

Trevose



Horticultural Society

Our 100th Year
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AUGUST 2023
NEWSLETTER



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8
7 PM
BENSALEM SENIOR CENTER

It's Show Time!
Are You Ready?

“BEGINNER’S GUIDE TO BONSAI”



Trevose Horticultural Society member, Joe Heald, will demonstrate step-by-step basics on how to plant, grow and maintain a Bonsai plant. His “show and tell” will include plant selection and containers, soil preference, trimming, over wintering both in and outdoors and the proper tools for planting and maintaining. An avid gardener, Joe’s interest in Bonsai has grown over the last five years finding the art both challenging and very rewarding.

Arranged by: Cookie Woodson
Edited by: Marie Cartwright

~ Celebrating 100 years in Bucks County & the surrounding communities ~

Trevose Horticultural Society

CELEBRATING



ANNIVERSARY



ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW
“Rooted in History”

August 18th ~ 19th, 2023

St. Ephrem Catholic Church
5400 Hulmeville Rd, Bensalem

More info: (215) 441-5884 or (856) 866-9163
www.trevosegardeners.org

Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Bensalem Senior Center, 1850 Byberry Rd.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's Show Time! Are You Ready?

Believe it or not, our flower show is less than three weeks away! Our fabulous flower show is about to take place on August 18-19! It is time to review the schedule and decide what classes you might want to enter. We look forward to seeing your flowers, vegetables, container grown plants, hanging baskets, cacti, succulents and designs. It saves time if you fill out your entry cards and identify your plants now, rather than on the show floor.

We need everyone's help to make our 100th flower show a success. Please consider donating some time to setup or takedown. We can also always use help at the hospitality table and the market table area.

Here is the schedule for setup and show times at St. Ephrem's:

Wednesday, August 16, (8 AM- 4 PM available to members)

Unload trailer/Table setup/Fill water tubes, etc. starting at 9 AM (WE NEED HELP!)

Thursday, August 17, (3 - 9:30 PM available to members)

Entries accepted 6 to 8 PM

Friday, August 18, (7:30 AM - 8 PM available to members)

Entries accepted Friday morning from 8 to 10 AM

Judging starts at noon (approximate time)

Show opens to the public 4 - 8 PM

Saturday, August 19, (9 AM - 7 PM available to members)

Show time 10 AM - 4:30 PM

Clean Up: 5 - 7 PM

Please consider joining fellow garden club members from across District XI for our Annual District Meeting on September 12 at the Cedarbrook Country Club. You will find an invitation on the last page of the newsletter. Each club is asked to bring a gift basket worth \$50 and a centerpiece for the table. Ruth Dorn volunteered to do the gift basket and Ruth Kurtz volunteered to do the centerpiece. Thank you ladies!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our flower show!

Happy Gardening!

Karen





REFRESHMENTS ANYONE?

As a member of the Trevoze Horticultural Society, everyone is expected to volunteer for refreshments once a year. Please sign up at one of our upcoming monthly meetings.

August 8

Lisa Contino, Ruth Dorn

September 19

Phyllis Ashcraft, Phyllis Dietz, Phyllis Ford

October 17

Ruth Kurtz, Dick Longcoy, Betty Sykes,
Connie Simon

November 14

Arleen Patton, Ruth Gabel, Ron Cliggett

December 12

Holiday Party! Everyone brings!

Please welcome
Marita Crawford and
Carol Ann Milewski
to THS!

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-SHIP**

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2023 THS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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President - Karen Wychock
Vice-President - Karen "Cookie" Woodson
Treasurer - Lenis Van Aken
Recording Secretary
Aurea Almazan, General Meetings
Lenis Van Aken, Executive Meetings
Corresponding Secretary - Karen Wychock
Members at Large (4)
Choony Choi, Rae Glasgow and ???

