



# Buds and Blossoms

News from GCFP District II/III  
Joyce Milberg, GCFP President

August 2019

## A Time for Flowers

"Who can estimate the elevating and refining influences and moral value of flowers with all their graceful forms, bewitching shades and combinations of colors and exquisitely varied perfumes? These silent influences are unconsciously felt even by those who do not appreciate them consciously and thus with better and still better fruits, nuts, grains, vegetables and flowers, will the earth be transformed, man's thought refined, and turned from the base destructive forces into nobler production. One which will lift him to high planes of action toward the happy day when the Creator of all this beautiful work is more acknowledged and loved, and where man shall offer his brother man, not bullets and bayonets, but richer grains, better fruit and fairer flowers from the bounty of this earth."

- Father George Schoener (1864 -1941)

*The Importance and Fundamental Principles of Plant  
Breeding*

## Director's Report

"The love of gardening is a seed that once sown never dies," Gertrude Jekyll. As I write this report Parkland Garden Club, Monroe Garden Club, and Milford Garden Club had their garden tours on July 13th, and The Garden Club of Reading had their garden tour on June 15. What a wonderful way to introduce people to the love of gardening.

I wish to thank Wyomissing Garden Club and their president, Fran Carroll, for hosting the June District II/III meeting. Jack Jones is always very informative and his bird houses with the history behind them are very interesting. As I listened to the Presidents reports and committee reports I am always impressed by the activities all of the clubs are involved in and the imprint that our clubs have in their communities. At the National Convention held in Biloxi, Mississippi, Judy Vehse was recognized for earning her 5 Star Certificate which means she has reached Master Status. To achieve this level she has done four refreshers in each of the schools. This is quite the accomplishment since there only six persons in our state that have reached this level. Congratulations Judy!

Also at the National Convention several clubs received National Awards:

Bethlehem received the NGC Certificate of Commendation - First Place, Therapy Garden Award

Parkland Garden Club: NGC Certificate of Appreciation "Parkland Garden Gram"

Parkland Garden Club: NGC Certificate of Commendation - First Place, Conservation, Education, The Hazel Johnson Award

Our new state president, Joyce Milberg's theme is "Growing Our Legacy: Green Spaces, Education, Scholarship and Connections." The Garden Club of PA will be celebrating its 90 years anniversary in 2020. The 2020 state convention will be held April 17-19 at the Double Tree by Hilton, Pittsburg-Cranberry. The theme is "GCFP Celebrating Our Legacy, 90 Years." District IX is hosting the state convention, and their fund raiser is selling a purple Christmas ornament with the GCFP symbol on it as well as the theme of the convention. It is a nice memento to remember the GCFP 's 90th year celebration. They are \$10 a piece. Your club president has a sign-up sheet if you are interested. Please make your check out to GCFP Convention.

Please check the GCFP website to register for 2019 GCFP Leadership workshop to be held on Oct. 14 at Wyndham Garden State College, Boalsburg, PA. It is encouraged that your presiding officer or treasurer or secretary attend this meeting. Robin Pokorski were be leading this workshop. She served as past president of California Garden Clubs, Inc. Registration deadline is Sept. 30.

The big event for District II/III is the Annual District II/III Meeting to be held on Sept. 26 at Lehigh Country Club hosted by Allentown Garden Club. Please see the attached form. It is a good day to meet our new state officers: President: Joyce Milberg, 1st Vice Pres. Shelia Croushore, 2nd Vice Pres. Leanna Reba.

It is hard to believe that I am thinking ahead to 2020. For your planning purposes this is the dates for the District II/III meetings for 2020. March 24 Pottstown Garden Club, June 23 Garden Club of Montrose, Sept. 14 Bethlehem Garden Club.

Continue to plant "seeds " in your communities and enjoy the rest of the summer.

