

The Garden Path

West Trenton Garden Club Newsletter

Website: www.westtrentongc.org
October 2016

Officers

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



Contents

Page 1: President's Letter
Page 2-3: September Minutes
Page 4: Birthdays, Dates, etc.
Page 5: Morven Tree Workshop
Page 6: October Program details

President's Letter

Dear Friends:

As you read this, I should be on my way back from "big sky country" in the great state of Montana. Montana is truly magnificent and the gardens and flowers are big and brilliantly colorful. As with the "big sky" so are the Dahlias and Geraniums.

Because we had to be in Montana by September 8, I was not able to be with you for the September meeting. I do hope the "Plant Exchange" worked out well and you were able to trade for some new and noteworthy plants.

I hope everyone got their new yearbook. It is outstanding! A huge thank you to Helga Fontus for doing an extraordinary job. The cover is a beauty and congratulations to Zofia Jablonski Feulner whose garden photo made the front cover. All of the photos and artwork are so colorful and add so much. Please be sure to read it through, as it provides a wealth of information.

I am looking forward to being with you for the October 3rd meeting as we will be having a special program featuring author, instructor and garden historian Marta McDowell. She will present a lecture based on her New York Times bestselling book: "All the Presidents' Gardens." The book focuses on fascinating stories, quirky presidential personality traits, and humorous observations—all of which vividly document how the White House gardens, under different administrations, reflect a changing America. This should be an interesting view of our nation's garden history as seen through the changing grounds at the White House, starring the presidents, first ladies, and their gardeners. The book reflects on *Madison's Cabbages* to *Kennedy's Roses*, and how the White House Grounds Have Grown with America. So hopefully, you have purchased a book through Dianne Dickinson, and you will be able to have Marta McDowell autograph it for you. The book sale is a fundraiser and will defray costs for the "Blue Star Memorial." Please call Dianne for more information and order your book today.

The Fall bulb sale is in full swing. Sharon Johnson provided an order form in the last newsletter and by now will have bulb orders to process. I hope you have placed your order. The bulbs look to be beautiful for next spring!

Thanks to Anna, Fredricka, Sharon J, Joan and Karla for hosting the September hospitality, and for a special thank you to Anna Adomaitis for recognizing the September birthdays.

What can we do in the garden now that cooler weather is approaching? Protect those half-hardy plants with mulch or bring them into a frost-free greenhouse. Lift your Dahlia tubers, Begonia tubers and Gladiolus corms to store dry over the winter months. Remove the dead foliage before storing them. Now is the time to plant those daffodil, tulip and Allium bulbs that you purchased from the WTGC Bulb Fundraiser. Plant them for a glorious spring display. Dot them through borders or naturalize them in the grass. Enjoy the rest of September in the garden! I am looking forward to the October meeting & will see you all then.

My Best, Camille

September 1, 2016 Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club met on Monday September 12, 2016 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. President Camille was not present, Vice President Linda Reasoner called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Linda welcomed all members, as well as, all guests attending the meeting

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Augusts' minutes were recorded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was \$6,016.06.

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Linda gave birthday wishes to the September birthday members. Linda recognized Helga for an outstanding WTGC 2016-2017 yearbook.

Fredricka Billups mentioned that WTGC is on the VIP List / Patriot Committee in Ewing NJ. She asked if the club would like to remain on the list. If WTGC remains on the list, a designated representative needs to be updated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OCTOBER BLUB SALE: Sharon Johnson discussed the type of blubs available for the sale. Sharon said that the orders need to be placed tonight, so that the blubs would arrive in time for the October meeting.

BIRMINGHAM PARK: Chairs not available. Anne Chmielewski mentioned that Mr. Birdsall will do a class project, fall cleanup in the park.

CIVIC & LIBRARY ARRANGEMENTS: Dolores Brezak is the new chairperson. Sharon Guliano was thanked for all the years she chaired this committee. It was mentioned that this month's plant/arrangement place by Anna Adomaitis is an aloe plant.

