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Horticultural Society

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JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

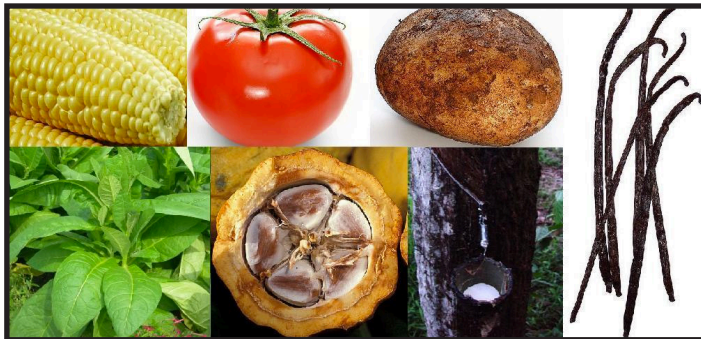


**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JULY 18
7 PM**

BENSALEM SENIOR CENTER

**THE TEN MOST USEFUL PLANTS IN
PENNSYLVANIA BEFORE
COLUMBUS**



Long before Columbus arrived, Native Americans used their botanic resources for food, medicine, building materials, fibers and dyes. They took advantage of the unique properties of hundreds of plant species to meet specific needs. Chris Applegate, an educator with Churchville Nature Center, the Museum of Indian Culture (Allentown, PA) and Bucks County Master Gardener will review ten plants that were among the most useful to the original people of Pennsylvania. Chris will provide examples to support her selections along with some really 'old school' garden tools. A very interesting and timely program to celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

Arranged by: Cookie Woodson
Edited by: Marie Cartwright



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

It's Show Time! Are You Ready?

Believe it or not, our flower show is a mere seven weeks away! Now is the time to review the schedule and decide what classes you might want to enter. We still have a few openings in design so please consider entering one of them. Give Lenis a call at 215-322-4154 to register. What about horticulture? You can enter flowers, vegetables, container grown plants, hanging baskets, cacti, succulents, etc. Whatever you choose, we will enjoy seeing them at our show in August. You can enter your specimens in 129 classes of horticulture as listed in our flower show schedule. Please take the time to look over the schedule and plan your entries!

On Thursday, July 20, we will be making birdseed ornaments at my home from 10 AM - 12 Noon. No experience needed! We simply mix a dough and press it into a mold (cookie cutter or cake pan). If you don't want to get your hands sticky, you can string the ornaments that are complete. We will be selling the ornaments at our flower show. All sales benefit future scholarships. Let me know if you are able to help out with the project.

Our next board meeting is set for Thursday, July 13 at 12:30 at the Bensalem Senior Center. All are welcome. We will be making final preparations for our upcoming flower show. After the board meeting Linda Ewing has invited us to visit her greenhouse. Linda donates many of her succulents to our show. We should be there around 3 pm...hope you can join us to see her greenhouse.

Her address is
3623 Glen Way
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

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 page 12. Each club is asked to bring a gift basket worth \$50 and a centerpiece for the table. Trevoise will cover the cost of both. You just need to hand in your receipts to Lenis. If you are interested in putting the gift basket together or creating a table centerpiece please let me know by August 1. We need your help since I will be out of the country that week.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, July 18!

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.

July 18

Lynn Contino, Heidi Helmich, Ann Krull,
Mary Wagners

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!

2023 THS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

OFFICERS

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

June 20
July 18
August 8
September 19
October 17
November 14
December 12

2023 Board Meetings

July 13
September 7

2023 THS Events

May 20
Annual Plant Sale

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

**Garden & Watershed
HOTLINE**



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bucksmg@psu.edu

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residents!



PennState Extension

Trevese Horticultural Society
2023 NGC Small Standard Flower Show

THS



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.

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.

Donation Letters: In trying to complete our gift baskets, we ask local businesses for donations. Donations may be in the form of gift cards to local garden centers, building supply stores, restaurants, etc. A letter of introduction is already written for you and available from Karen Wychock at all meetings.

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.

You’re invited to celebrate Trevese 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 Trevese 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 Trevese 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 Trevese Horticultural Society.

