

Trevose



Horticultural Society

Our 100th Year

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MAY 2023
NEWSLETTER



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 23
7 PM
BENSALEM SENIOR CENTER

THS PLANT SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 20
11:30 AM
225 FRONT STREET
FEASTERVILLE, PA

GARDENING WITH INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT



Guest speaker, Rebecca Kluempfen, will introduce to home gardeners how to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) into their flower, fruit and vegetable gardens. IPM is a process that combines different methods to manage pests in a way that minimizes risks to human health and the environment.

Kluempfen received her Horticulture degree from DelVal University where she was the DelVal Plant Breeding Club President. While employed at Burpee Seed Company, Kluempfen learned about vegetable based IPM prior to transitioning to ornamentals. She is currently manager of the IPM department at Medford Nursery in Burlington County, NJ where they specialize in shrubs and perennials.

Arranged by Cookie Woodson
Edited by Marie Cartwright

You are cordially invited to attend our Annual Plant Sale and Swap scheduled for May 20 at 11:30 AM. Cookie Woodson, THS vice-president, will be hosting the plant sale at her home at 225 Front Street, Feasterville, PA. Whether you are selling, swapping or just coming to socialize, it will be great to get out and say hello to fellow THS members.



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 could be divided and brought to our plant sale. Please be sure that the plants you are bringing are rooted!

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!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY MAY DAY! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



It's time to celebrate the gorgeous month of May! The Sun is shining, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the garden is growing.

The Trevoise Horticultural Society is 100 years old and still growing! Eight new members joined our club in the last two months! How exciting! Please join me in welcoming Ginny, Marge, Janice, Joe, Caroline, Bonnie, Delores and Erin to our group! Thank you to Joe for sharing all of those star gazer lilies and iris bulbs at our last meeting.

Our Annual Garden Party/Plant Sale is set for May 20 at Cookie's home in Feasterville. It's a great way to pick up annuals and perennials from fellow THS members. Please come and spend an afternoon with your fellow gardening buddies whether you are coming to buy or just to say hello! Feel free to bring your lunch! Thank you to Cookie for hosting this annual event at her home.

I attended the state GCFP convention last weekend outside of Pittsburgh, PA. I am happy to say that THS walked away with two awards. Our 2022 flower show, North to Alaska took first place in our division and the flower show schedule took second place! Way to go Trevoise! Thank you to Marie and Lenis for their hard work and dedication in writing the schedule. Thank you to everyone who supported last year's flower show. District XI's flower show, "Color Outside the Lines" also took first place in their division!

Trevoise also received \$50 grant money toward the upkeep of the Feasterville Bell Garden. This is "Seed Grant Money" from GCFP. We apply for the money each year. Lenis cleaned up the area and prepared it for Spring planting. Thank you Lenis!

Just a reminder that we feature a Little Show every month! All are welcome! Ruth Dorn has entry cards for your specimens if you need them. Please remember to have your entries placed by 7 PM so we can start our meeting promptly. We also want to remind you to keep your distance while judging is taking place. The judges need space so they can discuss the entries and make their decisions. There is always plenty of time to see the Little Show after our business meeting. With our flower show fast approaching, we will be reviewing some of the requirements when entering horticulture. Continue to bring your designs and your horticulture!

Lenis is taking orders for the NGC Vision of Beauty Calendars this month. Please see Lenis with your \$10 for a copy! It's full of great NGC designs. The calendar is a great source for ideas when creating a design. The calendar will arrive in September after the District XI Annual Meeting.

Lenis is also waiting for you to renew your membership in THS! Forms can be found on page 9. This is the LAST CALL! We need you! Please consider renewing your membership today.

A very "Happy May Birthday" goes out to the following Trevoise members:

May 9 - Helen Soll

May 15 - Christine Dopp

Enjoy your day!



Calendar for 2023

May 23
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)

**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 and ???

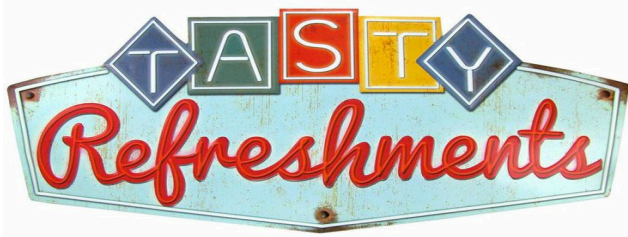
COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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





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.

May 23

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

Holiday Party! Everyone brings!

DISTRICT XI/GCFP 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 2023

Sunday, May 7th 10 AM to 3 PM

The Outdoor Gardeners will be offering pre-planted hypertufas and annual baskets and an extensive range of perennials for purchase at Chestnut Hill Day on Germantown Ave. Proceeds fund their outreach and educational programs for the year.

Saturday, May 13, 9AM to 1 PM

Swedesford Garden Club will hold their annual fund raiser plant sale at the North Wales Library, 233 Swartley St, North Wales, PA.

Saturday, May 13th 9AM to 3PM

Gardeners of the Crooked Billet will have their Plant and Book Sale at Hatboro's Union Library, 243 S. York Road, Hatboro, PA.

