

# Greensburg Garden Center

Aug./Sept./Oct, 2020 Newsletter

“Where Gardeners Grow”



## MONARCH BUTTERFLY RELEASE SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Treat yourself and your family to the breath-taking sight of butterflies everywhere! Reserve your Monarch -- \$7.00 this year. Choose a release time to attend or pick up your Monarch to release in your own garden.



Completely different from all prior years, the release will take place in the beautiful **LeFevre Butterfly Garden**. Plenty of colorful flowers there to entice the released Monarchs to land and take a sip of nectar.

As noted above, there are two release times to provide for social distancing. We will monitor the number of people in the garden. Safety first. Masks are required.

There will be plenty to see and enjoy:

- Monarch larva will be happily munching milkweed in one of our troughs.
- Novelty items will be available for fun and excitement for the little ones.
- Educational displays and butterfly books are inside the Garden House.
- A garden flea-tique offers gently used garden related items for resale.
- Turner Dairy is donating free drinks.
- Hot dogs, macaroni and cheese and butterfly cookies will tempt your palate.
- Buy a flower wand for a butterfly to coax a Monarch to land.
- Take a picture on the butterfly bench.



There will not be a long program this year due to the current conditions, only a short presentation and then we will distribute the reserved butterflies to release.

**In a summer like no other, we are holding tight to the annual tradition of a Monarch butterfly release, albeit much smaller. Mother Nature is still beautiful in the LeFevre Butterfly Garden.**

### Calendar of Events

- Aug. 4 Membership Mtg.—11:00 AM  
Aug. 8 Butterfly Release—11:00—1:00 PM  
Sept. 1 Membership Mtg.—11:00 PM  
Oct. 1 Christmas Workshops begin every  
Tues. & Thurs.—10:00—3:00 PM  
Oct. 6 Annual Meeting—11:00 AM  
Dec. 4 & 5—Christmas Sale  
Dec. 12 Save the Date! **Old Allegheny  
West Christmas House Tour**

### CALENDAR



Publication of our annual calendar has been suspended this year due to Covid-19. Putting the calendar together requires much shoulder to shoulder work.

The committee elected not to take unnecessary health Risks during this time. If you miss the calendar and want to see it back next year, or vice versa, please express your opinion. Speak to anyone on the Calendar Committee: Charlene, Agnes, Sandy, or Nicky.

## Membership Meetings

### Tuesday, August 4, 2020—11:00 AM

Becky Griffith of Shadowwood Gardens will speak about “Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden”. It will be kind of a “show and tell”. Becky will bring plants that butterflies love and offer them for sale after the program. Stroll to the Garden House after the meeting and visit our own LeFevre Butterfly Garden. It is stunningly beautiful!

Have gardening questions? Bring them on! The dry lawns and gardens this summer may need a little extra care. Becky loves to offer solutions and/or opinions on how to improve your garden. Organic methods are her preference. Butterflies will stay away if chemicals are used.

### Tuesday, September 1, 2020—11:00 AM



The ever-popular Plant Auction will be held as a silent auction this year. We will line up the plants for easy viewing and you can write down your bid. This should be interesting!! Sign in with a fresh, new pencil (courtesy of Turner Dairy) or bring your own pen/pencil to use to write your bids. The Turner Dairy pencils are yours to keep!

If you are bringing a plant, please have a tag with the plant name. Write any suggestions for growing, example: full sun, part sun, shade, like wet conditions. Home grown vegetables and house plants are welcome too!

We will be following recommended safety procedures with social distancing and a required method of food service. PLEASE! For you safety and others, wear your mask.

### ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 GREENSBURG COUNTRY CLUB Program 11:00 AM - Lunch 12:00 Noon - Program 1:00 PM

You deserve to treat yourself to a relaxing, enjoyable day out!



The Annual Meeting of GGC will take place in the Fireside Room at the Greensburg Country Club at 11:00 AM. At this meeting, we will have the nomination and election of new officers, recognition of those with top volunteer hours plus a quick recap of the usual committee information. After the short meeting, a delicious lunch will be served in the elegant Main Dining Room. The exact menu will be available soon; just call the Center to make a reservation. Seating will be limited due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Feast your eyes on the seasonal fall table decorations by Joan Stairs and be sure to take a chance on the exceptional raffle prizes!

