

# The Garden Path

## West Trenton Garden Club Newsletter

Website: [www.westtrentongc.org](http://www.westtrentongc.org)  
September 2016

### 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 Members:

I cannot believe summer will soon be coming to a close. Where did all those lazy hot days of August go? Looking for cooler days of September, hopefully to come!

Mark your calendar for the **WTGC regular monthly meeting on September 12** for "**Bring a Plant, Take a Plant**" –a plant exchange." Divide your overgrown perennials or, bring in a house plant you would like to share. This program is so appropriate for September, as that is when we should get out in the garden to divide those perennials to share with friends. As the weather cools and perennials have overgrown their space it's a good time to divide or move plants to a new area of the garden or share them. New and replacement perennials could also be planted this month.

Hospitality was great at the August Meeting and a special thank you to Maggie Kramer, Carolyn Kane, Joan Naro, Kitty Lou Phillips, and Karla Robinson for hosting. Also Anne Chmielewski and her team made the Jersey Fresh Auction great fun and cheers to all who contributed and made the Auction a huge success.

We have some special projects on the horizon. Moving forward with our theme of *Cultivating Gardens and Community—with an emphasis on youth*, I have contacted the local elementary schools and asked them to participate in a project to connect children with nature and promote students' awareness of the environment through the book "The Frightened Frog." The National Garden Club encourages reading and discussions of "The Frightened Frog" with children. It is a humorous take on how amphibians contribute to the environment.

In addition, there has been a request by the Welcome Wagon of Ewing for information on our garden club. We have developed a brochure and are having it printed to be put out in the community. A sample will be available at the September meeting.

The Fall bulb sale will soon be posted. Sharon Johnson has put together a nice selection of Alliums, Tulips and daffodils to be available for fall planting. The order form will be available at the September meeting. Please support this important fundraiser!

We will also be taking on a new and special fundraising opportunity in the coming year. We will be sponsoring a breakfast at Applebee's on Route 1 later in the year. This fundraiser will support our scholarship fund. Stayed tuned for more information on that!

I look forward to seeing you all in September. Enjoy the rest of August in the garden and stay cool!

**My Best,  
Camille**

## August 1, 2016 Minutes

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club met on Monday August 1, 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 guests attending the meeting.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

June's minutes were recorded and approved

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was \$6631.49

### CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

Camille gave congratulations to the state award recipients announced at the annual luncheon of the NJ State Garden Club. Camille gave birthday wishes to the July and August birthday members. This year's Ewing High School scholarship recipient, Justin Hughs, came to the meeting to formally thank the membership. Dianne Dickinson spoke about the Ewing Garden Tour held on June 11, 2016. The WTGC received \$150.00 of the proceeds, these monies will be going toward the Blue Star Memorial.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**MEMBERSHIP** Pat Bowker, Dues were submitted.

**MORVEN** Alicia McGee showed photographs and samples of the houses she has chosen for the Morvan Holiday Tree. Alicia asked if any of the club members had any crafted houses that can be donated to be used on the tree. Alicia announced that Ingrid Fair will oversee the design. Alicia has 6 volunteers for her committee.

**DRUMTHWACKET** Barbara Bernhard announced that the Morvan design will be 12 days of Christmas. Barbara has received the monies allocated to the club from Drumthwacket. WTGC will be adding monies allocated for Drumthwacket, as stated in the 2016-2017 budget. Barbara has a number of volunteers on her committee.

### GARDEN CLUB OF NJ EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Friday September 9, 2016 at Rutgers Gardens, the NJ State Garden Club will be hosting a Leadership Workshop. The fee to attend is \$10.00, registration deadline is August 31, 2016. There will be new materials, interaction between clubs. Tours of Rutgers Gardens will be available after the workshop. GCNJ Environmental Studies School "The Living Earth" Series I Sept. 29-30

### WTGC EVENTS & INITIATIVES

WTGC Board meeting will be Aug. 8, 2016 at the Ewing Library, hosted by June Rosso Let June know if you are planning to attend. Please notify Linda Reasoner of any Board items you would like to have on the agenda.