MINI TRIPS: Janis Stia mentioned that a possible holiday mini trip to Byers Choice, Chalfont, Pa. Janis also mentioned that Camille is working on other trips.

MORVAN: Alicia McGee asking members to sign up for Saturday September 24 workshop at the Ewing library. Workshop time is scheduled for 11AM - 2:00PM. The tree theme is "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

DRUMTHWACKET: Chair not available. Linda Reasoner said that the theme is

"12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS ". Our club will be decorating the living room.

NEWSLETTER: Mary Pat Voorhees said she is getting the information on a timely basis.

PUBLICITY: June Rosso said that the Observer was contacted, requesting a special article, highlighting Marta McDowell, author of ALL THE PRESIDENTS GARDENS.

Marta McDowell is program lecturer for the October WTGC meeting.

September 1, 2016 Minutes (Continued)

RANDOM ACTS OF BEAUTY: Eileen Kaluzny said she had possible certificate winners: 760 Lower Ferry Rd., 114 Wilburta Rd., Marsilos Kitchen. Dianne Dickinson mentioned that Erinis Resturant also could be a possibility. Fredricka Billups, suggested that after the certificates are given, they should be published in the local paper.

GARDEN CLUB OF NJ-EVENTS & INITIATIVES

REPORT ON THE GCNJ LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: On Sept 9, 2016 Helga Fontus, June Miller, and Anna Adomaitis attended the workshop at Rutgers Gardens.

Helga reported that one of goals of GCNJ is to help Garden Clubs function better.

Helga also reminded the WTGC members that GCNJ publishes a newsletter, please download when received.

When possible encourage local nurseries setup an area for pollinated gardens.

In 2 years Club Dues will be increasing approximately \$4.00 per member, due to insurance price increase.

GCNJ environmental studies schools "The Living Earth" Series I September 29-30

WTGC EVENTS & INIATIVES

OUTCOMES FROM WTGC BOARD MEETING, August 8, 2016

CLUB TRIFOLD BROCHURE: See Samples at the sign in table

BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER: Dianne Dickinson announced that the October WTGC meeting will have author, Marta McDowell, come and speak about her new book "ALL THE PRESIDENTS GARDENS". As a fundraiser for the blue star memorial, Dianne is taking orders for the book tonight. Marta McDowell will sign the ordered books at the October program.

YOUTH INITIATIVES: Linda Reasoner told the membership that Caimille Rainiero contacted the Ewing Elementary school and Mercer County Special Services to initiate environmental youth projects. The projects involve the book "THE FRIGHTENED FROG" and the Pollinator's Gardens. Lore School and Mercer Elementary school at Mercer County Special Services have agreed to conduct a project with students. As the need arises for assistants in the classrooms, more information will be forth coming.

FLOWER SHOW: Helga Fontus announced that the WTGC October 2017 standard flower show will be titled "Saving Our Planet". Helga will be writing the schedule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the Newsletter for member responsibilities for Flowers for the Library as well as, Hospitality assignments.

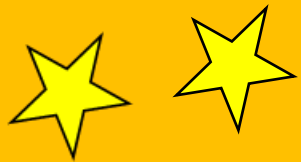
MEETING ADJORNED

Fredricka Billups moved to adjourn the meeting and Jackie Anderson Kraus seconded
A Yea vote was called. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

EVENING PROGRAM

"Bring a Plant/ Take a Plant"

June Rosso, Recording Secretary



Dolores Brezak – October 9

Ingrid Fair – October 27

Dates to Remember

October 3: WTGC Regular Monthly Meeting at 7pm at OLGC

Program: “All the Presidents’ Gardens” by Marta McDowell

Guest Fee of \$5.00 for this program

October 4-7: Garden Study School—Holly House. For more info check the GCNJ website: gardenclubofnewjersey.com

October 10: GCNJ Board Meeting – 10am Holly House

October 10: WTGC Board Meeting – 7pm – Host: Janis Stia at Janis’ home

October 18-19: (exam on 21st) Landscape Design School IV – Holly House. For more info, check the GCNJ website.

