



# The Garden Path

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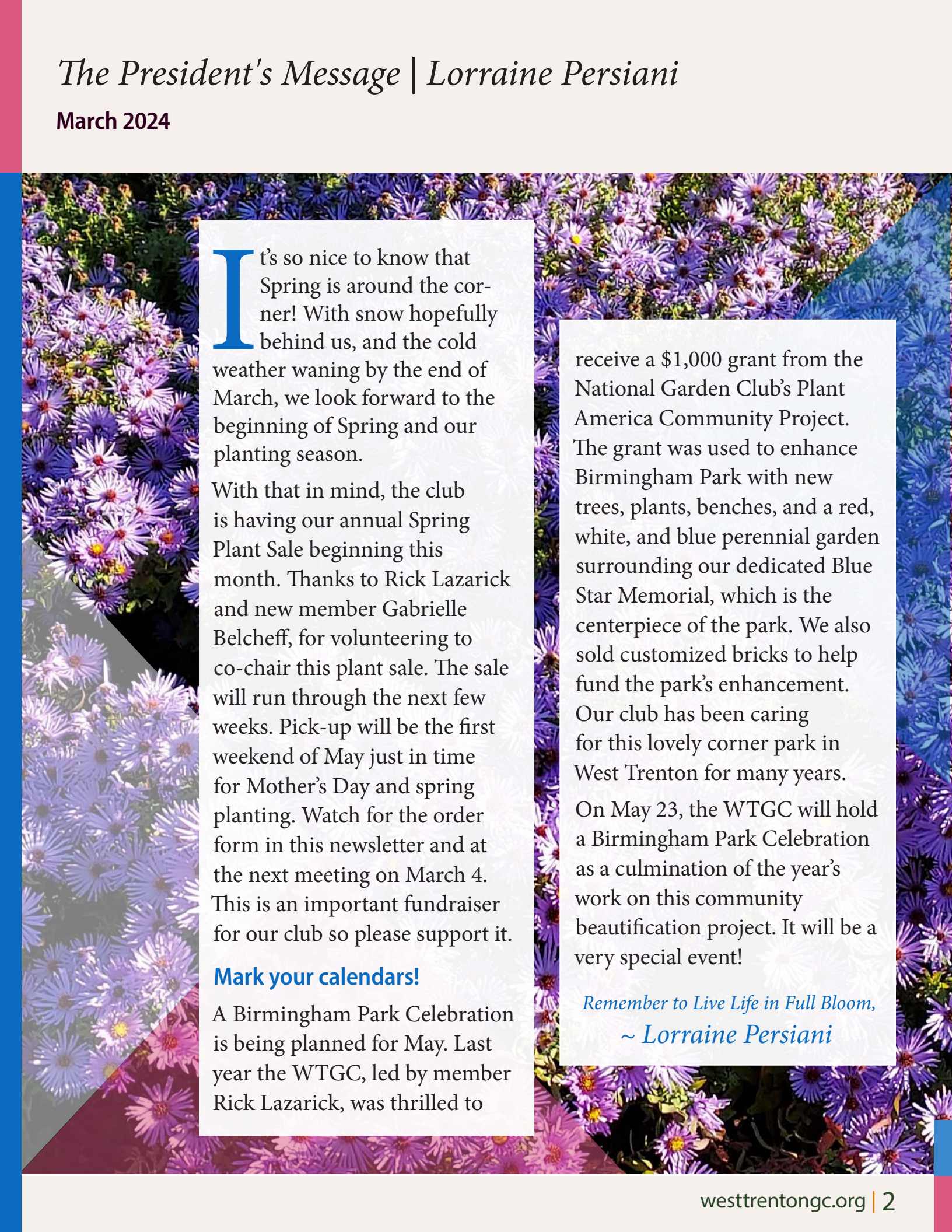
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| Iliana Okum<br><i>Corresponding Secretary</i> |   |



# The President's Message | Lorraine Persiani

March 2024



**I**t's so nice to know that Spring is around the corner! With snow hopefully behind us, and the cold weather waning by the end of March, we look forward to the beginning of Spring and our planting season.

With that in mind, the club is having our annual Spring Plant Sale beginning this month. Thanks to Rick Lazarick and new member Gabrielle Belcheff, for volunteering to co-chair this plant sale. The sale will run through the next few weeks. Pick-up will be the first weekend of May just in time for Mother's Day and spring planting. Watch for the order form in this newsletter and at the next meeting on March 4. This is an important fundraiser for our club so please support it.