### MEETING ADJORNED

Anne Chmielewski moved to adjourn the meeting and Jackie Anderson Krause seconded  
A Yea vote was called. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

**EVENING PROGRAM** Jersey Fresh Auction

**June Rosso, Recording Secretary**



**Dates to Remember**

**September 9: GCNJ Leadership Workshop: “What’s in it for You?”**  
8:30 to Noon, Pavilion, Rutgers Gardens

**September 12: WTGC Regular Monthly Meeting at 7pm at OLGC**  
Program: “Bring a Plant, Take a Plant”

**September 29-30: Environmental Studies School,  
Agriculture Museum;**  
For more information, check the GCNJ website: [gardenclubofnewjersey.com](http://gardenclubofnewjersey.com)

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**September Member Responsibilities**

Flowers for Ewing Library: **Anna Adomaitis**

Hospitality Committee Chair: **Anna Adomaitis**  
**Fredricka Billups**  
**Sharon Johnson**  
**Joan Naro**  
**Karla Robinson**

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**October 2016 Hospitality**

**Mary Pat Voorhees** – Chair

**Committee:** Anna Adomaitis, Carol Bozarth, Susan Smiley, Grace Starrett, Betty Sutterley

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

## Never too Early for a Holiday

The Morven tree decorating committee needs more members and helpers. If you forget what this is, our garden club goes to an antique house in Princeton and decorates a fake Christmas tree for charity to benefit the preservation of the house during the last week in November. If you don't want to actually join the committee then please sign up to pitch in behind the scenes and you will receive a notice when we have a Coffee and Dessert Craft meeting at the Ewing Library to assemble decorations. It's a Kaffee Klatsch as they used to be called back in the 1950s.

We need milk cartons to make little village houses like those from the 1930s, 1940's and 1950s. Our title is Home for the Holidays and we are adapting a cover of a Martha Stewart Living Magazine from last December which shows little cardboard houses fastened to a wreath.

Please save your half pint, pint, quart and half gallon waxed cardboard milk or juice containers. The houses will be made out of them. I have started buying my coffee creamer, half and half, in those sizes. Please rinse the inside of them right away with water when they are empty and a little dish detergent, let them dry and bring them to the next meeting.

Do you have any of the old cardboard village houses that you would lend to us? If you have some that are too fragile to lend, please bring one to a meeting and I will photograph it and can use the photograph to make one just like it out of a milk carton.

Do you have any old green or white or any color bottle brush trees that we can borrow of any size that were made for under a tree or for a railroad layout? You will get them back in January.

If you take a photo of your house and bring a print to the meeting, I can make your house into a milk carton house for use on the tree and you will receive it when we take the decorations down in early January which will be a nice keepsake for you.

I will pass around a signup sheet at the meeting to see if anyone wants to actually add their name to the committee. So far it is myself and Grace Starrett and Gerree Pecht who was last year's chair. You will then receive email updates. You will be able to sign up to assemble houses at a coffee and dessert workshop at the library, dates to be announced, or you can just show up.

The committee will be hosting several of these Coffee and Dessert craft workshops at the Ewing library in later September, early October and early November to assemble the paper houses that we are making. I have requested the meeting room for several hours on several Saturdays so you can come in at your own schedule and make a house or two and then go about your day. We will need about a hundred. I also have some actual antique houses that I have collected over the years and these will be on display during the Coffee and Dessert workshops. Our first make a house workshop/coffee and dessert meeting will be at the Ewing Branch of the Mercer County Library on Saturday September 24 from 11 AM til 2PM

Or sign up at our September meeting on the signup sheet I will pass around, and give me your email so I can email you directly. We decorate the tree at Morven in late November around Thanksgiving and perhaps someone will want to join us for that also. All you have to bring to the coffee and dessert workshop at the library is yourself. Scissors, glue and all house making supplies will be there. It will be fun and you will learn how to do this.

