

**The Garden Path**  
**West Trenton Garden Club Newsletter**  
Website: [www.westtrentongc.org](http://www.westtrentongc.org)  
January– February 2017

**Officers**

**President:** Camille Rainiero  
**Vice President:** Linda Reasoner  
**Recording Secretary:** June Rosso  
**Treasurer:** Sharon Johnson  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Carolyn Kane



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**President's Letter**

**Dear Friends:**

**Happy New Year!** It is 2017—where did the year and the holidays go?

We had a busy year and a very busy month in December. No worries, we have an equally busy year ahead of us. At the January board meeting we were off running. Before I get into the year ahead, let me thank the members responsible for our fabulous holiday party at Blooming Grove. A big thank you to Dianne Dickinson, Patty Bowker, Rob Quinn, his fiancée and Diane Sanchez. Also, an immense thank you to the committees that worked on the Morven Tree and the Drumthwacket Living Room display. Both displays were well received and beautifully done. In Addition, a special thank you to Terry Palise and Janis Stia for organizing the Poinsettia sale. Best wishes go to the January birthday members—Nancy Grant, Grace Starrett, Barbara Bernhard and Linda Gerasirmowicz. And to the February birthdays—best wishes to Fredricka Billups, Mary Lou McCabe, and Georgiann Cook.

As we move into February we have the **Garden Club of New Jersey Flower Show on February 23, 24, and 25**. Please try to attend. We are also making plans for the **scholarship fundraiser pancake breakfast** that will be held on **March 18 at Applebee's on route 1**. More information will follow. In addition, Devah Brinker and company will be assisting with **designing planters for the 1867 Sanctuary at Ewing** celebration in the spring. We will also be getting ready for our own WTGC Standard Flower Show "**To Earth, With Love**" that will be held on October 6 & 7, 2017. All this and lots more!

There's always something to be doing in the garden. Plan your vegetable and annual gardens! Take note of some major problems you encountered in 2016 that can be resolved in 2017. Study the winter bones of the garden. During the calm of winter, give thought to improvements that can be made for a more colorful winter garden, such as the planting of Red Stemmed Dogwoods or Willows. Take care of your tools! Sharpen, clean, oil and otherwise repair saws and pruners. Evaluate pruning needs. Typically, the heaviest pruning is reserved for late February and early March. January is the time to evaluate plants and to begin shaping and thinning of small trees and shrubs. Consider taking a pruning class at Rutgers Gardens!

Looking forward to the months ahead and to seeing everyone on February 6. Our program speakers David and Linda Byers will talk about **Rebuilding Neighborhoods through Horticulture**.

**My Best,**  
**Camille**

**November 2016 Minutes**  
(Repeated from December Newsletter)

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The West Trenton Garden Club met on Monday November 7, 2016, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. President Camille Rainiero called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Camille welcomed all members, as well as, all guest attending the meeting. Camille announced that, Aimee Lynn has a wreath exhibit and sale this evening.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

October's minutes were recorded and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report was \$6,009.81.

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

Linda Reasoner announced that last month's collection amounted to \$45.93.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION**

Camille gave birthday wishes to the November birthday members.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

BIRMINGHAM PARK Susan Smiley, Fall cleanup happened today with Ed Birdsall and his students.

DRUMTHWACKET Barbara Bernhard announced that everything is on track. Barbara also announced that the open house schedule will be on Drumthwacket's website. Please go to the website for reservations.

GARDEN THERAPY Devah Brinker announced that Devah, June Miller, and Sharon Johnson will go, on Tuesday November 8, 2016, to the assisted living facility and help to assemble dish gardens with plants purchased from Trenton Psychiatric Hospital.

MINI TRIPS Camille Rainiero announced that there is a mini trip scheduled to Byers Choice on Tuesday November 15, another trip is planned to go to Longwood Gardens on Tuesday December 13. Both trips will leave from OLGCC church parking lot. Please sign up on the lists that are going around this evening.

