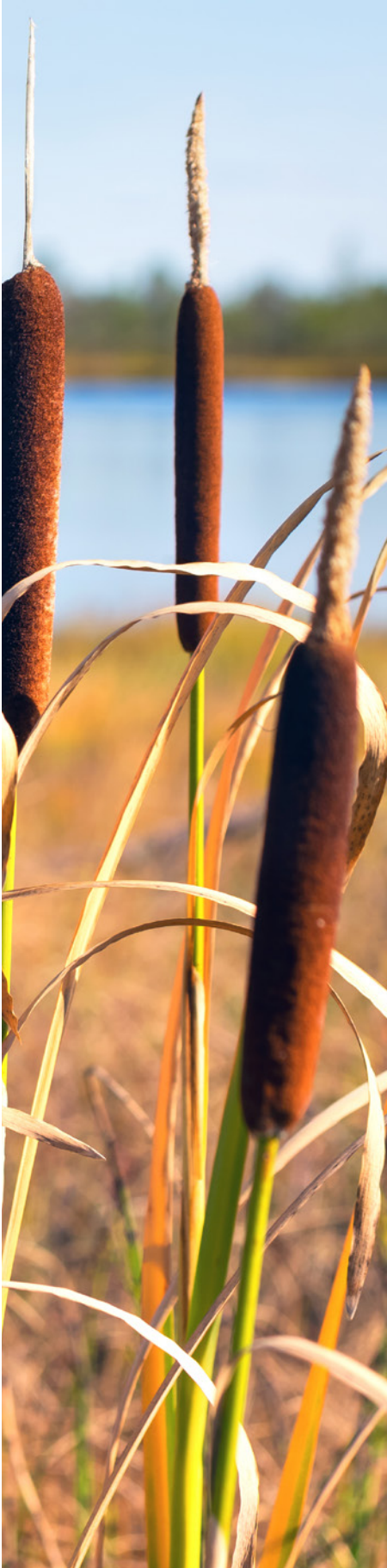
Gnome house at 29 Mountainview Road.



43 Rutlege Avenue.

DAY AND NIGHT CREATURES OF THE ABBOTT MARSHLANDS

Program by Kelly Rypkema | 7 pm



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Wood Duck (Shutterstock.com)

Take a 24-hour look at the wildlife that calls the Abbott Marshlands home. This presentation will highlight the stark differences between the daytime and nighttime world, then focus on some birds, mammals, and arthropods that are adapted to thrive in this 3,000+ acres preserve near Trenton.

Over the years the marshlands along Crosswicks Creek and the Delaware River near Bordentown have been called several names but 'Abbott Marshlands' was selected to recognize the important archaeological legacy of the marsh and of Charles Conrad Abbott. He was a 19th and early 20th century archaeologist and naturalist, who lived on the bluffs near the marsh and who wrote extensively about it. The Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark was designated in 1976 by the United States Department of Interior to recognize the importance of the site.

Kelly Rypkema is the Director of Environmental Education at the Mercer County Park Commission. With a background in the creative arts and training in biological sciences, Kelly has developed innovative programming that promotes awareness and appreciation of the natural world. Her many unique endeavors include leading birdwatching tours through wastewater treatment facilities and sifting through pond scum with kids. Her goal is to get people involved with the nature around them and to help them take ownership of issues that are occurring right in their own neighborhoods.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES:

Summary of Key Points from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

By Iliana Okum

Our weather forecasters keep us updated regularly on severe weather patterns that can affect us, our health, our safety, our gardens, our homes, and our communities. Every day, the weather channel, and our local news are a source of information, and a source of some anxiety when they predict storms, severe heat, severe wind with tornado warnings, and flash flooding for our immediate areas and communities. This pattern of severe weather reporting has become common place here in New Jersey, across the country and around the world.

Sometimes the reports have a direct and negative impact on us as individuals and sometimes, if we are lucky, the reports are about what is happening elsewhere, not affecting us directly.

