

**The Garden Path**  
**West Trenton Garden Club Newsletter**  
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December 2017

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Vice President: Linda Reasoner  
Recording Secretary: June Rosso  
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**President's Letter**

**Dear Friends:**

Happy Holidays to all! This is such a busy time of year for all and especially our garden club as a group. We will be starting on December 1 for pickup of the Poinsettias at Terry Palise's house. Pickup starts at 12 noon. Thanks to both Terry and Janis. Then, we have the Topiary Boxwood Tree Design Workshop on December 2, 9 am – 12 noon. Thanks to Anne Chmielewski and company. It will take place at the Ewing Senior Center. Next, we will celebrate our annual Holiday Party on December 4 at Blooming Grove Inn. Don't forget to bring a "homemade" craft/treat, or garden type item for the raffle. The fun starts at 6 PM!

We also have the Festival of Trees at Morven—the theme is "Holiday Memories." Morven's annual Festival of Trees starts November 22 and runs to January 7 – Museum hours are Wed – Sun 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Visitors can enjoy the museum's elegant galleries, hallways and porches artfully decorated for the holidays. Be sure to stop by Morven to see and vote for the peoples' choice--the West Trenton Garden Club Tree!

Also, our busy members have been preparing decorations for Princeton's Drumthwacket Holiday Decorating—the theme "An Elegant Christmas." Our members are decorating the parlor of the mansion. Viewing tours are limited to December 6, 10, 13 and 20. Be sure to register for a visit/tour on the Drumthwacket website— <http://drumthwacket.org/visit/open-houses/>

We are a busy group. This is all thanks to the guidance of special chairs and a collaboration of everyone's great ideas at work. A special thank you to all the chairs that make this possible. Another special thank you to those who made the November meeting an enormous success. The program "Easy Floral Designs for the Holiday Season" presented by Alanna Drzyga was a big hit. She created some wonderful holiday designs that went home with some happy members. And thanks to our hospitality committee chaired by Pat Bowker.

My holiday wish for every one of you is a healthy, happy and prosperous new year. Our next regular meeting is on February 5. Please check the yearbook for more information. I look forward to seeing you at one of our December events and especially the Holiday Party on December 4.

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

## November 7, 2017 Minutes

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club met on Monday Nov. 7, 2017 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. President, Camille Rainiero called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Camille welcomed all members, as well as, all guests attending the meeting. In remembrance of Dianne Dickinson, Camille did a reading in celebration of Dianne's life.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

October meeting minutes were recorded and approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was \$6,339.56.

Linda Reasoner announced Oct 2017 collection amount for Passed the Can, was \$17.89

### CORRESPONDENCE

Camille gave birthday wishes to November Birthday members. Numerous notes and cards were received from friends of Dianne Dickinson. At the request of the Dickinson family, the WTGC is sponsoring a "Dianne Dickinson Scholarship" Many friends and family members sent donations. We are continuing to receive donations. At this point, \$1,800 is in the fund.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

OCTOBER BLUB SALE Sharon Johnson said that the numbers are yet not finalize.

POINSETTIA SALE Please see or call Janis Stia or Terry Palise and place your order.

DRUMTHWACKET Barbara Bernhard said everything is doing well. The viewing dates to be announced.

MORVEN David Chmielewski announced next workshop will be at the Ewing Library: Nov 15, 1-4 PM. The setup dates are Nov 20, 10-11:30 AM and Nov 21, 1-2:30 PM  
The viewing dates are: November 22 thru January 7.

FLOWER SHOW Pat Bowker announced the following Flower Show Awards  
Horticulture Sweepstake Award **Terry Palise** 64 points, 22 entries  
Design Sweepstake Award **Helga Fontus** 9 points, 3 design entries  
Special Award **Ingrid Fair** on many committees, 2 Designs entries  
Special Award **Gerrie Pecht** most helpful at the show...always present  
Special Award **Diane Sanchez** brought the show *To Earth with Love*  
to life with her staging

Pat Bowker was recognized by Nancy Grant for her tireless efforts bringing the Flower Show to a huge success. The membership agreed giving Pat a huge round of applause!

### WTGC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

November 13 WTGC Board Meeting 7PM Ewing Community Center. Sharon Johnson will be hosting. Call Sharon if you will be attending. Agenda to Linda Reasoner.

December 2 WTGC Topiary Design Workshop let Anne Chmielweski if you will be participating.

December 4 WTGC Annual Holiday Party 6PM Blooming Grove. Pat Bowker is taking checks.

