



Greensburg Garden Center

January/February 2019 Newsletter

“Where Gardeners Grow”



Calendar Corner

Jan. 8 Membership Mtg.—11:00 AM
 Installation of Officers

~~~~~NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY~~~~~

Mar. 5            Membership Mtg—11:00 AM

### January Membership Meeting

Our Membership Meeting on January 8 will be in the Penthouse of the GGC. The view is amazing! We will install new officers for the years 2019-2020. They are Co-Presidents, Carla Rusnica and Barbara Cseh; 1st Vice President, Judy Geary; Secretary, Sandy Truckner; Treasurer, Elizabeth Pesci; 2 Year Directors Diane Dale and Jane Petrovich. The officers still in office for 2019 are 2nd Vice President Joan Stairs; Assistant Treasurer, Terry Rogers and 1 Year Directors Nancy Nemeth and Mary Louise Silvis.

The Board will provide the lunch for the meeting. We look forward to a great turnout to show our support for our officers. See you there!

### Pie Sales



Remember our pie sales? It's was great to pull a pie out of the freezer when needed for unexpected company or just because YOU need one!

We are looking for a volunteer to take on this worthy and delicious fundraiser. If you are interested, let us know at our next meeting or call the office.

### CHRISTMAS SALE



The Christmas Sale was a huge success! A sale as big as this needs many people to complete all the jobs that need to be done!

Thank you to all the members who decorated wreaths, “fluffed” trees, made bows and created many, many table decorations. The artificial decorations were big and small, elegant or rustic or just plain cute! The variety reflected the tastes of all the members who created them and, in turn, appealed to the taste of our variety of buyers.

Not to be forgotten are the “live” green workers!! Greens were cut and donated from yards, friends, neighbors and fields. They were then cut for bundles, baskets and kissing balls. Oh my, what a delirious mess in the workroom! And, so fun! In addition, the greens ordered from the warehouse needed to be sorted and priced.

A special thanks to Ron Mancabelli of E-Mar Tree Farm for donating a tree to cut and use for our creations. Also, to Frank P. who gave us permission to roam through his pine forest and cut what we wanted. It was like being in a candy store!

*“Nature looks dead in winter because her life is gathered into her heart. She withers the plant down to the root that she may grow it up again fairer and stronger. She calls her family together within her inmost home to prepare them for being scattered abroad upon the face of the earth.”*

*~Hugh Macmillan*

**FLOWER POWER!!  
PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW BUS TRIP  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019**



Ride along with us to the Philadelphia Flower Show, the biggest indoor flower show in the world! Roam 10 acres to witness the enormous impact that flowers have on our lives.

View stunning landscapes, colorful gardens and amazing floral displays by the world's leading designers. Their creations convey a universal message understood by all cultures and languages. Through these exhibits, experience peace, healing, hope and love through the vibrancy of flowers.

The FTD World Cup takes place at the show and features designers from 20 countries. Their designs will capture how flowers influence the way we feel, think and act in personal and community ways. This exclusive event has not been held in the United States since 1985.

To enhance your visit, you can add a stroll through the **Butterflies Live!** Educational exhibit presented by SkyRiver Butterflies. This habitat features native plants that attract butterflies and encourage pollination. More than 1,000 butterflies of 20+ domestic and exotic species are included in the attraction. A separate ticket is required. Cost is \$5 and can be purchased at the show. The **Garden Tea** can be enjoyed amidst the hustle and bustle of the Flower Show. The tea features light sandwiches and petite treats and an assortment of fine tea. The tea experience is available for an additional ticket of \$30 @ 2:45 PM (seating is limited). Prior reservations are suggested.

Feeling creative?? You can join a *Make & Take* class and choose one of three different crafts – Flower Crowns, Crystal Necklaces or Watercolor Planters. Make & Take cost is \$10. The classes run all day.

Garden Center members price is \$125 which includes the bus, snacks, and the admission to the show. Non-members cost is \$135. If you want to join in the tea, we can reserve that for you also. Reservation deadline is Thursday, February 21.

**2019 GGC Scholarship**



Be on the lookout for Greensburg Garden Center's announcement concerning our 2019 scholarship offer early next year. Application materials and an official

announcement will be found on our website [greensburggardencenter.net](http://greensburggardencenter.net) and our facebook page.

If you know of any family members or friends who have students attending, or planning to attend college next fall, please refer them to our website. An announcement will also be placed in the Trib.

*"February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March." ~J.R. Stockton*

**New Office Color Copier**



A grant was received from Old Joe Charities to purchase a color copier. The old black & white copier, purchased (used) many years ago, was temperamental and showing its age!

Nicky can now print crisp, clear, colorful flyers directly from her computer. Ah, we have moved into the modern world! Thank you to the decision-makers at Old Joe Charity for helping our office to operate more efficiently!

## HYPERTUFA!!



The Garden Center has been doing hypertufa for years. The popularity of these unique garden planters has been growing! Cement hypertufa in all shape and designs are now featured at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

We are having a workshop on Saturday, February 16 at 1:00 PM.

Cost is \$20.00. All materials will be supplied. Be sure to wear old clothes and bring a pair of rubber gloves.

You will take home a round planter (approximately 15" – 18") and will have instructions on how to unmold and cure your creation. The hypertufa can be used as a planter, a bird bath or add a pump for a small water feature – use your imagination!

Space is limited – call Nicky at the office to make your reservation!



Thank you to the Hempfield Roosevelt Club for their donation!

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Our Capital Campaign has raised \$1,435 to date. Thank you to all who donated to help Greensburg Garden Center move into 2019 with the ability to continue the quest for quality programs, provide an annual scholarship and maintain the Lefevre Butterfly Garden.

In addition, the donated funds will be available should we choose to improve the advertising budget on our fund-raising activities. More visibility equals higher income by attracting more people to the event.

Thank you again to our many supporters!

This 'n That....

...Membership dues are due in January. Here's an oldie but goodie fact from the past.....our dues in 1970 were 50 cents!

...DVD's of past Philadelphia Flower Shows are available in our Library for individuals or clubs to use for their programs,

...The budget for 2019 has been voted on by the board and approved.

## THINK AHEAD! THINK SPRING! THINK **SPRING TEA!**



Cold, dark days of winter seem to go faster if you turn your thoughts to GGC's very special Spring event – ANNUAL SPRING TEA – scheduled for SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019 at Maplewood Presbyterian Church, 108 Woodland Road, Greensburg. Doors open at 11:00. Tea served at 12.

TEA is the central focus, but the event is famous for the delicious treats prepared by Greensburg Garden Center members and served at beautifully decorated tables, adorned with pretty dishes and lovely flowers.

Everyone's efforts are valuable to the success of the event, as well as important to the fundamental purpose of education and supporting the GGC Scholarship Fund.

### PLAN AHEAD:

Display your passion for beauty by creating a beautiful Tea Table.

Display your culinary talents, by preparing/providing food.

Plan to attend and invite friends to attend. Reserve tickets early.

Phone the GGC office – 724-837-0245, or contact Angie Raitano – 724-483-6724.

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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.*