

Trevose



# Horticultural Society

Our 100<sup>th</sup> Year  
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SEPTEMBER 2023  
NEWSLETTER



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
7 PM

BENSALEM SENIOR CENTER

## LIVING TOGETHER: LESSONS FROM LICHENS

Guest speaker, James Miller, will present a lively discussion of the way two simple organisms cooperate for survival in the wonderful world of lichens. There will be a surprisingly fun opportunity



for audience participation using commonly available props. Free samples are included.

A retired microbiology professor from Delaware Valley University, Jim is enjoying the arts-and-humanities phase of his life. He has been fascinated by lichens forever and has done research on lichen physiology, particularly nitrogen uptake. Jim has taught classes in American Art as well as in biology and is an active volunteer at Graeme Park, a colonial historical site in Horsham, Pennsylvania. He lives in Gwynedd, Pennsylvania, in a community of lively retirees.

Arranged by: Cookie Woodson  
Edited by: Marie Cartwright



Thursday

September 7

12:30-2:30

Bensalem Senior Center

All Are Welcome!

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you have recovered from our show, "Rooted in History!" Putting on a standard flower show involves a great amount of time, effort, and work on the part of many people. We could not do it without the continued support of all of our THS members. Thank you to each of you for your participation in so many ways!

Our show, "Rooted in History" is eligible for a National Garden Club (NGC) award. I will be preparing the required Book of Evidence. If you spot any publicity in local newspapers please save it for me. If you want it back I can scan it and return the original to you. I need to show proof of publicity for the Book of Evidence. The Book of Evidence needs to be completed by December 1.



THS can use your help with a few upcoming events. Please consider participating in one of them.

1. We are looking for a few members to help out with this year's Fire Prevention Expo to be held 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.



2. Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* event is a 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, and donors will have the opportunity to win fabulous prizes, while enjoying refreshments and entertainment throughout the store. Passes will be sold at our September meeting. Thank you to Rosanne Payson for heading this initiative. We hope to see everyone at Boscovs in October for some great deals!

3. We will be conducting elections in December. Please consider taking a position on the board. A description of each office will be emailed to you in a separate email. If you are currently on the board, please let me know if you want to stay in your position, move to another position or resign from your position. Please let me know by Thursday, September 7 so we can review the open positions.

Happy Gardening!  
Karen



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## REFRESHMENTS ANYONE?

As a member of the Trevoze Horticultural Society, everyone is expected to volunteer for refreshments once a year. Please sign up at one of our upcoming monthly meetings.

### September 19

Phyllis Ashcraft, Phyllis Dietz, Phyllis Ford

### 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**

September 19  
October 17  
November 14  
December 12

**Floral Design Classes**

October 25  
November 29

**2023 Board Meeting**

September 7

**2023 THS Events**

Fire Prevention Expo  
October 14

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends  
October 18



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



**September 12**

District XI Annual Meeting  
Cedarbrook Country Club

**October 16**

District XI Fall Meeting  
GIANT Willow Grove

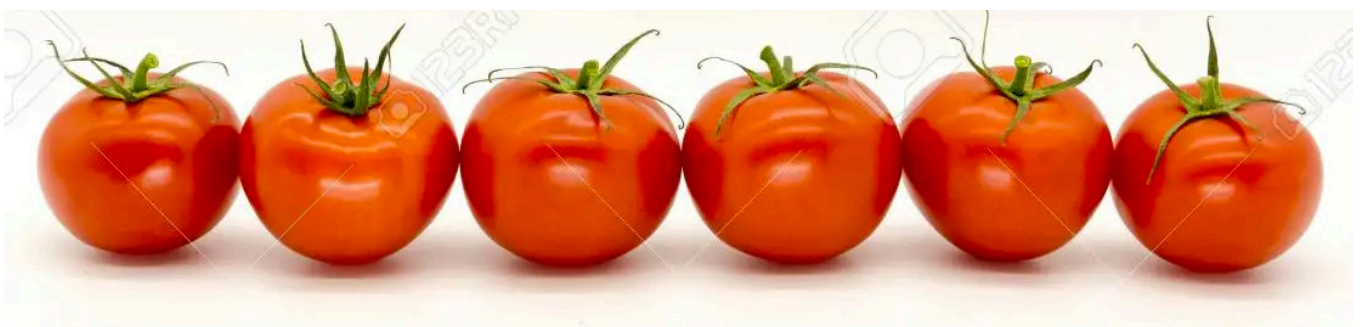
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# “ROOTED IN HISTORY”

Visitors to our 100th anniversary flower show “Rooted in History” enjoyed reviewing 400 horticultural, artistic, junior and senior designs and educational exhibit entries entered by members and area gardeners.

