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Horticultural Society

Our 100th Year

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NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
7 PM
BENSALEM SENIOR CENTER**

“GARDENING WITH DEER”



“Gardening with Deer” is the Trevose Horticultural Society’s featured program on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Bensalem Senior Center, 1850 Byberry Road, Bensalem, PA.

If you are an area gardener you know the impact deer can have on your landscape. You may be regularly frustrated by them and perhaps have given up on gardening all together, thinking it is impossible to have a beautiful landscape. In this talk Kathleen Salisbury will discuss the biology and habits of deer, which will help you make informed decisions about where and how to garden in this region where the deer population is out of balance.

Kathy Salisbury is the Director of the Ambler Arboretum of Temple University. Kathy has been teaching Woody Plant Identification for more than a decade, currently as an adjunct professor teaching woody plant identification for Landscape Architecture and Horticulture undergraduate students at Temple. Prior to arriving to her position

at Temple, Kathy was a Horticulture Educator with Penn State Extension in Bucks County. She holds a BS degree in Ornamental Horticulture and Environmental Design from Delaware Valley University, an MS in Public Horticulture Administration from the University of Delaware where she was a Longwood Fellow and her research explored how to enhance blind and visually impaired visitors’ experiences in public gardens. Kathy is currently pursuing her doctorate from Penn State Harrisburg in Adult Education and Lifelong Learning and is now exploring engaging the community in adult environmental education post natural disaster.

Arranged by: Cookie Woodson

Edited by: Marie Cartwright



CALLING ALL FLORAL ARRANGERS!

Would you like to help create table arrangements for the upcoming Bensalem Senior Center Holiday Party? Please let Karen know if you can help. Just bring your favorite clippers to the senior center on Monday, December 4 at 10 AM. We will meet in the cafeteria. We hope that you can join us!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thanksgiving is a holiday for giving thanks. It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November each year in the United States. Other countries, such as Germany, Canada, Liberia, and The Netherlands, celebrate their own Thanksgiving days throughout the year.

Although there is some controversy surrounding the history and origins of Thanksgiving, it is generally accepted to have initially commemorated the survival of the Pilgrims after a brutal winter in the New World in 1621. Nearly half of the Pilgrims who arrived in the area of Massachusetts in 1620 died before the first spring. The survivors were fortunate to meet Tisquantum, better known as Squanto, a member of the Paxutet band of the Wampanoag Confederation who spoke English. Squanto had been captured and forced into enslavement in England, and later self-liberated and returned to the New World. Squanto helped the Pilgrims by showing them how to grow crops, such as corn, and how to fish. He also helped them establish an alliance with the Wampanoag Confederation living in the area.

When the Pilgrims harvested their first successful crop, they held a three-day festival of thanksgiving with the Wampanoag people. This is traditionally thought to be the first Thanksgiving held. It wasn't until the early 1800's that states began adopting their own official Thanksgiving holidays, with New York being one of the earliest in 1817. Abraham Lincoln officially proclaimed the last Thursday in November 1863 to be a national day of thanksgiving. In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill officially designating the fourth Thursday in November to be Thanksgiving Day, a national holiday. Thanksgiving meals and traditions vary from family to family, but most Americans mark the day by enjoying a family meal together. Traditional Thanksgiving foods include turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, corn, and pies such as pumpkin, apple and pecan.

However you celebrate, enjoy your time with family and friends this Thanksgiving! Fresh baked apple pie, roast turkey and homemade stuffing - just a few of my favorite things! What are your favorite things?



On another note, District XI will be hosting the GCFP Convention entitled, "A Gardening Revolution" in April of 2025. I am chairing this statewide event and need your help along with all of the garden clubs in District XI. We have already put together our convention committee and secured The Alloy Hotel in King of Prussia as our location.

The convention will be a mix of our Colonial History and gardening.

Please consider supporting this event by purchasing an apron, canvas bag or T-shirt! Order forms are available at every meeting. All make great birthday and holiday gifts! The blue bell was chosen for our logo because it will be blooming in Valley Forge Park during the time of the convention.



Happy Thanksgiving!
Karen



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.

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



**THANK YOU
VETERANS**

VETERANS DAY - NOVEMBER 11



**THS
MEETING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

General Membership Meetings

November 14
December 12

**Floral Design Classes
November 29**



**2025 GCFP Convention
Hosted by District XI**



**DISTRICT XI/GCFP
2023
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Monday, November 6, 2023, 11 am, Countryside Gardeners presents “Flowers Around the World” by Rami Cobb, at the Half Moon Inn, 105 State Street, Newtown, 18940. RSVP to Mary Jo Garner, 215-858-0939 by November 4th

Thursday, November 16, 2023, 11 am to 8:30 pm, Four Lanes End Garden Club will celebrate their 61st Holiday House Tour and Tea. The Tour includes four homes and tea at Middletown Country Club plus the Country Store held at the Richardson House.

