

The Garden Path
West Trenton Garden Club Newsletter
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November 2016

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President's Letter

Dear Friends:

The Fall season is upon us and it is wonderfully refreshing. Cooler days and evenings and the gardens are renewing. My roses have perked up in the cooler weather and the October daisies are striking against the greenery.

As fall arrives, it's hard not to regret the passing of all the summer blooms we love so much: the dahlias, lilies, begonias, the varied impatiens flowers, little zinnias, asters, coreopsis, and many more. But looking forward, the fall garden offers all these flower shapes from just one plant, the chrysanthemum. These hardy cultivars provide an array of colors and bloom shapes, making mums the divas of the autumn garden. The blooms will last for weeks, not days, and the sheer number of flowers per plant will convince anyone that this flower really likes to show off.

There is plenty to do in the November garden. Be sure to pull annuals and add them to the compost pile. For annuals that self-seed, allow seed-laden stems to remain in place through winter unless you plan to sprinkle them elsewhere in the garden. Store breakable items, like terra-cotta pots, rain gauges, and other garden art before hard freezes settle in. Terra-cotta overwinters fine in an unheated shed or garage. Make sure pots and saucers are dry before storage. Fall can be a great time to cut back your perennials if you've got the time and energy to get it done. Make sure to leave 2-3 inches of the plant's stem to help protect fresh shoots from animal damage as they first emerge in the spring. It's also a helpful reminder of where plants are in the yard before they start to sprout. Consider leaving some perennials like coneflower, black-eyed Susan and tall sedums standing. They add interest to the winter garden both by their structure and by attracting birds to their seed heads.

For anyone who missed the October meeting it was special! As I noted earlier in my yearbook message, the collaboration and individual leadership qualities of our membership is boundless and the enthusiasm and spirit of cooperation is extraordinary. Thanks again to Mary Pat Voorhees for hosting the hospitality and thanks to all that assisted in the evening's event.

President's Message (Continued)

As we move into November, we have another delightful program. The November 7th program is *Holiday Theme Armature Designs* by floral designer Deborah Pomroy Moyer. Deborah is a florist, stylist, and educator. This program will get everyone ready for the holiday season. And, don't forget, many of you may be taking home one of her sample designs. Again, guests are welcome—invite your neighbor!

In addition, we have Aimee Lynn Aust, returning to display and sell her beautiful seasonal and holiday wreaths (see further in the newsletter). Remember a portion of her sales come back to the WTGC treasury and her wreaths are charming. Also, at the November meeting we will learn more about the upcoming holiday party, the poinsettia sale and don't forget to bring your donation for the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. All this and more—keep reading further into the newsletter.

My Best, Camille

Trenton Psychiatric Hospital



Christmas Gift List

(All New, Unused Items)

Please bring any donated items to the November Meeting.

Do not bring them to the Holiday Party! Thanks!

Suggestions for Woman: Pajamas, nightgowns, sweaters, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, socks, knit tops, hair bows, pony tail holders, cosmetic bags, and cosmetics. (Larger sizes preferred).

Suggestions for Men: sweatshirts, T-shirts, sport shirts, flannel shirts, wallets, hats, sport socks, baseball caps (XL, XXL Sizes needed most)

Recreational Therapy: playing cards, puzzles, word-search books, model cars, chess, dominos, checkers, writing pens/papers, coloring books, crayons.

Grooming Items: shampoo, cream rinse, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand lotion, pocket tissues, lip balm, deodorant, body wash, perfume, cologne, after shave

Miscellaneous Items: Umbrellas, soft candy, gift wrap, cards, stuffed animals, costume jewelry, luggage (can be used, but in good condition), tote bags (can be used, but in good condition)

Dianne Dickinson, Chair

October 3, 2016 Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club met on Monday October 3, 2016 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. President Camille called the meeting to order at 7:10PM. Camille welcomed all members, as well as, all guest attending the meeting. Camille welcomed special guests, NJGC President, Susan O'Donnell, Nottingham Garden Club, and Rocky Brook Garden Club.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

September's minutes were recorded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was \$5,892.66

Pass The Can, designated for natural disasters, was passed requesting loose change.

It was announced that the monies collected will be decided upon at the end of the year.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Camille gave birthday wishes to the October birthday members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OCTOBER BULB SALE Sharon Johnson announced that this year's profit was 25% more than last year and a few bulbs were available for purchase.

POINSETTIA SALE Orders will be taken at the November meeting. Information regarding poinsettia's will be sent out through email prior to November meeting.