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Adviser, Betty Sykes

District XI Representative

Karen Wychock

Flower Show Chair - Karen Wychock
Membership - Ruth Kurtz
Membership List - Marie Cartwright
Greeters - Choony Choi, Rae Glasgow
Historian - Lynn Kay
Little Show - Ruth Dorn and Ron Cliggett
Little Show Judges - Ruth Aumann,
Choony Choi and Rae Glasgow
Publicity - Marie Cartwright
Scholarship - Jim Kates
Awards - Unfilled
Ways and Means - Rosanne Payson
Picnic - Sally Irons, Rae Glasgow
Spotlight - Phyllis Ford



**THS
MEETING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

General Membership Meetings

Calendar for 2023

July 18
August 8
September 19
October 17
November 14
December 12

2023 Board Meetings

July 13
September 7

2023 THS Events

August 18-19
Annual Flower Show
"Rooted In History"

Fire Prevention
October 7 (tentative date)

**DISTRICT XI/GCFP
2023
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



September 12
District XI Annual Meeting
Cedarbrook Country Club

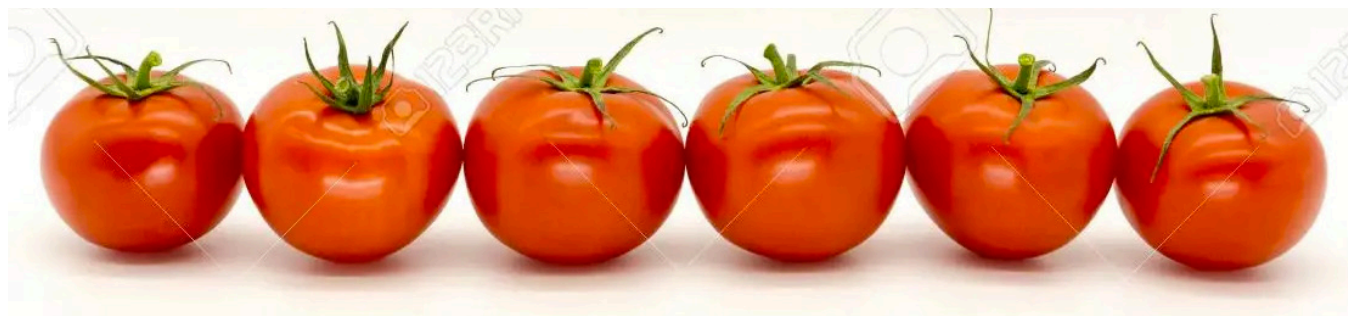
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Trevoze Horticultural Society
2023 NGC Small Standard Flower Show

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**ROOTED IN
HISTORY**

Friday, August 18
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday, August 19
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
ADMISSION FREE

St. Ephrem Catholic Church
5400 Hulmeville Road
Bensalem, PA 19020

Over 135 classes of Horticulture, Competitive Floral
Designs, a Junior Division, Educational Exhibits.

You're invited to celebrate Trevoze Horticultural Society's 100th Birthday on August 18-18, 2023. Our show, entitled "Rooted In History," will once again take place at St. Ephrem Church on Bensalem, PA.

In 1923, Mr. Jay V. Hare, Secretary of the Reading Railroad, persuaded a number of his friends and associates to join him in putting on a flower show in the village of Trevoze where he had his home. At that time, Lower Bucks County was real countryside with wide vistas of rolling green acres. In these surroundings, Jay Hare found his avocation in the pursuit of horticulture, as did his neighbors; Mr. Garrett V. Clark, an executive with the Buchanan Printing Company of Philadelphia, and Mr. Charles S. Randall, an outstanding grower of dahlias and other flowers. For the next 18 years these three men led the fledgling Trevoze Horticultural Society in Pennsylvania. We now find ourselves celebrating our 100th birthday! What an amazing accomplishment. Whether you have been a THS member for many years, or a member for a few months, we are happy to have you as a participating member of the Trevoze Horticultural Society.

As usual, we need your help in making this another great flower show! Please consider volunteering your time to the show in a way that fits your interests and time. Can you help set up the show? Can you donate a gift basket? Can you volunteer to clerk the show? Can you act as a hostess/host? We have a job for everyone!

Gift Baskets: Ruth Kurtz is once again chairing the gift baskets. We all love "end of the season sales" so please keep your eyes open for all of those great buys. We have people of different ages and people with different interests attending our show. We are asking you to put together a themed basket with approximately \$50 worth of items and bring it to the show. If you have an individual item or want to make a cash donation toward a basket, please bring them to the meeting. If you have any questions or want to discuss an idea, please call Ruth Kurtz at 215-674-9720 or email her at rek302@gmail.com.



Market Place/Food Table: As usual we need homemade food items such as cakes, cookies, candy, jams and jellies! Visitors love homemade goodies! Our "white elephant" table can also use donations. Rummage through your closets, attic and garage for any unwanted garden pots, hand tools, garden decorations, books and jewelry! Please see Ruth Dorn with any questions.

