



# The Garden Path

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# The President's Message | Lorraine Persiani

October 2023

I love Autumn! There is a gentle chill in the air each morning with many days filled with sun glow. It's the best time of year to take that walk in the park to enjoy the vibrant colors of nature. I have childhood memories of my family taking long drives on Sunday afternoons just to enjoy the mountainsides full of color!

As avid gardeners, we have much to do to wind down our summer gardening and prepare our beds for winter. Thank you to Lynn Grillo for her great program at our September meeting. Her presentation on "Winter Sowing" was so infor-

mative and I am sure many of our members will try this technique to start their plants for Spring planting.

Birmingham Park is presently being transformed. Under the direction of Rick Lazarick, several members are turning the park into a special place for the people of West Trenton. The Blue Star Memorial is enhanced by several new trees and two new benches. A garden with red, white, and blue flowers is being planted and in November a pathway with memorial bricks will be added. It will be beautiful!

*Remember to Live Life in Full Bloom,  
~ Lorraine Persiani*



## Plant Swap

Members can bring extra houseplants or outdoor garden plants that they want to swap with other club members during our October meeting. Please bring plants in containers and put them on a side table in the community room. After the program, members can look and take one plant if they have brought one to share.

Delaware Water Gap

# Regular Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023

## Meeting Called to Order

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was called to order on September 11, 2023 at 6:41 by President Lorraine Persiani. Lorraine welcomed our guests and wished a happy birthday to our September members.

## 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 \$12,568.74 in the club's account. There was income of \$760 for dues and grant project donations. Expenses totaled \$208 for the grant project and bank fees. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

## Correspondence

None reported

## Committee Reports

### Bulb Sale

Chair Rick Lazarick 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 2nd and payment will be due at that time.

### Newsletter

Jeff Tryon was recognized for all of his hard work on the monthly newsletter. He welcomed Lynn Grillo who has now been working with Jeff to make an even more sensational newsletter. Thank you to both of you!

### Yearbook and Member Guide

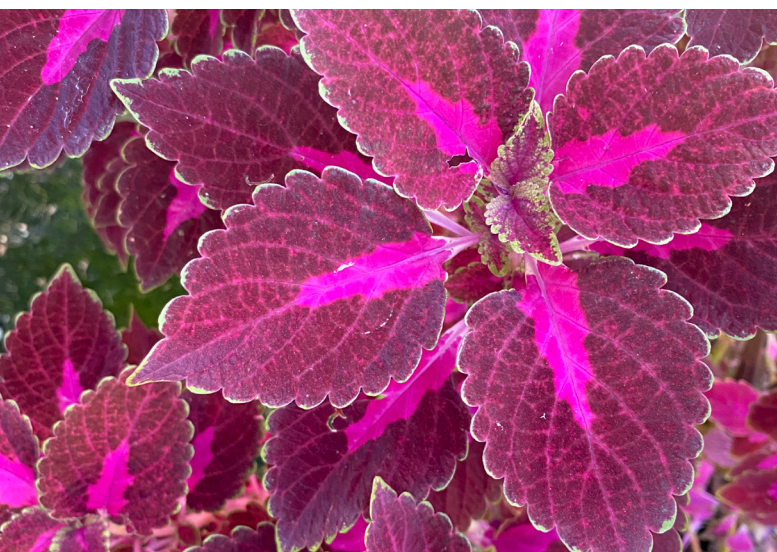
Chair Helga was thanked by Lorraine and all of the attendees for once again creating a beautiful yearbook. Thank you for all of your hard work.

### Birmingham Park Brick Sale

Chair June Rosso informed attendees that the last chance to buy a brick was closing soon. Order forms were available on the tables. The orders will close next week.

### Birmingham Park Grant Project

Chair Rick Lazarick asked for volunteers to help with the landscaping/planting. There were plants available for the taking that were moved out of the Park to make way for the new plants.



# Regular Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023

## Announcements

Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. The next Regular Meeting is October 2 at 6:30 at the Hollowbrook Community Center with a program to follow “The Japanese Art of Bonsai”.