So here's the list of things I am asking you to do: save milk cartons, loan us antique paper houses, take a photo of any that are too fragile to lend, loan us old bottle brush trees, come to a coffee and dessert extravaganza to help assemble houses which will be cutting out photos and gluing them to milk cartons. That's it for now.

**Alicia Magee, Chair  
Morven Tree Committee**

**WTGC 2016**  
**Fall Bulb Sale Order Form**

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

WTGC Member: Y or N

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

RETURN FORM TO: [Sharon Johnson, 11 Sheffield Road, Mercerville, NJ 08619.](#)

You may also email your order.

Email: [sharon2johnson@verizon.net](mailto:sharon2johnson@verizon.net)

BULBS	\$ PER PKG.	# OF PKG.	TOTAL
DAFFODIL - <b>Yellow Ocean</b> (Pkg of 6)	\$7.00		
DAFFODIL - <b>Yellow Ocean</b> (Pkg of 12)	\$11.00		
DAFFODIL - <b>Yellow Ocean</b> (Pkg of 24)	\$18.00		
<p><b>Yellow Ocean</b> - The Dutch grower says this new variety "grows like a weed". Multi-flowered lemon-yellow daffodil that grows and blooms like there's no tomorrow. Height: 14" Blooms mid-spring Deer and Rodent Proof</p>			
TULIP - <b>Cretaceous</b> (Pkg of 6)	\$6.00		
TULIP - <b>Cretaceous</b> (Pkg of 12)	\$10.00		
TULIP - <b>Cretaceous</b> (Pkg of 24)	\$17.00		
<p><b>Cretaceous</b> - Back by popular demand! Stunning enormous double blossoms of yellow, orange and red. Blooms are 5-7 inches in diameter. This was a bulb sold last year; however, when members saw how wonderful these blooms were, they wanted more. So, we're making them available again! Beautiful display planted in clusters of 12 or more. Blooms mid-spring. Height: 18"</p>			
ALLIUM - <b>Purple Sensation</b> (Pkg of 6)	\$6.00		
ALLIUM - <b>Purple Sensation</b> (Pkg of 12)	\$10.00		
ALLIUM - <b>Purple Sensation</b> (Pkg of 24)	\$17.00		
<p><b>Purple Sensation</b> - An improved bulb that bears 4-inch globes of rich purple flowers on tall stems. Blooms on the heels of late tulips. Best planted in clusters. For continuous blooms, plant with tulips and Moly or Unifolium. As tulips decline, these blooms will shine! Late spring bloom. Height: 30"</p>			
ALLIUM - <b>Moly</b> (Pkg of 12)	\$7.00		
ALLIUM - <b>Moly</b> (Pkg of 24)	\$12.00		
<p><b>Moly</b> - Another encore bulb from our selection last year. Sunny yellow flowers, beautiful blue-green foliage. Plant in clusters of 12 or more. As most daffodils decline, these sweet bulbs will fill in the space with beautiful color. Late spring bloom. Height: 12" with 2" blooms. Deer Resistant.</p>			
ALLIUM - <b>Unifolium</b> (Pkg of 12)	\$7.00		
ALLIUM - <b>Unifolium</b> (Pkg of 24)	\$12.00		
<p><b>Unifolium</b> - Loose heads of lavender-pink flowers touched with white. A lovely gem for the flower or herb garden. This plant is edible. The young foliage can be used in place of chives. Late spring bloom. Height: 12", 2" blooms. Deer Resistant.</p>			



**YELLOW OCEAN**



**CRETACEOUS**



**PURPLE SENSATION**



MOLY



UNIFOLIUM

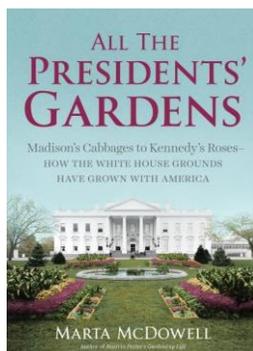
## **SAVE THE DATE!**

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 fund raiser 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.**