*Barbara Campbell*

# Club and Committee Notes

**ALLENTOWN GARDEN CLUB** - The big event for AGC this summer was our 70th Anniversary celebration. Linda Neff and her team of volunteers networked to collect auction items valuing over \$1000, creating a magnificent opportunity to enjoy the fun of a Chinese Auction and support our club. Spouses and friends joined the celebration. We've spent the last year strategizing how we can be the best garden club for our members. We are reinventing ourselves in some ways, while continuing the same commitment to service that the originators so carefully planned in July 1948. We're a different community today; however, our love for horticulture, gardening, floral design, tournament, flower shows, visiting gardens and nurseries, etc. continues. Today we're a different village but still enthusiastically share our time, talent and treasure in honor of our great club. Now we turn our energy towards hosting **SUNNY SEPTEMBER, District II/III Annual Meeting, on September 26th at the Lehigh Country Club**. We will share our favorite floral educator/designer Deborah Pomroy Moyer with a creative and energetic presentation, Organic Florals. PLEASE join us for a lovely day using the attached registration. Hugs, Rosie Ebersole, President, Allentown GC

**BETHLEHEM GARDEN CLUB** Our club annual July summer luncheon featured the installation of our officers, who were tasked by Barbara Campbell, District II/III Director, to faithfully execute the duties of their offices, as butterflies do, with a specific butterfly being designated for each office. The officers and members all appreciated Barbara's willingness to administer the oaths of office, and her colorful reminders of the duties of each office. Our new officers are Secretary- Susan Brown, Treasurer- Mary-Frances Stone, first Vice-President- Ellen E.M. Roberts, and President, Martin Romeril. The luncheon was also an opportunity to recognize the hard work of our out going President, Wendy Weber-Welsh, and other members who have contributed to the success of our club's projects and community activities. Through the tireless work of Sharon Donchez to recruit and direct her many workers, the Miller's Garden is in full summer bloom. Angelika Cornelius helped to lead the Horticulture Therapy Gardens program the club conducts at the Cedarbrook Nursing Home both National (1st Place) and State (also 1st Place) awards for 2018-19. Our Club Newsletter, *Gardener's Chit Chat*, which Cathy Bannon puts so much effort into, took 2nd place in the State, while our yearbook, which is a reusable three ring notebook, saving the club money and preventing the waste of paper, took first in the state Yearbook category, again thanks to Angelika Cornelius. It was also noted at the luncheon that the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania dedicated our Penny Pines donations in honor of Shirley Simmons, and that the District III/III Award of the Catherine H. Kenworthy scholarship of 2018 went to Gwendolyn Rose Stark, who is continuing her studies towards a degree in Landscape Architecture at Cornell University. The club also decided this spring that two trees are always better than one, so in honor of Arbor Day we planted trees at both Cedarbrook in Fountain Hill, where we conduct our Horticulture Therapy program, and also at Advent Moravian Church, which is the site of our regular meetings. We hope that both trees provide many years of shade and beauty for those who see them, while providing refuge for the wildlife that explores their branches. Looking forward to our fall activities, and the continuing cycle of the seasons. Martin Romeril, President BGC

**EMMAUS GARDEN CLUB** – Can it really be August already? If you tolerate the heat as poorly as I do, you probably can't wait for the cooler weather and even back-to-school days. At our August 6 meeting, we will present a certificate to our \$1,500 scholarship winner before he heads off to college. Chosen from numerous applicants, Peyton Brown will be studying horticulture at Colorado State University. Best of luck, Peyton! Also at the August meeting, we will be enjoying our annual picnic and our small standard flower show! I can't wait! Our first Weeds on Wheels trip for the year (in May) was to Welkenweir, near Pottstown. We had an informative tour of the house and a delightful tour of and stroll through the gardens. Another Weeds on Wheels trip is planned after we all recover from the excessive heat. In June Frank Licata's mentee provided a wonderful program about bees. In July Fred Buse spoke about his trip to England and cottage gardens. As noted above, in August we will have our small standard flower show, Summer at the Seashore. Thank you Rosie Ebersole, Ellen Wilson, and Elaine Klase for your hard work on it. Then in September Master Gardener Randy Fey will present Changing Climate and Landscape, and in October we will hear about Fall Gardening and Cleanup from Master Gardener Linc Coffin. Our November program is Colors of the Season with Macungie's Posey Patch designers Wanda Drey and Constance Sholl. Our installation of officers will be done by District Director Barbara Campbell in December at our annual holiday luncheon. We have much to look forward to! Every month we have outstanding horticulture and design tournaments. All of this rain has been a blessing. Donna Call and her helpers continue the horticulture therapy at Renaissance Senior Care Facility. The perennial garden we planted there and much of the other landscaped area needed attention, so Rose Parry and her helpers did a spontaneous clean-up and filled the bed of Rose's husband's pick-up truck with the weeds and clippings! Rose and company continue to maintain three public gardens in Emmaus. We now have signs in the gardens letting others know that EGC maintains the gardens. And Rose and different helpers continue to select winners of front yard garden awards. The recipients are so pleased. One even said he was "flabbergasted." Equally flabbergasted were the children and parents who attended Ellen Wilson's wonderful monarch butterfly program at the Emmaus Public Library in July. Her costume, props, and activities were outstanding.

