

West Trenton Garden Club

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The Garden Path Newsletter

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Dear Garden Club Friends,

Welcome Autumn! Such a colorful, vibrant time of year that sets the stage for a peaceful walk in the park. My husband and I take our dog, Duffy, for long walks through Mercer County Park, Veterans Park, and Sayen Gardens to enjoy the beautiful foliage.

We had wonderful September meeting to kick off our year. A special "Thanks" to Anne Skalka and Jeff Tryon for a very uplifting and informative program on orchids. We learned about several varieties and how to care for them. Now I can buy a couple orchids with a renewed confidence in their survival! Everyone loved seeing the orchids on display and congratulations to the lucky members who won orchids to take home.

Our club has two special projects that are nearing completion. The first is the creation of a planting bed under the Ewing Township Library sign. Our committee is working together with the library staff and Bountiful Gardens to plan a beautiful entrance to the Ewing Library. The second project is the Little Library Box to be installed at Birmingham Park. Thanks to all committee members for the work on these special community enhancing projects.

Enjoy and remember to *Live Life in Full Bloom,*

Lorraine Persiani, President WTGC



We will be meeting at the the EWING COMMUNITY CENTER
999 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022, AT 6:30 p.m.

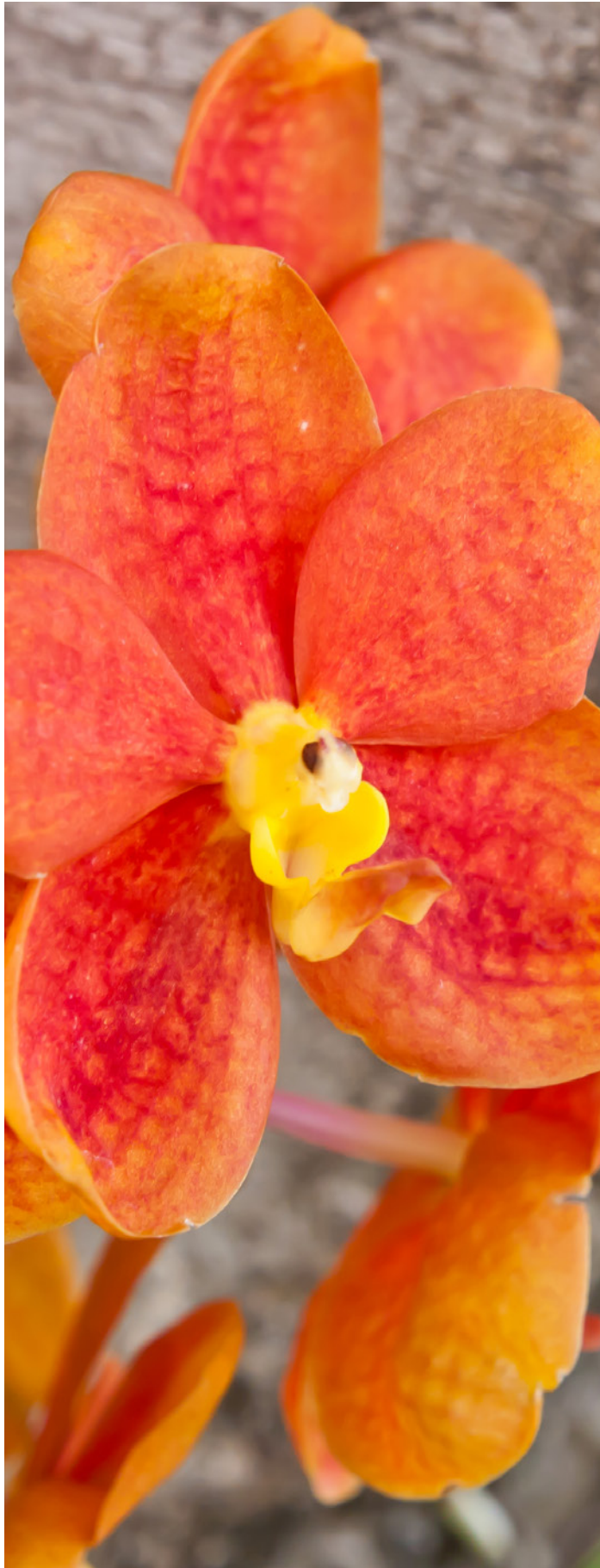


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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was called to order on September 12, 2022 at 6:40 p.m. by President Lorraine Persiani. Lorraine welcomed our newest member Jennifer McKeever who just joined at the end of August. A special thank you was given to our presenters of the evening Jeff Tryon and Anne Skalka with their beautiful Orchids.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Monique Bonnier reported the minutes of the last meeting were in the newsletter. A member's name spelling was brought to her attention and will be corrected going forward. Hearing no other additions or corrections, the minutes will be filed as reported.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Rick Lazarick reported a total of \$8,056.97 in the club's account. There was income of \$227 for dues and meeting revenue. Expenses totaled \$730 for the yearbook. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

Corresponding Secretary, Iliana Okum reported that a thank you letter was sent to the Ewing Fire Chief for watering the plants and trees at Birmingham Park. Heidi sent a card and baked brownies in appreciation of several watering's. Mrs. Keenan was appreciative of all of the cards and calls from the members. Grace Starrett is not feeling well so Iliana is going to send her a card.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website – Chair, Pat Bowker reported that the website had been updated with the new schedule of meetings and officers.