May 18th District Meeting, Giant in Willow Grove

(Note change of venue) 9 a.m.

Registration and social time, meeting and program at 10 a.m.

Program "Busting Garden Myths" by Jane Klotz

September 15

District XI Annual Meeting





Trevoise Horticultural Society
Rooted In History

Standard Flower Show
August 18-19, 2023

The Trevoise Horticultural Society is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. Trevoise 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
August 18-19, 2023
Friday 4-8 PM, Saturday 10 AM - 4:30 PM

ADMISSION IS FREE

Over 135 classes of Horticulture, competitive Floral Designs, a Junior Division, Educational Exhibits, Garden Market and Bake Sale!

Trevoze Horticultural Society
2023 NGC Small Standard Flower Show

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ROOTED IN HISTORY

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4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
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You're invited to celebrate Trevoze 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 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.



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).

MEM- BER -SHIP

Please welcome our new members....

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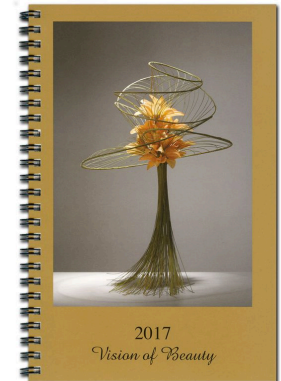
2024 VISION OF BEAUTY CALENDARS

ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY!

A Flower Arrangement and Engagement Calendar created by
the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Please fill out the form below and return it to Lenis Van Aken with
your \$10.

Deadline for ordering is May 23, 2023.



Vision of Beauty Calendars \$10.00 (Checks made out to THS)

NAME: _____

Number of Copies: _____

TOTAL: _____

Trevose 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



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 WRITE YOUR CHECK OUT TO TREVOSE 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 2023 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 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: _____



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.



White Coral Bells

White coral bells upon a slender stalk
Lilies of the valley line my garden walk.
Oh, don't you wish that you could hear them ring?
That will happen only when the fairies sing.

MAY: THE LILY OF THE VALLEY

The springtime flower, lily of the valley, is the May birth flower. The sweetly-scented woodland flower is characterized by its bell-shaped white flower heads that open in late spring. Because the flower blooms in May, it's also called May bells. The flowers symbolize sweetness, motherhood and humility and are often used in wedding bouquets.

The secondary birth flower for anyone born in May is the hawthorn which symbolizes hope and happiness. The hawthorn is technically a tree and can grow into a beautiful hedge with white or pink blossoms.

Lily of the valley, *Convallaria majalis*, even its scientific name agrees that the lily of the valley is the perfect birth flower for May. The term *majalis* translates to “of or belonging to May,” while the word *Convallaria* means “valley plant.”

Early gardeners first cultivated the lily-of-the-valley plants in 1420. The lily of the valley plants are native to Europe and Asia. There are two versions of this flower's origin according to legends. According to the first one, Eve's tears turned into the lily of the valley flower when she got banished from the Garden of Eden. But on a different tale, the flower emerged from Mother Mary's tears during the crucifixion of Jesus. Thus, the other common names of this flower are Mary's tears and Our Lady's tears.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING THS MEMBERS:

May 9 - Helen Soll

May 15 - Christine Dopp



GARDEN CHATTER

YOUR MAY "TO DO" LIST

- Mulch new beds and cultivate and top off mulch on beds that were mulched in previous years.
- Immediately after blooming, prune spring-flowering trees and shrubs such as deutzia, rhododendron, azalea, mock orange, pieris, lilac, viburnum, weigela, beauty bush, fringe tree and quince.
- Direct-seed sunflowers and other warm-weather annuals. The lawn also can be seeded still if herbicides or weed preventers weren't used.
- Plant tender bulbs such as cannas, callas, dahlias, caladium, gladioli and tuberous begonias.
- After danger of frost (usually around Mother's Day), plant annual flowers and warm-weather vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, melons, cucumbers, sweet potatoes, eggplant, pumpkins, corn and beans. Keep a repellent handy for the rabbits... they love these tender young transplants.
- Cut spring-bulb foliage after it yellows, never before. Also don't tie or braid foliage. It's OK to remove spent flower stalks as soon as the blooms are done.
- Plant new trees, shrubs and perennials and transplant/divide existing ones.
- Plant containers, window boxes and hanging baskets. Consider digging up divisions of perennials with good-looking foliage to dress up your containers. Examples: coralbells, hosta, foamy-bells, painted ferns, lamium and variegated brunnera.
- Late in month, prune back one-half of the new growth of pines, spruce and fir to encourage bushiness (if desired). If you're trying to control size of these, remove most of this new growth late May through June.
- Harvest rhubarb, lettuce, radishes, spinach and