BIRMINGHAM PARK The landscape class from MCTS Sypek Center will perform cleanup at the end of October.

GARDEN CLUB OF NJ EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

OCT 4-7 Garden Study School Holly House

OCT 18-19 Landscape Design School IV Holly House

OCT 23-25 and 26-27 C.A.R. Conference "Historic Treasures of New York"

For more information about these events please check GCNJ website

WTGC EVENTS & INITIATIVES

OCT 8 Morven Workshop meeting at the Ewing Library 11am-2pm lunch included.

Please let Alicia Magee know if you are attending

OCT 10 WTGC Board Meeting 7pm Hostess:Janis Stia Location: Janis's home.

Please let Janis know if you will be attending. Please notify Linda Reasoner of any board items you would like to have on the agenda.

OCT 17 Drumthwacket planning meeting 6:30 pm at Ewing Senior Center. Please let Barbara Bernhard know if you are attending. Barbara said she is in need of a small tree skirt.

NOV 7 Regular meeting WTGC...Please bring your DONATIONS FOR TRENTON PSYCHIATRIC. Dianne will include a requested donation list in the newsletter.

YOUTH INITIATIVES Camille announced that she has delivered 4 books " THE FRIGHTENED FROG" to local elementary schools

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the Newsletter for member responsibilities: library flowers, and hospitality.

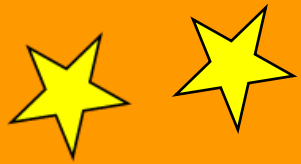
MEETING ADJORNED

Anne Chmielewski moved to adjourn the meeting, Jackie Anderson Krause seconded the motion. A Yeas vote was called. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

EVENING PROGRAM

Guest lecturer and author Marta McDowell "ALL THE PRESIDENTS' GARDENS"

June Rosso, Recording Secretary



Anne Chmielewski – November 1

Devah Brinker – November 10

Maggie Kramer – November 13

June Miller – November 19

Dates to Remember

November 7: GCNJ Board Meeting – 10 am- Holly House

November 7: WTGC Regular Monthly Meeting at 7pm at OLG

Program: “Holiday-Theme Armature Designs” by Deborah Pomroy Moyer.

Guest Fee of \$10.00 for this program. All designs will be raffled off.

November 19: Digging It – Trees in Landscape. Holly House.

For more info, check the GCNJ website: gardenclubofnewjersey.com

November 23: Happy Thanksgiving!!!

November Member Responsibilities

Flowers for Ewing Library: **Mary Pat Voorhees**

Hospitality Committee **Chair: Zofia Feulner**

Sue Fair

Barbara Bernhard

Linda Gerasimowicz

Iliana Okum

Linda Reasoner

Holiday Party Committee: **Dianne Dickinson, Chair**

Pat Bowker, Rob Quinn, and Diane Sanchez

Newsletter Deadline: **Submit all information for The Garden Path to**

Mary Pat Voorhees (sistermaripat@hotmail.com)

no later than the 15th of the month.

Thank you!



West Trenton Garden Club, Inc. Holiday Celebration

Monday December 5, 2016

Blooming Grove Inn

234 West Upper Ferry Road
West Trenton, NJ

Time: 6 pm

Cost: \$40

Menu

Hot Appetizers Served at Each Table

Mixed Green Salad

Pasta (Served Family Style)

Entrée is a choice of:

Chicken Parmesan, Veal Piccata or Herb Encrusted Salmon

Choice of Blooming Groove's Special Desserts

Coffee & Tea (Cash Bar Available)

Please try to attend this special event: we must guarantee 30 people.

**We are raffling off homemade or garden related items.

***NOTE: Unwrapped gift items to be donated to the patients at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING, PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY - THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Name: _____

Entrée choice: _____

I am bringing a raffle item: _____yes _____no

Check or cash for Holiday Celebration Dinner and meal selection is due by the November meeting.

Make check out to the "West Trenton Garden Club, Inc."