Saturday, November 18, 2023, 10 am to 3 pm, Swedesford Garden Club will have a table at the North Wales Area Library, 233 S. Swartley Street, North Wales, 19454 for “Holiday Marketplace.”

Saturday, December 2, 2023, Countryside Gardeners decorate the Half Moon Inn in Colonial Williamsburg Style for Newtown Historic Association Annual Holiday Open House from 10 am to 4 pm. Tickets online or in person day of tour.

Friday, December 8, 2023, 10 am to 8 pm, Norristown Garden Club presents their annual Holiday House Tour. Five homes in the Plymouth Meeting/Lafayette Hill area are decorated for the holidays. Tickets on sale October 1st. Check our website, norristowngardenclub.org, for more information.





GARDEN CHATTER

YOUR NOVEMBER "TO DO" LIST

*Finish planting tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocuses and other spring-flowering bulbs before the ground freezes. Pot up some to force for indoor winter bloom.

*Finish planting those last few trees, shrubs and perennials by early in the month.

*Bring in hoses, clay pots, rain gauges and any breakable ornaments or statuary to prevent freeze damage.

*Fertilize the lawn one last time before the ground freezes if you didn't do it toward the end of October.

*Cut the grass shorter for the last time (about 2 inches) and make sure leaves aren't numerous enough that they're matting down the grass.

*Clean and store lawn mower and garden tools for the winter. Drain gas from all gas-powered yard tools.

*If you don't like looking at brown foliage, cut frost-killed perennial foliage to the ground or to a stub, depending on the species. This also can be done in early spring before new growth starts, which preserves shelter for beneficial insects and provides nesting material and dried seeds for birds over winter.

*Stink bugs, lady beetles and box elder bugs got inside? Try sucking them up with a vacuum cleaner, then try to locate how they got inside. Caulk, seal or fix any found openings.

*Make burlap or similar windbreaks for borderline-hardy broad leaf evergreens such as camellia, nandina and cherry laurel, especially in windy locations.

*Tie up or erect barriers over plants that have been flattened in the past by snow and ice sliding off nearby roofs.



*Wrap hardware cloth or similar protection around the base of young trees and shrubs to protect from rodent gnawing damage over winter.

*Spray deer repellents on plants favored in past by browsing deer.

*Prevent frost cracks on thin-barked trees such as maples and fruit trees by wrapping trunks with tree wrap or by painting them with white latex paint.

*Mulch newly planted perennial beds after the ground freezes.

*Finish harvesting the cold-hardest vegetables.

*Scatter a granular fertilizer around trees and shrubs after the leaves have dropped. It's also OK to fertilize perennial beds now. Skip this if the ground is frozen. End of winter is an alternative time for this fertilizer.

*Cut back on watering and fertilizing of houseplants as they head into their slow-growing season.

*Mid to late month, start a few paper-white, amaryllis and pre-chilled hyacinth bulbs if you'd like to time these to bloom for Christmas.

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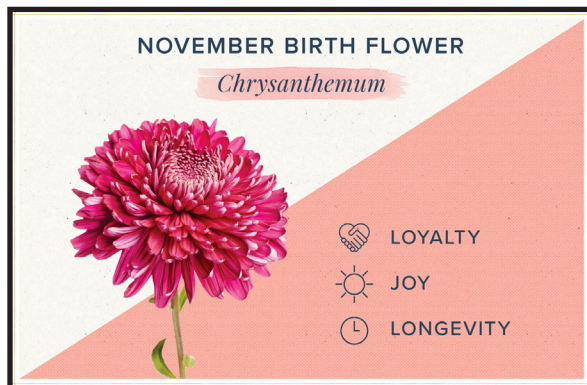


BIRTH MONTH FLOWERS AND THEIR MEANINGS

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.

NOVEMBER'S BIRTHDAY FLOWER, THE CHRYSANTHEMUM

The chrysanthemum, often referred to as mum, is the only birth flower for the month of November. The meaning of this flower that was first cultivated in China around the 15th century is loyalty, joy and longevity. The chrysanthemum is not only the November birth flower, it's also the flower of choice to give on a 13th wedding anniversary to wish the couple a long and joyful life together!



CHRYSANTHEMUMS IN HISTORY

As early as the 15th century BC, the chrysanthemum was cultivated as a flowering herb in China. It is also one of the four plants known in Chinese culture as “The Four Gentlemen,” which were depicted in much of the art beginning during the Song Dynasty, 960 to 1279. The

chrysanthemum flower was used to represent autumn in this style of paintings.

COLORS AND SYMBOLISM

The chrysanthemum is one of the most popular flowers, out-shined only by the rose. It is a traditional flower to give on Mother's Day. It symbolizes the qualities of optimism and joy.

Red flowers express true love, while yellow refers to a wounded heart, and white the virtue of honesty.

The official flower of the city of Chicago is the chrysanthemum.

In China chrysanthemums are considered a symbol of stateliness and is a popular topic of many of the country's poets.