As usual, we need your help in making this another great

"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)



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB
PARALLEL DESIGN
JULY 12, 2023

A Parallel Design is a design consisting of three (3) or more groupings of plant material and optional components with a strong parallel placement in a single container and/or base.

1. Multiple containers/bases may be used if combined to appear as one unit
2. Parallel direction may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal within the allotted space.
3. The overall effect must appear parallel. Groupings need not be equidistant from each other.
4. A connective/s may be used at the base of the design.



If you have never taken a floral design class and want to learn to create beautiful floral designs, here is your chance! Lenis Van Aken and Karen Wychock will be offering a floral design class on July 12. They will be teaching the basics of National Garden Club (NGC) floral design. All are welcome! No design experience is necessary! Come to learn and to have some fun with fellow garden club members!

Classes will be held at Christ's Home located at 800 York Road from 6:30-8:30 PM. We will meet in the Community Center located in the center of the campus. The materials fee for each class will be \$20. THS will provide everything that you need to create a beautiful floral design - a container, oasis, flowers and plant material. We only ask that you bring a pair of clippers for cutting flower stems. **Preregistration and payment in advance is required for these classes.**

We do need greens to cover the oasis on this design. This is a good time to trim your boxwood or your neighbor's boxwood. Karen has some boxwood cuttings, but could use more. If you have any boxwood cuttings, please bring them along.

Please send your payment for \$20 to Lenis Van Aken by July 3 to secure your spot in this class. Lenis and I look forward to seeing you on July 12 at 6:30 at Christ's Home.

Lenis VanAken
68 Murray Road
Holland, PA 18966-1740

Thanks,
Karen Wychock (215-460-8853)



GARDEN CHATTER

YOUR JULY "TO DO" LIST

*Watch for Japanese beetles. They're the biggest pest of the month. Hand-pick, repel with neem oil or mint-based sprays or use a traditional insecticide if they're really bad. Beetle traps usually make the problem worse unless everyone else around you is also using them. If you're the only trapper, they're all coming your way.

*Also scout for and treat if necessary for bagworms on evergreens and shade trees; galls on spruce; slugs on hosta; spider mites on spruce and other evergreens; lacebugs on azaleas and pieris; mimosa webworm on honeylocusts, and scale on euonymus. Remember: No spraying in the hot afternoon sun or whenever temperatures are over 85 degrees.

*Keep plants well watered – especially newly planted plants – if rain isn't sufficient. July is usually the hottest, driest month. Early-morning and early-evening watering is best.

*Especially check pots and hanging baskets daily for water. Turn them a quarter of a turn every few days to keep growth uniform and upright (not one side leaning to the sun). Fertilize containers at least weekly at half-strength for best results.

*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. Another trick is setting pots in a shallow container of water; they'll take up water through the drainage holes and buy you a day or two without watering.

*Monitor junipers for phomopsis blight and mildew and leaf-spot-prone plants for leaf disease. Treat if needed. Also check yourself for ticks after working outside.



*Stop pinching back mums after the first week of July.

*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.

*Grub preventers such as Merit (imidacloprid) can be applied to the lawn this month if you didn't apply it in June. Milky spore is an organic alternative against Japanese beetle grubs that's somewhat effective but slow to take hold.

*Monitor lawns for chinch bug and sod webworm damage. Use lawn insecticide if needed.

*Neaten hedges and evergreens with light prunings.

*Harvest vegetables and replant space with beans, carrots, beets or cucumbers. Start seeds of broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower for a fall crop.

*New perennials, trees and shrubs can still be planted so long as you keep them well watered.

*Remove suckers (sprouts from the roots) from around crabapples and other fruit trees.