But we know that is changing rapidly. **The United Nations Report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** has concluded that “it is unequivocal that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, the ocean, and land. Widespread and rapid change in the atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere,* and biosphere have occurred.” This report clearly describes the dire consequences of global warming to our nation and world. It further describes what will happen if the world “continues to warm by 1.5 degrees C (2.7 degrees F) and how much worse the effects will be if temperatures rise by 2 degrees C (3.6degrees F). Every fraction of a degree of warming really matters---and the devastation it will cause of extreme precipitation, or drastic heat waves and drought or the loss of ice and snow. Many consequences of climate change will become irreversible over time, most notably melting ice sheets, rising seas, species loss and more acidic oceans. And the impacts will continue to mount and compound as emissions of CO2 increase.”

The IPCC report clearly shows that no region in the world will be left untouched by the impacts of global warming, there will be enormous human and economic costs that far outweigh the costs of action. We know already that extreme droughts, fires, and in some places, flooding have caused not only the loss of individual homes, but whole communities have been devastated, while surrounding businesses, agriculture and wildlife have been lost completely.



What can be done to change these dire predictions of what is surely a disastrous future for us?

Small steps are not enough. It will not make a difference to the globe or our country if just you and I take steps to curb our consumption of certain goods, or if we try to be better citizens by changing our lifestyle. “What is needed is transformational change. Policy makers at the state and national level must act in significant ways to change the way we produce energy, make and consume goods and services and manage our land.” And we, as citizens, must become more knowledgeable and we must demand immediate action and support our leaders as they work with other international groups to take action now.

Here in New Jersey, we have seen how extreme weather can



have devastating effects on our communities. “Sea level rise and heavy rains are causing more frequent and intense flooding. We have recently seen the devastating effects of flash flooding in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York as a result of Hurricane Ida. These and other climate-related hazards are projected to escalate through the 21st century and will fall heaviest on New Jersey’s most vulnerable populations.”

At **Rutgers University**, a **NJ CLIMATE CHANGE RESOURCE CENTER (CCRC)** was established by law in January, 2020. This center was created to support the use of actionable science to advance government, public, private, and nongovernmental work to adapt to, and mitigate, a changing climate.

“The mission of the CCRC is to: Conduct research with real world applications to New Jersey’s most pressing climate challenges. Create planning tools, develop technical guidance, undertake pilot projects, and provide practical support to address climate change in New Jersey. Connect actionable research to policymakers, planners, practitioners, the media, communities, students, and individuals through outreach, training, and education.”

As garden club members we can learn more about the CCRC efforts by checking out their website and projects.

We can also support the 2021-2022 theme of the President of the NJ Garden Club: “**Plant Trees: Nature’s Unsung Heroes.**” This theme emphasizes that “trees are one of the earth’s most valuable resources and they are being destroyed worldwide at an alarming rate to commercial agriculture, wildfires, logging, and urbanization. Our clubs need to help conserve, protect and plant trees for future generations.” That is a goal we can all support in our own gardens and communities.

There is much to be done. It will take the collective resolve of all citizens to ensure that we as a state and a nation act decisively to address climate change. For more information, please check out these resources.

- [Climatechangereportssummary/IPCC-AR6-WGI-Full Report](https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/climate-change)
- <https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/climate-change>
- <https://www.ukcop26.org>
- <https://njclimatechangeresourcecenter.rutgers.edu>
- <https://www.pcc.ch>

NOTE: The November newsletter will include some steps we can take at the local level and learn more from the “**COP26- Climate Change Conference**” taking place in Glasgow Scotland from October 31 to November 12, 2021.

The **Conference of Parties**, known as **COP**, is the decision-making body responsible for monitoring and reviewing the implementation of the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**. At COP26, the objective is to work together to enable and encourage countries affected by climate change to protect and restore ecosystems, build defenses, warning systems and resilient infrastructure and agriculture to avoid loss of homes, livelihoods and even lives.