We always welcome visitors. Please join us for any of our programs at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus for light refreshments at noon followed by the program. We meet the first Tuesday of the month except for November, which had to be changed to November 12 because of Election Day. For details, call me at 610.965.6109. Make the most of every day. Faye Schuler, President

**HAZLETON GARDEN CLUB** The club held its fundraiser “It’s Tea Time” at the Premier Catering and Events at Genetti’s Ballrooms. One hundred fifty four guests attended the affair. Tricky Trays, Walk Away Bouquets and a gently used jewelry boutique were part of the event. Four club members presented a design and horticulture program and offered attendees a free chance to win one of their creations. Chris Leskosky was the event Chair and club Vice-President Theresa Evans was Co-Chair.

Members took a field trip to the Honey Hole Winery, Drums. Owners of this local winery instructed members on the science and art of wine making. Attendees sampled some of the tasty wines. Interesting programs held were:

- Club member Eileen Resetar gave a fascinating program on her interest in the beauty, versatility and the many varieties of moss and their uses.
- “Ecological, Edible Landscaping - Planning, Preparation, and Enjoyment” was presented by Richie Mitchell, an ecological consultant, designer, and educator specializing in edible landscapes. He is owner of Bear Creek Organics (BCO), an Edible Landscaping company that creates customized foodscapes for families, businesses, community organizations, and schools. Mitchell also owns an organically managed edible landscaping nursery that carries fruit and nut trees, berry and nut bushes, and many native flowers. Mitchell’s program focused on the basics of transforming yards into an edible paradise that supports lifestyles, families, local wildlife, and also matches the unique characteristics of your land.
- “Hosting a Tea Party: Tips and Etiquette Rules” was presented by former GCFP President, Chris Leskosky. She educated club members on proper tea etiquette and how to host an elegant tea party.

Our members continue to share their skills with “Talents on Display”. The member’s designs are delivered to local establishments, i.e. hospitals, local libraries, banks and offices in order to promote interest and membership in the HAGC. During the warm summer months, “Pop Up Gardens” are an impromptu invitation, via email, for club members to enjoy a day or evening visiting a member’s garden. Gardening ideas are shared and the host member showcases his/her in-bloom plants. At the GCFP Annual State Convention the club was awarded a 1st place for their “Winter Celebrations” Flower Show Schedule, a 4th place for their Club Yearbook and Seed Money for a future community service project. Kimberley Ferrara, Exeter, PA was awarded the Constance H. Smith Scholarship of \$1,800 from the Garden Club Federation of PA. The Hazleton Area Garden Club sponsored her. Kimberley is a student at Suny Binghamton College. Ann Schneider, President

**THE GARDEN CLUB OF MONTROSE** Our club will be hosting a Small Standard Flower Show titled ‘Flower Power’ on September 14th, 2019 at The Montrose Square Community Room , 15 Church St. Montrose, Pa 18801 . 50th anniversary of Woodstock & the Peace & Love Of 1969. Open to the public from 12:30 to 3:30 . Thanks very much , Audrey Angelella

