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Horticultural Society

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NEWSLETTER



THS...101 Years and Still Growing!

Happy Valentine's Day!



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
7 PM
BENSALEM SENIOR CENTER

"SEED STARTING DEMYSTIFIED"



If you have never started seeds indoors, or you have tried and failed, this presentation is for you. Bucks County Master Gardener, Joan Pavlica, will describe everything you need to know to successfully start seeds indoors. Her Power Point program will include interpreting seed packet information, choosing soil medium and containers, transplanting, fertilizing and hardening off seedlings for outdoor planting.

Since Joan became a Penn State Master Gardener in 2013 her many volunteer activities include Chair of the Container Garden, membership in the Speaker's Bureau, conducting in-person workshops and answering home gardening questions on the Garden/Watershed Hotline. She has written the Master Gardener article in the Upper Bucks Free Press for 7 + years along with a fellow Master Gardener.

A graduate of the Penn State Master Watershed Steward Training Program Joan has participated in many activities at Nockamixon State Park. Joan enjoys sharing her interests with presentations on container gardening, native plants for pollinators, seed starting and raising succulents. In her spare time Joan tends to her four raised bed gardens and loves to cook and bake with fresh veggies.

Arranged by: Cookie Woodson
Edited by: Marie Cartwright

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The GCFP state convention, "Petals and Patchwork," is being held on April 7-9, 2024 in Lancaster, PA. The state convention offers great speakers, workshops and an opportunity to mingle with garden club members from across the state. Convention information can be found in your Keystone Gardener or on the GCFP website at <https://pagardenclubs.org/>...look under the "More" tab on the right hand side. It contains everything that you need to know about the convention. I hope that you can attend this year's convention!



The Philadelphia Flower Show is fast approaching. It will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center March 2-10 under the theme "United By Flowers." The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show is the nation's largest and longest-running horticultural event and fundraiser featuring stunning displays by the world's premier floral, garden, and landscape designers.

Our next District XI meeting will take place on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at the Willow Grove Super Giant Community Room (315 York Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090). Social time and registration starts at 9 AM followed by the Meeting and Program at 10 AM. The Program, "Attracting and Cultivating Native Bees," will be presented by Sandy Sweeney. The Swedesford Garden Club will be hosting the meeting.



District XI will be hosting the GCFP Convention entitled, "A Gardening Revolution" in April of 2025. Please consider supporting this event by purchasing an apron, canvas bag or T-shirt! Order forms are available at every meeting. All make great gifts! The blue bell was chosen for our logo because it will be blooming in Valley Forge Park during the time of the convention.

Save the Date! The THS Flower Show will take place on August 23-24, 2024. Details to follow.

Hope to see you at our February meeting!
Karen

SAVE THE DATE



2024 THS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Meetings

February 20
“Seed Starting Demystified”

March 19
“Growing Dahlias”

April 16
“Cannabis”

May 21
“Vegetable Gardening 101”

June 18
“Design it, Grow it, Show it!”

July 16
“Tiny Forests”

August 13

September 17
“Storing Tender Bulbs”

October 15
“Pruning Demonstration”

November 19

December 10
Holiday Get Together!

2024 Board Meetings

April 4
July 11
September 5

Plant Sale
May 18

Annual Flower Show
August 23-24

2024 THS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

OFFICERS

President - Karen Wychock
Vice-President - Karen “Cookie” Woodson
Treasurer - Lenis Van Aken
Recording Secretary - Anne Krull
Newsletter - Karen Wychock
Corresponding Secretary - Ruth Dorn
Members at Large (4)
Choony Choi, Rae Glasgow and ???