Bulb Sale – Chairs Susan Fair and Sharon Johnson announced that the orders were due by September 23rd and that order forms were on all of the tables. The orders will be available at the next meeting on October 3rd and payment will be due at that time. Anyone wishing to donate bulbs to Birmingham Park can do so at any time during the bulb sale. All donations would be greatly appreciated.



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Birmingham Park Book Box – Chair, Rick Lazarick reported that the project has been completed with the help of several members of the club to help construct, paint and decorate.

Birmingham Park Maintenance – Chair, Heidi Furman reported that clean up time is upon us and she is looking for volunteers to come out to help.

Ewing Library Sign Landscaping – Chair, Barbara Bernhard reported that there have been several meetings with Bountiful Gardens, the Ewing Library staff, and the WTGC committee members to plan and design the garden. A proposal has been drafted with the Ewing Library contributing \$700 and the WTGC donating \$275. The donation would go towards perennial flowers and shrubs.

Pass the Can – Linda Reasoner ‘passed the can’ for loose change. The money collected goes to the State and National Disaster Funds. In August \$10 was collected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. The next Regular Meeting is October 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior/Community Center with a program to follow on “Back to Paris!” A special preview of our Spring Flower Show!

A member suggested the we have a Q & A session at meetings for members to ask gardening questions. Lorraine Persiani agreed that it would be a great addition to the meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Rick Lazarick motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 6:57 p.m. and seconded by Monique Bonnier.

Anne Skalka and Jeff Tryon presented “Orchids are the Stars of House Plants” which was a beautiful and informative presentation that made growing Orchids look easy. Our hospitality committee provided a delicious spread of goodies for the membership.

— Monique Bonnier, Recording Secretary

“BACK TO PARIS!”

A SPECIAL PREVIEW OF OUR SPRING FLOWER SHOW

PROGRAM BY WTGC MEMBERS

OCTOBER 3, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.



To start off the program, our president, Lorraine Persiani, will share photos from her visit to the Naples Botanical Gardens Flower Show in Florida she attended last March. This colorful and exciting presentation will help set the stage for a preview of “Back to Paris!” — our spring flower show. The draft schedule and information on the various divisions and sections will be presented. Members will have an opportunity to register for classes and ask questions. An invitation for a special design workshop will be made available at this meeting for any members wishing to exhibit in the Design Division at our spring show.

FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



Photos by Rick Lazarick

Here are several displays of Dahlias grown by Rick Lazarick in his yard. Grace Starrett will be displaying her arrangement at the library through the month of October.

**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>

Rick Lazarick receives Court of Honor awards at the National Dahlia Show!

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

DONATIONS FROM WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB FOR TRENTON PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

Items for Women and Men: Pajamas, nightgowns, sweaters/ sweat shirts, gloves/ knit hats, ankle socks, knit tops or blouses, hair bows, pony tail holders, cosmetic bags, cosmetics (lipstick, make-up, nail polish),
Larger sizes of clothing preferred.

Items for Men: Sweat shirts, pants, jogging pants, wallets, coin purses, pocket tee shirts, men's knit hats, sport shirts, sport socks, flannel shirts, sport or baseball caps XL and XXL sizes most needed

For Recreational Therapy: Playing cards puzzle & word search books, model cars, trucks, planes, Dominoes, chess, group games, Scrabble, Checkers, Monopoly, Yahtzee, writing paper, pens, coloring books, boxes of crayons, glue sticks, construction paper.

Good Grooming Gifts are Appreciated: Regular size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, combs, brushes, after shave creams, toothbrushes, regular size toothpaste, cologne, perfume, hand lotion, tissue packets, lip balm.

Other Items Requested: Umbrellas, costume jewelry, soft candy, used luggage (in good repair), Christmas gift wrap, used tote bags (in good repair), soft cuddly animals, teddy bears, etc.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Please bring items to the NOVEMBER MEETING
where they will be collected.**



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HOLIDAY DONATIONS: Please bring unwrapped gift items for the patients at the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital NEXT MONTH. Check the newsletter on PAGE 6 for a list of suggested items.

OCTOBER 3: WTGC Monthly Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (Ewing Community Center); Program: "Back to Paris!," A Special Preview of our Spring Flower Show." SEE PAGE 4.

OCTOBER 6: GCNJ Judges Council - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

OCTOBER 12-13: GCNJ 2022 Symposium — Holiday Inn, East Windsor.

OCTOBER 15: Deadline for Plant America Grant Applications.

OCTOBER 20: GCNJ Leadership Conference For Club Presidents — Virtual Meeting.

OCTOBER 24: GCNJ State Board Meeting - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Christine Kamping - October 2
- Dolores Brezak - October 9
- Ingrid Fair - October 27
- Monique Bonnier - October 30

DON'T FORGET!

FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY: Grace Starrett

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: Linda Gerasimowicz (Chair), Monique Bonnier, Dolores Brezak, Susan Chrystal, Linda Geiger, and Sharon Guiliano.

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. wtgnewsletter@gmail.com