

The Garden Path
West Trenton Garden Club Newsletter
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President's Letter

Dear Garden Friends:

Winter is here, and this is not a mild, light jacket affair. The cold subzero temperatures are chilling to the bone. My only hope is that the cold will eradicate the pesky garden insects and diseases. But, it does not quite work that way. According to the Farmers' almanac, most insects will burrow and survive!

Ah well, we have other things to think about in this upcoming busy year ahead. First, let me thank the members responsible for our fabulous holiday party at Blooming Grove. A big thank you to Patty Bowker, Diane Sanchez and June Rosso. Also, a huge 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. And, the Morven Tree won first place in the People's Choice for the Festival of Trees at Moven. Thank you to David Chmielewski and Barbara Bernhard and your wonderful talented committees. In Addition, a special thank you to Terry Palise and Janis Stia for organizing the Poinsettia sale. The poinsettias were beautiful this year. 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 22-25. Please try to attend and plan to exhibit. See Patty Bowker, she may still need clerks. And then there is the Philadelphia Flower Show running March 3 – 11, 2018 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center—always a show stopper. Also, coming in April—will be the Pancake Breakfast and a District 7 meeting.

We have this and more for the months ahead. We have two speakers for February. John Garzio will be talking about "Growing Up in West Trenton—a little bit of history" We also have Kelly Watts who will talk about the "Boys and Girls Club of Mercer County."

Although it is cold and gray outside, it is the best time to make your spring garden plans. What will you do again or do differently? Take note of some major problems you met with in 2017 that can be resolved in 2018. I for one, am planning to make improvements. You can study the winter garden and give thought to enhancements that can be made for a more colorful garden to come this summer.

I look forward to seeing everyone on February 6.

My Best,
Camille

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Morven Festival of Trees

We received Good News that the West Trenton Garden Club Tree was voted First place at the 2017 Morven Festival of Trees. My congratulations and thanks to all those who helped make this a success. This includes those who attended workshops, shared ideas, decorated, provided accessories, donated cards and offered encouragement. Together we accomplish marvelous things.



Congratulations to David Chmielewski and the entire committee. They did a fabulous job and their first-place recognition signifies that. This is another example of the wealth of creativity we have in our garden members.

Thank you so much for sharing your creativity to represent the West Trenton Garden Club and contributing to the community 😊

Camille

Website

I have finally updated our website to include our Flower Show pictures, an update to our calendar, some photos that I took at Morven and our latest newsletters. Please check it out and enjoy.

Also - as a side note - we will be having a May Design Program at our regular meeting in May. I am collecting the smaller soup cans (tomato soup size) to use as containers which I will decorate. I, hopefully, will make them hang (like a May Basket). So, if you use soup and would like to contribute to the cause, please bring you empty (clean) cans to the next couple meetings. Thanks.

Pat Bowker

Website Chair

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January Birthdays

Nancy Grant – January 1

Grace Starrett – January 9

Barbara Bernhard – January 18

Linda Gerasimowicz – January 30

February Birthdays

Harry Gamble – February 1

Fredricka Billups – February 2

Mary Lou McCabe – February 14

Georgiann Cook – February 22

Camille Rainiero – February 23

Dates to Remember

February 5: WTGC Monthly Meeting: 7pm (OLGC)

**Program: “Growing up in West Trenton-A Little History of the Area”
By John Garzio**

February 21: GCNJ Flower Show Set-up, Raritan Convention Center, Edison, NJ

**February 22-25: NJ Flower & Garden Show: GCNJ Standard Flower Show –
Raritan Convention Center, Edison, NJ**

February Member Responsibilities

Flowers for Ewing Library: June Russo

February Hospitality Committee: **Chair: Eileen Keenan**

Jim Keenan

Sharon Guiliano

Dolores Brezak

Betty Sutterley

Rob Quinn

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!



Dianne Dickinson Scholarship Fund

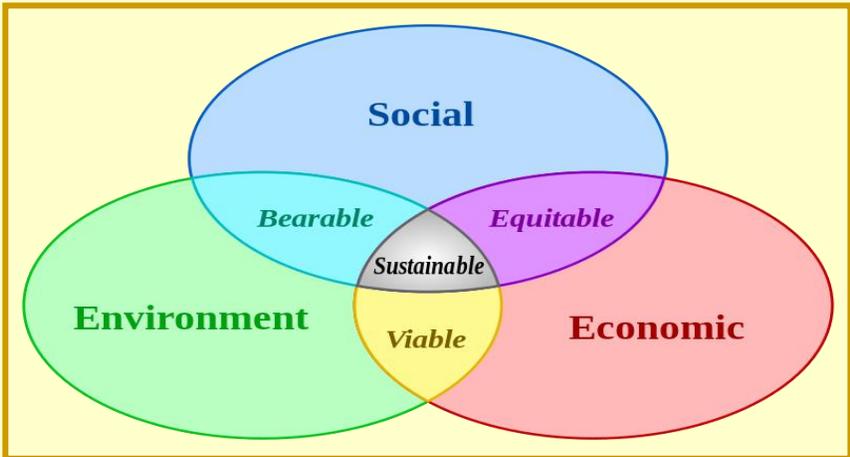
**Dianne Dickinson's family
has asked that a Scholarship Fund be started in Dianne's name.
We are setting up a memorial scholarship fund at Investors Bank.
Anyone that wishes to contribute to the scholarship fund in memory of Dianne
should make a check out to the WTGC with notation – Dianne's scholarship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

Please send it to:

Camille Rainiero, 7 Sheffield Road, Hamilton, NJ.



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RECYCLING

Everyone has a part in recycling. Use your resources. Use them again.

Recycling helps the environment by reducing the amount of virgin material extracted from the earth and by decreasing the amount of energy used to process and manufacture new products.

- Materials that can be recycled include paper plastics, glass, building materials, polystyrene foods and organic waste. Waste management is an essential procedure.
- Ensure that your materials are being recycled
- Composting can be an acceptable alternative for waste management both at home and in industry
- Dematerialize and limit purchases to necessary products. Try to eliminate them in the first place.
- Purchase environmentally preferable products. Purchase products whose manufacture will take them back at the end of their life cycle.
- Extend the life cycle of products by using them to the full extent of their useful life.
- Reuse and share materials and equipment with colleagues, trade or borrow.

Waste Management and Recycling Tips

- *Limit purchases to necessary products
- *Purchase environmentally preferable products
- *Consider using products to the full extent of their useful life
- *Share materials and equipment with coworkers and friends
- *Identify and promote recycling programs at work and in your community

More on this in the next newsletter.

Anna Adomaitis