

Trevose



March 2024
NEWSLETTER

Horticultural Society

Our 101st Year
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THS...101 Years and Still Growing!



General Membership Meeting
March 19, 2024
7 PM
Bensalem Senior Center

“Growing Dahlias”



Penn State Master Gardener, Terry Fulginiti, will showcase the beauty of dahlias and strategies for successful growing. Learn about popular hybrid varieties, forms, and sizes and how to implement a plan for your own garden, growing stunning dahlias to enjoy in your home or to share with others.

Terry Fulginiti has been a Penn State Master Gardener since 2001 and has grown dahlias for 25 years. She is the owner of Dahlia Acre, a hobby turned into a small business, that grows and sells

specialty cut flowers, both wholesale and retail. Terry is a member of The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society, The American Dahlia Society, and the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers. Terry earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. Her diverse nursing career included critical care, emergency nursing and informatics. She has written and edited for several nursing publications, including the Journal of Emergency Nursing. Terry retired from the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

Arranged by: Cookie Woodson
Edited by: Marie Cartwright

~ CELEBRATING 101 YEARS IN BUCKS COUNTY & THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES ~

Trevose Horticultural Society

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

“Bee Inspired”

AUGUST 23-24, 2024

St. Ephrem Catholic Church
5400 Hulmeville Rd, Bensalem

Save the Dates & Join Us!

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.

President's Message

I will be absent from our March meeting but you will be in good hands. Cookie and/or Phyllis Ford will be heading the meeting.

Information about our 2024 Flower Show, "Bee Inspired," will be shared with you in our April newsletter. We desperately need someone to take care of the Judge's Luncheon on Friday, August 23. Please let me know if you can take care of this. Dee Crawford is happy to answer any of your questions about the lunch. She has been doing this for years. We also need someone to help with ads for our program booklet. Alice Szarek needs help in phoning our past supporters.

The GCFP state convention, "Petals and Patchwork," is being held in just a few weeks on April 7-9 in Lancaster, PA. The state convention offers great speakers, workshops and an opportunity to mingle with garden club members from across the state. I hope to see some of you at this year's convention!

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!

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.

Our Annual Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, May 18 from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM. Now is the time to prepare your plants for the sale. Are you starting some from seed or are you separating some of your houseplants? My dad and I took a spider plant apart in the fall. It was laden with baby spider plants! They are growing nicely for the plant sale and for our August Flower Show.

Don't forget to move your clocks forward on Sunday, March 10! Enjoy the daylight!

Karen



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2024 Calendar of Events

Monthly Meetings

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
Bingo

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



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 19
Lisa Contino, Lynn Contino

April 16
Ruth Kurtz, Dick Longcoy, Dee Crawford,
Alice Szarek

May 21
Choony Choi, Diana Raudenbush, Lori Mueller,
Cookie Woodson

June 18

July 16
Marie Cartwright, Lenis VanAken

August 13
Ruth Dorn

September 17
Phyllis Ford, Phyllis Ashcraft, Phyllis Dietz

October 15
Mary Wagner, Erin Wagner

November 19

December 10
Holiday Get Together!

February 2025
Diana Raudenbush, Karen Wychock

**2024 THS Officers
and
Committee Chairs**

Officers

President - Karen Wychock
Vice-President - Karen "Cookie" Woodson
Treasurer - Lenis Van Aken
Recording Secretary - Ann Krull
Newsletter - Karen Wychock
Corresponding Secretary - Ruth Dorn
Members at Large
Choony Choi, Rae Glasgow

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, Lori Mueller
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

*Check out the
Trevose Horticultural Society
website at
www.trevosegardeners.org
for our latest
Calendar of Events and
newsletters!*



**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





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 liriope 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.
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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



Garden Party Plant Sale



**Saturday
May 18
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
225 Front Street
Feasterville, PA
Rain or Shine!**

Annuals, perennials, houseplants and vegetables!

Membership Dues
Your 2024-25 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 2024-25 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 WRITE YOUR CHECK OUT TO TREVOSSE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (THS)
ENCLOSE THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK

SPONSOR REQUEST FORM FOR FLOWER SHOW BOOK

In order to insure that you are included in the Sponsorship of our 2024 Standard Flower Show, we ask that you support the show by being a sponsor, or memorializing a dear friend or relative or in celebration of an event by returning 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 2024 THS FLOWER SHOW BOOK
(RETURN BY APRIL 16, 2024)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

SPONSOR'S NAME IF DIFFERENT: _____

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

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

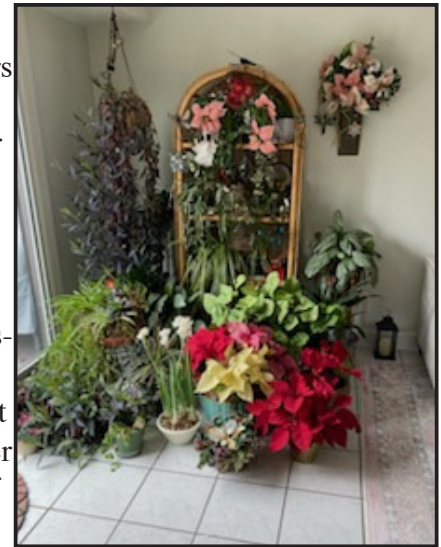
In The SPOTLIGHT

Marge Colosimo



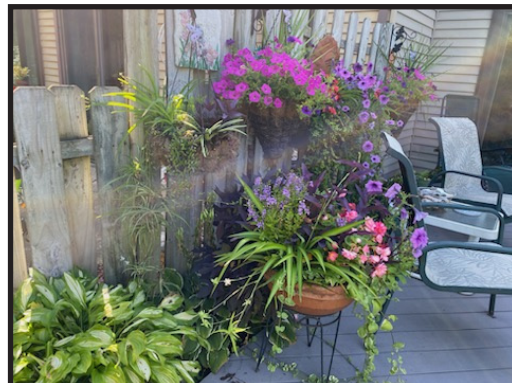
Ever since Marge was just a child, she has enjoyed a love and passion for gardening. Growing up, Marge's father always had a vegetable garden in which she also enjoyed growing vegetables alongside him. Her grandmother also gave her inspiration as she managed a cobblestone garden in the city complete with side-by-side pots of petunias lining her small garden fence. Of special note, the pots of petunias were all grown from seed! Marge also grows flowers from seed, carrying on this family trait, as she prepares for the THS annual flower show. Proudly, she has won multiple ribbons!

Marge boasts that she has no flower favorites, however she does enjoy filling her pots and hanging baskets with annuals, primarily utilizing colors of pinks and purples. Of course, many of her pots showcase her petunias! As for perennials, Hostas, Black Eyed Susans and Daisies are a few of her yard favorites. Her love for plants does not end in the yard. Marge loves indoor plants as well. She fills her window sills and bay windows with many varieties.



Fortunately, Marge learned of THS through the local Carrier Pigeon Newspaper. While working full time and late hours she could not join THS, but entered the annual THS Flower Show anyway. She even won her very first Second Place Ribbon! Now, Marge is retired and can indulge herself in her garden as well as regularly join other members in THS sharing the love of plants and flowers!

Submitted by Ann Krull





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!

MARCH Little Show

DESIGN - 'Mardi Gras'

1. Make it festive!
2. Anything Goes!

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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 - 'Earth Day'

1. One or more recycled item/s
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