Plant Table: Our visitors are always lined up for one of Choony Choi's great floral designs! She can always use vases, potted plants, and cut flowers/greens from our gardens. You can always stop at Produce Junction for a few flower bouquets for Choony's designs. She always needs greens for her arrangements.

Hospitality: As always, we need greeters! Our visitors need a warm welcome from one of our members. A smile goes a long way when someone is not quite sure of their surroundings. Won't you help in donating an hour of your time? If available, please contact Phyllis Dietz at 215-676-1375.

Clerks: Have you ever dreamt of following the judges around our show? If so, your dream has come true! Simply let Karen know that you would like to be a clerk at this year's show! No experience necessary! We need 8 clerks this year.

"BASKETS AND MORE" TABLE

We are in need of baskets and single items for the table of "chances" which provides funds for student Scholarships. We have people of different ages and people with different interests attending our show. We need 15 to 20 baskets to fill the table. Some suggestions are below.

- Something for Men: books, sports clothing, memorabilia, Lottery Tickets.....
- Baking Items or Kitchen Items.....A single appliance
- Something for Baby or Children
- Family Fun Pizza Making Kit
- Food Basket (non-perishables), Theme Night (Italian, etc.)
- Back to school supplies
- Restaurant Gift Cards or Theatre Gift Cards
- Costco has reduced price cards. Check Sam's Club or B.J.'s
- Check with a restaurant or theatre to see if they'll match a gift card you buy....\$25 to \$50
- Staycation Basket-Rainy Day games (cards, board games, puzzles)
- Outdoor Games (Sprinkler games, Slip and Slide, Twister, Ladder Toss, etc.)
- Best buys at Amazon
- Date Night Basket- Bottle of wine, Gourmet cheeses and snacks
- Movie tickets



We are asking you to put together a themed basket, box, or any other appropriate container with approximately \$50 worth of items and bring it to the show. If you have any individual items to offer, bring them to the meeting and we may be able to include them in a basket. Individual items such as small appliances, gift cards, etc. are also acceptable.

If you have any questions or want to discuss an idea, please call Ruth Kurtz at 215-674-9720 or email her at rek302@gmail.com. If you would like more specific ideas for basket content, please search the internet for Best Raffle Basket Ideas. (Submitted by Ruth Kurtz)





Ginny Levin's first garden was a showplace of flowers: Crocuses, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Tulips, Peonies, Gladiolas, and Roses and various shrubs. She was known as the "Barefoot Gardener." Now, her space is much smaller, but her town house garden has something new. Ginny discovered pots. She has about a dozen various sizes and enjoys moving them around the site. Her plants include Boxwoods, Portulaca, white Geraniums, and her new favorite, Glaminis which are petite sized gladiolas with full sized flowers. Morning Glories are a focal point. They self seed each year and grow all the way to the roof on a trellis. Another plant, Creeping Jenny, is spreading by itself into the front and backyard.

Ginny is looking forward to participating in THS and wants to learn how to force spring bulbs. She would like to see them inside in the fall and winter. Maybe she will join our PHS exhibitors. Inside she grows a ton of Pothos, a few cacti, Amaryllis for a pop of color, and Anthuriums, something new for her. She is expecting to root some of the Pothos for our Flower Show! Ginny inherited her mother's love of Gladiolas, but prefers Glaminis, because they are easier to overwinter, she hopes. She really loves flowers and bulbs!

We are glad to welcome her!
(Submitted by Phyllis Ford)



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event is a special day filled with fun and fundraising to benefit area non-profit organizations. THS will be participating in this year's event scheduled for October 18. We have the opportunity to sell a \$5 discount shopping pass to the event that's good for 25% off almost all purchases during Friends Helping Friends Day! 100% of the ticket donation goes directly to the selling organization, and donors will have the opportunity to win fabulous prizes, while enjoying refreshments and entertainment throughout the store. Passes will be sold at our August and September meeting. Rosanne will be working with Lynn on July 27 and Geigi on August 24 at Boscov selling friends needing friends coupons. Thank you to Rosanne Payson for heading this initiative. We hope to see everyone at Boscovs in October for some great deals!



GARDEN CHATTER

YOUR AUGUST "TO DO" LIST

- Keep plants well watered – especially containers and newly planted plants. August is often very hot and dry. Containers are still most likely going to need daily water.

