

Greensburg Garden Center

November/December 2018 Newsletter

"Where Gardeners Grow"

Calendar Corner

Nov. 6	Membership Mtg.—11:00 AM Program by Becky Griffith
Nov. 9	Bus Trip to Neubauer's Open House
Nov. 30	Holiday Sale—3:00-7:00 PM
Dec. 1	Holiday Sale—9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Nov. 27	National Day of Giving
Dec. 4	Membership Mtg. — 11:00 AM Holiday Craft and Party
Jan. 8	Membership Mtg.—11:00 AM

Membership Meetings

....At our **November 6** meeting we will welcome an old friend, Becky Griffith, owner of Shadowwood Gardens. Becky has done a program for us many times before and is always full of gardening knowledge! She will answer your questions on fall gardening and offer some tips.

....In **December** we will be getting into the holiday spirit. Please bring a covered dish to share for our luncheon "party". It's always a treat to see what everyone brings! Holiday items will be available for sale.

....Our **January 8** meeting will be in the Penthouse where we will install our new officers for the 2019-2020 term. Co-presidents, Carla Rusnica and Barb Cseh; 1st Vice President, Judy Geary; Secretary, Sandy Truckner; Treasurer, Elizabeth Pesci; 2Year Directors, Diane Dale & Jane Petrovich.

Lunch follows all meetings, hope to see you all there!

Our Annual Meeting in October was held at the Greensburg Country Club and was an awesome afternoon! Steve Neubauer of Neubauer Florals did 3 fresh floral arrangements and brought items for sale from his shop. Lunch was great as were the pumpkin centerpieces by Joan Stairs.

Our **Fall Raffle** tickets were drawn and the lucky winners were Christine Larry, Mike Kelley, J. M. Kendall and Kathy Ostrowski who won twice!! Thanks to all that supported this annual fundraiser.

HOLIDAY SALE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – 3:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 – 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

We are busy making permanent decorations for the holiday in our downstairs workroom! There are trees of every size and décor! Wreaths, table arrangements, swags, and more are available in traditional, elegant, eclectic and rustic trims.



The office and halls will be decorated throughout November for those who like to decorate early. Stop in to choose the perfect item for a favorite teacher, relative, friend or yourself!

Sale days will offer an array of fresh nobil fir wreaths, mixed swags, kissing balls, table arrangements and hanging baskets created by Garden Center members. Enhance your front door or mantle with white pine roping and a fragrant wreath. Choose from an amazing variety of bows to complete a picture-perfect display! Pre-orders are available on fresh greens. Just call the GGC office for an order form.

Meanwhile.....



Want to help create artificial or live items to help the Center have a fabulous sale? **We could use a few cheerful elves!!** Tuesdays and Thursdays until Thanksgiving Nadine Mason will be downstairs to gather materials and help create for our sale. Feel like you're not creative but want to help?? We need members to put pinecones in a bag, "fluff" trees and wreaths, spray a little glitter, maybe add a little "snow" to items.

The week after Thanksgiving is busy making kissing balls, fresh green baskets, pricing wreaths, etc. Come on in for a while, have fun with other Garden Center members. Sip a bit of wassail. Munch a cookie. Get in the mood for the holidays!!

NEUBAUER'S FLORIST AND MARKETPLACE "CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE"



Ride along with Greensburg Garden Center on **Friday, Nov. 9**, to take in the breathtaking, high class décor at

Neubauer's and join in the festivities of their "Christmas Open House". This popular event in Uniontown's downtown kicks off the holiday season in the most beautiful way.

We will be leaving the Garden Center at 9:00 AM sharp to be sure to arrive when the shop opens. Shop and browse until noon when we will board the bus to enjoy a relaxing lunch at Olive Garden. Lunch is included in the trip price. You will be served the lunch special of spaghetti with a side of either salad or soup, breadsticks and coffee or tea.

A lovely, relaxing, enjoyable day. Trip cost is \$52. This small bus holds only 25 so don't delay!! Get your reservation in before the bus fills up by calling the office right away!

Plant Auction a "Growing Success"!



The annual September GGC plant auction was a success by any measure. Members brought in interesting and unusual plants as well as old favorites: perennials, shrubs, trees,

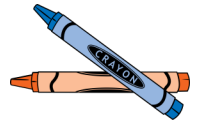
houseplants, rhizomes, bulbets, even seeds. Most of the over 30 members who attended the membership meeting stayed for the auction and weren't afraid to open their wallets. Bidding was lively and the bids were generous. The auction generated an income of over \$240, no small amount. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, with lots of fellowship shared. Judy Geary and Nadine Mason were runners and passed out the plants.

I personally want to thank everyone who helped make this event successful, especially the ladies who brought in the plants and the ladies who purchased them. Without both, the auction couldn't have been the success it was. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and look forward to the next opportunity to be the plant auctioneer for the Garden Center.