- other spring-planted crops.
- Remove any fallen leaves or other rotting organic matter from ponds.
- Lift and divide any overgrown aquatic plants, begin feeding plants and fish, and add new water-garden plants (temperature permitting) and fish.
- Keep garden watered – especially newly planted plants – if rain isn't sufficient.
- Pull weeds in beds, spot-spray for weeds in lawn or use a weed-'n-feed product if lawn weeds are everywhere.
- Continue regular spraying program for fruit trees and roses.
- Scout for pest problems and treat as needed. Watch for bag worms on evergreens; tent caterpillars on fruit trees; leaf miners on holly and birch; gypsy moths on a variety of trees; woolly adelgids on hemlocks; borer adults on rhododendrons and dogwoods; lace bugs on azaleas and pieris; scale on euonymus, and spider mites on spruce.
- Gradually get houseplants use to the outside once all danger of frost is past. Most appreciate a "summer vacation" outside, and many make good centerpieces in shady flower pots.
- Late in the month trim back mums, tall asters, sedum, boltonia and other late-season bloomers that tend to flop by about one-half
- Watch for tiny, sticky, black "dots" on siding from artillery fungus growing in mulch. Switch to pine bark, cedar or cypress mulch if it's a problem.

George Weigel
<https://georgeweigel.net>

UNDER WATER DESIGN



An Under Water Design is a Creative Design having component/s, including some or all plant material, submerged in water to create interest. Those components under water must contribute artistically to the overall design and not merely be stems and/or mechanics.

If some components are in water and others are not, the effect must be that of a single overall design related by placement and components, not two independent designs. There is a rhythmic flow from components submerged in water to those not in water. Typically, those components not in water will be above those in water, but that is not a requirement.

If entire design is submerged within a container, a single overall design results, but the designer must consider the Design Principle Proportion. The dimensions and form of the container must be in appropriate relationship to the frame of reference stated in the schedule.

Circular transparent container/s may provide the best effect, but are not required.

Components submerged in water are chosen for their lasting quality under water. Firm, hard-surfaced plant materials such as tropical flowers, foliage, evergreens, seed pods and some vegetables and fruits will hold up well.

Water visually magnifies all things. Underwater components will appear larger. Mechanics and debris are also magnified. This must be considered when planning design and working with plant material.

Water line becomes part of the design, and is distracting if poorly situated.

Water may not be colored if any part of fresh plant material is submerged.

Plant material will float so experiment with sand, pebbles, a kenzan (frog) or branches to keep everything in place. You can also check out YouTube for some great videos on Under Water Design.



THS FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

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 June 12 and 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 THS members!

Classes will be held at Christ's Home located on York Road from 6:30-8:30 PM. The materials fee for each class will be \$15-\$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.

We will start with a Traditional Line Design. This design uses very little plant material. Typically it is simply a line embellished by round forms or flowers graduating from smallest at the origin of the line to largest at the terminus or center where the focal area or center of interest is expressed. The line itself is always the component with greatest emphasis.

The fun in constructing these designs comes from the designer's choices in the type of line chosen. Lines are not always straight; they may be straight up and down (vertical), straight across (horizontal), circular or a portion of a circle, or they may go in absolutely any direction. Some lines are even zigzag. Remember, too, that a line can have a wide variety of characteristics, such as weak or strong, narrow or wide, flimsy and insubstantial or weighty and bold.

NGC defines line as "a one-dimensional visual path through a design." The designer attempts to guide the viewer through the design with the line he or she has selected. All NGC designs are interpretive, so selecting just the right line characteristics can aid in communicating the designer's idea to the audience. A line can be implied. Imagine a group of dots or other forms lined up in a row. The eye will follow them as surely as it will follow the most obvious solid line.

Line can communicate a theme or mood in a floral design much as the human body communicates the mood of a person. The human body standing straight and erect might suggest vigor and energy just as a vertical line does in a design. When a person lies down, however, it indicates a resting stance. Horizontal lines communicate the same idea. An upward curving line is suggestive of a human smile, while a downward curving line is reminiscent of unhappiness or a frown. Diagonal lines seem powerful and thrusting, while zigzag lines are restless or even agitated.

Preregistration and payment in advance is required for these classes. You can sign up at our monthly meetings or phone Karen Wychock at 215-460-8853. Hope to see you at one of these fun classes.





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!

MAY LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - 'SINK OR SWIM'

1. Underwater Design
2. Anything Goes

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3. Cactus, 1 specimen, any size pot
4. Azalea, 1 spray
5. Rhododendron, 1 truss
(A truss is a cluster of flowers growing on one stem - not a branch!)
6. Flowering branch
7. Peony, 1 bloom
8. Spring flowering bulb, any type, 1 bloom or stem
9. Lily of the Valley, 3 stems
10. Iris, 1 stem or stalk
11. Perennial, other than listed above, 1 specimen
12. Collection of Spring flowering material from your garden, 3 or more varieties. Supply a list.



JUNE LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - 'DANCING IN THE RAIN'

1. Multi-Rhythmic design
2. Anything Goes

HORTICULTURE

3. Annual, 1 specimen
4. Annuals, 3 specimens, same or mixed
5. Columbine, 1 specimen
6. Any other perennial, 1 specimen
7. Perennials, 3 specimens, same or mixed
8. Rose, 1 bloom
9. Rose, 1 spray
10. Any other outdoor grown specimen
11. Best of your garden, collection of 3 or more varieties, all flowers or all vegetables. Supply list.



**NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER
JUDGING HAS STARTED**