- Hire a waterer or rig up a timer and sprinkler (or drip-irrigation system) if you're going away on vacation. This is especially important for containers and new plantings. Also hire a lawn-mowing pinch-hitter if you'll be away for more than a week.



- Scout for pest problems and treat as needed. This month watch for bagworms on evergreens; budworms on annuals; second generation of scale on euonymus; webworms on fruit trees; spider mites on spruce and other evergreens; scale on magnolia, and lacebugs on azaleas and pieris.
- Continue deadheading spent annual flowers and trim off spent flower stalks of perennials after they bloom.
- Pull weeds in beds and spot-spray for weeds in lawn. Do not feed or weed-'n-feed the lawn this month, especially if the lawn has gone brown and dormant.

- Harvest vegetables and replant space with beans, carrots, beets, cucumbers or fall plantings of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower,



kale, spinach, lettuce, chard or radishes. Discard tomatoes and other plants infected with blight and other diseases.

- New perennials, trees and shrubs can be planted so long as you keep them well watered.
- Annuals melting out in the heat? Hide any key dead spots by moving a flower pot there. Or replace them with mums or pansies to get you through the rest of the season.
- Continue feeding aquatic plants and fish. Trim overgrown marginal plants and keep pond topped off.
- Last chance to apply grub preventers such as Merit (imidacloprid) or Mach 2 (halofenozide) to head off this year's crop of grubs, which begin hatching from beetle-laid eggs this month.
- Last call to neaten hedges and evergreens with light prunings. Knock it off after this month.

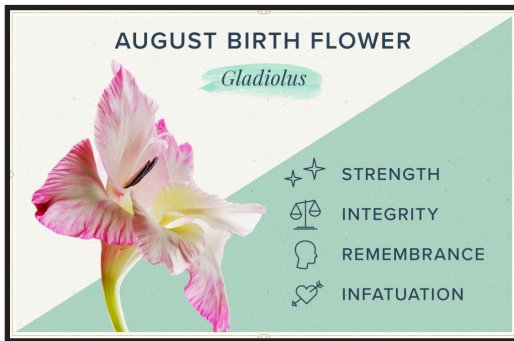


- Monitor lawns for chinch bug and sod webworm damage. Use lawn insecticide if needed.
- Monitor junipers for phomopsis blight and lilacs, dogwoods, phlox, bee balm and other plants for powdery mildew. Treat as needed.
- Stop fertilizing roses for the season after this month.
- Continue spraying program for fruit trees (that haven't yet been harvested) and roses.
- George Weigel (george@georgeweigel.net)



BIRTH MONTH FLOWERS AND THEIR MEANINGS

Long before email, texting, instant messages or even phone calls, people used flowers to communicate. The language of flowers — also known as floriography — was popular in the 18th and 19th century. While we now have more ways to communicate, the messages told with flowers are as meaningful today as ever. Each birth month flower has a unique meaning, and is sure to make the recipient feel extra special.



AUGUST - THE GLADIOLUS

The long, lovely gladiolus is the August birth flower and symbolizes strength, integrity and infatuation. A member of the iris family, “glads” are also called sword lilies because of their sharply pointed leaves and tall stalks of flowers with pointed tips. The Latin name for Gladiolus is gladius, a clear reference to the sword-swinging gladiators of ancient Rome.

There are 255 species of gladiolas and the plants range in size from two to five feet tall with elegant trumpet-shaped blossoms that grow in a double row along the stem. You can find hybrid varieties with

ruffled, wavy or frilled petals and the flowers can be found in almost every color.

Gladiolus Birth Flower Origin

The gladiolus is native to tropical Africa and areas around the Mediterranean and Middle East. It is believed that gladiolus plants were first brought to Europe in the early 18th century. Around the 1820s, gardeners began to seriously cultivate gladiolas and create hybrid varieties that became very popular in gardens and as cut flowers.

Around 1837, new green, brown and purple shades of gladiolus flowers were developed in Belgium. In 1870, the French introduced a newly discovered species with deep purple streaks. By the 1880s, German and other European plant breeders had developed over 2000 named varieties of gladiolas, which first appeared in American nurseries around 1891 and became wildly popular.