Our featured speaker is Greg Harhai. Greg is an artist and landscape consultant. He stresses curb appeal that matches the style of the home while reflecting the owner’s personality. A slide program will show examples of his artistic focus to enhance a home’s façade. He is found daily at Rogers Scapes Inc. You can look up his website: [imagineadesignco.com](http://imagineadesignco.com).

When the weather turns cold, Greg is busy painting, designing jewelry and pursuing other artistic hobbies. Let’s hope he brings in examples of his art!

Fall Raffle ticket winners will be drawn, good luck!

Lunch and Program only \$35.00.

## Scholarship Winner!!



The Greensburg Garden Center is pleased to announce this year's recipient of the Katherine M. McKenna Scholarship. The scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 was awarded to Gabrielle Kriley of Rural Valley which is in Armstrong County PA. She is the daughter of Sandra and William Kriley.

Gabrielle is pursuing a degree in Agriculture and Extension Education at Penn State University. She was on the Dean's list twice while attending classes at the New Kensington campus of PSU. This fall she will be transferring to PSU's main campus to complete her schooling.

As a student Gabrielle has been involved in many volunteer opportunities in our region. She's been active with the 4-H club for 12 years, served as Chapter 63 FFA president at Lenape Technical School, held numerous officer positions as a college freshman, and acted as counselor at popular educational camps for area youth the past three years.

Gabrielle has been working toward her goal of becoming an educator of agriculture in a high school setting. Her background in the agricultural setting and her participation in so many learning opportunities will serve her well. Her strong desire to share her knowledge with others makes one great leader as a future teacher.

Congratulations, Gabrielle! We encourage you to keep in touch with our organization and read over our newsletter from our website. We like to hear from our scholarship recipients and learn of their pursuits outside of school.

### Officers for 2021-2023

The Nominating Committee is very happy to announce we have our team for the coming 2 years!!

Co-Presidents: Carla Rusnica, Diane Dale  
Co-Vice Presidents: Judy Geary, Nadine Mason  
Secretary: Sandy Truckner  
2-Year Directors: TBA

The Membership will vote on this slate of officers at our Annual Meeting and nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

### Fall Raffle



Our Fall Raffle tickets are included in this newsletter. Please buy yours and we have extras in the office to sell to your friends. Marian DeBone works very hard every year to come up with restaurants that will be appealing to our membership and we count on the very important fundraiser. The restaurants this year are: Red Lobster, Lamplighter, Mauro's, Out of the Fire, Lupe & Leo's, The Nest, Giannilli's, J. Cork's, Rizzo's, Jaffres, Szechuan Garden, Rialto, Sun Dawg, S. Greensburg Restaurant, Rassame Thai Cuisine, Spitfire, Pit Take BBQ, French Express, Don Patron, Robokyo

### Christmas is Coming!!

If you are like me, you think about Christmas all year long! Any time you see a new recipe or decoration in a magazine, you are anxious to "try it on for size". Others don't like to think about it until it is forced upon them! Either way, it WILL come around every year and it takes time, effort, and planning on our part.



It is just the same with our annual holiday sale. Plans are already underway and we are crossing our fingers and saying our prayers that this pandemic doesn't get in the way. Therefore, we are calling all of our elves back from furlough beginning Thursday, October 1. Workshops will be held Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 - 3:00 during October and November in the workroom. Social distancing and masks will be used in accordance with the CDC and governor Wolf.

Schedule us on your calendar and be ready with holiday spirit and willing hands. There are jobs for every skill level from cleanup to tree and wreath decorating. New ideas are always welcome.

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**GREENSBURG GARDEN CENTER 2020**  
**ASSOCIATE MEMBER - NEW MEMBER RENEWAL FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: New \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Student \$3 \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues run from January 1 to January 1. Please make checks payable to:  
Greensburg Garden Center, 951 Old Salem Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601

My interests are: \_\_\_\_\_ Gardening \_\_\_\_\_ Floral Design \_\_\_\_\_ Butterfly Garden \_\_\_\_\_ Workshops  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grounds \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media

**Our Mission Statement**

*The Greensburg Garden Center is a non-profit educational organization whose goals are to support and educate our members and the community in horticulture, conservation, and related areas and provide an annual scholarship. GGC serves Westmoreland County and surrounding communities.*