

**The Garden Path**  
**West Trenton Garden Club Newsletter**  
Website: [www.westtrentongc.org](http://www.westtrentongc.org)  
September 2017

**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 Friends:**

August has ended and those leisure relaxing days will soon be exchanged for the busy fall season. Mark your calendar for the **WTGC regular monthly meeting on September 11.**

Looking forward to the cooler days of September, we have some special projects on the horizon. Moving on with our theme of *Cultivating Gardens and Community*—we have ***Through the Garden Gate Tour*** with the Green Team coming up on September 16-17. And especially, our own ***To Earth with Love...*** a standard flower show, is a major undertaking on October 6 and 7.

We have plans to work with the community schools, Morven, Drumthwacket, a possible Blue Star Memorial and another Pancake Breakfast in the Spring. We have a lot to talk about at this next meeting. Be sure to make the meeting and learn all about what is coming up in the next few months and the new year.

The Fall bulb sale will soon be posted. Sharon Johnson has put together a nice choice 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!

Most important come to learn more about the Flower Show and how you can be an important participant. I look forward to seeing you all in September. Enjoy the rest of summer in the garden.

**My Best,  
Camille**

## August 7, 2017 Minutes

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The West Trenton Garden Club met on Monday August 7, 2017, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. President Camille Rainiero called the meeting to order 7:18 PM. Camille welcomed all members, as well as, all guests attending the meeting. Camille gave birthday wishes to July and August Birthday members.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

June meeting minutes were recorded and approved

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report \$6,440.17 Note: June was the beginning of the fiscal year Pass the Can, designed for natural disasters, was passed requesting loose change. Linda Reasoner announced \$206.51 was collected last year and sent to National. They decide where the monies are needed most.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you notes were sent to the club from Joshua Hughes and Olivia Czelvshiak, 2 of the scholarship recipients. The WTGC received an invitation to participate in the Morven Festival of Tree. Participation in the Morven event will be discussed at the next board meeting. Thank you notes were sent from the 1867 Sanctuary for designing and doing the plantings for their celebration.

Camille reminded the membership to be sure to read the Fall issue of the Newsleaf.

The WTGC awards are published in this issue.

The WTGC received the following awards at the June Annual Meeting 2017:

#### CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGION

1. Flower Show Schedule Award- 1st place Jersey Blooms 2016 Spring Flower Show (issued October 2016)
2. Certificate of Commendation for Yearbook-May 2017

#### GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY

1. Jane S. R. Bersch Trophy for Outstanding Garden Tour "Through The Garden Gate"
2. The Green Tumb Garden Club of Cranford Publications Trophy for a ....publication "Garden Path Newsletter"
3. Ringwood Garden Club Trophy for outstanding decor of a Christmas tree at Morvan
4. Woodbridge Garden Club Trophy for Outstanding program in Garden Therapy "building and planting a self-watering herb trough at the Ewing Twp Sr. Center
5. Pines Lake Garden Club Trophy for "decorating an historic building Drumthwacket"
6. Membership Award- membership over 50-having the highest percentage increase in new members.
7. Doris L. Cavanaugh Membership Participation Trophy in state events (club over 50 members) Garden Club of New Jersey Flower Show.
8. Certificate of Merit with Gold seal for an Excellent Yearbook

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**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Camille also announced that the club received \$200.00 for youth grant.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

YEARBOOK Helga said she is still in need of the write ups for members we would like to highlight in the new yearbook. Helga would like more photos of WTGC Events. Linda said she would send her photos of Morven and Drumthwack.

FLOWER SHOW Pat said that the Flower Show is 8 weeks away. We still need more volunteers to be docents. We need one more person to sign up to do a pedestal design. September regular meeting will be "How to Prepare Horticulture for Blue Ribbons in a Standard Flower Show" Anne Chmielewski will be presenting the program, as well as, going over filling out the entry cards.

GARDEN TOUR Dianne Dickinson said that there are presently 12 gardens/businesses signed up for the garden tour. Participating Gardens will be judged on September 5. The Garden Tour will take place Sept. 16 and 17 10 AM- 2 PM. If anyone is interested in participating there are applications on the front desk.