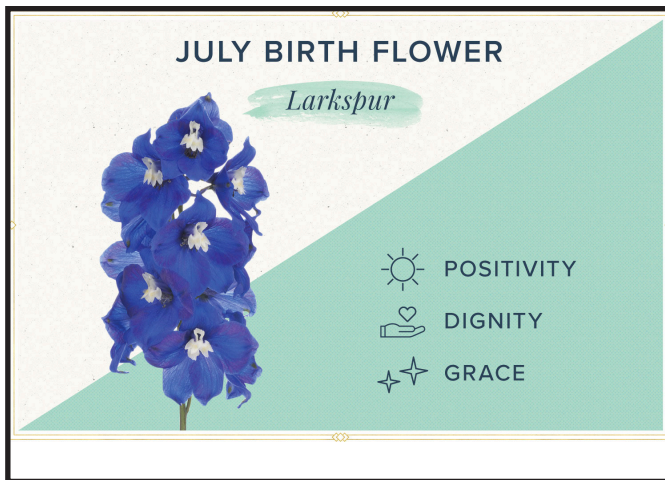
*Cover up or use sunscreen liberally and often if you're planning to work outside for more than a few minutes. Also don't forget to check for ticks.

<https://georgeweigel.net/timely-tips/july>



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.



JULY: THE LARKSPUR

The birthday flower of July is the lovely Larkspur, which symbolizes carefree summer days, feeling lighthearted, and just having fun. Larkspur is a highly desirable cut flower with tall spikes of colorful petals that look as perfect in a cut glass vase on the dining room table as they do sitting in a rustic basket or bucket at a casual backyard party.

Many people confuse larkspur plants with delphinium plants. Although they look similar and are both members of the buttercup family, larkspur are annuals with more delicate flowers in shades of white, pink and lavender. Delphinium are perennials with

more substantial flowers in shades of purple, blue, red, yellow and white.

Larkspur blooms from early spring through late summer with flowers that can range in size from a few inches to several feet long in the meadowland species. In Shakespeare's time, Larkspur was also called lark's heel, lark's claw and knight's spur.

Larkspur in History

Larkspur grows throughout the Northern Hemisphere and also in high mountain areas of tropical Africa. The Baker's larkspur and yellow larkspur are native to California and are both federally listed endangered species. Only a few plants of Baker's larkspur remain after they were almost entirely wiped out by road crews.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOY HARDIN ON JULY 28!



FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

Members of THS and Old York Road Garden Club came together for their first floral design class. Line Design was their first assignment. Karen Wychock gave a brief explanation and demonstration on line design. Attendees then had plenty of time to create their own design using yellow Fuji mums, Equisetum (horsetails) and Italian Ruscus. Thank you to Lenis Van Aken for helping to teach this workshop. Thank you to Sue Bunkin for donating all of that Equisetum from her yard! Hope to see you at on July 12 for Parallel Design.



BIRDSEED ORNAMENT WORKSHOP #2

Thank you to Ruth Dorn and Lenis van Aken for helping to make 100 birdseed ornaments for our upcoming flower show. We sold out of these items at our last show so we want to have plenty for this year's buyers. A Big "Thank You" to Linda Freedman from the Old York Road Garden Club who volunteered her time to help us.

We will have the mixture of birdseed, flour and gelatin ready for you to press into cookie molds. No measuring or stirring involved!

Our next workshop is scheduled for Thursday, July 20 from 10 AM - 12 Noon at my home. We will be making more birdseed ornaments. If you don't like sticky fingers, you can help tie ribbon to our completed ornaments.

My address is...

Karen Wychock
108 Lyric Way
Warrington, PA 18976 (white van in the driveway)

Let me know if you are coming.





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!

JULY LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - 'BETTER TOGETHER'

1. Parallel Design

HORTICULTURE

2. Annual, 1 specimen
3. Annual, 3 specimens, same or mixed
4. Any bulb, corm or tuber, 1 specimen in bloom
5. Tomatoes, small fruited, 2" or under, any color, 5 specimens, 1 variety
6. Tomatoes, large fruited, Red, over 2" 3 specimens, 1 variety
7. Beans, edible pods, 8 pods
8. Any other vegetable, 1 specimen
9. Herb, culinary or fragrant, 1 specimen
10. Best of your garden, collection of 3 or more varieties, vegetables or flowers. Supply a list.
11. ARRANGEMENT OF CHOICE - You decide! Anything Goes!



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.



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: _____