

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

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**President's Letter**

**Dear Friends:**

It would be difficult to write to you this month without saying that October has been a month of extremes. From the busy, exciting days of the flower show to the emotionally draining news of the loss of another dear garden friend Dianne Dickinson. Going from the warmth of summer to the cool days of autumn mimics the range of emotions felt today. We have just celebrated the excitement of yet another wonderfully successful Flower Show. The feel of warm summer prevailed throughout the days of the show only to fade into the cooler weather conveying the beauty of the garden into autumn. And so, we also celebrated the life of a dear garden friend for a life well lived, complete with fond memories she has left her family and garden club friends. Like the transformation of the beauty of the garden into autumn we can look upon Dianne's passing as a beautiful transformation of her life. The Dickinson family has asked that donations be made to the West Trenton Garden Club in Dianne's name for a memorial scholarship fund. I have already received several checks and will be starting an account for a scholarship fund in Dianne's name. Anyone that wishes to donate should make a check out to the WTGC with a notation for Dianne's Scholarship Fund.

As we leave summer behind and fall arrives, it's hard not to regret the passing of all the summer blooms we love so much. But looking forward, the fall garden offers "the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fulfilment of months of thought and care and labor in the garden. And at no season do we get such outstanding color effects as from August to November." (Rose G. Kingsley, The Autumn Garden) Autumn leaf color is a spectacle that in just a few weeks we see the various shades of red, yellow, purple, black, orange, magenta, blue and brown. Enjoy these glorious days of Autumn!

Also, at the November meeting we will learn more about the upcoming holiday party, the poinsettia sale and don't forget to bring your donation for the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. All this and more—keep reading further into the newsletter.

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**President's Letter  
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As I have noted before, the collaboration and leadership qualities of our membership is boundless and the enthusiasm and spirit of cooperation is extraordinary. Thanks again to all who contributed to the setup and take down of the Flower Show and to all who contributed their time and energy to the exhibits, designs, artistic crafts and beautiful horticulture. We do have some busy months to follow with the club's projects at Morven and Drumthwacket, not to mention the Poinsettia sale and more.

As we move into November, we have another wonderful program. The November 6th program is "Easy Floral Designs for the Holiday Season by Alanna Drzyga. Easy is the ticket at this time of year. Alanna has been in the floral industry for 15 years. She has worked in various flower shops on both the west and east coast learning different techniques and styles. She is the design manager and artistic director for Georgianne, the owner of Monday Morning Flowers in Princeton. And, don't forget, many of you may be taking home one of her sample designs. Again, guests are welcome for a \$10 fee—invite your neighbor!

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**My Best,  
Camille**

## October 2, 2017 Minutes

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club met on Monday Oct. 2, 2017 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. President, Camille Rainiero called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. Camille welcomed all members, as well as, all guests attending the meeting.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

September meeting minutes were recorded and approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was \$7,572.44. Linda Reasoner announced, Oct. 2017 collection amount for Pass the Can was \$23.52.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Camille announced that Dianne Dickinson's and Camille Rainiero's individual gardens were selected as winners among 350 entries in the 2017 PHS Gardening and Greening Contest. Dianne was awarded for a Specialty Yard of Distinction and Camille won a Blue Ribbon. Camille gave birthday wishes to October Birthday members.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

OCTOBER BLUB SALE Sharon Johnson reminded members that blub orders are here and on the back table, please pickup your order. There is a fair amount of blubs left and available for sale. Please see Sharon to purchase them.

POINSETTIA SALE Janis reminded members that Poinsettia orders will be taken at the November 6, 2017 meeting. She will have the order form in the next newsletter.

GARDEN THERAPY Devah Brinker said that 8 seniors will be making flower arrangements on Wednesday October 4, 2017 at the Senior Center for the Flower Show.

DRUMTHWACKET Barbara Bernhard announced meetings are scheduled at the Senior Center, Oct. 26, and Oct 30 at 6:30 PM. Theme is Elegant Holiday. Barbara asked if anyone has a large white- silver Santa available to borrow for the project, please let her know.