*Cryosphere: The cryosphere is the **frozen water part of the Earth system.**

FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Photo by Grace Starrett



Photo by Alicia Magee

WTGC will be returning to our exhibits of flower arrangements and live plants at the Ewing Branch Library. Our flower photos will still be on display at Marrazzos Market in the main hallway and also on the Facebook group, Ewing Community Update.

September Display: A Dahlia from Rick Lazerick's garden.

October Display: A Zinnia from Grace Starrett.

**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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 4: WTGC Monthly Meeting - 7PM; Program: "Day and Night Creatures of the Abbott Marshlands." See below.

OCTOBER 15: Deadline for Plant America Grant Applications.

OCTOBER 21: GCNJ Judges Council - 10 AM - 12 PM - Holly House.

OCTOBER 25: WTGC Board Meeting - 7PM - Host - Iliana Okum, Ewing Senior & Community Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dolores Brezak - October 9

Ingrid Fair - October 27

DON'T FORGET!

FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY: Grace Starrett

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: Devah Brinker (Chair), Dolores Brezak, Sharon Guiliano, Alicia Magee, Linda Reasoner, and Jeff Tryon

PLANT AMERICA GRANT APPLICATIONS: due by October 15, 2021

BIRMINGHAM PARK MAINTENANCE: Contact Heidi Furman.



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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

2021 West Trenton Garden Club Fall Bulb Sale Order Form

Name: _____ WTCG Member: Y or N

Address: _____ Phone: _____

RETURN FORM TO SHARON JOHNSON: 11 Sheffield Road, Mercerville, NJ 08619. You may also call or email your order. (609) 890-0116; email: sharon2johnson@verizon.net
 Orders must be submitted no later than Friday, October 8. **Sue Fair** will be present to distribute your pick-up orders at Ingrid Fair's house, 6 Honeywood Ln, Ewing, NJ on Friday, October 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

BULBS	\$ PER PKG.	# OF PKG.	\$ TOTAL
The GOLD Standard			
DAFFODIL - Carlton (Pkg. of 6)	\$8.00		
DAFFODIL - Carlton (Pkg. of 12)	\$14.00		
DAFFODIL - Carlton (Pkg. of 24)	\$22.00		
nature. Soft yellow petals encircle a large, frilly, golden yellow up. Carlton is a splendid multiplier that does well anywhere it is planted with a strong stem to avoid falling over in the rain. Deer and Rodent Proof 16" height - Early to mid Bloom			
WTGC Favorite - by Popular Demand			
ALLIUM - Purple Sensation (Pkg. of 6)	\$8.00		
ALLIUM - Purple Sensation (Pkg. of 12)	\$14.00		
ALLIUM - Purple Sensation (Pkg. of 24)	\$22.00		
Purple Sensation - Beautiful, perennial, affordable. 4-inch globes of rich purple flowers on tall stems. Blooms on the heels of late tulips. Deer Resistant 28-32" height Late Bloom			
Birmingham Park Tulips for Blue Star Memorial			
TULIP - Arrow Space (Pkg of 6)	\$8.00		
TULIP - Arrow Space (Pkg of 12)	\$14.00		
TULIP - Arrow Space (Pkg of 24)	\$22.00		
Arrow Space - A patriotic mix of red and white bulbs emerge from this foliage. Introduced in 2018. 20-24" height Mid - Late Bloom			
TULIP - Moris Gudanov (Pkg of 6)	\$8.00		
TULIP - Moris Gudanov (Pkg of 12)	\$14.00		
TULIP - Moris Gudanov (Pkg of 24)	\$22.00		
Moris Gudanov- Stunning! A big, beefy bloom filled with peach and red petals, sometimes streaked, sometimes solid. Nursery claims that one flower could feed a family of four! 18-20" height. Mid - Late Bloom			
TOTAL			\$



MORIS GUDANOV TULIP



ARROW SPACE TULIP



PURPLE SENSATION ALIUM



CARLTON DAFFODIL