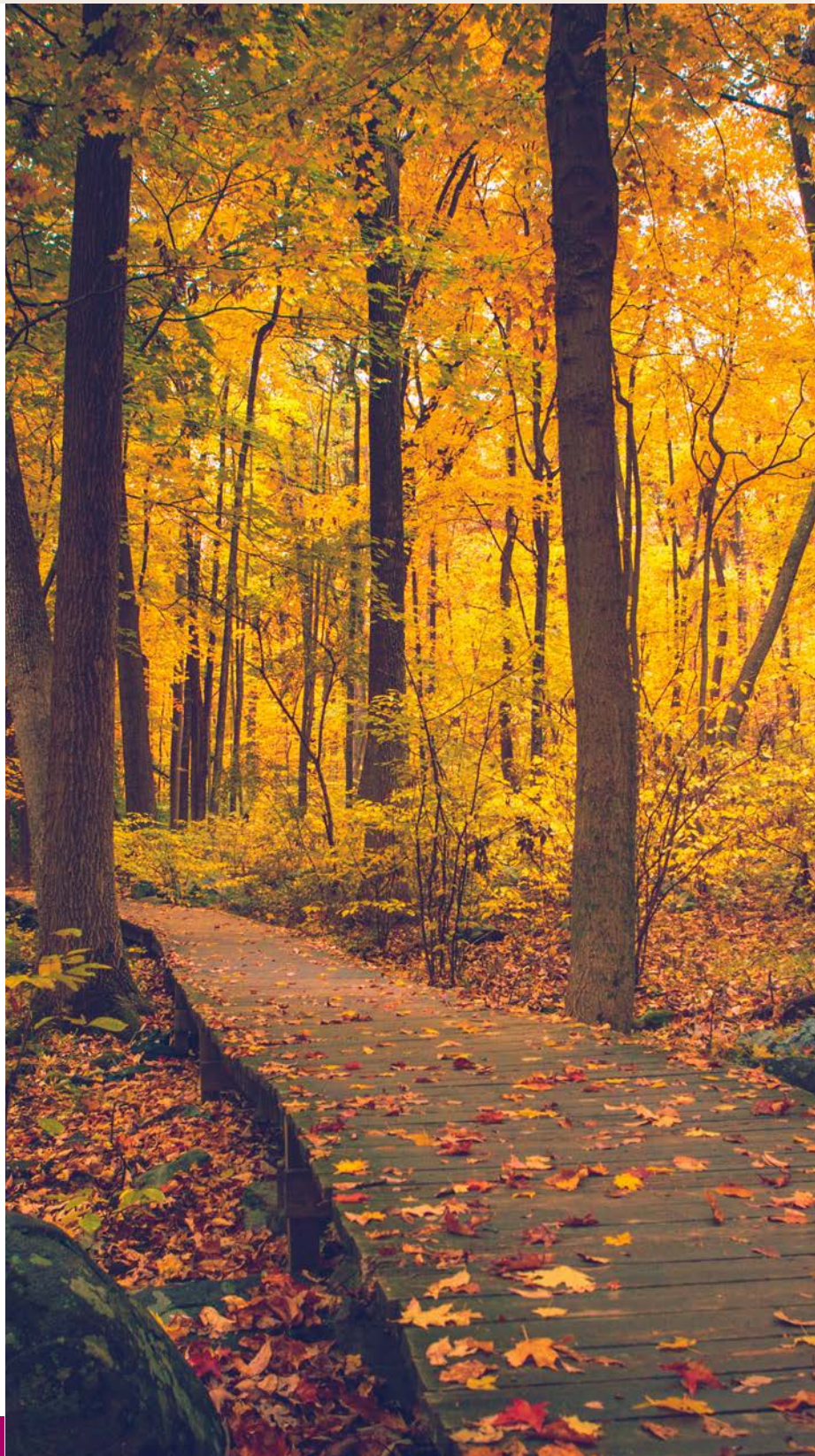
The Q & A portion of the meeting was held with members asking questions of the members.

The Club still needs chairs for several committees. The Spring Flower Sale, Publicity and Morven are still without chairs. If you are interested please contact Lorraine.

With no further business to discuss, Rick Lazarick motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7.04 and seconded by Monique Bonnier.

