

Trevose



Horticultural Society

Our 100th Year
www.trevosegardeners.org

MARCH 2023
NEWSLETTER



THS...100 Years and Still Growing!



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21
7 PM
BENSALEM SENIOR CENTER

FLORAL DESIGN FOR THE HOME
WITH
JIMMY BASON GILPATRICK

Guest designer, Jimmy Gilpatrick, owner and head designer of Paradise Flowers of Bristol, will demonstrate simplistic and 'hi style' designs for the home. Gilpatrick will explain both the basic and professional approaches to creating your own beautiful floral arrangements.



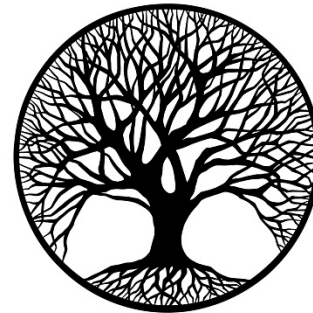
Gilpatrick earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticultural from DelVal University. Prior to opening his own studio in Bristol, he honed his skills as head designer and manager of area floral shops.

Arranged by: Cookie Woodson
Edited by: Marie Cartwright



Trevose 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, Garden Market and Bake Sale!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HELLO SPRING!



Signs of Spring are everywhere! Mother Nature has been kind to us this winter. It's so uplifting to see the snowdrops, hellebores and daffodils popping up and showing off some much needed color! The PHS Flower Show opens March 4. It's another sign that Spring is right around the corner. I hope you have the opportunity to take in the sights and sounds of the show this year. Daylight Savings Time is March 12! Nothing energizes me more than a little sunshine!

THS will be celebrating its 100th Birthday this August. Lenis and Marie are busy writing the schedule while Alice and Lynn are busy securing sponsors for our show. You can help by taking the enclosed donation letter and securing just one sponsor! Please consider asking a local business to support our flower show. We are selling full page, half page and business card size spaces. You can also support the show by being a sponsor, memorializing a dear friend/relative or celebrating of an event. Why not wish THS a very Happy Birthday! All sponsorships help pay for the printing of our schedule and go toward upcoming scholarships (see page 10 for details).

It's that time of year again - time to renew your membership! Please do so by May 1. Please fill out the form on page 10 and mail it to Lenis or see her at an upcoming meeting.

Our Annual Plant sale is fast approaching. It's scheduled for May 20. Popular sellers are vegetables, house plants, and unique plants. In past years, tomato plants and pepper plants have always sold well. All of us have a few overgrown house plants that can be divided and brought to our plant sale. We can also use plants for our flower show in August! Please label and price all plants. All plants must be in clean pots. Include any useful information. Try to use the Horticultural names and common plant names. Bring boxes and plastic trays to carry home your swaps or purchases. All unsold plants and packaging materials must be removed by the person who brought them!

Enjoy your day!

Enjoy Daylight Savings Time on March 12!

Hope to see you at our March 21 meeting!

Karen

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

Trevose Horticultural Society

CELEBRATING
100th
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.



Trevoze Horticultural Society
Rooted In History

Standard Flower Show
August 18-19, 2023

The Trevoze Horticultural Society is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. Trevoze is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. Our most ambitious endeavor is the staging of our annual Standard Flower Show which will take place on August 18 and 19, 2023. This year's theme is "Rooted in History." Funds generated from this event help to support annual scholarships awarded to deserving tristate area college students who are majoring in horticulture related studies.

To help defray the cost of our show, we are asking for donations from our members and from area businesses to create 15-20 beautiful gift baskets. Would you please consider donating a gift certificate or item for our baskets? We would greatly appreciate any and all donations. Please phone Karen Wychock (chairperson) at 215-460-8853 if you are able to help support our show. You can also mail a gift certificate to her directly at 108 Lyric Way, Warrington, PA 18976.

If you are interested in taking out an ad in our flower show schedule you can do so. A full page ad runs \$100. A half-page ad runs \$55. A business card runs for \$35. Please contact Alice Szarek at 215-357-8789 if you have any questions.

Thank you for considering our request to make a donation toward our flower show. We hope to see you at this year's show, "Rooted In History!"

St. Ephrem Catholic Church
5400 Hulmeville Road
Bensalem, PA 19020
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Friday 4-8 PM, Saturday 10 AM - 4:30 PM

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You're invited to celebrate Trevese Horticultural Society's 100th Birthday on August 18-19, 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 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.

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!

Challenge Seeds: You can pick up the challenge seeds at our monthly meeting. These seeds are available for any member who would like to try to grow them and enter the specimens in our August Show. Challenge seeds this year include a flower: Zinia (Purple Prince), a vegetable: Squash (White Bush Scallop) and an herb: Dill. (Compatto Dwarf).

