

# Greensburg Garden Center

## May/June 2019 Newsletter

"Where Gardeners Grow"



### Calendar Corner

May 3	May Mart—Noon—7:00 PM
May 4	May Mart—9:00 AM—1:00 PM
May 7	Membership Mtg.—11:00 AM Mini Water Gardening—Bridget Kitch
June 4	Membership Mtg.—11:00 AM Program on Bonsai
June 15	Garden Tour 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

### Greensburg Garden Center's Annual May Mart

Friday, May 3—12:00 Noon-7:00 PM  
Saturday, May 4—9:00 AM-1:00 PM

**Perennials! Annuals! Crafts! Hanging Baskets! Food!  
Fleatique!**


Come to enjoy the start of a new season of garden pleasures. Our vendors offer an amazing array of temptations! Buy a Mother's Day gift or two without the hassle of running from store to store. One stop shopping for the gardener on your list! Or, kick-start your own planting season! Browse the vendors to see:

### Membership Meetings...

...After all the stress and hard work of a successful May Mart, join us for a relaxing **May Membership** meeting with a program on "Mini Water Gardening" by Bridget Kitch. Bring a guest. Lunch is always great!

...Our June Membership Meeting will feature a program on bonsai by Nancy Neel of Sunny Sprouts.

...Looking ahead to July, we will meet for an evening in the Lefevre Butterfly Garden with a program by Becky Griffith from Shadowwood Gardens.



It is with great sadness that we are letting you know of the passing of our Butterfly Garden benefactor, Thelma Rose Lefevre. As beautiful as the flower she was named after and as ethereal as the butterflies she loved.

### 2018 Flower Show Follow-Up

We are happy to report that the Greensburg Garden Center received a 1<sup>st</sup> Place from the Garden Club Federation of PA for our Flower Show Schedule for "Les Florales" presented at the Redstone Senior Center in 2018.



Angie Raitano accepted the award on behalf of GGC. Very fitting as Angie composed the schedule and title of the event. Thank you to all who submitted entries and the judges who gave time and talent to view and judge those entries. **Best of show winner was Joan Stairs.**

- The Garden Center's vast array of perennials.
- Hypertufa, planted or plant-yourself. (Our own creations.)
- Hanging baskets, planters or annuals from Greenhouse 22.
- Baked goodies from the McKenna Senior gals.
- Hot sandwiches from Greg, the Pickled Chef, plus his canned, pickled delights.
- Buy a broom from the Lions Club. (Your mother-in-law needs one.)
- Greenridge Garden Club has their popular heirloom vegetables and garden-dug plants.
- Visit Liz at the Coldwell Banker tent and buy some popcorn.
- Our Hot Dog Guys & Gals will be inside to serve up hot dogs from Bardine's. Pile on the trimmings and enjoy a REAL hot dog!
- Greensburg-Hempfield Library are inside also with their used book sale.
- Teri has fudge from her Mom's Famous Recipe, a sweet treat not to be missed!
- Buy Angel Trumpet and Hyacinth Bean topicals or a decorative cement leaf from Pat.
- Lois Lazarchik will offer hand made aprons, quilts and other assorted gifts from Mom.
- The Gourd Room has painted and embellished gourds – thank you Christine!
- Bountiful Blessings has planted up terrariums and blessing gardens.
- Back again this year are essential oils from Doterra Oils at Christina's tent.
- Stop by to see Glenda Gebert's colorful pinecone wreaths, suet feeders and birdhouses.
- Totes, aprons and lots of kitchen items can be bought at Margaret's tent.
- Leap's Farm has organic flours and cornmeal. Bake the best for your family!

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- “Secondhand Rose” – Sarah Trenk features purses, wallets, bowls, etc.
- DJ’s Crystal Garden is back! Treat yourself to a glass, hand-painted flower for the garden.

It’s a fun day when you come to the Greensburg Garden Center’s May Mart. Come to browse. Gardeners are hearty souls. We’re there ---Rain or Shine!

**Free Parking! No admission!**  
**Come and support your Garden Center. Help make 2019 the best year yet!!**

**Garden Tour**  
**Saturday, June 15, 2019**  
**10:00 AM—3:00 PM**

This is the year for The Greensburg Garden Center’s biennial garden tour. We have a great one planned for Saturday, June 15, 2019. That day, the seven gardens can be visited at your own pace between the hours of 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

Garden tours are a great way to learn about gardening and to get ideas for your own yard. There will be hostesses at each garden to answer questions.

Tickets are \$18.00 in advance and \$20.00 that morning at the Greensburg Garden Center between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Call 724 837-0245 on Tuesdays and Thursdays to obtain tickets.

**Last call for scholarship applicants!**



The Greensburg Garden Center is still accepting applications for the **Katherine Mabis McKenna Scholarship**. This year’s award is \$1,500. Applicants must reside in Westmoreland or its bordering counties and have completed at least one year at an accredited college or university before the application deadline. Students pursuing a two or four degree in botany, forestry, landscape architecture, horticulture, or a related field should take this opportunity to apply. Graduate student applications are welcomed.

