

West Trenton Garden Club

The Garden Path Newsletter

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Dear Garden Club Members,

Welcome to September, and the official beginning of the 2021-2022 WTGC year! We held our August Jersey Fresh Meeting at Linda Gerasimowicz's home in August. Thank you, once again, Linda, for the use of your inviting home and lovely backyard. There was a nice array of foods, flowers and wine, all products of New Jersey. Thank you to Linda for hosting and everyone who participated.

Our September meeting will be held at the home of Terry Palise on Monday, September 13, at 6pm.

Please note, this is the SECOND Monday in September, because of Labor Day. The meeting will also start EARLIER, because of it getting dark sooner. Don't forget your lawn chair, please!

Terry has a wonderful program planned on roses. Perchance the weather doesn't cooperate, she is planning on presenting a Power Point presentation indoors. Please bring a mask so that all feel comfortable, especially indoors. It's your choice. Thank you.

I'm still waiting to hear from the Senior Center regarding having our meetings there. They are busy wrapping up Summer Camp and going over their schedule for the next year. However, Fr., at Incarnation has pretty much given us the OK to use the facilities at Incarnation Church. Hoping to have more info by our meeting.

Happy Birthday to our September celebrants:

Carolyn Kane – September 3
Gail Magee – September 7
Linda Reasoner – September 18

Lynn Aspinwall – September 21
Sharon Guiliano – September 22
David Chmielewski – September 25

Heidi Furman and Rick Lazarick have been busily keeping Birmingham Park neatly manicured and blooming. Rick has implemented a Plant Identification System, that is coming along nicely. They appreciate all the help they have received in the past and look forward to more help as the fall season approaches. They will accept your willingness to weed with open arms! Give them a call! Jeff Tryon and Rick will also be setting up an information "library box" in the park to familiarize anyone interested in the many plants growing in the garden.

Looking forward to working with all of you on our flower fundraisers and hopefully a Pancake Breakfast. So happy for the WTGC to be able to decorate at Drumthwacket, and once again partake in "The Festival of Trees" at Morven! I'm sure there will be other activities to keep us busy during the year. At this time let me extend my gratitude to all the committee chairs and their committees, for leading and participating so willingly in the WTGC. To all members, your membership is crucial to the success of our club! So welcome back all! Here's to a successful, new year for the WTGC!

Warmest regards,
Barbara Bernhard
President WTGC

Barbara Bernhard,
President

Lorraine Persiani,
Vice President

Linda Gerasimowicz,
Recording Secretary

Iliana Okum,
Corresponding Secretary

Susan Fair,
Treasurer

Maggie Kramer,
Club Parliamentarian

Jeffrey Tryon,
Newsletter Editor

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO TERRY PALISE'S
HOUSE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, AT 6PM
24 HOPKINS DRIVE, LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ (609) 896-2011
PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR**





Mount St. Helens, Skamania County, WA.
Photo by Jeff Tryon

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was held on August 2, 2021. President Barbara Bernhard called the meeting to order at 7pm. Barbara welcomed all members and announced the membership now totals 54. She gave birthday wishes to August birthday members. Barbara congratulated Helga Fontus for our amazing yearbook. The Club received a 1st place Certificate of Commendation for the Central Atlantic Region of the Garden Club of NJ for a yearbook for 45-69 members. Barbara also reported she contacted the Senior Center and gave them a list of dates for the board and general meetings. They commented that they are not sure when they can give us an answer about availability for our meetings. A suggestion was made to possibly change the day of the week for our meetings. Barbara will check into this. She also contacted Incarnation Church who will also get back to the club about space availability. Barbara announced the dates for the board meetings for the coming year as well as the general meetings. The dates are as follows:

Board Meetings

October 25, 2021
January 31, 2022
February 28, 2022
May 23, 2022
July 25, 2022

General Meetings

September 13, 2021
October 4, 2021
November 1, 2021
December 6, 2021
February 7, 2022
March 7, 2022
April 4, 2022
May 2, 2022
June 6, 2022
August 1, 2022

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Linda Gerasimowicz reported the minutes of the last meeting which was in May, were in the newsletter. Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes will be filed as reported.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sue Fair reported a balance of \$7,807.58 in the Club's account. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Drumthwacket-Chair, Lorraine Persiani reported the club has been invited to decorate a room again this year. She is not sure which room it will be but would like either the Parlor, Music Room or Library. She has her committee lined up and they will begin meeting soon. The room usually gets decorated the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Spring Bulb Sale-Chair, Sharon Johnson reported to President Barbara Bernhard she received the bulb catalog. Sue Fair volunteered to help with the bulb pick up or delivery if needed.

Birmingham Park-Chair, Heidi Furman states she and Rick Lazarick put up a bamboo surround to hide the tank at the park. She states she can always use help to weed and she will work around member's eligibility. Linda Reasoner was thanked for placing a wreath there for Veteran's and Memorial Day.

Park Project-Project Manager, Rick Lazarick stated Bruce Crawford came to the park in June and helped ID plants. Rick has placed ID tags on almost 100 plants out of the more than 217 plants that have been identified.