**THS
MEETING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Calendar for 2023

March - 21
April - 18
May - 23
June - 20
July - 18
August - 8
September - 19
October - 17
November - 14
December - 12

2023 Board Meetings

February 9
April 6
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)

**2022 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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

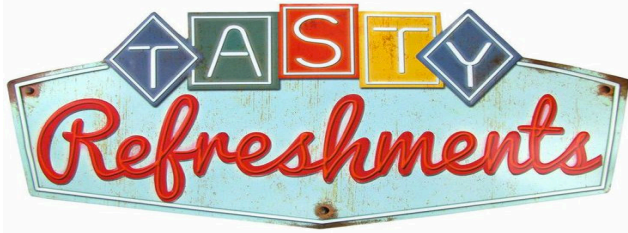
Adviser, Betty Sykes

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





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.

March 21

Sally Irons, Marie Cartwright, Lenis Van Aken

April 18

Lori Mueller, Diana Raudenbush, Karen Wychock

May 16

Dee Crawford, Alice Szarek, Choony Choi

June 20

Linda East, Liz Arnold, Carolyn Shaun

July 18

Lynn Contino

August 8

Lisa Contino
Ruth Dorn

September 19

Phyllis Ashcraft, Phyllis Dietz, Phyllis Ford

October 17

Ruth Kurtz, Dick Longcoy, Betty Sykes

November 14

Arleen Patton, Ruth Gabel, Ron Cliggett

December 12

THYME TO GARDEN!



93rd GCFP Convention

April 21-23, 2023 (Friday – Sunday)
Hosted by District VII

Doubletree by Hilton
Pittsburgh-Monroeville Convention Center
101 Mall Boulevard
Monroeville, PA 15146



Trevoise Horticultural Society
Garden Party
Plant Sale



Saturday, May 20
11:30-2:30 PM
225 Front Street
Feasterville, PA
Rain or Shine!

Annuals, perennials, houseplants and vegetables



GARDEN CHATTER

YOUR MARCH "TO DO" LIST

Edge beds as soon as the ground thaws and the snow melts.

Pull winter weeds, but don't mulch yet. Wait a few more weeks until the soil dries and warms a bit.

Hold off digging or tilling if the soil is wet. You'll force out crucial air spaces and destroy soil structure. Damp is OK. Wet or soggy is not.

Before new growth starts, prune summer-blooming flowering shrubs such as abelia, butterfly bush, beautyberry, caryopteris, clethra (summersweet), smooth hydrangea, tree-type hydrangea, rose-of-sharon, St. Johnswort, crape myrtle, summer-blooming spirea and vitex. Also prune grape vines and raspberries.

Inspect the trees and shrubs for winter damage. Prune off any broken or storm-damaged branches.

Tamp perennials and young shrubs back into ground that were forced partly out of the soil by freezing and thawing.

On above-40-degree day, spray dormant oil to smother eggs of overwintering pests such as scale on pine and euonymus, spruce gall adelgids on spruce and Douglas fir, and woolly adelgids on hemlocks.

Finish pruning fruit trees and spray with dormant oil if you didn't do it in February. Use lime sulfur or fungicide to prevent leaf curl on peaches.

Toward the end of the month, cut back ornamental grasses and liriopoe to a stub. Cut back perennials that have browned but weren't trimmed in fall. Most perennials can be divided late this month through April, too.

Make size-control and shaping cuts to evergreens such as arborvitae, boxwood, holly, yew, falsecypress and hemlock.

Plant bare-root trees and shrubs late March through early April, assuming soil isn't soggy.

When ground thaws, use granular fertilizer on trees, shrubs and perennial beds.

After mid-month, direct-seed peas, spinach, onion sets, lettuce, chard, mesclun, turnips and radishes. Plant onion plants, potatoes, cabbage, leeks, chard, kale, collards, asparagus, horseradish, rhubarb, chives, Brussels sprouts and parsley toward the end of the month after gradually hardening off indoor-grown transplants.

Rake any matted leaves and other debris off the lawn when snow melts.

Lightly scatter wood ashes from the fireplace over the lawn, unless the soil is already alkaline (over 7.0 on the pH scale). Small amounts of wood ash also are fine added to the compost pile.

Start seeds inside of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and most annual flowers.

Put crabgrass preventer on the lawn late in month when forsythia blooms. If you use Preen, corn gluten meal or similar weed preventers in shrub and perennial beds, forsythia-bloom is also a good cue of when to apply them.

Pot and begin watering cannas, dahlias, caladium and other tender bulbs so they'll be ready to go outside in May. Toss any that rotted.

Repot pot-bound houseplants.
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.



March's birth flower is the daffodil. It's all too appropriate that cheerful yellow flowers represent the first month of spring. These little buds of sunshine symbolize unparalleled love and serve as a reminder that the sun is always shining when loved ones are in your life. Varieties of daffodils, also known as jonquil, vary in color, featuring white, orange and pale yellow blooms.

Their flowers are formed by a central cup-shaped corona (the part of the flower that holds the stamens), that is surrounded by six large petals. Popular around Easter, the birth flower for March signals the end of winter and the arrival of spring. Daffodil bouquets are perfect for brightening up your home or as a gift after the long winter.

The March birthday flower has origins in the Mediterranean, where it was grown by the ancient Greeks and Romans. Today, the daffodil is most widely cultivated in Holland and Great Britain and there are over 13,000 hybrids of daffodils that range from yellow and white, to orange and pink.