MORVEN David Chmielewski is having a meeting at the Ewing Library Oct 14 at 11 AM. Please donate used Christmas Cards for ornament making.

HOLIDAY PARTY Pat Bowker/ Dianne Dickinson will put the menu order form for the holiday party in the newsletter. They will be taking menu orders and collecting monies for the holiday party at the November 6, 2017 meeting.

### GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY

GARDEN STUDY SCHOOL October 3-5 - Holly House

FALL CONFERENCES October 17 and 20 only two from each club to attend

## October Minutes (Continued)

### WTGC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

October 5 WTGC Flowers show setup Ewing SR Center

October 6-7 WTGC Standard Flower Show Pat Bowker thanked all the chairs and committees, they went above and beyond, now it is up to the everyone to bring in their photos, designs, and horticulture. Pat asked the membership to fill out the entry cards completely and correctly with botanical names, as it is a critical part of the total show evaluation. If anyone has any questions please ask and we will help you.

October 16 WTGC Board Meeting 7 PM. Sharon Johnson will be hosting at the Ewing senior, Community Center. Please let Sharon know if you will be attending. Agenda

to Linda Reasoner.

December 4 Holiday Party Blooming Grove Pat Bowker/Dianne Dickinson chairs

DONATIONS FOR TRENTON PSYCHIATRIC Camille asked for someone to take on this project to collect and deliver the donations for the hospital. Iliana Okum volunteered to take on the responsibility. Pat Bowker said that she will called the hospital and get the list of needs for Iliana and email the membership.

**Donations need to be brought to the November 6, 2017 WTGC meeting.**

YOUTH INITIATIVES Camille Rainiero announced the Lore School and Mercer Technical School will take part in the flower show

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the Newsletter for member responsibilities for Flowers for the Library and Hospitality.

### MEETING ADJOURNED

Carol Bozarth moved to adjourn the meeting, Mary Pat Voorhees seconded the motion. A yea vote was called and meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

### EVENING PROGRAM

Capital City Farm- Developing an Urban Farm and Creating a Place for Nature in the City

**June Rosso,  
Recording Secretary**





## **November Birthdays**

**Anne Chmielewski – November 1**

**Devah Brinker – November 10**

**Maggie Kramer – November 13**

**June Miller – November 19**

### **Dates to Remember**

**November 6: WTGC Monthly Meeting- 7 pm at OLG**

**Program: “Easy Floral Designs for the Holiday Season” By Alanna Drzyga.**

**Guest Fee: \$10 for this program. All designs will be raffled off.**

**November 23: Happy Thanksgiving!**

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### **November Member Responsibilities**

Flowers for Ewing Library: **Devah Brinker**

October Hospitality Committee **Chair: Pat Bowker**

**Barbara Bernhard**

**Sue Fair**

**Linda Gerasimowicz**

**Jacqueline Anderson-Kraus**

**Colleen Harrison**

**Helga Fontus**

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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!**

**Trenton Psychiatric Hospital  
Christmas Gift List  
(All New, Unused Items)**

Please bring any donated items to the November Meeting.  
Do not bring them to the Holiday Party! Thanks!

**Suggestions for Woman:** Pajamas, nightgowns, sweaters, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, socks, knit tops, hair bows, pony tail holders, cosmetic bags, and cosmetics. (Larger sizes preferred).

**Suggestions for Men:** sweatshirts, T-shirts, sport shirts, flannel shirts, wallets, hats, sport socks, baseball caps (XL, XXL Sizes needed most)

**Recreational Therapy:** playing cards, puzzles, word-search books, model cars, chess, dominos, checkers, writing pens/papers, coloring books, crayons.

**Grooming Items:** shampoo, cream rinse, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand lotion, pocket tissues, lip balm, deodorant, body wash, perfume, cologne, after shave.

