

Greensburg Garden Center

November/December 2019 Newsletter

"Where Gardeners Grow"



Annual Christmas Sale!!

Friday, December 6, 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Saturday, December 7, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Elves have been busy in Santa's workshop designing holiday decorations for every room of the house. Welcoming wreaths for the front door, stunningly beautiful tabletop trees, festive centerpieces for the dining table or side table or just a small hostess or thank-you gift for someone special. The elves have been having a merry time.

Love fresh greens and that holiday aroma?? Our swags are freshly cut and bundled. Buy a bundle of Red Twig Dogwood or Curly Willow; they make an amazing decorating statement. Don't miss a chance to buy a basket of assorted greens highlighted with a bright, cheery bow. Kissing balls are an amazing decoration. All sizes are carefully assembled in our workroom with a variety of fresh cut greens. The kissing balls and giant greens baskets are a Garden Center specialty and not to be missed! They sell quickly so shop early for the best choice.

We also will have a supply of fir wreaths, candle rings, pine roping and more. Shipped in from Oregon, they are lush and fresh! Nobil fir wreaths will stay green all winter long. For an added bonus, they do not drop needles and can be used to decorate indoors too!



Of course, we have bows, bows, bows! Red velvet, glittery gold, plaids and printed designs, even burlap!

Call the office to get a pre-order form. Order ahead to be certain to get the size and number of wreaths or fresh greens you want. The fresh greens sell *fast*; don't delay. Need a quantity of matching bows? Call in a pre-order!

Calendar Corner

Nov. 5	Membership Meeting 11:00 AM Program—Pix Controllers, Bill Powers
Dec. 3	Membership Meeting 11:00 AM Program—Mary Laurence
Dec 6	Christmas Sale 3:00-7:00 PM
Dec. 7	Christmas Sale 9:00 AM-2:00
Jan. 6	Membership Meeting 11:00 AM Installation of Officers

Membership Meetings

November 5...The meeting will feature a program by Pix Controller Bill Powers. His cameras record the Peregrine Falcons in Pittsburgh, plus other wildlife shots.

December 3...Garden Photography by Mary Laurence.

Two great and informative meetings! Free and open to the public. Refreshments always served.

"Your soul is attracted to people the way flowers are attracted to the sun. Surround yourself only with those who want to see you grow."

Scholarship Winner Announced!



The Greensburg Garden Center is pleased to announce this year's recipient of the Katherine M. McKenna Scholarship. The scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 was awarded to Landon Hacker of Sarver, PA.

Landon is an Environmental Engineering student at Messiah College which is located in Mechanicsburg, Pa. He is entering his senior year this fall and plans to graduate with a Bachelors degree in spring 2020.

His education and experiences at Messiah have provided opportunities to grow intellectually and become a leader who sets goals. During his first years he studied alternative agricultural methods such as aeroponics, which is growing plants in air or a mist environment. Later he migrated to aquaponics, another method of growing plants without soil. As a member of the Collaboratory Aquaponics team at Messiah, Landon was able to work on implementing an aquaponics system at a women's shelter and orphanage in Africa. This system uses nutrient rich water created from fish waste to grow plants much faster. His hard work in moving the project from idea to action speaks well of his leadership and teambuilding skills. This coming year Landon will be managing a team of approximately six students.

His objective upon graduation is to work as a consulting engineer. Areas of special interest include wastewater treatment and storm water management.

Congratulations, Landon! We encourage you to keep in touch with our organization and hope to meet you at one of our membership meetings. We like to hear from our scholarship recipients and learn of their pursuits outside of school.

Deneise Snyder, Scholarship Chairman

Happy Birthday!



The 50th Anniversary of the opening of The Greensburg Garden & Civic Center was celebrated on October 25 with an open house. All tenants were invited to attend.

The building was built by Katherine McKenna with her vision of it becoming an educational and cultural center. Greensburg Garden Center, Greensburg College Club and Greensburg Civic Theatre were original tenants of the building.

Westmoreland Garden Council was renamed Greensburg Garden Center at Katherine McKenna's request. The Garden Center's mission to educate has not changed. We have a free monthly program, Biannual Garden Tours, a Biannual judged Flower Show, May Mart, Monarch Butterfly Release, workshops and a yearly scholarship.

The GGC is proud of our ongoing contributions to the community.