**MILFORD GARDEN CLUB** -The Milford Garden Club is in full-swing. In May, we participated in the Art-in-Bloom event. This is where local artists partner with individual club members to interpret their paintings/sculptures in floral design. Eleven displays were presented for the public at the Artery Gallery in Milford. An opening wine and cheese reception drew a number of club members and the general public. The display was available for several weeks. Our annual Perennial Plant Sale and Trash and Treasure Sale were well received. This gave members an opportunity to divide out their gardens and clean out their basements for the benefit of the club and its beautification program. We grossed over \$2500. Children were delighted at the “Beyond the Hungry Caterpillar” program at our local library. Rick Mikula fascinated children with his humorous and off-beat ways of looking at butterflies. Late May, a number of members car-pooled to the Rudolf W. vander Goot Rose Garden in Sommerville, NJ and Peony’s Envy in Bernardsville, NJ. Outstanding display of over 3,000 award winning roses and then on to seven acres of over 300 varieties of peonies. What a delight! These outings have increased in popularity mainly because we visit areas with “soil”. It’s refreshing and inspiring to see what can grow when you don’t have shale and bluestone in your backyard! We celebrated National Garden Week by providing a bountiful bouquet of flowers to the local library desk. This was accompanied by our annual “All you wanted to know about the Milford Garden Club, but didn’t know who to ask” wine and cheese cocktail hour. Over thirty people attended. Members shared why they love being part of the club. Non-members shared why they would like to belong. This event is scheduled before our June monthly meeting. We had five new members join. Home Depot Day was scheduled for June 14th. All thirty-three of our constructed 4x8 beds were filled with four varieties of tomatoes, three types of peppers, eggplant, pole and bush beans, yellow, zucchini and winter squash and herbs. They will all be harvested by members, local volunteers, scout troops and home schoolers throughout the summer. Our new self-watering urns are planted in partnership with our local nursery. They are thriving (despite the rain). We have found that not only members but the general public dead-heading as they stroll by. Our July program was “Dying to Dye”. Meghan Gibbons, a local fabric artist, has a passion for dying natural cloth from plants you would find in your backyard or along the side of the road. Her presentation was delightful and engaging. Members were impressed how much they learned about the chemistry and process of dying. Many left with the challenge to try it in their own homes. In August, Jane Krause, a long-time member of the South Schuykill Garden Club, will be welcomed by the Milford Garden Club to present *All the President’s Gardens*, based on a book by Marta McDowell. Linda Pinto, President

**MONROE COUNTY GARDEN CLUB** Our club takes the summer months off from formal meetings but we are by no means inactive! We had our Ice Cream Social, picnic and plant sale and bi-annual Garden Club Tour which were all great successes. We had planned our 2nd annual Children's Gardening Workshop but unfortunately the weather was not kind to us and we had to cancel that. We start our regular meetings again in September and our first speaker, Matt Rader, President of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, will speak to us about putting on the Philadelphia Flower Show. In October Jane Kruse will talk to us about Presidential Gardens and then in November Pam Hubbard will discuss Garden Journaling. The summer is flying by as usual, but we are so happy to have all our gardening friends to share it with! Robin teets, President

**PARKLAND GARDEN CLUB** Our Club just had its 21st Annual Garden Tour, "Kaleidoscope of Color" on Saturday July 13. We had a wonderful turnout on a hot day but at least there was no rain. The Committee is still tabulating the results & profits as I write this report in mid-July! Awesome Publicity & using Social media more extensively this year has certainly helped. A special thank you to the Committee for all of their hard work & efforts in pulling off another successful tour again this year! Our Conservation Committee and our club had our tree seedling distribution in late April. Each first grader in the 8 elementary Parkland schools receive a tree seedling and club members share information about Arbor Day and how to plant the trees to the students. We distributed over 740 trees this year! On April 27, we had our 39th Arbor Day celebration at the Lehigh Valley Zoo. Club members donate plantings "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone to the Zoo. We had a large turnout this year with 333 plantings that have been done since this project started! Our May 13 Program featured Cindy Thomas of Dan Schantz Greenhouses. She brought and talked about new plants they have on trial in their greenhouses. They are one of five greenhouses in the USA who grow new items that have come from all across the world. On May 31, Mary Stanley and her Horticultural Therapy Committee planted small succulents for the residents of Luther Crest Retirement Facility to take to their rooms. Later they had a singalong, and even sang "Happy Birthday to Mary" – it was her birthday!-- and then enjoyed cake & refreshments. At our June 10 meeting, we awarded two scholarships to two graduating high school students: Grace Knauss of Parkland and Isabella Viola of East Penn. Each student will receive a \$2000.00 scholarship towards their college's expenses. Both students and their families were able to attend our meeting. We also recognized our two Smokey Bear poster contest winners at this meeting. Our speaker was Linda Kenyon who presented an informative and entertaining one-woman show on Julia Child, entitled, "Julia Says, "Bon App'etit!" July 8's meeting featured Gloria Day of "Pretty Dirty Ladies". She held a talk & slide show about how to maintain our landscapes & gardens during the July heat. Very timely information for all of us! Enjoy your summer while it lasts- it passes by too quickly! Bonnie Keller, President