Please bring to November meeting or mail to: Dianne Dickinson – 4 Riverview Drive, Ewing, NJ 08628



WREATH EXHIBIT AND SALE – NOVEMBER MEETING

“Take it or Wreath It” by Aimee Lynn

Dear Members,

At the request of many of our members, Aimee Lynn Aust, will be returning to display and sell her beautiful seasonal and holiday wreaths (see some holiday wreaths below). She custom makes wreaths to match any décor, they can be hung inside or outside the home. These wreaths sell from \$25 to \$60 depending on size and materials used. As a benefit to the club, Aimee plans to donate 10 - 15% of her sales for any wreath sold (or any order taken) at this meeting - (10% for the smaller wreaths, 15% for the larger ones). The club made over \$100 at our April meeting just with the donation from Aimee’s wreaths! These wreaths will make great holiday gifts! If you order one, arrangements can easily be made for delivery (or pick-up). Aimee works locally and I will be happy to assist her with the delivery if need be. She will be at the back of the church hall at 6:30 pm near registration – and also during our refreshment time. (This will not interfere with our November Design Program.) Checks and cash will be accepted for the wreaths. All orders will require a deposit. Please take a look at her wreaths, and if you are interested in a custom made wreath – come with your color ideas (she can easily incorporate your favorite silk flowers or ornament)! Check out more pictures on Aimee’s Facebook page – search for “Take it or Wreath It”

Thanks,

Pat Bowker

* Just a note – this was approved by the WTGC Board.



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ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE

It is time to order the Poinsettias that are going to brighten your home during the holidays, that will make great presents, and that will help to support the fundraising for our club. The prices for this year's Poinsettia sale are the same as last year. We will be selling **red, pink, white, and Jingle Bell speckled poinsettias**; sizes: **6" for \$6, and 8" for \$13.**

Janis Stia and Terry Palise Co-Chairs, will be taking orders at the November 7th meeting and placing the order with Davino's. Or, you can call **Janis Stia** at home (**609-882-3862**) or email her at stiajd5@aol.com to place your order. You may use the order form below for your order. The delivery date will be Friday, December 2, 2015 at **Terry Palise's** home: 24 Hopkins Drive, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, Telephone: 609-896-2011 **after 11 am.**

Terry Palise & Janis Stia, Co-Chairs

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

E-Mail: _____

WTGC MEMBER: YES or NO

Poinsettia Color/Size		# of 6 Inches/\$6	#of 8 Inches/\$13	TOTAL \$ FOR PLANTS
RED				
PINK				
WHITE				
JINGLE BELL (Speckled)				
TOTAL # OF PLANTS ORDERED FOR EACH SIZE:				

CHECK WILL BE NEEDED ON DAY OF PICKUP FOR ENTIRE ORDER MADE OUT TO:

"WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB"

Morven Workshop for Festival of Trees



Our October 22 workshop to make little village house decorations for the Morven Festival of Trees was very successful. We have almost enough decorations and are moving onto creating the accessories and the décor for the base of the tree and the tree topper.

Our November meetings will be on Saturdays, November 5, 12 and 19. All are at the Ewing branch of the Mercer County Library from 11 AM until 2PM and include lunch and refreshments. If you would like to attend, please see me at the meeting on November 7 or call me at 609-851-3911.

All our workshop participants so far have done a great job and we are well on the way to the finish line. The workshop on November 19 will be for arranging the decorations in the pattern in which they will go on the tree, so any decorators with expertise at that will be welcome as well as are faithful "house builders".

Decorating days at the Morven Mansion will be November 21 and 22, a Monday and Tuesday for a few hours from 11 until 1 or 2 PM Since we are laying them out prior to the date, the decorating should be very quick. Please let me know if you are available during the day for a few hours on either of the days, and able to help place items on the tree in the pattern we will choose on the final workshop date. Thanks to everyone for making this fun. We don't know if we will win this year, but everyone will be interested in our tree.

**Alicia Magee, Chair
Morven Tree Committee**

Trees

For Your Home Landscape

“Digging it at Rutgers Gardens”

A GCNJ Workshop presentation in collaboration with Rutgers Gardens

Friday, November 11, 2016

1PM - 4PM

Holly House at Rutgers Gardens

RAIN DATE: Friday, November 18

Cost: \$35.00 per person

INSTRUCTOR: Bruce Crawford, Director, Rutgers Gardens

For Registration Form, go to

gardenclubofnewjersey.org

Scroll down to the middle of the opening page and look at left column.

Click on "Select Here" to find the form.

Questions? Contact

Nancy Schmaltz, Registrar

nan234@gmail.com

How to choose the best trees for your home landscape?

Join us in the program which covers the benefits of a number of shade and ornamental trees appropriate to residential gardens in New Jersey. Bruce Crawford will discuss ornamental and cultural benefits as well as liabilities of trees that are available to us as home landscapers. Learn how native selections bring benefits to our animal kingdom. Proper size and site selection will be covered to ensure the best results for both tree and homeowner!

****PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY
FOR WALKING THROUGH THE GARDENS****

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