## **Mark your calendars!**

A Birmingham Park Celebration is being planned for May. Last year the WTGC, led by member Rick Lazarick, was thrilled to

receive a \$1,000 grant from the National Garden Club's Plant America Community Project. The grant was used to enhance Birmingham Park with new trees, plants, benches, and a red, white, and blue perennial garden surrounding our dedicated Blue Star Memorial, which is the centerpiece of the park. We also sold customized bricks to help fund the park's enhancement. Our club has been caring for this lovely corner park in West Trenton for many years.

On May 23, the WTGC will hold a Birmingham Park Celebration as a culmination of the year's work on this community beautification project. It will be a very special event!

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

# Regular Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2024

## *Meeting Called to Order*

The West Trenton Garden Club Meeting was called to order on February 5, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. by Vice President Camille Rainiero. Camille welcomed our guests and wished a happy birthday to our January and February members.

## *Secretary's Report*

Secretary Monique Bonnier reported that 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 \$7,943.11 in the club's account. There was revenue collected from the Poinsettia sale, the Holiday Party, and dues. Expenses for the same period were for the Poinsettia's, Holiday Party, Drumthwacket, and Morven, along with a few other expenses. Hearing no additions or corrections, the amount will be filed as reported.

## *Correspondence*

Iliana Okum shared the sad news that Anna Adomaitis had passed away. She reminded all members to let her know if anyone needed cheering-up.

## *Committee Reports*

### **Birmingham Park**

Chair, Rick Lazarick reported that May 23rd was being considered as a dedicate date for the Birmingham Park project. More information will follow in the coming months.

### **Spring Plant Sale**

We are happy to announce that we have a new chair for the Spring Plant Sale. Our new member Gabrielle Belcheff has volunteered to host the sale. Various members have volunteered to help her with the ordering and unloading the truck. Order forms will be available in March and due back by the April meeting. More details to follow.


### **Scholarship Breakfast**

Chairs Barbara Bernhard and Linda Reasoner will be organizing a breakfast at the beginning of June at the Hollowbrook Community Center. Books of tickets will be given to all members. Books will consist of 5 tickets at \$7 each. They ask that all funds be returned at the May meeting. Volunteers will be needed to help at the breakfast and to create baskets for the raffle.

### **Nominating Committee**

Positions are open for nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary. More information will be available in March.

### **Rose Sale**

Iliana Okum has emailed all of the members a wonderful list of beautiful roses available for purchase from the Rose Society's Rose Sale. There are descriptions of the roses with pictures. Order forms are due no later than April 21, 2024. Check your email, as quantities are limited! 

# Regular Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2024

## Announcements

- Items for the newsletter are due to Jeff Tryon by the 15th of the month. The next Regular Meeting is March 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Hollowbrook Community Center with a program to follow “Deer-Resistant Gardens with Native Plants.”
- Special thanks to Anne Haines for her wonderful presentation on “Fragrant Plants for your Garden.”
- The Q & A portion of the meeting was held with members asking questions of the members.
- With no further business to discuss, Camille Rainiero motioned the meeting to be adjourned at 7:08 p.m. and seconded by Monique Bonnier.
- Our hospitality committee provided a delicious spread of Valentine themed goodies for the membership.

*Monique Bonnier,*  
*Recording Secretary*

## Dolores Brezak's Back to Paris! Flower Show Exhibit Blue Ribbon Ponytail Palm



**Beaucarnea recurvata (Ponytail palm)**

**Award: Grower's Choice Award**

DIVISION I: Horticulture

Section C: Container-Grown or Mounted Foliage Plants

Class 15a: Any other container-grown or mounted foliage plant; Container 6" or under in diameter

## Happy Birthday!

- Carol Bozarth - March 23
- Jo Ann Seaman - March 29

## Don't Forget!

### Flowers for Ewing Library

Alicia Magee

### Hospitality Committee

Anne Skalka (Chair), Lynn Grillo, Jackie Anderson-Kraus, Ingrid Fair, Kevin Fair, and Karen Lewandowski.

### Newsletter Deadline

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

## Mark Your Calendar

### March 2-10

Philadelphia Flower Show "United by Flowers"  
Pennsylvania Convention Center  
Philadelphia, PA

### March 6

WTGC Monthly Meeting  
6:30PM - Hollowbrook Community Center  
"Deer-Resistant Gardens with Native Plants."

### March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day! 🍀

### March 25

GCNJ State Board Meeting  
10 AM - Holly House

### March 27

GCNJ Judges Council  
10 AM - Holly House

### March 27

WTGC Board Meeting  
7PM - Via Zoom

### March 31

Easter Sunday



# *Deer-Resistant Gardens with Native Plants*

Program by Nisha Khanna | March 4, 2024

One of the most common and frustrating problems faced by New Jersey gardeners is the ever-growing population of white-tailed deer that sail through our yards, frequently in large herds, decimating our carefully tended landscapes.