Congratulations to all our Special Award Winners! Several of our members dominated the Horticultural Division. Karen Wychock was the top winner receiving the National Garden Club’s (NGC) Grower’s Choice Awards for her perfect *Kleina Stapeliisormi* cactus plant (pickle cactus) and combination cactus planter. Karen also received the Society’s Stella Matczak Award for her first place Horticultural Display entry and the Arnold Young Award for the most blue ribbons for Container Grown potted plants. An excellent specimen of cut *Coleus* garnered both the NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence and Award of Merit for Lynn Kay. Choony Choi’s superior cut specimen of French *Hydrangea* won the NGC Arboreal Award. Choony also received an Award of Merit for her cut specimen of *Cosmos* and the Society’s Arnold Young Award for her container grown themed Dish Garden.



A show-stopping cut specimen of *Dahlia* ‘Verrone Obsidian’ won the NGC Award of Merit for Christine Dopp. She also received both the Society’s Erich and Virginia Meitzner Award for the most blue ribbons in the *Dahlia* classes and the Society’s Sweepstakes Award for the most blue ribbons in Horticulture. Joe Heald earned the NGC Grower’s Choice Award for his unusual flowering potted plant *Solanum Pseudocapsicum* ‘Christmas Cherry.’ NGC Awards of Merit were awarded to Lenis Van Aken for her excellent cut specimen of ‘*Salvia officinalis berggarten*’ Sage and Jim Kates for his small ‘Bumble Bee’ sized tomatoes.



Visitors enjoyed, as well as personally critiqued, 22 artistic arrangements reflecting the show theme. Karen received both the NGC Award of Design Excellence and the Designer’s Choice Award for her table ‘Time Capsule.’ Karen also earned the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania’s (GCFPA) Award of Special Recognition for Design with her unique ‘Kodachrome’ entry and the THS Betty Sykes Sweepstakes Design trophy for most blue ribbons in the Artistic Design Division. In the Botanical Arts class ‘Art Deco,’ Ruth Kurz won the Society’s Rachel Schwarz Award for her eye-catching brooch entry decorated with dried natural plant material.

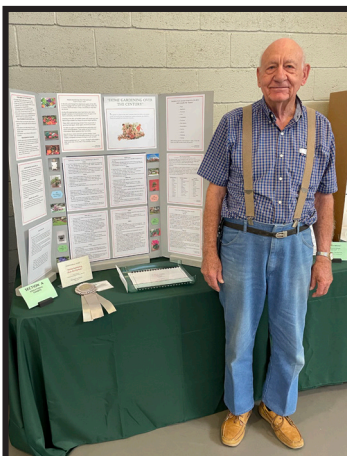
Karen’s educational exhibit, “A THS Centennial Celebration” was awarded the NGC Educational Award. Her exhibit celebrated the Society’s 100th Birthday with a look back through photos, artifacts, flower show schedules and awards.

Coordinated by Richard Longcoy an informative exhibit “Home Gardening Over the Century” won the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Educational and Conservation Silver Award. Rich’s exhibit highlighted the early Century home ‘crop’ gardening as a necessity to feed your family. Today, gardeners not only reap the benefits of gardening but also find personal pride and enjoyment in their new ‘hobby.’



THS also merited the GCFP Staging Award for the show’s overall appearance.

Submitted by Marie Caetwright



Trevoze Horticultural Society  
2023 NGC 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  
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# GARDEN CHATTER

## YOUR SEPTEMBER "TO DO" LIST

Now's the best time of the year to start a new lawn, lay sod or overseed an existing lawn. It's also a good time to dethatch and/or aerate the lawn.