Mrs. McKenna's philanthropy and foresight created a niche in this area filled by the Garden and Civic Center Building.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds and bulbs you plant."

~Dave's Garden

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting at the Greensburg Country Club featuring Doug Oster with his presentation of "The Joy of Fall Planted Bulbs" was a wonderful day. Doug is an entertaining story teller with a quick wit. He donated a raffle prize of his latest book and a one-hour consultation on the winner's garden.

Many thanks to Joan Stairs for arranging Doug's appearance. Joan also decorated the tables with her signature heirloom pumpkins and donated all proceeds from the sale of those pumpkins to the Center.

Glenda Gebert took charge of obtaining and arranging the raffle prizes. The raffle tables were beautifully displayed. Thank you, Glenda, and all those members who contributed the lovely prizes at no cost to the Center.

Lucky were the ladies who went home with a prize!

GIVING TUESDAY, December 3

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Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving to encourage individuals to support their community. It encourages people to give back in better, smarter ways to the charities and causes they believe in.

The Greensburg Garden Center has been active in the community over 50 years.

Please consider a donation to the Garden Center on **Giving Tuesday** to support our all-volunteer organization and help us continue to provide services to improve our community.



2020 Calendars

The new 2020 calendars are in and ready to be hung on your wall. For your \$6.00 you not only get a beautiful calendar with photos from fellow members' gardens, you also get the satisfaction of knowing you helped support your garden organization.

In order to hold the Monarch Butterfly Release, the Spring Tea, the summer Garden Tour, maintain the Lefevre Butterfly Garden, fund a scholarship, hold meetings, host presentations and so much more, it all takes money. Our office, meeting and workroom space all require rent. What I am saying is that it

takes money just to keep things running, to make things happen. If everyone reading this article purchased just one calendar we would bring in \$1, 884.00!

With your calendar comes three valuable coupons. One for Shadowwood Gardens where you can find a wide selection of perennials and herbs and scented geraniums. One for Country Farms Gardens where you can find perennials, trees, shrubs, and hardscape. And one for Silvis Landscaping who can handle all your lawn and landscaping needs. Check out their websites to see what each sponsor can do for you.

If you already have a calendar to use for your appointments, hang one just to enjoy the photos. Hang it in your hallway, your office, your sunroom, enclosed porch, bedroom, craft room, anywhere you want to brighten a wall. Use the coupons, frame a page.

Gift it for birthdays, Christmas, hostess gifts, stocking stuffers (roll it up), any occasion you want to take a little gift. Put it in a basket with pruning shears, seeds, gloves, tea and chocolate for a special gift.

Thanks are in order for everyone who took the time to print out photos for submission and possible inclusion in the calendar. But don't stop now; it's time to take fall pictures and soon winter pictures for the 2021 calendar.



Save the Date!

The annual one-day bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show is planned for Wednesday, March 4, 2020. The 2020 theme is "Riviera Holiday" featuring Mediterranean plants. Always an extravaganza, this promises to be a burst of color!



The lucky winners of our Fall Raffle were Sandy Truckner, Liz Pershing (who won 2!), Beverly Forsythe and Louisa Maggio. The tickets were drawn at our Annual Meeting.

Want to have a couple hours of fun?



Have you noticed that Christmas decorations are appearing earlier and earlier at stores every year? Well, here at GGC we started earlier this year to design and create amazing trees, wreaths, vignettes, swags and more! Join us in the downstairs workroom. Until November 26, we are working on creating artificial items to sell. Then, the week of December 2, get down and dirty with live greens. Bring your clippers to form kissing balls, giant baskets of greens and pretty swags. Think you aren't creative? Surprise yourself! Or, we need people to make price tags, spray greens or just do cuttings. Join in!



Christmas Raffle

Take a chance on a 3' traditional tree lushly festooned with red berries, pine cones, all nicely tied together with red ribbon knots and small pops of black and white checkered ribbon adding a bit of "trendy". Mail the ticket below to the office ASAP. More entry tickets are available at the office. Good Luck!



Christmas RAFFLE

3 foot lighted and beautifully decorated tree

Prizes awarded December 10, 2019

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. GGC Gaming License #435



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Greensburg Garden Center

Name _____

Phone _____

Donation \$2 each or 3 for \$5



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

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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.