

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

Dear Friends:

I cannot believe we are coming into August! The last month of summer is always bittersweet. Beach vacations ending, students returning to school and summer gardens offering the last of flowers and produce—but we can still enjoy those last lazy, hazy days of summer! First, I would like to extend a special thank you to Ingrid Fair and her committee for a beautiful June celebration. They did an outstanding job.

We have a busy year ahead of us and we are staying true to the theme of “Cultivating Gardens and Community. There are many events projected for the new year. The flower show will be a huge undertaking. Holiday projects are in the works, Birmingham Park, and a Blue Star Memorial may become a reality this year. More fundraising and some surprises are just a few things we will be discussing at the August meetings.

Mark your calendar for the WTGC regular monthly meeting on August 7 for the “Jersey Fresh Auction.” Bring your favorite home-grown flowers and vegetables. Or, bring in a delectable treat made from Jersey grown produce. Also, make a note to attend the board meeting on August 14.

Did you know?

1. You should harvest herbs on a dry morning, after dew has dried. The exception is mint, which you want to pick at midday, when essential oil concentrations in leaves are greatest. Avoid harvesting herbs following a rain, when foliage is wet. Pick fresh herbs for use and drying
2. Even though tomatoes continue to ripen after picking, fruits develop greatest flavor when allowed to ripen on plants. The exception is cherry tomatoes, which are prone to splitting. Pick these tasty morsels as soon as fruits start showing color.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the August 7 meeting. And I am extending an invitation to all members to get involved with the many projects that are in the works for the coming year.

**My Best,
Camille**

One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides. ~W. E. Johns

June 5, 2017 Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club met on Monday June 5, 2017 at Ewing Senior and Community Center. President Camille Rainiero called the meeting to order at 6:20PM

Camille welcomed all members to the WTGC OFFICER INSTALLATION/ ANNUAL YEAR-END BASH. Camille thanked the June Hospitality Committee for a wonderful job. Camille gave birthday wishes to all June birthdays. Camille invited Grace Starrett to give the blessing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

May minutes were recorded and approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon Johnson passed out copies of the West Trenton Garden Club 2017/2018-Proposed Budget. Camille Rainiero asked the membership to look over the proposed budget. Camille asked for a motion to approve the budget. Pat Bowker made a motion to approve the budget and Diane Sanchez seconded the motion, a yea vote approved the budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCHOLARSHIP Camille announced that the committee received a number of applications. The committee decided to award 3 scholarships. Joshua Hughes will receive \$1,000 and two Ewing High School students will receive \$500 each.

HOSPITALITY Pat Bowker said that the monthly hospitality signup board is in the back of the room. Each member needs to volunteer for one monthly hospitality committee. Pat asked that everyone choose a month and signup this evening.

FLOWER SHOW Pat Bowker said that the signup boards for Flower Show Committee, and Flower Show Design are in the back of the room, please volunteer and signup this evening.

AWARDS

WTGC YEAR-END BASH WINNING ARRANGEMENTS

Winter: Grace Starrett

Spring: Mimi Melassanos

Summer: Dolores Brezak

Fall: Pat Bowker

YEARS OF SERVICE Anna Adomaitis- 10 yrs , Jacqueline Anderson-Kraus- 5 yrs, Ingrid Fair- 15yrs, Helga Fontus- 5 yrs, and Joan Naro- 40 yrs.

RECOGNITION Sharon Johnson, Linda Reasoner, Dianne Dickinson, June Rosso, Barbara Bernhard, Susan Fair, Anne Chmielewski, and Pat Bowker.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICIERS

Camille Rainiero - WTGC President

June Rosso - Recording Secretary

MEETING ADJOURNED

June Rosso, Recording Secretary



July Birthdays

Mary Ann Losi - July 12

Jacqueline Anderson-Kraus - July 18

Judith Bubar and Greg Chaser - July 19

Terry Palise & Rob Quinn - July 28

Gerree Pecht - July 29

Pat Coiante & Eileen Keenan - July 31

August Birthdays

Kitty Lou Phillips - August 5

Diane Sanchez - August 9

June Rosso - August 13

Susan Fair - August 17

Iliana Okum - August 19

Alicia Magee & Mimi Melassanos - August 25

Dates to Remember

August 7: WTGC Monthly Meeting- 7 pm at OLG

Program: Double Header "WTGC Jersey Fresh Auction" and "Showing Horticulture for Flower Shows"

August 14: WTGC Board Meeting - 7pm HOST: Camille Rainiero at Camille's Home.

August Member Responsibilities

Flowers for Ewing Library: **Eileen Kaluzny**
August Hospitality Committee **Chair: Pat Bowker**
Georgiann Cook
Mary Ann Losi
Kay Potucek
Devah Brinker

**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!**

Dear Members,

Don't forget our August meeting is also our "Jersey Fresh" meeting. Please bring an item for the auction (one of our great fundraisers). Item suggestions are: farm market or your garden items (produce, flowers, honey, jams, etc). Or something you make from Jersey fresh items (baked goods, sauces, salsas, etc.)

Remember value should be at least \$5. The tickets for the auction will sell for \$5 a sheet.

The "Showing Horticulture for Flower Shows" portion of the August program will now be done at the September meeting. If you have any questions about the upcoming Flower Show, we can address them at the August meeting or you can contact me.

The props supplied by the FS Committee will be brought to the August meeting for the Design and Artistic Craft classes (ie frames for the Exhibition Tables, niches for the miniatures, etc.)

Hope to see most of you at our August meeting.

Pat Bowker
FS Chair
Programs Co-Chair
609-506-7575

Calling all Ewing Gardeners!

The Ewing Green Team, the West Trenton Garden Club, and Girl Scout Troop 70138 are planning the annual Through the Garden Gate Tour. It is scheduled for the weekend of September 16 and 17th. This year's tour will give the gardeners a chance to show off their gardens in late summer – and be part of the first Garden Contest! We invite you to show off your garden! For more information, go to <https://ewinggreenteam.org/garden-contest/>

The garden tour announcement and the application form were emailed to you.
Registration has been extended to August 15.
They are also in need of judges.

**Horticulture Final Report
June 2017
1867 Sanctuary at Ewing**



The 1867 Sanctuary at Ewing is a regional historic landmark that will be 150 years old in November 2017. Located at 101 Scotch Road, Preservation New Jersey became a recipient of an operating grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission and created a Community Arts & Cultural Center from this historical church.

Communicating with the Operational Managers Bob and Helen Kull last year, we worked out a collaborative relationship linking the West Trenton Garden Club with the Sanctuary to support each other by beautifying the front of the church building with 2 bold, beautiful planters to be placed to either side of their new planned outdoor benches.

This spring we met and firmed up the plan to beautify the front of the church for its 150th celebration. After agreeing on the specific planters and colors of the flowers to be placed in them, the Sanctuary contributed the pots and plants from their funds and we supplied the soil, signage and manpower to complete the plantings.

On Wednesday, June 21, 2017, four of our committee members set the planters and flowers in place to be displayed for the rest of the year. Now, we will wait for them to grow and fill out to show their fullest beauty for this elegant setting. We will check back once or twice to be sure the plantings are growing as expected and help with any questions or problems in the process of taking over maintenance.

Needless to say, we were thanked repeatedly for our interest and contributing our time to create a special setting for their 150th Celebration in our common community setting in Ewing township.

Our committee felt gratified to help through the West Trenton Garden Club horticulture commitments and resources to establish a firm relationship with another community enrichment program for the residents of Ewing Township and the greater Trenton area.

Respectfully submitted:

Horticulture Committee

Devah Brinker Anne Chmielewski

June Miller David Chmielewski

