

# Trevose



# Horticultural Society

Our 100<sup>th</sup> Year  
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## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17  
7 PM

BENSALEM SENIOR CENTER

### “CANNABIS”



“Cannabis” will be the featured topic of the Trevose Horticultural Society monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00PM at the Bensalem Senior Center, 1850 Byberry Road, Bensalem, PA.

In a Power Point presentation, guest speaker, Carla Garzon PhD, will introduce the scientific perspective of Cannabis and hemp. Her topics will include a broad selection of topics from their ancient and recent history to current knowledge about their pharmacology, medicinal and industrial applications. Garzon’s research focuses mainly on indoor crop management and diagnosing plant diseases.

Dr Garzon is a Delaware Valley University K.H. Littlefield Endowed Professor of Plant Science in the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture. Her focus is on building a controlled environment for ornamental, vegetable and medicinal herbs.

Arranged by: Cookie Woodson  
Edited by: Marie Cartwright



*THS Budget Meeting  
Thursday  
October 12  
12:30*

*Bensalem Senior Center  
All Are Welcome!*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The garden clubs from District XI came together on September 12 for our annual meeting at the Cedarbrook Country Club.

THS attendees included Ruth Gabel, Ruth Dorn, Ron Cliggett, Ruth Kurtz, Karen Wychock and Betty Sykes. Congratulations to Ruth and Ron! They were awarded our club's Laurel Award.

The Cliggett Family is deserving of the Laurel Award because of their continued commitment to the Trevoise Horticultural Society. They have been members of the Trevoise Horticultural Society since the mid 1970's. Ron and Ruth always made sure that their mom, Edith, made it to the monthly meeting. Both Ron and Ruth volunteer their time and energy to the club in a multitude of ways. They are always on hand to help where ever they are needed. Ron helps to judge our Little Show each month and supports our annual flower show by helping with set up of all of the specimens in our horticulture area. This includes setting up tables and filling hundreds of water tubes. Ruth volunteers her time at our annual show at the market table and always offers a helping hand.



Thank you Ron and Ruth! You are certainly devoted members of the Trevoise Horticultural Society.



District XI will be hosting the 2025 GCFP Convention on April 6-8, 2025. It is entitled, "A Gardening Revolution." It will be held at The Alloy Hotel in King of Prussia. In order to finance this annual state event, all of the clubs in District XI are being asked to support the convention through fundraising efforts. Canvas bags, aprons and T-shirts are being sold. Order forms are available at our monthly meetings. One is also included in this newsletter. You can hand in your order form to Karen Wychock at our October or November meeting or mail it directly to Ginger. Checks should be made out to "GCFP 2025 Convention."

Don't forget about the Fire Prevention Expo on Saturday, October 14 from 12-4 PM. This upcoming fundraising event with the Feasterville Fire Company is in celebration of Fire Prevention Week. The event will take place in the Acme parking lot at 105 East Street Road, Feasterville. We will have a table set up filled with plants, cookies and garden related items. This is a great opportunity to be out in the community and to share who we are and what we do as an organization. Please contact Cookie if you can donate items and/or help out in the booth. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* event is another special day filled with fun and fundraising to benefit area non-profit organizations. THS will be participating in this year's event scheduled for October 18. We have the opportunity to sell a \$5 discount shopping pass to the event that's good for 25% off almost all purchases during *Friends Helping Friends Day!* 100% of the ticket donation goes directly to the selling organization. Thank you to Rosanne Payson for heading this initiative. We hope to see everyone at Boscovs in October for some great deals!

Happy Halloween!  
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.

### 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**

October 17  
November 14  
December 12

**Floral Design Classes**

October 25  
November 29

**2023 Budget Meeting**

October 12

**2023 THS Events**

Fire Prevention Expo  
October 14

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends  
October 18



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



**October 16**  
District XI Fall Meeting  
GIANT Willow Grove

**Garden & Watershed  
HOTLINE**  
**267-483-2020**  
**bucksmg@psu.edu**



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# GARDEN CHATTER

## YOUR OCTOBER "TO DO" LIST

\*Best month to plant tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocuses and other spring-flowering bulbs.

\*Replace annuals with pansies, mums, ornamental cabbage/kale or other fall or cool-season plants — in pots as well as beds.

\*Plant new trees, shrubs and perennials.

\*Divide existing perennials, except fall-blooming ones, and transplant existing shrubs.

\*As frost browns perennial foliage, prune it to the ground, except for mums, sedum, ornamental grasses and plants with seeds that you want to leave for birds.

\*Stop pruning and fertilizing trees and shrubs as they head into dormancy.

\*Feed the lawn one last time late in the month or early November. Add lime if soil test indicates.

\*It's still OK to dethatch or aerate the lawn if you didn't do it in September. Get grass seed down by the end of the month.