**POTTSTOWN AREA GARDEN CLUB** Welcome to the heat, humidity and thunder storms of summer 2019. The weather has created some challenges for The Pottstown Area Garden Club. Both the Pottstown Memorial Park and the Ironstone Park in Boyertown has received extensive damage from Thursday's, July 11<sup>th</sup> storm and will be closed indefinitely. Our Civic Development Committee has had to rescheduled garden maintenance dates at the four gardens we maintain in Pottstown's Memorial Park. Our July meeting, which was to be a silent auction, to be held at a pavilion at Ironstone Park, was cancelled because of these torrential thunder storms and flooding. Moving on to more positive events - our June meeting was a very successful garden tour and plant sale at three local gardens. Plants were donated by members to be purchased by members. The unsold plants for sale were put out on the roadside at member Sandy Plotts's home. We were able to increase our treasury by a total of \$430. We are looking forward to our August speaker Elaine Paul Schaefer, Schuylkill River Greenways, who will give us an overview of the Schuylkill River's recreation and community revitalization projects. We're happy to announce that our membership is growing. We are going to install our 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> member at our August meeting. Karen Albera, President

**UPPER PERKIOMEN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB** This is our third gardening season as the Upper Perkiomen Valley Garden Club. We continue to expand our Community Benefits Garden, donating the produce to our local food pantry. Now that we have access to a rototiller, we added in-the-ground gardening to our 30 raised beds. A small but loyal group of volunteers makes a substantial commitment several times a week to plant, weed, water and harvest the produce. Another project in its third year is the landscaping around our local Chamber of Commerce building. We have a faithful volunteer who leads this effort with one other volunteer to help her. Watering, of course, requires dedication during these hot summer days... when it is not flooding! In addition to planting more perennials in our butterfly/pollinator garden at the UPV Y, we created a garden by the entrance to the building lobby. We planted native shrubs and perennials with annual zinnias to add color and fill gaps until the shrubs and perennials expand. Our gardens at the Y are excellent education tools. Y members frequently comment on and ask questions about the plants, giving us an opportunity to encourage the use of natives and wildlife-friendly plants. As a new member of the Federation, in April we offered membership in the garden club and to date we have 14 members. Moving into the fall, we will have displays at both a local community day on September 7<sup>th</sup> and at the Green Lane Park Bird and Wildlife Festival on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>. In October Master Gardener Pam Hecceg will present a program on creating small meadows and in November Kevin Crilley, Environmental Education at Green Lane Park, will address White-tailed Deer.

## WYOMISSING AREA GARDEN CLUB

We are getting used to our new meeting place at the Wyomissing Restaurant. The food is excellent and we are adjusting to the new set up. Our March meeting featured Jack Jones who told us how he makes bird houses from reclaimed barn wood. He also taught the proper to build and maintain our bird houses for the safety of our feathered friends. In April, we learned all about Blue Marsh from Nathan Frewald who is with the Army Corp of Engineers. He told us how the project came about, how it is maintained and about its uses for the public. In May, we had Frank Licata, a master bee keeper, talk to us about bee keeping. He was extremely informative and very funny. We learned that we will never run out of honeybees but we will run out of bee keepers because of the expenses. If anyone needs a speaker he is excellent and he doesn't charge a fee - only asks to sell his honey products which are very reasonable. In June we toured a few members' gardens to see what they are growing. The weather cooperated with a beautiful sunny day and the gardens we saw were both special places. We also hosted the District II-III meeting at the Wyomissing Library and had Jack Jones as our speaker. He is also an excellent speaker and has been to several other clubs already.