Chihuly Garden and Glass, Seattle, WA. Photo by Jeff Tryon



Canna flower Photo by Rick Lazarick

Rick has also made a brochure that will be placed in the proposed library box to be built in collaboration with Jeff Tryon.

Holiday Party-Chair, Camille Rainiero stated she reserved the date for our Holiday Party at Blooming Grove. She stated we'll have to wait to see what happens as far as the pandemic as the date gets closer.

Flowers for the Library-Chair, Alicia Magee reported to President Barbara Bernhard that a picture of a flower from Jeff Tryon's yard will be displayed for this month. She will check with the library if we are allowed to have a display inside the library now.

Morven-Chair, Heidi Furman states the club is invited to participate in the tree decorating this year. She will remain as chair and welcomes any ideas.

Random Acts of Beauty-Linda Reasoner reported she contacted Chair, Nancy Grant, to nominate a home in Ewing which constructed a "Gnome House."

Poinsettia Sale-Chairs, Janis Stia and Terry Palise plan to have the sale again this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Barbara Bernhard presented certificates for years of membership to June Rosso for 15 years and Ginny Sari for 5 years.

Jeff Tryon will be doing the September newsletter and needs information from everyone by August 15th.

The regular membership meeting is September 13th at 6pm at the home of Terry Palise. She and Iliana Okum will present a program on Preparing Roses for the Winter.

Hearing no further business, Anne Chmielewski motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7:23 pm and seconded by Ginny Sari.

The Jersey Fresh Auction then took place. A profit of \$110 was realized.

*Linda Gerasimowicz
Recording Secretary*



Hibiscus photo by Rick Lazarick



A view of Black-eyed Susans across to a tall stand of Cannas. Photo by Rick Lazarick

TIPS ON THE WINTERIZING ROSES IN YOUR GARDEN

Program by WTGC Member Terry Palise | 6 pm
24 Hopkins Drive, Lawrenceville, NJ | (609) 896-2011
please bring a lawn chair



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Fall is the time of the year when those who love roses and want to make sure they survive the upcoming winter begin to think about ways to protect the roses from the fluctuation of temperatures that bring extreme cold followed by warm day cycles in the winter months.

Terry will do a hands-on demonstration of how to do the following:

- Conducting light pruning of the tallest canes
- Removing dead canes and clearing debris (especially Black Spot leaves) from the rose bed
- Protecting the Hybrid Tea roses especially by using soil and or mulch around the bud union
- Transplanting a rose bush or planting a new rose bush
- How to keep a potted rose bush alive in the garage or shed

In the event of inclement weather, the program will be held indoors using a PowerPoint presentation covering the items listed above.

WTGC Member Terry Palise is a Master Rosarian and she loves to compete in rose shows to share her roses with the public. She has a lovely garden with over 200 rose shrubs that she maintains with lots of love and care. Terry currently serves as First Vice President of the West Jersey Rose Society and is also the Newsletter Editor and Rose Show Program Chairperson. Terry is also certified as Horticultural Judge and Arrangement Judge. When touring Terry's rose garden, you will observe a meticulous maintenance program because she loves to exhibit roses and her roses must be in great condition to win top prizes. She uses organic products to feed and maintain her roses and organic sprays to prevent diseases and to control pests.

FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



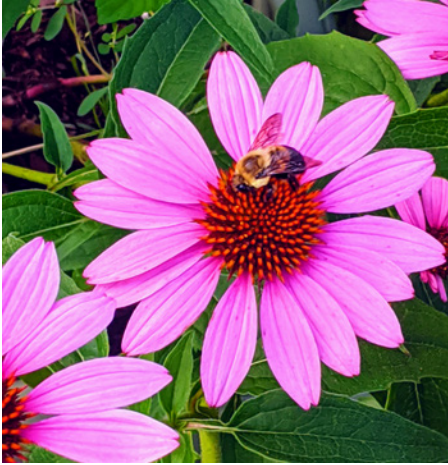
WTGC will be returning to our exhibits of flower arrangements and live plants at the Ewing Branch Library. Our flower photos will still be on display at Marrazzos Market in the main hallway and also on the Facebook group, Ewing Community Update.

August Display: An orchid cactus from Jeff Tryon's garden.

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

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



Photos by Iliana Okum

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 13: WTGC Monthly Meeting - 6pm Program:

“Tips On the Winterizing Roses in Your Garden.”

SEPTEMBER 21-24: NGC Fall Board Meeting, Saint Louis, MO.

SEPTEMBER 27: GCNJ State Board Meeting - 10am - 12pm - Holly House.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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DON'T FORGET!

FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY: Rick Lazarick

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: Terry Palise (Chair), Carol Bozarth, Heidi Furman, Carolyn Kane, Maggie Kramer, and Grace Starrett.

PLANT AMERICA GRANT APPLICATIONS: due by October 15, 2021

BIRMINGHAM PARK MAINTENANCE: Contact Heidi Furman.



The fireweed was everywhere in Denali National Park, Alaska. Photo by Ingrid Fair.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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