



Greensburg Garden Center

Sept./Oct. 2018 Newsletter

“Where Gardeners Grow”



GGC Annual Meeting at Greensburg Country Club
Meeting at 11:00 AM — Luncheon at 12:00 Noon
Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Join us for our Annual Meeting followed by lunch at the Greensburg Country Club. Enjoy a wonderful afternoon out with friends and a program by Steve Neubauer (his bio follows).....

Neubauer's Flowers & Market House, Inc., owned and operated by Steve Neubauer, is known throughout the region for their unique and high-fashion floral designs, and blooming and green plants. Established in 1921, Neubauer's Flowers, Inc., a third-generation family florist, has been providing flowers for more than 80 years in the Uniontown/Fayette County area from their location at 3 S. Gallatin Avenue in downtown Uniontown.



In the fall of 2009, Steve opened Neubauer's Market House located in the historic Livery Building in downtown Uniontown. This 15,000-square-foot facility features an array of home and seasonal decor. The store also features a selection of silk arrangements and wreaths; home fragrance; collectibles; gardenware and outdoor plants; Vera Bradley handbags, luggage and accessories; Spartina 449 handbags, accessories and jewelry; MacKenzie-Childs; and, year-round Christmas merchandise.

Steve is a past president of the board of the Fay Penn Economic Development Council. He is a past national director of FTD and served on the marketing, executive and by-laws committees, as well as a representative to American Floral Marketing Council and Society of American Florists.

Steve is also a member of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce and past board member and chairman of the Uniontown Downtown Business District Authority. Steve appears regularly to share holiday ideas and decorating tips on KDKA's Pittsburgh Today Live. The program airs at 9 a.m., Monday thru Friday.

He will bring merchandise to sell from his shops. Make your reservation by calling our office (724-837-0245) All members, friends and guests are welcome! \$30.00 per person.

Calendar Corner

- Sept. 11 Membership Mtg. —11:00 AM
Program will be a **plant auction** at the **garden house**. Please bring plants, produce and seeds to auction and remember to label. Sandy Truckner will be the auctioneer. Lunch follows!
- Oct. 2 Annual Mtg.—11:00 AM
Greensburg Country Club
Program by Neubauer's Flowers
- Oct. 4 Christmas Workshops begin

Fall Raffle



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Tickets are still being sold at our office. You can buy more at any time before our Annual Meeting in October when the lucky winners will be drawn! The more tickets you buy, the more you can support your club and increase your chances of winning a dinner package!

Country Living Fair Bus Trip



The bus trip to Country Living Fair and Franklin Park Conservatory on Friday, September 14 has been cancelled. Unfortunately, the response was not sufficient to cover the cost of the bus, which is due one month in advance. Those of us who signed up were looking forward to such a wonderful experience and pleasant day to two diverse and interesting venues.

We apologize to those who had reservations. Nicky has contacted all who were scheduled to go and their money has been refunded. To those who were looking forward to the bus trip adventure, **Thank You!** for supporting the Garden Center!

2019 Calendars



The calendar committee would like to thank everyone who submitted photos for the 2019 calendar. Br. Mark Floreanini selected the winning photos. Agnes, Charlene, and I met with

Paul at Fotorecord this week and the calendar will soon be ready to be proofed. Hopefully all the photos selected will scan well and we won't need to seek digital copies. We plan to have the calendars ready for purchase at the annual meeting in October.

Please plan to purchase calendars at the bargain price of \$5 each to use as gifts. Think of relatives, neighbors, friends, hostess gifts, etc. Be sure to frequent and support our three sponsors: Country Gardens, Shadowwood, and Silvis. Their support of \$100 each makes the low purchase price possible.

Be sure to get out and take fall photos for submission for the 2020 calendar. This year no fall photos were submitted and really no spring ones either. We had to dig into our own photos or those submitted previously to fill out the year.

Photo hints: Do not take your photos in bright sunlight. With the sun overhead photos look flat, too much sun makes them overexposed. A cloudy day is the best day for photos. Steer clear of a lot of white, it can cause problems scanning. Remove distractions such as flags. Angle your photos to avoid siding, garages, houses, etc.

Thanks, The Calendar Committee

Scholarship Winner Announced



Our 2018 scholarship winner was announced at the August 7th membership meeting. Members who attended had a chance to meet Jordan Joseph who is attending Saint Vincent College. We also had the opportunity to share our luncheon with four of his family members.

Jordan is pursuing a degree in Engineering Science at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, majoring in Environmental Engineering with a minor in Public Health. He will be entering his junior year at Saint Vincent this fall.

As a student Jordan has been involved in many activities on and off campus. He is the founder and president of the Circle K club, a college level Kiwanis club, at Saint Vincent. He's worked with senior groups, planted trees with the Boys Scouts, and has been on the campus grounds crew. Last fall, he worked with AmericaCorps to rebuild a home damaged by Hurricane Sandy and during Spring break joined a service trip to Guatemala to witness firsthand the way in which the poor are victims of environmental destruction. This experience confirmed his engineering major and the addition of a public health minor.