**Miscellaneous Items:** Umbrellas, soft candy, gift wrap, cards, stuffed animals, costume jewelry, luggage (can be used, but in good condition), tote bags (can be used, but in good condition)

**Iliana Okum, Chair**

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**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 me—Camille Rainiero, 7 Sheffield Road, Hamilton, NJ or bring to the November meeting.**

## West Trenton Garden Club, Inc. Holiday Celebration

Monday December 4, 2017

**Where: Blooming Grove Inn**  
234 West Upper Ferry Road  
West Trenton, NJ

**Time:** 6 pm  
**Cost:** \$42.00

### Menu

Hot Appetizers Served at Each Table

Mixed Green Salad

Pasta (Served Family Style)

Entrée is a choice of:

Chicken Marsala, Veal Parmesan or Herb Encrusted Salmon

Choice of Blooming Groove's Special Desserts

Coffee & Tea (Cash Bar Available)

Please try to attend this special event: we must guarantee 30 people.

\*\*We are raffling off homemade or garden related items.

**NOTE: Unwrapped gift items to be donated to the patients at**

**Trenton Psychiatric Hospital**

**WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING,**  
**PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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

Entrée choice: \_\_\_\_\_

I am bringing a raffle item: \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

Check or cash for Holiday Celebration Dinner and meal selection is due by the November meeting.

Check written out to the "West Trenton Garden Club, Inc."

Please bring to November meeting or mail to: Pat Bowker – 10 Hastings Court, Ewing, NJ 08628

**WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB  
2017 POINSETTIA SALE**

It is time to order the Poinsettias that are going to brighten your home during the holidays, that will make great presents, and that will help to support the fundraising for our club. The prices for this year's Poinsettia sale are the same as last year. We will be selling **red, pink, white, and Jingle Bell speckled poinsettias**; sizes: **6" for \$6, and 8" for \$13.**

**Janis Stia and Terry Palise** Co-Chairs, will be taking orders at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and placing the order with Davino's. Or, you can call **Janis Stia** at home (**609-882-3862**) or email her at [stiajd5@aol.com](mailto:stiajd5@aol.com) to place your order. You may use the order form below for your order. The delivery date will be Friday, December 1, 2017 at **Terry Palise's** home: 24 Hopkins Drive, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, Telephone: 609-896-2011 **after 11 am.**

**Terry Palise & Janis Stia, Co-Chairs**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**WTGC MEMBER: YES or NO**

Poinsettia Color/Size	# of 6" @ \$6	# of 8" @ \$13	TOTAL FOR PLANTS
RED			
PINK			
WHITE			
JINGLE BELL (Speckled)			
TOTAL # OF PLANTS ORDERED FOR EACH SIZE:			

**Payment needed on the Pickup Day for the ENTIRE ORDER  
MAKE CHECK OUT TO: West Trenton Garden Club**



## LIVING GREEN/ENVIRONMENTAL

### Sustainably While Commuting

1. Buy a second-hand bicycle and start using it to commute everywhere.
2. Take the stairs over the elevator/escalator. This is also a great booty workout.
3. Use public transportation. It's also a great opportunity to catch-up on reading and other things you couldn't do if you were driving.

### Sustainable Grocery Shopping

1. Buy second hand clothes where possible.
2. Become a minimalist and the 333-time capsule challenge.
3. Invest in better quality items that last longer. Show fashion rumps fast fashion.
4. Support fashion brands that are ethical and environmentally conscious.

### Go Paperless

1. Opt to receive digital letters and notices
2. Send electronic wedding/and any or all invitations
3. Read this article on how to use an app to scan and organize all your paperwork.
4. Collect scrap paper/ reuse for notes
5. Turn off your computer when not using it and before leaving work.
6. Get rid of your home printer. This will encourage you to seek a printer when you absolutely need it.

**That's all for this month, thanks for reading. If you have other ideas please share them.  
More sustainability in the next newsletter.**

**Anna Adomaitis**