Resume fertilizing the lawn and, if needed, add lime. If you've still got weeds, spot-spray them with a broad-leaf weed-killer labeled for lawn use. If they're really bad and all over, use a weed-'n-feed product.

Replace flagging annuals with pansies, mums, ornamental cabbage/kale or other fall or cool-season plants.

Plant new trees, shrubs, and perennials. It's still a little early to plant spring-flowering bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. October is better... late September at the earliest.

Divide existing perennials, except fall-blooming ones, and transplant existing shrubs that need to be moved.

Stop pruning and fertilizing trees and shrubs as they begin heading into dormancy.

Move houseplants back inside after checking for insects and hosing down and treating with insecticides, if needed.

Pick bagworms off arborvitae and other woody plants if you didn't control them earlier with sprays.

Scout for pest problems and treat as needed. Watch for beetle grub damage to the lawn; scale on magnolia; galls on spruce, and mites on evergreens. Reseed lawn

grub damage or use Dylox or Sevin if you're dead set on killing the grubs.

Have soil in lawn and gardens tested if you haven't done it in the last couple of years or if plants are struggling.



Great time to start a compost pile with spent garden plants, grass clippings and leaves that soon will fall.

Take hardwood cuttings of shrubs you want to propagate.

Keep plants well watered – especially newly planted plants – if rain isn't sufficient.

Continue deadheading spent annual flowers and trim off spent flower stalks of perennials after they bloom.

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.



Harvest vegetables, pull spent plants and fill empty space with lettuce, radishes, spinach or carrots or plant a winter cover crop.

Don't panic if you see pine and spruce trees begin to drop their innermost needles. This is normal.

Continue spraying program for roses but no fertilizing any more this season.

<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.



**SEPTEMBER** – Those lucky enough to be born in the month of September can claim the vibrant aster as their birthday flower. They provide an abundance of large blooms in summer and early fall. Asters come in a great variety of colors including red, white, orange and various shades of pink and purple, making them one of the most popular flowers for use in floral arrangements.

### ASTERS IN HISTORY

It's estimated that there are more than 600 different species of these colorful wildflowers. Reminiscent of the daisy, asters can be found in North America, Europe, Asia and South America.

Despite its appearance, the aster's large flower is not one single flower, but actual an assortment of many tiny tubular flowers. Ancient Greeks name the aster after the Greek word (astér), meaning star. They often used asters to create wreaths, which they would place on altars to pay tribute to the gods.

One popular myth attributes the origin of the aster flower to the Greek God Virgo who was saddened by the lack of stars in the sky. Upset, Virgo began to cry. As she cried, lovely aster flowers began to grow on each spot where her tears landed.

During the Victorian era, asters became very popular. Victorians were fascinated by floriography – the language of flowers – and would use the color, type and arrangement of various flowers to send secret coded messages to one another. Asters conveyed feelings of love, devotion and daintiness.

### COLORS AND SYMBOLISM

Asters are associated with the qualities of faith, wisdom and valor.

One of the most often selected colors of asters is purple. The color purple represents wisdom and devotion, and has long been used to denote royalty. A bouquet featuring a variety of purple hued flowers next time you want to make someone you love feel like a king or queen.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SALLY IRONS AND LORI MUELLER (SEPTEMBER 19)**