Have you looked into Facebook lately? Our colorful scholarship announcement is posted on GGC’s page. Like it, share it with friends and family. Maybe this year’s recipient will be someone who learned of this scholarship thru your efforts.

Find information about our scholarship on **greensburggardencenter.net**. Application forms are available upon request if you don’t have access to a printer. Call 724-568-3819. Deadline to apply is May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.



...Welcome new member Anne Maxwell. Glad to have you join us!

*“The day is fresh-washed and fair, and there is a smell of tulips and narcissus in the air”*

*~Amy Lowell*

**RAFFLE!! RAFFLE!! RAFFLE!!**

Win one of two hand-decorated and delightfully whimsical garden chairs for a focal piece in your back yard, front porch, or patio.

Painted by our member Susan Wisneski, these wooden chairs are unique creations and completely different from each other. They each contain a planter with colorful annuals to flow over the seat as the summer progresses.

Please fill in and send the raffle ticket. Only \$5.00. A bargain for a chance at a one-of-a-kind prize!

**Thank you for supporting the Garden Center.**

**Greensburg Garden Center**



**RAFFLE**

**Prize awarded May 7, 2019**

*Winner need not be present*

Official registration and financial information of Greensburg Garden Center may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within PA, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. Small Games of Chance License #435

**A chance to win one of two garden chairs with planter, uniquely painted by our own Susan Wisneski!**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

***\$5.00 each Donation***

Please return this portion of ticket with your payment. Checks made payable to “GGC”. Thank you!

## Susan Wisneski's Favorite Tools



Weeder... I often use this tool for prying and removing weeds. Use the sharp fork tip to dig and pry the roots and stem.

The curved metal strip adds leverage instead your wrist movement. The metal strip rocks on the ground.



Hoe and Hand Tiller ....for loosening Soil, Weeding and Digging. I have both the Oak handle version and the plain metal one.

What are YOUR favorite garden tools, we would love to know?

## "SPRING TEA 2019 was BEAUTIFUL !"



MANY CAME...96 guests...and enjoyed the beauty of the GGC Annual Spring Tea, "TEA, Treats, and Fashion Trends", on Saturday, March 30, at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church.

The day was beautiful, because it did not rain. Of course, the TEA tables were beautiful and the food was delicious. Beautiful guests, some wearing hats, mingled and enjoyed seeing and greeting friends, and perusing the decorated raffle items.

The Fashion Trends program by Lu La Roe resulted in a mini-fashion show. Attending guests were asked to model. The fashions were desirable and the models did a fine job.

The most beautiful aspect of the SPRING TEA was the cooperation during the planning and preparations stages, as well as the day of the event. A tremendous amount of energy and effort on the part of many volunteer members, and even some husbands, made the TEA a success. We, GGC, have all those factors required for SUCCESS. It is a beautiful thing!

"THANK YOU", to all who helped in any way to make "TEA, Treats, and Fashion Trends" a success. Thank you, also, to the Maplewood Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use the facilities.

\*Make plans to attend next year's TEA! It will be beautiful, too.  
Angie Raitano



Purchase a GGC calendar for \$5.00 and get discounts on your landscape purchases at Country Farms, Shadowwood & Silvis Landscape Services.

## "Spotlight on Eastwood Garden Club"



The Eastwood Village Garden Club was organized in the spring of 1950 with plans to beautify their community with trees and flowers. The club held their first garden mart in May of 1953 at the corner of Route 130 and Hackey Lane in the Eastwood area.

For many years the club sponsored a neighborhood Christmas decorating contest in the Eastwood-Stone Villa areas. In the spring of 1960, the club kicked off "Operation Dogwood", a plan to give each resident in Eastwood and Stone Villa a free dogwood tree. In 1961 Eastwood began a beautification project of filling in and landscaping a triangular-shaped property on Route 130. The club maintained this property until it was given to the Greensburg Art Center 2015.

Some of Eastwood's other activities have included participating in May Mart at the Greensburg Garden Center, offering a scholarship to an area senior planning to further their education in a horticultural field, holding a spring card party, volunteering to decorate Christmas trees at the Hempfield Manor, and participating in the Garden Center's Christmas Mart (Eastwood use to make most of the pine cone wreaths for the sale). Although our membership has been declining in recent years, last year we acquired 4 new members bringing our total to 18 members.

## Help Us Make Our Fundraiser a Success!!

The annual May Mart at Greensburg Garden Center is our biggest fund raiser of the year! Let's make 2019 a record-breaking event!

Bring in your unwanted, usable garden items to donate to our Garden Fleatique. Want to help? We always need willing workers and extra hands. There's a job for everyone! Price flea items or plants. Write labels. Plant donated perennials.



Perennials getting crowded in your garden? Dig some out and leave at the Garden House to re-pot and sell. Better yet, come any day April 29 through May 2 to help pot up donations!

Watch for our ad in the Tribune Review Ticket section on Thursday, April 25 and Thursday, March 2. Contributions to the Capital Campaign are used to advertise our events (among other things). Bigger attendance at our main events helps us achieve our financial goals for the year.

The rewards are even greater to the members and volunteers who work so hard to make May Mart great!

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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.*