MORVEN Alicia McGee The next meetings are scheduled for Sat. November 12 and November 19, at the Ewing library 11AM - 2PM. Lunch and refreshments will be included. Please let Alicia know if you will be attending.

**GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY- EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**

The Garden Club of New Jersey is doing a 50/50 raffle. The tickets are going around the room. They are \$5.00 a ticket. The proceeds benefit youth projects and other charitable and educational purposes. The drawing will be Feb. 26, 2017 at 2PM (at the end of the GCNJ State Flower Show) You do not need to be present to win.

November 19 Workshop: " DIGGING IT" Trees in the landscape at Holly House. Please go to the GCNJ website for more information.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gerree Pecht announced that \$36.00 was collected from Last Year's Morven decorations.

Please check the Yearbook and Newsletter for member responsibilities, flowers for the Library and Meeting Hospitality.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Carolyn Kane moved to adjourn the meeting and Terry Palise seconded the motion.

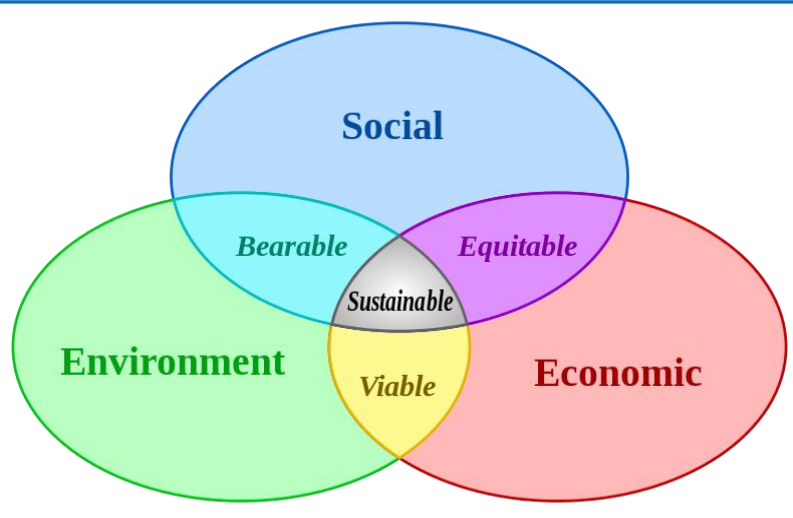
A Yea vote was called and the meeting was adjourn at 7:30PM

**June Russo, Recording Secretary**

# Living Green Ways/Environment

January 2017

## 12 Ways to Live More Sustainably



Submitted by Anna Adomaitis

In loving memory of Karla Robinson

1. Think Twice Before Shopping: “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” may feel retro, but it’s just as important today as when the phrase was first coined. Every product we purchase has an environmental footprint: from the materials used to create it, to the pollution emitted during manufacturing it, to the packaging that ends up in the landfills. So before you buy, ask yourself if you really need it. If you do, consider buying gently used, instead of new, and look for minimal packaging and shipping.

2. Make sure your big purchases have big environmental benefits.

**\*Stay tuned for more  
Living Green Ways  
to follow in each  
WTGC News Letter.**



**Nancy Grant – January 1**  
**Grace Starrett – January 9**  
**Barbara Bernhard – January 18**  
**Linda Gerasimowicz – January 30**  
**Fredricka Billups – February 17**  
**Mary Lou McCabe – February 14**  
**Georgiann Cook – February 22**  
**Camille Rainiero – February 23**