His education and experiences at Saint Vincent have provided opportunities to grow intellectually and become a leader who sets goals. His objective upon graduation is to serve in the Peace Corp in Latin America focusing in on the Environment, Health, and Agricultural program areas.

Congratulations, Jordan! Thank you for giving us a chance to meet and greet with you and your family. Take a few minutes to read our newsletter when it arrives in your mail for upcoming activities.

Deneise Snyder, Scholarship Chairman



Many Hands Make Light Work!

YOU are personally invited to participate in the Christmas workshops on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM beginning October 4. share your talent, your ideas, your time, your friendship! Come for an hour or bring your lunch and stay all day. Can't make it to the workshops—pick up some supplies and make something at home.

There IS something YOU can do!

GGC's Standard Flower Show



“**Les FLORALIES**”, GGC’s Standard Flower Show, (translation: “*FLOWER SHOW, on Bastille Day, July 14*”), held at Redstone Highlands, was a huge success. A big “*Thank You*” to everyone who exhibited horticulture and/or design, everyone who helped in any way, and everyone who came to view the show. It was an excellent beautiful educational event! “*Congratulations*” to all participants and to all award winners.

In the HORTICULTURE DIVISION:

Four Awards of Merit were received: ELIZABETH PESCI for *Salvia ‘Black & Blue’*; NORMA FOWKES for *Hosta ‘Patriot’*; MARY ANN ARTMAN for cut specimen, *Alocasia ‘Thai Giant’*, which also received the Award of Horticultural Excellence; TERRY RODGERS for a medicinal herb, *Tanacetum vulgare* (Tansy). One Award of Merit was withheld from the Rose Section, due to the lack of the Botanic Name on the worthy specimen. ELIZABETH PESCI earned an Arboreal Award (Tree Branches) for *Pinus umbrac ‘Dragon’s Eye’*. MARY ANN ARTMAN earned an Arboreal Award (Shrub Branches) for *Hydrangea macrophylla ‘Double Delight Perfection’*; two Grower’s Choice Awards for *Euphorbia milli hybrid* (Crown of Thorns – Grown primarily for Bloom) and *Alocasia ‘Thai Giant’* (Container/Combination Planting, one variety). In addition, Mary Ann earned the Horticulture Sweepstakes Award.

In the DESIGN DIVISION:

JOAN STAIRS earned the Table Artistry Award for a Functional Dinner Table for Two, “*Le Diner pour 2*”, which also merited the Award of Design Excellence. In addition, Joan earned the Design Sweepstakes Award. MARY ANN ARTMAN earned the Designer’s Choice Award for a Duo design, “*L’Alliance*” (**France/USA**) and the GCFP Special Recognition Award for a Petite design “*Rouge/Blanc/Bleu*” (**Red/White/Blue**). GLENDA GEBERT earned her first Blue Ribbon in the Novice Class, staged on a pedestal, “*Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite*” (*Liberty, Equality, Fraternity*).

In the EDUCATION DIVISION:

ELIZABETH PESCI received the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Educational Top Exhibitor Award for “*Des Papillons*” (*Butterflies*), an educational exhibit about Butterflies and the plants that they pollinate. MARY ANN ARTMAN received The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Education and/or Conservation Silver Award for “*Les Petits Jardins*” (*Little Gardens*), an educational exhibit about Fairy Gardens.

We thank all participants...exhibitors and helpers, alike. Very special “*Thanks*” to Redstone Highlands, especially Sue Steel and Linda Dickson and all staff members. *To the six Redstone Residents who exhibited: “*You were awesome!*” *Angie Raitano, FS Ch., Margie Wolff, FS Co-V.Ch., Mary Ann Artman, FS Co-V.Ch.*

2018 MONARCH BUTTERFLY RELEASE



What words can describe the Monarch butterfly release held August 11 at the Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve at St. Vincent? **Fantastic. Humongous. Awesome. Fun. Entertaining. Educational. Amazing.** This year the crowd was in excess of 800. We think. We gave up trying to estimate. We sold our popular flower wands, novelties and butterfly cookies.

Rick Mikula wowed the crowd again and also brought along his lovely wife Claudia. After the release he signed his popular books, [The Family Butterfly Book](#) and [The Butterfly Fandex](#). (We have a few more in the office for sale.)

Our scholarship winner, Jordan Joseph, helped wherever we asked him to go and brought along his family to enjoy the day.

Thank you to all the gals who sat and made the base wands, the gals who filled the tubes with water and then flowers, all who priced the novelties, baked cookies and especially all who showed up Saturday to give out butterflies, apply tattoos, sell tables laden with all kinds of butterfly goodies, and those who helped clean up. A special “shout-out” to Nadine Mason who manned the Children’s Activities.

Thanks to sponsor First Energy Foundation, West Penn Power, we were able to hand out 300 **butterflies FREE!!** They were reserved on a first-come basis. The phone and email kept Nicky unbelievably busy.

A hearty thanks also to Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve at St. Vincent and the staff there who make it so easy for us to partner with them.

The 2019 Monarch Butterfly Release is already scheduled for August 3, 2019. **Don’t miss it!**

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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.