In this presentation, garden designer and consultant Nisha Khanna will discuss various strategies for gardening in deer-infested areas, along with practical tips and advice on different types of products that can be used to exclude, deter and repel the invaders. She will also cover New Jersey native plants that are resistant to deer-browsing.

Nisha Khanna is a landscape designer, garden coach/consultant and speaker. She lives and gardens in Edison, NJ, and practices and preaches sustainable and organic land care practices. She is obsessed with all things related to the natural world, including plants and trees and birds and bees!

<https://www.growinggardens.com/>

# News | Scholarship Fundraiser Continental Breakfast

Saturday, May 11, 9-Noon

## Join Us! May 11, 9:00 a.m. - noon Hollowbrook Community Center

Our breakfast has been scheduled for Sat., May 11, 2024 from 9 a.m.–noon at the Hollowbrook Community Center.

The tickets—5 per member at \$7.00 each— will be distributed at the April meeting. If you aren't at the meeting they will be mailed to you. Tickets and payment can be mailed back to Linda Reasoner or returned at the May meeting.

The gift baskets that are raffled off make a large profit towards the scholarships. If you feel inclined to make a basket for the event please sign up on the sign up sheets that will be available at the April meeting. Baskets are due by May first and may be dropped off at Linda Reasoner's home. Please give this some consideration because the raffle is a big event at the breakfast. Attendees love it and look forward to it.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call:

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## Garden State Iris Society



Region 3  
American Iris Society

[www.jerseyiris.org](http://www.jerseyiris.org)

See gorgeous iris flowers in a wide variety of colors and patterns in this show sponsored by the Garden State Iris Society (GSIS). These stunning garden beauties are surprisingly hardy and easy to grow. Colorful tall bearded iris, as well as smaller species irises, will be on display. It's an opportunity to find varieties that will grow well in your garden.

**DATE:**

Sat. May 11, 2024

**TIME:**

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:**

Burlington County Library  
5 Pioneer Blvd  
Westampton, NJ 08060

**CONTACT:**

Reesa Marchetti  
[reesa@usa.net](mailto:reesa@usa.net)

Anyone can enter or view the show. Entries are accepted from 10 to 11 a.m. on the day of the show. Interested in exhibiting blooms from your garden? See the GSIS website for details: [www.jerseyiris.org](http://www.jerseyiris.org) Exhibitors should cut an entire bloom stalk close to the ground and put it into a glass container with water. The best stalks are ones with newly opened flowers on top.

Once the flowers have been judged and awarded ribbons, the show will open for viewing. The Garden State Iris Society, which includes all of New Jersey, is an affiliate of Region 3 of the American Iris Society. The group holds regular meetings with programs related to all phases of iris culture. Educational functions include garden tours, flower shows, iris rhizome sales,

awards luncheons, and informational presentations.

Although you don't have to be a member to participate in GSIS activities, we encourage membership in the AIS to support iris culture and to get benefits such as colorful, informative iris bulletins. Join the American Iris Society at [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org) and you will automatically be enrolled in the Garden State Iris Society.