DONATIONS FOR TRENTON PSYCHIATRIC If you have a donation, see Iliana Okum.

## November Minutes (Continued)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### MEETING ADJOURNED

Pat Bower moved to adjourn the meeting. Lorraine Persiani seconded the motion. A yeas vote was called, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24PM.

### EVENING PROGRAM

EASY FLORAL DESIGNS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON presented by designer, Anna Drzyga.

**June Rosso,  
Recording Secretary**





## **December Birthdays**

**Janis Stia – December 3**

**Pat Bowker – December 13**

**Jim Keenan – December 14**

**Zofia Jablonski Feulner – December 15**

**Joan Naro – December 17**

**Colleen Harrison & Susan Smiley – December 24**

**Anna Adomaitis – December 25**

## **Dates to Remember**

**December 2: WTGC Topiary Design Workshop**

9am to 12 noon at the Ewing Senior & Community Center,  
999 Lower Ferry Rd.

**December 4: WTGC Annual Holiday Party**

**Reminder Early Start at 6 pm at Blooming Grove Inn.**

**Morven Festival of Trees Holiday Open House: This year the theme for our tree is "HOLIDAY MEMORIES."**

**Drumthwacket Holiday Decorating: We will be decorating the mansion's parlor. This year's theme is "Winter Wonderland."**

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## **November Member Responsibilities**

Flowers for Ewing Library: **Pat Bowker**

Holiday Party Committee: **Pat Bowker & Diane Sanchez**

Everyone: **Please bring your holiday craft to the party to help with our raffle.**

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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 15th of the month.

**Thank you!**



**Dianne Dickinson Scholarship Fund**

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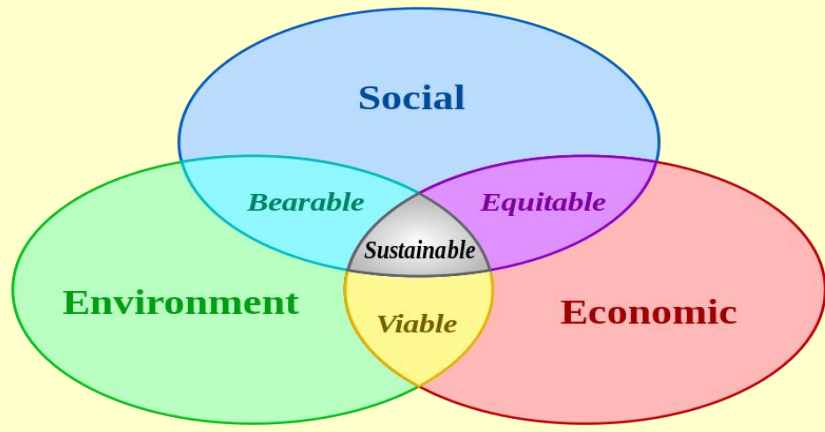
Dianne Dickinson's family  
has asked that a Scholarship Fund be started in Dianne's name.  
We are setting up a memorial scholarship fund at Investors Bank.  
Anyone that wishes to contribute to the scholarship fund in memory of Dianne  
should make a check out to the WTGC with notation – Dianne's scholarship fund.

Please send it to:

**Camille Rainiero, 7 Sheffield Road, Hamilton, NJ.**



## LIVING GREEN/ENVIRONMENTAL



### Sustainability in the Kitchen

1. Juice the cut off of your vegetables and fruits.
2. Use washable metal straws instead of disposable plastic straws.
3. Use cold water when hand washing dishes.
4. Use cloth instead of paper towels. Make your coffee instead of buying take away.

### Sustainable Beauty

1. Save gift bags and boxes for future use.
2. Give people experiences instead of things.

### Sustainable Technology

1. Use solar energy charges for your smart phone and tablets.
2. Use rechargeable batteries where possible.
3. Recycle your devices when ready to dispose.
4. Donate your old devices to schools and other institutions.

### Sustainable Lifestyle

1. Spend more time outside.
2. Eat more whole foods. Better yet go vegan.
3. Become a member at your local food coop
4. Plant a tree for someone.
5. Borrow books from the library instead of purchasing them directly.
6. Read your favorite newspaper.
7. Create a video slideshow or a blog post of how you implemented these ideas & publish it publicly.
8. Regularly prepare home cooked meals and save on takeaway storage containers
9. Adopt pets instead of breeding them. There are many orphaned pets that need homes.
10. Stop using disposable cutlery.

**More sustainability in the next newsletter.**