The flower is a symbol for healing. The Mediterranean and British used gladiolus flowers to treat physical illness. In England, the corms of gladiolus plants were used as bandages for drawing out splinters and thorns. In powdered form and mixed with goat milk, the corms were also found to soothe symptoms of colic in babies. Some species and parts of the flower are poisonous though and should not be within reach of children or animals as they can cause allergic reactions such as skin irritation. If you want to be safe, you might be better off just enjoying the gladiolus as a decorative flower.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

AUGUST 6, MARY WAGNER, AUGUST 13, DEE CRAWFORD, AUGUST 13, BETTY SYKES, AUGUST 16, RUTH KURTZ AND AUGUST 20, ROSANNE PAYSON



FLORAL DESIGN CLASS
NGC PARALLEL DESIGN

Members of THS and Old York Road Garden Club came together for their second floral design class. Parallel Design was the assignment of the day. Karen gave a brief explanation and demonstration on parallel design. Attendees then had plenty of time to create their own design using white Fuji mums, Liatrus, Mini Carnations, Asters and boxwood. Thank you to Lenis Van Aken for helping to teach this workshop. We'll be back in October and November for our next design classes. Stay tuned for details.



BIRDSEED ORNAMENT WORKSHOP #2

“Thank you” to our THS members who helped to make 200 birdseed ornaments for our upcoming flower show. A Big “Thank You” also to the members of Old York Road Garden Club who volunteered their time to help us. Many hands make light work!





Please consider taking part in our Little Show each month! We always offer a design class and several horticulture classes. It's a great way to practice for our Annual Flower Show. Ruth Dorn always has entry cards available for you to use.

TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR VIRTUAL LITTLE SHOW!

AUGUST LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - 'LINE DRIVE, BATTERS UP!'

1. Emphasis on Line

HORTICULTURE

2. Zinnia, giant flowered, over 4", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
3. Zinnia, medium flowers, 2" to 4", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
4. Zinnia, small flowered, under 2", 5 blooms, 1 or more varieties
5. Marigold, over 3 1/2", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
6. Marigold, 2" to 3 1/2", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
7. Marigold, 1 spray
8. Rose, 1 bloom
9. Rose, 1 spray
10. Vegetable or fruit, specimens on paper plate
11. Annual, any other type, 1 stem
12. Perennial, any type, 1 stem or cluster
13. Best of Your Garden, collection of flowers or herbs, 3 or more varieties, Supply a list.
14. Best of Your Garden, collection of vegetables, 3 or more varieties, Supply a list.



SEPTEMBER LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - 'CHILD'S PLAY (INCLUDE ACCESSORY)'

1. Small design (minimum 8" high, not to exceed 12" in height)
2. ARRANGEMENT OF CHOICE - You decide! Anything Goes!

HORTICULTURE

3. Zinnia, giant flowered, over 4", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
4. Zinnia, medium flowered, 2" to 4", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
5. Marigold, over 3 1/2", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
6. Marigold, 2" to 3 1/2", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
7. Annual, any other type, 1 stem
8. Perennial, any type, 1 stem or cluster
9. Rose, 1 stem, spray or cluster
10. Vegetable or fruit, 3 specimens on a paper plate
11. Bulb, corm or tuber, 1 bloom
12. Best of Your Garden, collection of flowers, 3 or more varieties. Supply a list.
13. Best of Your Garden, collection of vegetables, 3 or more varieties. Supply a list.

GCFP District XI Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Cedarbrook Country Club, 180 Penllyn Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Registration 9:30-10:30 AM, Meeting and Program 10:30 AM

Program: Imitating the Masters



Menu Selections:

Cobb Salad: Mixed greens, bacon bits, tomato, avocado, hardboiled eggs, warm sliced grilled chicken breast. *crumbled blue cheese served on each table, balsamic vinaigrette, ranch, red wine vinaigrette dressing on each table. This salad can be made vegetarian (the chicken and bacon bits left off).*

Lemon Herb Crusted Salmon: Seared salmon topped with panko, butter, lemon, and herb topping then baked, drizzled with a lemon dill cream sauce, served with roasted red potatoes and green beans.

Chicken Marsala: Mushroom and Marsala wine demi glaze. Served with roasted red potatoes and green beans.

Dessert: Cheesecake drizzled with Melba sauce and sliced strawberry garnish.

Reservations must be made before August 28, 2023 **Guests welcome**

Send check for \$40.00, payable to GCFP-District XI to:

Rosemarie Hardy, 774 Moccasin Drive, Harleysville, PA 19438-1623

Name _____ Garden Club (s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Circle Meal Selection Choice

Chicken Marsala Salmon Cobb Salad Vegetarian Cobb Salad

Dietary Restrictions: _____