Sandy Truckner

Got Crayons?

The Greensburg Garden Center has decided to participate in the **Crayon Initiative**. More than a half-million pounds of crayons are discarded annually throughout the U.S. The Crayon Initiative collects used and unwanted crayons across the country, then melts them down and remanufactures them, reducing environmental waste. The recycled crayons are distributed to art programs at children's hospitals across the U.S including Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.



Crayons may be dropped off in the office during working hours. Ask your friends and family to donate as well. If you frequent a restaurant that has crayons for children, ask them to save them for you rather than throwing them away. Thank you in advance for helping with this worthy endeavor.

A TIME FOR SHARING



For some less fortunate, the holiday season is a stressful time. The Blackburn Center is especially busy. You can help. The Garden Center has collected necessities the past two years and want to continue that tradition. A

complete list is available online or call the office to get a copy. However, just about anything you can think of is appreciated. Canned goods, paper products, kitchen utensils, gas cards, and cleaning supplies are always needed. Clothing items are needed, especially PJs for the children and the mothers, children's underwear. Some arrive with only the clothes they have on. Also critical are towels and washcloths. The list goes on and on.

Drop donations off at the office. If you can only come after office hours, call the office to see if someone will be there late. We could stay a little late or perhaps will be downstairs creating.

We hope to take a truck filled with goodies to the Blackburn Center on December 13. Just in time to let others know we care and give them a little spiritual lift for the Holiday.



The Calendars are ready for you and your Holiday Gifting!! Thrill your friends with a calendar with a personal touch featuring pictures from members gardens. An added bonus of coupons from Silvis Landscaping, Shadowwood Gardens and Country Farms are included.

A bargain at only \$5.00 for a lovely calendar. Printed by Fotorecord.

**NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 2018**



Mark your calendars now to be sure to donate to Greensburg Garden Center online at www.GiveBigPittsburgh.com starting November 27 and running through December 31. Many thanks to the Pittsburgh Magazine and their "GiveBigPittsburgh" promotion for the opportunity to join their movement to promote regional non-profit organizations. We are honored to be accepted as part of their acknowledged group of non-profits which are beneficial to the community. Online giving is a great way to show your support without leaving home! However, if you prefer a more traditional way of gifting, GGC is happy to accept your checks or call the office to give a credit card donation. Of course, all donations are tax-deductible. Watch your email inbox for a reminder to make your donation. If we do not have an email address for you, watch your mailbox for a reminder letter.

The Greensburg Garden Center offers all its members quality programs and opportunities to learn about pollinators, flower design, wildlife and perennials among other things. Workshops to make hypertufa, kissing balls, fresh green and artificial designs to sell at our events offer members a learning experience while having a fun time with their fellow members.

~~PLANT A DONATION AND WATCH US GROW!~~

**2019 Philadelphia Flower Show
"Flower Power"**

The yearly trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show will take place on Wednesday, March 6. The Philadelphia Flower Show is a new adventure every year and is the largest indoor flower show in the world!!! Despite the snowy weather normally in the forecast, hardy gardeners are fearless when imagining the sights and displays at this world-renowned event: stunning landscapes, gardens and breathtaking floral displays.

"**Flower Power**" will showcase the contribution of flowers to our lives and will show how to feature showy flowers in the home landscape. Watch our next newsletter issue for more details but be sure to call the office to put your name on the list.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE AT HEMPFIELD PARK
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**



We will be selling the remaining artificial wreaths, trees and table decorations at Hempfield Township's Craft Show on Saturday, December 8. Also available will be any live greens we have. Hours are 9:00 AM—2:00 PM. This a great way to raise extra funds while reaching a new audience for the Garden Center. The Board is constantly trying to expand our existing events to increase our profits! If you have not been able to come to the Center for the sale the prior weekend, come out to this craft show and support the Garden Center!!

WE NEED YOUR GREENS!!



The fresh green creations require lots and lots of branches. Donate your pine boughs. Boxwood and arborvitae are wonderful to use in swags and fresh arrangements. All types of evergreens are needed including holly and rhododendron. We also love red twig dogwood and curly willow. Thanksgiving weekend is the perfect time to work off a little of that turkey dinner and pumpkin pie by trimming your evergreens!!

Please tie bundles of branches or place in large garbage bags and bring the greens to the basement workroom beginning November 26. If no one is working downstairs yet, just leave them by the garage doors. Thank you so much!! The donation of greens is critical to the success of the Christmas Sale!

Looking ahead.....



We are already making plans for our Annual Spring Tea. March 30 has been tentatively chosen as the date. This event takes a lot of planning by our dedicated and talented tea table hostesses. If you would like to do a table or just want to know what is involved, Angie and Diane will have a mini meeting following the December Membership meeting.



Welcome new member, Debbie Reese.

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GREENSBURG GARDEN CENTER 2019
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.