October 23-25: C.A.R. Conference “Historic Treasures of New York” at Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs, NY.

October 26-27: C.A.R. Symposium “Everything New” at Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs, NY.

October Member Responsibilities

Flowers for Ewing Library: **Sharon Guiliano**

Hospitality Committee Chair: **Mary Pat Voorhees**

Anna Adomaitis

Carol Bozarth

Susan Smiley

Grace Starrett

Betty Sutterley

November 2016 Hospitality

Zofia Feulner – Chair

Committee: Sue Fair, Barbara Bernhard, Linda Gerasimowicz, Iliana Okum, Linda Reasoner



Morven Workshop for Tree Festival

The next workshop, for making little decorative houses for the Morven Festival of Trees, will be on October 8 at the Ewing Library on Scotch Rd. in Room One. from 11AM until 2PM. Sign up at the next meeting. Great refreshments/lunch will be included plus great chat. The first work shop was a great success and we made 20 little milk cartons into very cute houses. You don't not have to stay for all three hours if you don't have that much time.

You can call me, Alicia, if you are not coming to the meeting and won't be able to sign the sign-up sheet, at 609-851-3911, to let me know you will be coming, or look for me at the meeting. Making the houses involves some glue and some cutting out with scissors. I am there to guide you. I bring all equipment and supplies, so just bring yourself. See you at the meeting.

**Alicia Magee, Chair
Morven Tree Committee**



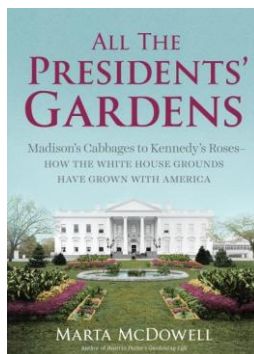
"All the Presidents' Gardens"

The West Trenton Garden Club Presents a Very Special Program:

October 3, 2016 - 7PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, West Trenton

New York Times Best Seller: "All the Presidents' Gardens"

The fascinating story of America's first garden!



Marta McDowell will present a lecture based on her new bestselling book: "All the Presidents' Gardens". An entertaining romp through our nation's garden history as seen through the changing grounds at the White House, starring the presidents, first ladies, and their gardeners, it is such a timely subject as we prepare to cast our vote for President this November.

The eighteen acres that surround the White House have been an unwitting witness to history-- a backdrop for soldiers, suffragettes, protestors, and activists. Kings and queens have dined there; bills and treaties have been signed; and presidents have landed and retreated. The front and back yard for the first family, it is by extension the nation's first garden.

All the Presidents' Gardens tells the untold history of the White House grounds. Starting with the seed-collecting, plant-obsessed George Washington and ending with Michelle Obama's focus on edibles, this rich and compelling narrative reveals how the story of the garden is also the story of America. Readers learn about Lincoln's goats, Ike's putting green, the Kennedys' iconic roses, Amy Carter's tree house, and much more. They also learn the plants whose favor has come and gone over the years and the gardeners who have been responsible for it all.

From Madison's Cabbages to Kennedy's Rose, Marta will explain how the White House Grounds Have Grown with America!

Marta McDowell teaches landscape history and horticulture at the New York Botanical Garden and consults for private clients and public gardens. Timber Press published *Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life*, which won a 2014 Gold Award from the Garden Writers Association. Her first book, *Emily Dickinson's Gardens*, came out in 2005. Her latest is on the history of American gardening as seen through the White House grounds, *All the Presidents' Gardens*, and she is working on a new book for Timber Press with the working title: *A Wilder Garden: The Plants and Places of Laura Ingalls Wilder*.

Her husband, Kirke, summed up Marta's biography as "I am, therefore I dig."

Note: Book copies will be available for sale and personalized signing by the Author as a fundraiser for the Blue Star Memorial Project at Birmingham Park. Please see Dianne Dickinson (609-273-8527) to pre-order your copy or for any questions.

Guest Fee: \$5. Refreshments will be served.