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

District XI Representative - Karen Wychock
Flower Show Chair - Karen Wychock
Membership - Dick Longcoy, Ruth Kurtz
Membership List - Marie Cartwright
Greeters - Choony Choi, Rae Glasgow
Historian - Lynn Kay
Little Show - Ruth Dorn and Ron Cliggett
Little Show Judges - Marie Cartwright, Lenis VanAken, Choony Choi
Publicity - Marie Cartwright
Scholarship - Jim Kates, Phyllis Ashcraft
Awards - Karen Wychock
Ways and Means - Jim Kates
Picnic - Cookie Woodson
Spotlight - Phyllis Ford, Ann Krull

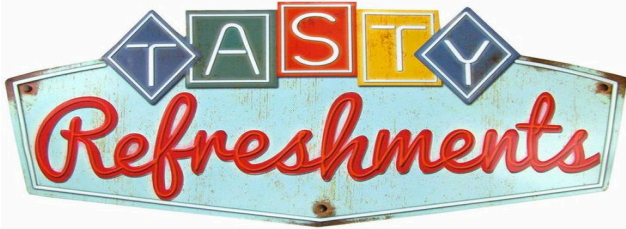
District XI Spring Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2024

“Attracting and Cultivating Native Bees”

Willow Grove Super Giant
Community Room
315 York Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090

Registration/Social Time - 9 AM
Meeting and Program - 10 AM



Refreshments anyone?

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

February 20

March 19

April 16

May 21

June 18

July 16

August 13

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 10

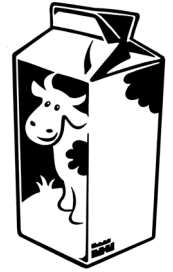
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**Check out the
Trevoise Horticultural Society
website at
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for our latest
Calendar of Events and
newsletters!**



TRASH TO TREASURE CONTEST

“IN A MILKWORK GARDEN”



Lancaster County produces 2.1 billion pounds of milk annually (1776 farms).

Lancaster ranks 1st in PA and 10th in the country in milk production. The contest is based on reuse and repurposing milk cartons and dairy containers in crafting a patchwork with a garden theme.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Entry to be a mounted Patchwork, Appliqué artwork which can also be framed (optional). It can be multi-dimensional (eg: extended petals, leaves design, etc.).
2. Dimensions: No larger than 14" X 14." Height Limited to 14". Can use 11"x14" repurposed frame. The entry can also be displayed on an easel stand.
3. Weight: No more than 15 lbs.
4. Materials: All type of repurposed materials used for milk containers including cartons, plastics and glass (which can be painted). 20% of the design may be other materials (glue, paint, beads, etc.).
5. Each entry must include a 3 x 5 card: Front: Title and a list of materials used. Back: District, Garden Club, Designer(s) name and mailing address. Entry may be work of more than one person.

ONLY ONE ENTRY FROM EACH DISTRICT

Selection method is determined by the district. District entries selected for Convention competition must be submitted on Sunday, April 7 from 11-5 PM at the Doubletree Resort by Hilton Hotel. Judging will be at 5:15 PM. Entries are not to be judged under the same standards as a flower show.

Trash to Treasure Co-Chair: Naser and Marsha Chowdhury
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SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING

Conformance (fits within stated dimensions, wt)	20 pts
Artistic Concept (creative use of recycled materials ..	50 pts
Expression (interpretation of theme)	20 pts
Execution (workmanship)	10 pts
TOTAL	100 pts



GARDEN CHATTER

YOUR FEBRUARY "TO DO" LIST

If soil has been freezing and thawing, check newly planted perennials and shrubs. If root balls have "heaved" up out of soil to expose roots, tamp them back down.

Prune fruit trees and apply dormant oil during above-40-degree day.

Take cuttings of spring bloomers such as cherry and magnolia and place in water in a vase for forced indoor blooms.

If you stored last year's geraniums, take cuttings, water and put under lights or in a bright spot.

Start seeds inside of lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, chard and most perennial flowers. Also a few early tomatoes if you use Wall-o-Waters or similar freeze protectors for April planting.



If you've overwintered a "mother plant" of a specimen tropical or annual, take cuttings and start them inside in pots under lights or next to a bright window. Some of the easiest are coleus, geraniums, begonias, alternanthera and Persian shield.

Bring any remaining potted forced bulbs inside or take them out of the refrigerator to begin growing.