Happy Birthday to Phyllis Dietz on November 13 and Eileen Venango on November 16!



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!

NOVEMBER LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - "NATURE'S FORMS"

1. 'Nature's Forms,' Include 'found' or natural object/s - stones, branches, roots, etc.
2. Anything Goes!

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3. Chrysanthemum, 1 bloom or spray
4. Any other outdoor grown material (NO BRANCHES), 1 specimen
5. Thanksgiving cactus in bloom, any size pot
6. African Violet, single crown, single flowered
7. African Violet, single crown, double flowered
8. Foliage plant, pot under 6"
9. Foliage plant, pot over 6"
10. Any other flowering plant, any size pot



DECEMBER LITTLE SHOW

NO LITTLE SHOW IN DECEMBER

FREE WORKSHOP FOR THS MEMBERS

\$25 FOR GUESTS

PLEASE ARRIVE BETWEEN 6:30-6:40 PM

MUST REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 14

(IF POSSIBLE, BRING ALONG GARDEN SHEERS, SOME EVERGREEN TIPS 6"-8" IN LENGTH, SMALL PINECONES, HOLLY, GREEN FLORAL WIRE, ETC.)





FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

Members of THS and Old York Road Garden Club came together for a creative Line-Mass Design on October 25. Karen Wychock gave a brief explanation and demonstration on line-mass design. Attendees then had plenty of time to create their design using Helianthus (sunflowers), cremones (single mums), aspidistra, salidago (goldenrod), ruscus and cattails! Thank you to Lenis Van Aken for helping to teach this workshop. Thank you to Sue Bunkin for donating all of those cattails from her pond! Hope to see you at on November 29 for a Holiday Mass Design!





October Floral Design Class
Hope to see you in the photos next month!
Next class - November 29
Details on page 10.



THS FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

HOLIDAY MASS DESIGN WITH REFLECTIVE ELEMENTS

NOVEMBER 29, 2023

6:30-8:30 PM

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 Wednesday, November 29. 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 at 800 York Road from 6:30-8:30 PM. We will meet in the Community Center located in the center of the campus. It's the newest building on campus. Plenty of parking around the building.

The materials fee for each class will be \$25. Preregistration and payment in advance is required for these classes. Registration deadline for the November class is November 14. Please mail your check to Lenis Van Aken at 68 Murray Road, Holland, PA 18966-1740. Please make out your check to the Trevoise Horticultural Society.

**IF POSSIBLE, BRING ALONG GARDEN SHEERS/SCISSORS,
A TOWEL OR APRON AND SOME EVERGREEN
TIPS 6"-8" IN LENGTH.**

**THS WILL PROVIDE A CONTAINER, OASIS, FLOWERS AND PLANT
MATERIAL.**

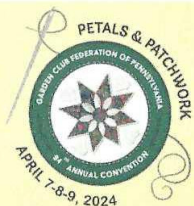


**To register for our November floral design class please send your check for \$25 to
Lenis Van Aken. Your check must be received by November 14.
Your check should be made out to the *Trevoise Horticultural Society*.
DEADLINE: November 14**

NAME: _____

Phone Number: _____

**Lenis VanAken
68 Murray Road
Holland, PA 18966-1740
215-322-4154**



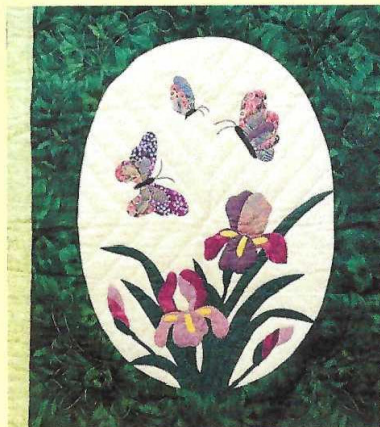
Are you feeling lucky? Do you love QUILTS?

TAKE A CHANCE TO WIN ... \$10.00 per ticket

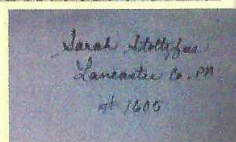
First Prize is a beautifully crafted **queen size quilt** made by Lancaster County Amish

Second Prize is a quilted **wall hanging** created by Lancaster County Amish

Third Prize is a gorgeous quilted **tote bag** made by Lancaster County Amish that has been signed by the maker



For **TICKETS** contact your
District Director or Club President



The drawing will be held during the 94th Annual Convention of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania at the Double Tree Resort by Hilton, Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA - April 9, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.

You do not need to be present to win but we would love to have you join us in the heart of PA Dutch Country

These quilted pieces are excellent examples of the craftsmanship and quality common in this beautiful local art form. Good Luck!

Thank you for supporting the 2024 GCFP Annual Convention! See you in April!

We have been given 5 tickets to sell for the 2024 Convention.
Please consider purchasing one for these beautiful handmade items by Lancaster Amish.
See Karen Wychock for a ticket.