#### **Dates to Remember**

**February 6: WTGC Monthly Meeting – 7pm (OLGC)**

**Program: “Garden Walk Buffalo – Rebuilding Neighborhoods Through Horticulture”** by David Byers & Linda Konrad-Byers

**February 6: (snow date) – GCNJ Board Meeting – 10am – Holly House**

**February 10: GCNJ Flower Show Set-up, Edison, NJ**

**February 14: Happy Valentine’s Day!!!**

**February 23-26: NJ Flower & Garden Show: GCNJ Standard Flower Show – NJ Convention Center, Edison, NJ**

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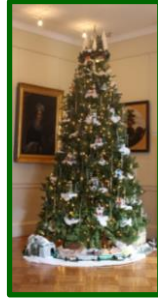
#### **February Member Responsibilities**

Flowers for Ewing Library: **June Russo**  
February Hospitality Committee **Chair: Eileen Keenan**  
**Greg Chasar**  
**Helga Fontus**  
**Carolyn Kane**  
**Jim Keenan**

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**Newsletter Deadline: Submit all information for The Garden Path to**  
**Mary Pat Voorhees ([sisternaripat@hotmail.com](mailto:sisternaripat@hotmail.com))**  
**no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.**  
**Thank you!**

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## **Our Morven Tree: Second Place!!!**

The West Trenton Garden Club was awarded **second place** of the Peoples' Choice at the Festival of Trees at the Morven Museum. First place was awarded to McCarter Theater. Third Place was awarded to the Princeton Library. In case you didn't get to visit, here is a link to the State of NJ website with photos of all of the trees. [http://www.state.nj.us/nj/about/gallery/2016\\_morven\\_holiday/content/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/nj/about/gallery/2016_morven_holiday/content/index.html)

The title was Home for the Holidays and featured little handmade houses and some smaller antique houses placed on the tree. One of the houses was from the late 1930s. We also had an antique toy railroad train pulling into the station at the bottom of the tree. Members of the committee included Anne and David Chmielewski, Delores Brezak, Devah Brinker, Georgiann Cook, Nancy Grant, Carolyn Kane, Eileen Keenan, Gerree Pecht, Linda Reasoner, Grace Starrett, and me, Alicia Magee as Chairperson. Everyone on the committee was fun to work with and all worked diligently to complete the over sixty houses needed to fill the tree which was nine feet tall.

There will be handmade houses from the Morven tree available for purchase at the February meeting. They will be from two to three dollars depending on size etc. The sale will help with the costs of making them which is mostly photo printing, color photocopying and paper.

### **Notice of Dues Increase:**

**Due to an increase in the state dues for the Garden Club of NJ, we, the West Trenton Garden Club must raise our yearly dues starting 2017-2018 by \$5 per member and \$5 per family.**

**Starting in April of 2017 membership dues will be \$30 per single member and \$45 per family membership. A motion was made, carried, and voted on at the October Board Meeting.**



## The First Annual Pancake Breakfast



We are trying a new a new fundraiser this year to increase our funding for our Scholarship Award Program. This pancake breakfast is sponsored by Applebee's and is very popular with area no profit groups and we could make hundreds of dollars from it. It is quite easy I will be giving every member 5 tickets to sell (if they can) for the breakfast that consists of all you can eat pancakes and sausage, oj, coffee and tea. The tickets are \$7.00 a piece, please return the money for the tickets or the tickets that weren't sold to me at the March mtg.

We will also be having 3 gift baskets available to win by making a \$1.00 donation for a ticket which you can put towards the basket of your choice. Diane Sanchez has donated a Salon/hair care basket, Camille has donated a bird care basket and we are looking for someone to donate a basket with a child gardener theme. Please help us make this new project a success.

**Linda Reasoner**

### Pancake Breakfast Scholarship Fundraiser

sponsored by:

West Trenton Garden Club  
&  
Applebee's

**Date:** Saturday March 18, 2017

**Time:** 8am – 10am (please arrive before 10am)

**Place:** Applebee's on Route 1 Lawrenceville, NJ

**Price:** 7.00 per ticket (each member will be asked to sell 5 tickets or as many as they can)

\*Ticket money must be returned by the March meeting so we can get a ticket count.

\*\* **Additional tickets will be sold at the door for walk-ins.**