Tamp down any young plants that are pushing up from freezing and thawing.

Inspect stored cannas, dahlias, caladium and other tender bulbs. Toss any that are rotting.

Reapply deer repellents.

Get your landscaping game plan lined up and plant lists finalized so you can hit the ground running at winter's end.



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Prune off any broken or storm-damaged branches as soon as you notice them.

Take advantage of any nice days and thawed ground to edge your garden beds.



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.

January's birth flowers are the carnation and snowdrop.



It takes a distinctly strong bloom to blossom in the cold winter months. As the most popular birth flower for January, carnations are a bright spot in this gloomy month. They are one of the few flowers that can bloom in cool weather, as long as temperatures remain just above freezing.

Also known as the gillyflower, carnations symbolize admiration, love and distinction. They're beautiful and simple blooms, which makes them charming both as a filler flower and as a colorful bouquet.

The charismatic carnation comes in several different colors, which convey different meanings, much like roses. For example, a pink carnation can mean simple affection, while a dark red carnation means deeper love.

CARNATION COLORS & MEANINGS

- Light Red.....Admiration
- Dark Red.....Deep Love
- White.....Innocence, Pure Love, Remembrance
- Pink.....Affection, A Mother's Love
- Purple.....Capriciousness
- Yellow.....Disappointment, Rejection
- Striped.....Regret

According to Christian lore, pink carnations sprouted from the tears of the Virgin Mary as she wept for Jesus. Therefore, a pink carnation often symbolizes a mother's unyielding love.

Happy Birthday to Janice McMaster - January 24

February's birth flower is the violet.



While many relate red roses with February thanks to Valentine's Day on the 14th, the violet is actually the February birth flower. This purple-hued bloom is a symbol of modesty, faithfulness and virtue. In the Victorian age, a gift of violets was a declaration to always be true, and it still serves as a wonderful reminder of loyalty, thoughtfulness and dependability.

Although not as widely popular as roses, violets are impressive flowering plants in their own way. It was named violet or viola in Latin as a reference to the flowers' traditional violet-colored petals. But do you know that these fragrant and delicate February birth flowers also bloom in white, yellow, cream, and blue?

Violets hold a rich history and different symbolisms. According to a myth, St. Valentine crushed violet flowers to make ink and write notes to his friends during his banishment. A violet flower was also used to make the love potion in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



- Happy Birthday to Heidi Helmich - February 2
- Marie Cartwright - February 9
- Liz Arnold - February 14
- Diana Raudenbush - February 16
- Lynn Kay - February 19
- Natalie Dopp - February 23
- Elmer Irons - February 26



Our December meeting was filled with fun, laughter and fresh greens as our members created a beautiful centerpiece or wreath for their holiday decor. Karen Wychock demonstrated how to work with the greens and then design each piece. Members were then free to play! Each piece was then accented with berries, holly and carnations. Thank you everyone who brought material for these creatures. Thank you to Sue Bunkin from the Tohickon Garden Club for volunteering her time in helping members hone their skills!





Please consider taking part in our Little Show, especially our designs!
It's a great way to try design and hone your skills.
Don't be shy!

TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR LITTLE SHOW!

FEBRUARY LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - 'TICKLED PINK'

1. Almost red to light pink will do!
2. Anything Goes!

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3. African Violet - single crown, single flowered
4. African Violet - single crown, double flowered
5. Fern, any type, pot under 10" (Asparagus fern is not acceptable)
6. Herb, any type, single plant in any size pot
7. Foliage plant, pot under 6", 1 specimen
8. Flowering plant, 6-10", 1 specimen
9. Any other specimen



MARCH LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - 'Mardi Gras'

1. Make it festive!
2. Anything Goes!

HORTICULTURE

3. Cactus, 1 specimen, any size pot
4. Succulent (excluding Cacti), 1 specimen, any size pot
5. Flowering plant, pot under 6", 1 specimen
6. Foliage plant, pot 6" to 10", 1 specimen
7. Forced bulb(s), any type
8. Forced flowering branch, 1 specimen