Fran Carroll, President

### **BIRDS AND BEES COMMITTEE REPORT** :*Feathered Warriors*

The attraction of birds to the back yard is generally for our viewing pleasure. There are many real benefits of the birds being part of our landscape. Birds may nibble at the blueberries, grapes and plums. Besides the obvious, they are eating many mosquitoes, spiders, aphids, beetles, larva and other insects. Birds are nature's best pesticide. A little attraction of seedheads and fruit produces other benefits. As an intricate part of the ecosystem, our feathered friends help plants to void of disease and pests. In the spring, they become natural tillers of leaf mulch and accelerate the decomposing process while leaving behind their fertilizing droppings. At a more personal level, birds attract humans outdoors to learn and become part of nature. Their songs and chirps adds to the ambiance of natural stress relief and increase sense of well-being. Have a chirpy day! Jane Kruse, Chair – Birds and Bees Committee

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

State scholarships are a minimum of \$1,000 and are available to High School Seniors, College Students and Post Graduate College Students. The State Chairperson must receive all application by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Also there are 41 National Garden Club Scholarships available in the amount of \$4,000. **Deadline is also February 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please make sure you club members are aware that the exist. Brenda Aubert , Chair- Scholarship Committee

## On the Calendar in 2019

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL COURSE 2. THURS. AUG. 22 AND AUG. 23, 2019 EXTON, PA

DISTRICT II/III ANNUAL MEETING SEPT. 26, 2029 LEHIGH COUNTRY CLUB,  
ALLENTOWN, PA 18103 \* *See Info Attached*

LEADERSHIP WORK SHOP. OCT. 14, OCT. 14, 2019 BOALSBURG, PA\* *See Info Attached*

GFCP BOARD MEETING. OCT. 14-15, 2019 BOALSBURG, PA

GARDEN STUDY COURSE I. OCT. 17-18, 2019. EXTON, PA

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Please see SUNNY SEPTEMBER Annual Meeting Sign Up Form on Next Page.

**THE DATE IS THURSDAY, SEPT. 26<sup>th</sup>! ( not Friday)**

and Share with your Membership!

## AQUABOX : AN INTERESTING NEW PRODUCT

For many years, Pamela Tavares has hosted dinner parties for family and friends. She sets her dining room table with white linens; filled with gleaming china and silverware. The most important element is the centerpiece. She would buy flowers in the color she wanted to emphasize. The flowers would be arranged in a crystal bowl, overhanging with greenery that would flow over the bowl onto the table. Tall candlesticks or votive candles would be placed around the bowl, bringing your eye to the flowers.

At the end of the evening Pamela would give the flowers to the guest of honor, to take home. She was a bit uncomfortable loaning her crystal bowl, she spending some time thinking of a solution and one day she had an idea! She began saving milk cartons. Pamela would clean them, paint and decorate them. She used the decorated milk cartons to send the centerpieces home with her guest. But milk cartons are hard to camouflage.

For several months, she would cut, tape and glue cardboard to create what is today, AquaBox! AquaBox is a beautifully printed; vase shaped flower container perfect for centerpieces, giving flowers as gifts and safe to transport – anywhere! AquaBox is Green, Biodegradable, Recyclable and sustainable.

AquaBox is safe for hospitals, schools and nursing homes. AquaBox is great for picnics, events, large parties or reunions. You can create your own, beautiful flower arrangement and decorate AquaBox with photos, buttons or small objects. You can write on AquaBox (Sharpie) or even tie a balloon.

In 2009, Pamela applied and was awarded 2 US Patents and a trademark. AquaBox is sold to wholesale florists, supermarkets and floral enthusiasts. AquaBox is a woman owned and family operated company.

Pamela has been an active Garden Club member for over 30 years. Pamela has served as President of The Central Gardeners Club in Memphis, Tennessee, 3 times as well as serving in all other capacities. She was worked with and met some of the most famous florists in the world; including Els Hazenberg PCFI, AIFD (The Netherlands) and Noble Prize recipient for her contributions in the floral industry.

Pamela's husband serves AquaBox USA, Inc. as quality and inventory control, her son as customer service and sales, and her daughter as the designer of all AquaBox designs. Pamela believes:

*"Flowers create a mood, a sense of calm and a touch of elegance."*

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