\*Clean up the vegetable garden. Discard any bug-infested or diseased material, harvest everything but the freeze-tolerant fall crops and top the cleared beds with an inch of compost.

\*Rake leaves off the lawn if they're too thick to mow. Also rake leaves off of evergreen ground covers. Use the leaves in your compost (they're ideal mixed with year-end grass clippings and yanked garden plants) or chop them and spread over the bare veggie and annual beds.

\*Small to moderate amounts of leaves on lawns can be run over with a mower. Let the grass/leaf mix on the lawn unless it's enough to threaten to mat down the grass. Rake up these channels and compost or use as mulch on the veggie and annual beds.

\*Great time to start a compost pile if you don't already have one or two or three.



\*Do NOT rake leaves out of shrub and perennial beds. They make good winter insulation and can be mulched on top of in spring, unless they're more than 2 inches thick.

\*Dig tender bulbs, trim foliage, dry and store inside for winter.

\*Dig and repot herbs or selected annuals (i.e. coleus, impatiens, begonias or fuchsia) for growing inside. You may be able to convert many pot centerpieces into houseplants, salvaging these for another season outside next year.

\*Dig new beds and/or improve the soil in existing beds. The weather is cool and the soil is usually drier now than early spring.

\*Get those houseplants back inside ASAP if you didn't do it last month. Check for insects and hose down or treat with insecticides, if needed.

\*Protect roses from cold weather by using rose cones or mounding mulch a few inches up against the stems. Cut back long canes to about 4 feet.

\*Keep plants well watered – especially newly planted plants – if the October is dry. We sometimes get sneaky fall droughts.

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



## 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.

**OCTOBER'S BIRTHDAY FLOWER, THE VIBRANT MARIGOLD**, is a Mediterranean native plant and has been prized for both its beauty and versatility. They come in a range of colors including white, gold and yellow; however, probably the most popular is bright orange. There are two types of marigolds, tagetes and calendula. One big difference between the two is that the calendula can be eaten.

The calendula is also believed to be a useful herbal remedy for treating minor abrasions and even chapped lips. Contrarily, most tagetes marigolds are toxic.



### MARIGOLDS IN HISTORY

Marigolds have been used for a wide variety of purposes throughout history. Ancient Greek and Roman cultures, as well as Indian and Middle Eastern cultures have all used marigolds for everything from treating various health ailments, dying fabrics, creating cosmetics and seasoning foods. It seems there is no need these adaptable flowers can't fill. Marigolds are also one of the hardiest fall flowering plants.

### COLORS AND SYMBOLISM

With its intense color, it's no wonder the marigold is the symbol of passion and creativity.

In Medieval England, the flowers and leaves of the marigold flowers, combined with ground eggshells, were added to heated ale and drank as a treatment for the plague. In Asia, garlands of marigold flowers are used to decorate religious statues, and during funerals and wedding ceremonies.

During Mexico's annual Dia de los Muertos celebration colorful garlands of marigold flowers adorn the graves of deceased relatives and elaborate altars constructed in the many homes. These altars are filled with favorite photos, toys and food items of the deceased. It is believed that the scent of the flowers help guide the spirits from the cemetery to the altars. The yellow and orange marigolds symbolize the sun and light. (<https://www.proflowers.com/>)

Happy Birthday to Jim Kates on October 1 and Tom McMaster on October 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!**

## OCTOBER LITTLE SHOW

### DESIGN

1. 'Autumn's Textures' - Include a variety of textures
2. Anything Goes!

### HORTICULTURE

3. Chrysanthemum, 1 spray
4. Chrysanthemum, 1 bloom disbudded
5. Chrysanthemum, 3 specimens, 3 varieties
6. Dahlia, large flowered, over 6", 1 bloom
7. Dahlia, medium flowered, 4" to 6", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
8. Dahlia, small, under 4", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
9. Bulb, tuber or corm not listed above, 1 specimen
10. Any annual or perennial than above, 1 specimen
11. Any house plant, pot not over 6"
12. Any house plant, pot over 6"



## NOVEMBER LITTLE SHOW

### DESIGN - "NATURE'S FORMS"

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

### HORTICULTURE

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



# THS FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

## CREATIVE LINE MASS DESIGN

### OCTOBER 25, 2023

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, October 25 and 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 October class is October 13. 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.



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 be creating a creative Line-Mass Design in October. Creative Line-Mass Design is similar to Creative Line Design except additional plant material and/or other optional components are included to add strength and depth to the design. Many designers like this design better, because more flowers can be used for rhythm and balance. In the Line-Mass design, the line is still strong, but additional flowers strengthen and embellish the line, and transitional materials fill in for a slightly greater mass. Plant material is massed to

create a focal point in the design. The mass is located at the point of emergence.



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**To register for our October floral design class please send your check for \$25 to  
Lenis Van Aken. Your check must be received by October 13.  
Your check should be made out to the Trevoise Horticultural Society.  
DEADLINE: October 13**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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