DAFFODIL MEANINGS AND SYMBOLISM

The daffodil symbolizes new beginnings because they are the first spring flowers to bloom right after the winter frost. The Latin name for daffodil is *Narcissus*, the Greek mythological character who loved himself too much. His arrogance ultimately led him to his death when he fell into the river and drowned in order to stare more closely at his own reflection. For this, daffodils can also be known as symbols of vanity.

There are different cultures around the world in which the March flower holds deep meanings. In China, daffodils symbolize good luck and prosperity because they bloom around the time of the Chinese New Year. The daffodil is also the national flower of Wales, and represents faithfulness due to its ability to rebloom year after year at the same time. The American Cancer Society uses the daffodil to represent hope for a cure.

“Happy March Birthday” goes out to the following Trevoze members:

- Karen “Cookie” Woodson, March 3
- Jack Crawford, March 3
- Ruth Dorn, March 6
- Phyllis Ford, March 8
- Aurea Almazan, March 10
- Choony Choi, March 20



Membership Dues
Your 2023-24 dues are now due.

Send your check to:

Lenis VanAken
68 Murray Road
Holland, PA 18966-1740



Membership cards will be available at our next meeting for those whose dues payment is received prior to the meeting.

THS 2023-24 MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT

_____ Individual (\$30) _____ Family (\$40)

Name: _____ Birth Date (Month/Day): _____

Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

(Please note any change in information from last year)
PLEASE ENCLOSE WITH YOUR CHECK

SPONSOR REQUEST FORM FOR FLOWER SHOW BOOK

In order to insure that you are included in the Sponsorship of our 2023 Standard Flower Show, we ask that you support the show by being a sponsor, memorializing a dear friend/relative or celebrating of an event. Simply return the completed form below along with your donation to:

Lenis VanAken
68 Murray Road
Holland, PA 18966-1740

PLEASE INCLUDE ME AS A SPONSOR IN THE 2023 THS FLOWER SHOW BOOK
(RETURN BY APRIL 18, 2023)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

SPONSOR'S NAME IF DIFFERENT: _____

“IN MEMORY OF” or “IN CELEBRATION OF” (SPECIFY EVENT: ANNIVERSARY, ETC.)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Congratulations Members!

Little Show Results for 2021 and 2022



Each month our members have the opportunity to take part in our Little Show. We offer two classes in design and several classes in horticulture. This is a great opportunity for you to practice for our annual flower show. Listed below are the results for 2021 and 2022. 2021 shows the results for the five months that we met due to the pandemic. 2022 shows the results for the entire year. Thank you to all of our members that participated in our Little Shows. Certificates were presented to those members who scored enough points for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place (Honorable mention). If you have never participated in our Monthly Little Shows, please consider entering in the coming months!

Thank you to Marie Cartwright for creating the design categories for each month. Thank you to Ruth Dorn for organizing our monthly Little Show and for compiling the data for our certificates! Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

<u>Year: 2021</u>	
<u>Design</u>	<u>Horticulture</u>
Cookie Woodson - 62	Roseanne Payson - 58
Gloria English - 42	Karen Wychock - 56
Karen Wychock - 24	Lenis Van Aken - 48
Lenis van Aken - 16	Ron Cliggett - 46
Roseanne Payson -14	Phyllis Ford -38
Ruth Dorn -12	Gloria English -10
Betty Sykes -4	Elmer Irons -8
	Heidi Helmich - 8
	Ruth Kurtz - 6

<u>Year: 2022</u>		
<u>Design</u>	<u>Horticulture</u>	
Cookie Woodson -90	Karen Wychock -268	Ann Krull -28
Karen Wychock - 70	Phyllis Dietz -112	Ruth Gabel -22
Gloria English - 54	Ron Cliggett -104	Grace Cromwell -14
Roseanne Payson - 18	Lenis Van Aken -74	Heidi Helmich -14
Diana Raudenbush - 18	Gloria English -68	Lisa Contino -14
Elizabeth Arnold -12	Diana Raudenbush -64	Marie Cartwright -10
Ruth Dorn -8	Jim Kates -58	Ruth Dorn -10
Lenis van Aken -8	Rae Glasglow -48	Phyllis Ford - 8
Aurea Almazan -4	Christine Dopp -38	Lori Mueller - 6
	Roseanne Payson -32	Lynn Contino - 6
	Elizabeth Arnold -30	



Please consider taking part in our Little Show each month! We always offer 2 design classes 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 MONTHLY LITTLE SHOW!

MARCH LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - 'BARE ESSENTIALS'

1. Bare (or mostly bare) branches with minimum of plant material
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



APRIL LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - 'SMALL BEGINNINGS'

1. Small design (minimum 8" high, not to exceed 12" high)
2. Anything Goes!

HORTICULTURE

3. Daffodil, trumpet, 1 bloom
4. Daffodil, short cup, 1 bloom
5. Daffodil, any type, 1 bloom
6. Daffodil, 3 blooms, 3 varieties
7. Tulip, 1 bloom
8. Any other bulb in bloom
9. Flowering branch, 1 specimen
10. Any other flowering specimen, 3 stems
11. Any flowering pot up to 12", 1 specimen