BULB SALE Sharon will be taking orders for blubs at the next Sept meeting.

HOSPITALITY Pat said that when you are hostess chair and you notice that we are low on supplies ie tea bags, sugar, please let Pat know.

**WTGC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**

WTGC Board meeting will be on Monday August 14 7 PM at Camille Rainiero's home. Please let Camille know if you will be attending. Please send Linda Reasoner any board items you would like to be discussed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please check the newsletter for member responsibilities: Flowers for the Library and Hospitality.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Maggie Kramer moved to adjourn the meeting , Janis Stia seconded the motion. A yeas vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM

**EVENING PROGRAM**

"JERSEY FRESH" by WTGC membership

**June Rosso,  
Recording Secretary**



### **September Birthdays**

**Carolyn Kane – September 3**

**Betty Sutterley – September 8**

**Linda Reasoner – September 18**

**Sharon Guiliano – September 22**

**David Chmielewski – September 25**

### **Dates to Remember**

**September 11: WTGC Monthly Meeting- 7 pm at OLG**

**Program: “How to Prepare Horticulture for Blue Ribbons in a Standard Flower**

**Show”** The Speaker will show you how to properly prepare your horticulture and make it show worthy. Do you know how to fill out an entry card? Is your plant and container “show” worthy? This program will tell you what you need to know to be prepared for our show!

**September 26: Flower Show meeting at the Ewing Sr. Center at 6:30 pm**

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### **September Member Responsibilities**

Flowers for Ewing Library: **Nancy Grant**  
August Hospitality Committee **Chair: Ingrid Fair**  
**Harry Gamble**  
**Diane Sanchez**  
**David & Ann Chmielewski**

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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!**

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## **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.  
They are also in need of judges.

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*Hey There, Hi There, Ho There!  
You're As Welcome As Can Be!*

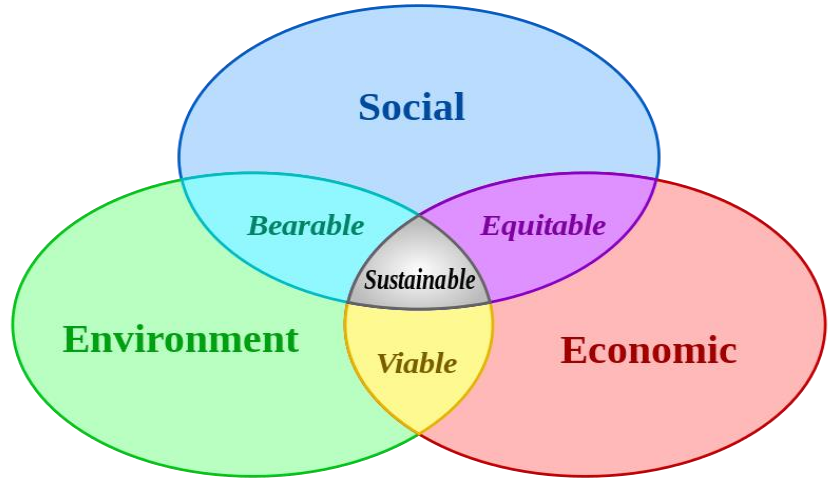
*Join us for*



*“Magical Moments”  
The GCNJ Flower Show  
February 22-25, 2018*

Set up date is Tuesday February 20  
Entries on Wednesday (Anything Can Happen Day), February 21  
*Join the Jamboree!*

## LIVING GREEN/ENVIRONMENTAL



### IN MEMORY OF KARLA ROBINSON

#### Carbon the Builders Block of Life

There is carbon in the soil, in the air, and all around us. Carbon is in everything that lives, including our gardens!

#### Back to Basics

By returning to natural farming, we can bring back the balance and synergy to the earth that our ancestors once experienced.

#### BOYCOTT CAFO:

Sourced meats and GE food products

#### SUPPORT:

Local organic farms

#### CREATE:

Your own organic garden