

West Trenton Garden Club



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The Garden Path Newsletter

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Dear Garden Club Friends,

Welcome to the Fall of 2022. It's a beautiful time of year with a briskness in the air and the leaves turning gorgeous colors of gold, orange, and red. It's time to harvest many vegetables we've been growing all summer and to save other things to enjoy later, like drying lavender to hang inside. We'll be decorating our homes with pumpkins and mums on the front porch and a seasonal new wreath on the front door. This all paints a warm, comfortable picture of what's ahead.

Last month we had our special Farm Fresh Auction meeting. It was well attended with friends enjoying each other, yummy snacks, and plenty of farm fresh items that went home with many happy winners.

Everyone loves ORCHIDS! The program for September, entitled "Orchids – The Stars of Houseplants," will be presented by WTGC members, and orchid experts, Anne Skalka and Jeff Tryon. Inviting all club members to join us for our meeting on September 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ewing Senior and Community Center. Several Orchids will be available in our Garden Club raffle!

The WTGC will also be having our annual Bulb Sale. Watch for the order form through email.

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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, AT 6:30 p.m.



Photo by Anne and David Chmielewski

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was called to order on August 1, 2022 at 6:56 p.m. by President Lorraine Persiani. Lorraine welcomed all members and gave a special thanks to everyone that participated in the Jersey Fresh Auction, the tables were full of wonderful items. She gave birthday wishes to August birthday members. A special remembrance was made for James Keenan who passed away on July 2, 2022. He and his wife, Eileen, have been active members for 23 years.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Monique Bonnier 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, Rick Lazarick reported a total of \$8,561.97 in the club's account. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Continental Breakfast Report – Chair, Camille Rainiero reported that the fundraiser was well attended and a success. A profit of \$2,209 was generated from a combination of the basket sales and the breakfast.

Scholarship Fundraiser – Chair, Camille Rainiero reported that four awards were given this year in the amount of \$800 each. They were awarded to students in Ewing, Steinert and Nottingham high schools.

Bulb Sale – President, Lorraine Persiani asked the general membership for someone to volunteer to chair the annual bulb sale.

Flower Show – Chair, Helga Fountas reported that the flower show will be held in May of 2023. Programs will need to be developed in preparation for the show with photography and table setting being suggested.



Photo by Anne and David Chmielewski

Ewing Library Sign Landscaping – Chair, Barbara Bernhart reported on a new project requested by the Ewing Library to work with local nurseries to beautify the Ewing Library sign.

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

Random Acts of Beauty – Chair, Nancy Grant lists the properties that have been awarded certificates in our “Random Acts of Beauty” program. Nancy can assure you every person receiving an award has been delightfully happy with the recognition! Nancy encourages you to drive by, and sincerely thanks the members who brought these properties to her attention.

1. 2286 Spruce Street (*Best in May*)
2. 95 Willis Drive
3. 6 Autumn Lane
4. 60 Hawthorne Avenue

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month.

The next Regular Meeting is September 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior/Community Center with a program to follow on Orchids.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be on September 26.

With no further business to discuss, Anne Chmielewski motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7:15 p.m. and seconded by Barbara Bernhart.

Lorraine Persiani and Anne Chmielewski proceeded to call the winners of the “Jersey Fresh” auction in conjunction with a wonderful spread of delicious snacks.

– Monique Bonnier, Recording Secretary



ORCHIDS ARE THE STARS OF HOUSE PLANTS



WITH ANNE SKALKA AND JEFF TRYON

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.



Photo by Jeff Tryon

Have you ever tried to grow an orchid plant and have been disappointed when it died from over watering or from neglect? West Trenton Garden Club members Anne Skalka and Jeff Tryon are orchid experts and growers. They will bring beautiful orchids for you to learn real tips on growing and maintaining orchids in your home. This is an opportunity to learn more about stunning house plants too. Three gorgeous orchids will be raffled off at the end of the program. Come ready to learn and to participate in this opportunity to bid on an orchid to take home.

Anne Skalka is a new member of our garden club, but is a seasoned gardener. She is currently the President of the Central Jersey Orchid Society. Anne has been growing orchids for approximately 15 years and grows many species and hybrids in her fully-automated 200-square-foot greenhouse and outside in the summer. Anne is a presenter for the Princeton Adult School and other clubs such as this.

Jeff Tryon is an active member of our garden club and is our Newsletter Editor. Jeff grows many beautiful perennials in his garden, and also has a collection of cacti, house plants, and gorgeous orchids growing in a utility room in his basement under LED lights and waters them with a misting system.

FLOWERS FOR THE EWING LIBRARY



It's Dahlia Days at the Ewing Library! Here is a nice display of Dahlias grown by Rick Lazarick in his yard. Rick will be replenishing these beautiful blooms frequently. Grace Starrett will be displaying her arrangement or plant at the library through the month of October.

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



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>



Photo by Jeff Tryon

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2022 — ANNUAL BULB SALE IS HERE!

SEPTEMBER 12 - WTGC Monthly Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (Ewing Community Center); Program: "Orchids are the STARS of House Plants." SEE PAGE 4.

SEPTEMBER 19-22 - NGC Fall Board Meeting, Saint Louis, MO.

SEPTEMBER 26 - GCNJ State Board Meeting - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26 - WTGC Board Meeting - 7 p.m. - via Zoom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Carolyn Kane - September 3
- Linda Reasoner - September 18
- Lynn Aspinwall - September 21
- Sharon Guiliano - September 22
- David Chmielewski - September 25

DON'T FORGET!

FLOWERS FOR EWING LIBRARY - Rick Lazarick

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE - Maggie Kramer (Chair), Carol Bozarth, Linda Gerasimowicz, Nancy Grant, Carolyn Kane, and Jeff Tryon.

BIRMINGHAM PARK MAINTENANCE – Contact Heidi Furman.



Photo by Lorraine Persiani



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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