Lynn Grillo presented “Winters Gift to the Spring Garden” which was a very fun, inspiring, and informative presentation on starting your seedlings outside in February. Our hospitality committee provided a delicious spread of goodies for the membership.

*Monique Bonnier,  
Recording Secretary*



## *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**

Heidi Furman

### **Hospitality Committee**

Iliana Okum (Chair), Monique Bonnier, Devah Brinker, Nancy Grant, June Miller, and Victoria Rivera-Cruz

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Submit all info to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month via email at: [wgtcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wgtcnewsletter@gmail.com)

## *Mark Your Calendar*

### **WTGC Monthly Meeting**

**Oct 2, 6:30 PM**

**Hollowbrook Community Center**

Program: "The Japanese Art of Bonsai."

**Oct. 10, Virtual**

GCNJ Leadership Conference for Club Presidents

**Oct. 15**

Deadline for Plant America Grant Applications

**Oct. 18, 10 AM, Holly House**

GCNJ Judges Council

**Oct. 23-26, Corning, New York**

2023 CAR-SGC Conference and Tri-Refresher

**Oct. 30, 10 AM, Holly House**

GCNJ State Board Meeting





## *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.

**Please bring items to the November meeting where they will be collected.**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

# *The Japanese Art of Bonsai*

Program by Andrew Reasoner



Bonsai by Andrew Reasoner

A Bonsai tree, best known as a dwarf potted plant or tree landscape, is not only a form of gardening or plant cultivation, but it is also considered a form of aesthetic art. Cultivating or growing a Bonsai refers to creating a miniature yet realistic universal structure that represents nature and beauty. It is a unique and creative practice that requires talented and skillful gardeners or artists.

Bon-sai, a term or rather a form of plant cultivation that revolves around planting a tree in a container, was derived from the ancient Chinese Empire in the 8th century. Taking inspiration from traditional horticultural practice in china, the art of Bonsai evolved under the influence and advancement of Zen Buddhism in Japan.

Andrew Reasoner is passionate about bonsai and has been involved with this art form for over ten years. He likes to take even small samplings and turn them into beautiful Bonsai trees. He has successfully transformed some samplings from the WTGC Arbor Day Give-Away into beautiful Bonsais. Currently he is pursuing a degree in Horticulture at Mercer County Community College as a second career and will be graduating this coming year. Andrew is the son of WTGC member Linda Reasoner.

Andrew will bring his Bonsai trees at the meeting and will discuss how he created these beautiful art forms. Please join us to learn about and enjoy Andrew's horticultural gems.