# In The SPOTLIGHT

**Ann  
Krull**

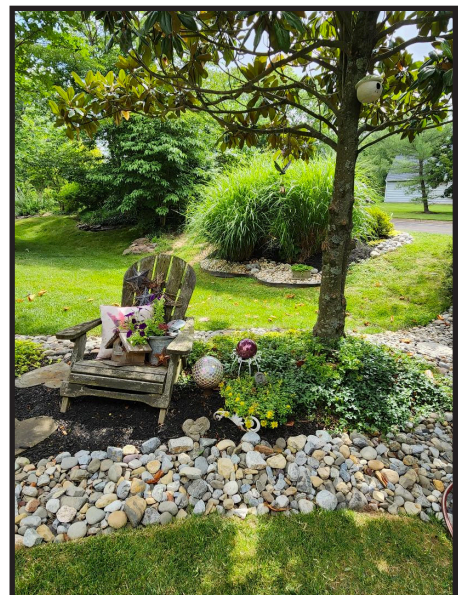
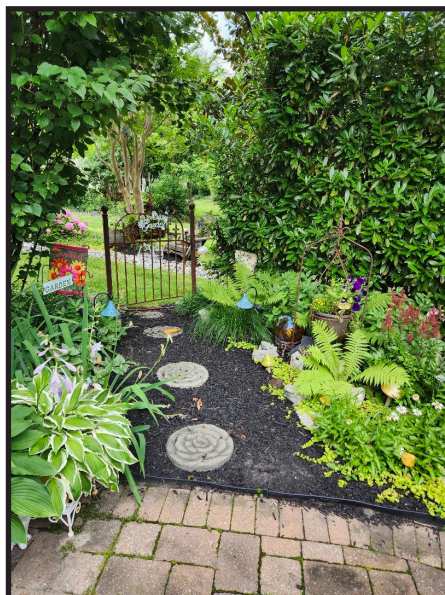
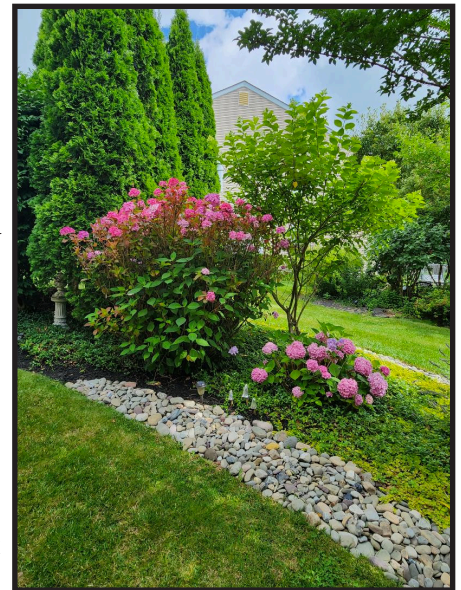


Welcome to Ann Krull. In her new home she has a small yard, but many gardens. They feature vignettes, each with a color theme and some pieces of garden art. There are mostly perennials in the ground and in pots. There are four pots of hostas, some ferns and purple sage, to name a few. She has many ceramic mushrooms for a pop of purple, her favorite color. A few clematis plants are struggling a bit but there is always something blooming. Iris came in the spring and now we can find crepe myrtles. Several geraniums and annuals add to the inviting spaces. And of all things, she has included 4 different gazing balls after vowing she would never own even one!

At her first home, she and her husband both enjoyed the garden. They created shade gardens, flagstone terraces and raised beds. Sadly, they also fought the deer living nearby.

Ann is very eager to learn and loves to help plants thrive. She has been retired for 4 years and likes to rehab plants. Her garden keeps her moving. Things will slow a bit, in September she expects to under another shoulder surgery but looks forward to getting outside as soon as possible.

Submitted by Phyllis Ford





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!

**WE NEED  
YOU**

**TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR LITTLE SHOW!**

## SEPTEMBER LITTLE SHOW

### DESIGN

1. Child's Play (Include Accessory)  
Small design (minimum 8" high, not to exceed 12" in height)
2. ARRANGEMENT OF CHOICE - You decide! Anything Goes!

### HORTICULTURE

3. Zinnia, giant flowered, over 4", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
4. Zinnia, medium flowered, 2" to 4", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
5. Marigold, over 3 1/2", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
6. Marigold, 2" to 3 1/2", 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties
7. Annual, any other type, 1 stem
8. Perennial, any type, 1 stem or cluster
9. Rose, 1 stem, spray or cluster
10. Vegetable or fruit, 3 specimens on a paper plate
11. Bulb, corm or tuber, 1 bloom
12. Best of Your Garden, collection of flowers, 3 or more varieties. Supply a list.
13. Best of Your Garden, collection of vegetables, 3 or more varieties. Supply a list.



## 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"

