

# Greensburg Garden Center

## June/July 2020 Newsletter

"Where Gardeners Grow"



### June 2 Membership Meeting



The Tuesday, June 2 Membership Meeting will be held in the Lefevre Butterfly Garden at 11:00 AM. The meeting will be updates on what is scheduled and/or cancelled. No speaker is scheduled.

We are all ready to get out and associate with our friends and acquaintances but need to also do so safely. We will be outside, but please bring your masks if you feel the need. Seating will be spaced so that we will not be more than 6 feet from one another. Please be considerate.

There are plants available from our virtual plant sale. The cancellation of our typical May Mart was turned into a "virtual" plant sale thanks to the imagination of Elizabeth Pesci, horticulture chairman. If you have an extra spot in your garden, these prime plants are just the thing to fill that spot! Cookies and lemonade or iced tea will be provided by Eastwood Village Garden Club. Enjoy the garden. Stay as long as you like.



### July 7 Membership Meeting



Jump forward to the Tuesday, July 7 Membership Meeting. We will follow the same format as the June meeting, holding the 11:00 AM meeting in the Lefevre Butterfly Garden also. The garden should be a riot of color at that time with butterflies flitting from flower to flower. Don't miss our expanded garden. Take home plenty of ideas for your garden or patio!



### Help Greenridge Garden Club and Save the Planet!



Greenridge Garden Club is well known for their heirloom tomato plants they sell at our May Mart. They are started in the greenhouse of Rita Yoder and farmed out to club members to tend and nurture.

You can help Greenridge keep the cost of their plants down by donating 4" square containers. They specifically need only this 4" size as they fit neatly into the growing containers. Drop off your containers at the Garden House door or at the office during office hours.

Help out fellow club members while keeping the containers out of the landfill.

## FLOWER SHOW

Our biannual standard judged flower show scheduled for Saturday July 25 at the Redstone Home on Garden Center Drive has been cancelled.



Obviously, the senior centers are still not open to visitors and the requirements of a flower show are not conducive to changing the location or continuing with plans for a show at this time.

We want to thank Angie Raitano, for offering to again chair this elegant event. In addition, Angie is recovering from COVID-19 and a month-long hospital stay. All her friends were praying fervently for her recovery and we are pleased to know she is on the mend!

## The State Flower

By an act of the General Assembly approved on May 5, 1933, Pennsylvania adopted the Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*) as the State Flower.



During the middle of June, every sunny nook of Pennsylvania's mountains shows a touch of pink for the laurel is then in full bloom.

Near the Leonard Harrison State Park in Tioga County an annual laurel festival is held which attracts hundreds of spectators.

*"What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade." Gertrude Jekyll*

## OLD ALLEGHENY WEST CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR SAVE THE DATE!

Those of us who were looking forward to the Allegheny West House and Garden Tour and Tasting were sad to hear that it was cancelled. However, we certainly had no way of predicting what the status of the nasty virus would be at tour time. Those who reserved had their ticket money refunded but the bus company held on to our deposit.

SO....



We have now scheduled another trip to view the fabulous mansions of Old Allegheny on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Ride along with us to experience Old Allegheny Victorian Christmas House Tour.

The tour features six restored Victorian homes plus the historic Calvary United Methodist Church, famous for its stunning Louis Tiffany stained glass windows. Every home will be decorated to celebrate a nineteenth century Christmas. These personally guided tours afford a rare opportunity to glimpse a by-gone era and experience the warmth of the season in a truly old-fashioned style. Most of these homes are over 100 years old.

Antiques and goods by local artisans will be showcased at the Calvary United Methodist Church.

The bus will leave the rear parking lot at the Center at 1:00 PM and return at 7:00 PM. Cost of the trip is \$75 for members, \$85 for non-members. A ticket for the tour and bus driver gratuity is included. Seating is limited!

*Climate is what we expect,  
weather is what we get."*

*'Mark Twain*

## MONARCH BUTTERFLY RELEASE NEW AND REVISED!!

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Everything has changed in 2020!! We have been forced to make adjustments just about everywhere! What a crazy year!



The Monarch butterfly release will be radically modified to provide much needed enjoyment but still keeping safety foremost in everyone's minds. The release will be held at the Lefevre Butterfly Garden located on the Garden House grounds behind the main building. Two releases are scheduled: 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Sadly, we were forced to cancel Rick Mikula's entertaining presentation for 2020 and fervently hope to have him back again next year! We do, thankfully, have many talented speakers and will have a small ceremony before releasing the Monarchs. You can reserve a butterfly to release at the Garden House or you can take your butterfly home to release in your own garden. Don't want to wander the garden? Do a drive-up and we can bring your butterfly to your car.

Educational displays will be located inside the Garden House. The troughs will hold milkweed and Monarch larvae so visitors can witness the colorful larvae eating their way to the chrysalis stage. Fascinating!!

\$7.00 will reserve a butterfly. After two years of offering free Monarchs, we are not able to do so this year. Only 200 Monarchs have been ordered, cutting back from 400 in 2019. Be sure to reserve early!

For more information, call the office.

### FALL RAFFLE



Love to eat out? Tired of cooking?? Too hot? Sit down and let someone serve you!

Take a chance to win one of five prizes, each containing 4 gift cards to popular local restaurants!! Each gift card is a \$25 value making each prize worth \$100. Only \$5.00 per ticket.

The winning ticket will be drawn at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 6.

Tickets will be available soon. Call or stop by to purchase tickets and support this fundraiser!

With the cancellation of May Mart due to the Coronavirus crisis, the success of the Fall Raffle is more important than ever. The funds raised through the May Mart event are critical to the Garden Center budget. A great response to the Fall Raffle can replace lost May Mart funds.

Support the Center and take a chance to win free meals!!

*"Just living is not enough....one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower."*  
~Hans Christian Anderson



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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.*