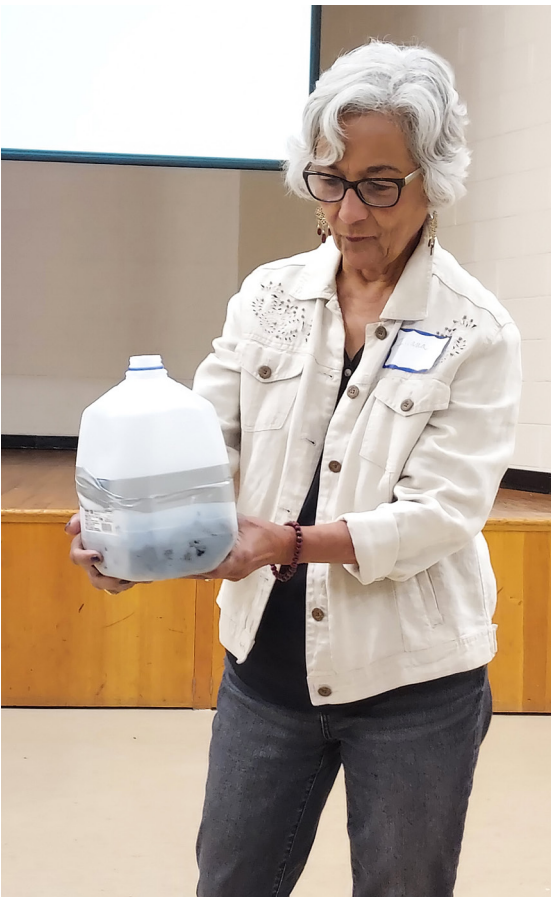
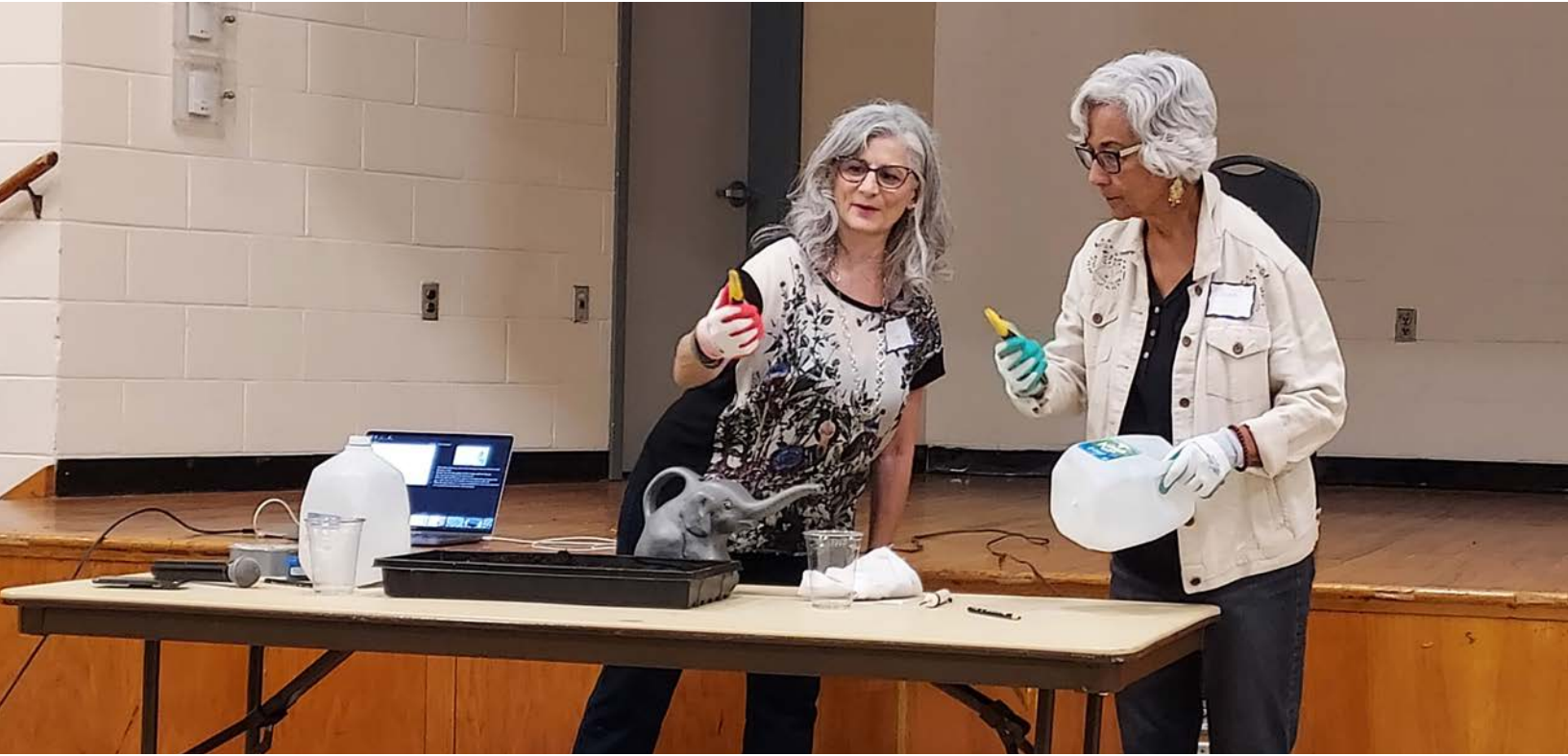
# Gallery | Work day at Birmingham Park



# Gallery | Rick Lazerick Dahlias for the Library



# Gallery | Winter Sowing Presentation



## WHAT IS WINTER SOWING?

“A propagation method used throughout the winter where temperate climate seeds are sown into protective vented containers and placed outdoors to foster a naturally timed, high percentage germination of climate tolerant seedlings”