# 2024 WTGC Flower Sale

Order Form - Order due April 15, 2024

Member? Yes | No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

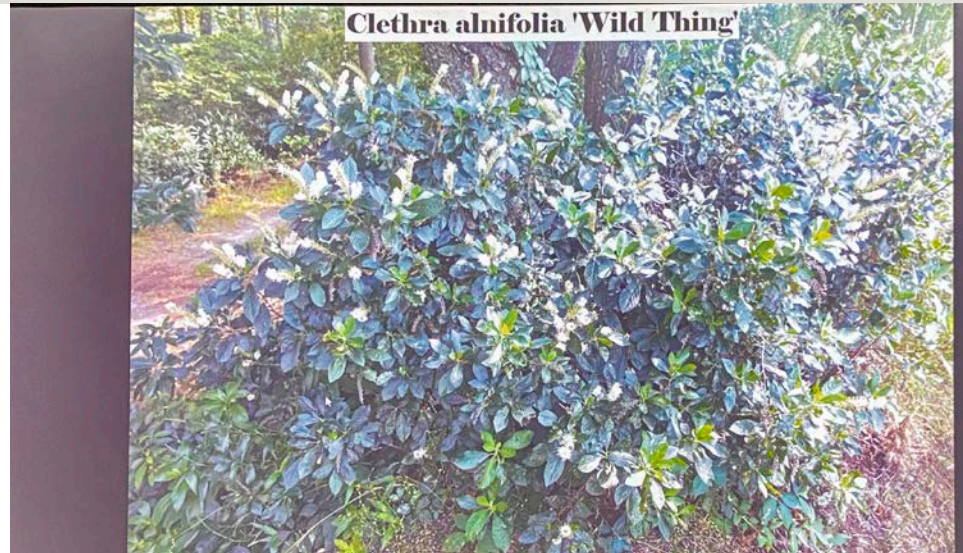
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HERBS & ANNUALS	\$ EACH	# WANTED	TOTAL
Basil (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Lavender (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Asparagus Fern (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Dracaena Spike (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Vinca Vine (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Potato Vine - Purple (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Potato Vine - Green (4" Pot)	\$3.50		
Geraniums - Red (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geraniums - Pink (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geraniums - Violet (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geraniums - Salmon (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Geraniums - White (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Ivy Geraniums (Assorted Colors) (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Premium Coleus (Sun/Shade) (No Color Choice) (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - Red (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - Salmon (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - Pink (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - White (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - Orange (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
New Guinea Impatiens - Purple (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Sun Impatiens - Red (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Sun Impatiens - Pink (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Sun Impatiens - White (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Sun Impatiens - Deep Rose (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Calibrachoa (4.5" Pot)	\$4.25		
Kong Coleus (Sun/Shade) (No Color Choice) (5.5" Pot)	\$4.50		
Celosia (5.5" Pot)	\$4.50		
Dragon Wing Begonia (5.5" Pot)	\$4.50		
<b>HANGING BASKETS</b>			
10" Fuchsia (1.5 gal)	\$15.00		
10" Confetti Mix (1.5 gal)	\$15.00		
10" Geranium (No Color Choice) (1.5 gal)	\$15.00		
<b>WINDOW BOX</b>			
24" Geranium Window Box	\$18.50		
24" Annual Mix Window Box	\$18.50		
<b>ANNUAL FLATS</b>			
Flowering Vinca (8 4 packs)	\$14.00		
Marigold African (8 4 packs)	\$14.00		
<b>BIRMINGHAM PARK DONATION</b>			
Cash donation for purchasing park plants, primarily native perennials	Any amount		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

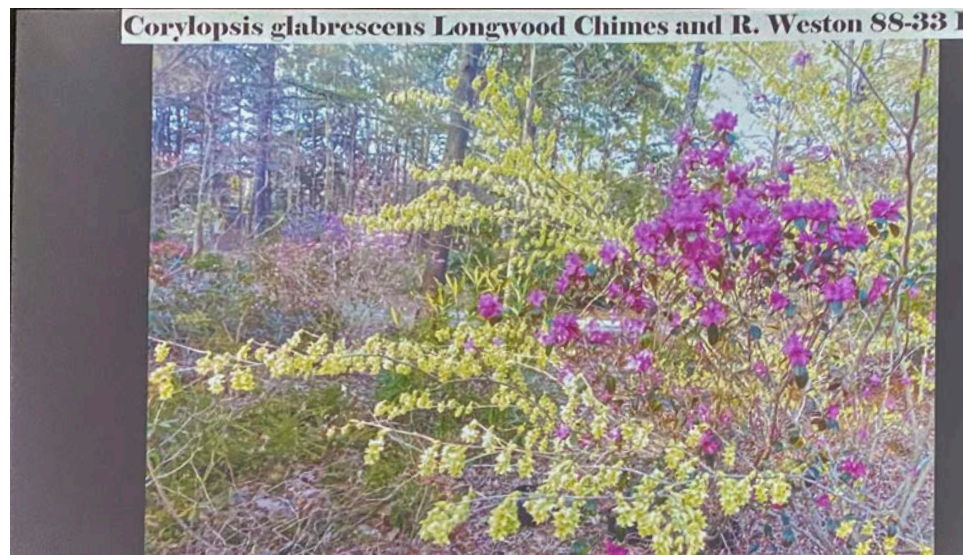
Pick up will be Friday, May 3rd from 1-7pm or Saturday, May 4th from 9am-12pm. All checks to be made payable to West Trenton Garden Club. **PLEASE PAY WHEN YOU PICK UP!** Pickup will be at Gabrielle Belcheff's home, 3 Riverview Drive, Ewing, NJ 08628, [gabriellebelcheff@gmail.com](mailto:gabriellebelcheff@gmail.com), (732) 710-6905. Mail, email or call Rick Lazarick by April 15th with orders. Rick Lazarick, 8 Blackwood Drive, Ewing NJ 08628; [ricklazarick@gmail.com](mailto:ricklazarick@gmail.com) (609) 433-1793

# Gallery | Fragrant Plants in Your Garden

February Program by Anne Haines



**Clethra alnifolia 'Wild Thing'**



**Corylopsis glabrescens Longwood Chimes and R. Weston 88-33**



**Syringa Tinkerbelle**



**Poncirus trifoliata Flying Dragon**