

Greensburg Garden Center

Dec., Jan., Feb. 2018 Newsletter

"Where Gardeners Grow"



Calendar Corner

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| Dec. 1 | Christmas Sale 3:00-7:00 PM |
| Dec. 2 | Christmas Sale 9:00 AM-2:00 PM |
| Dec. 5 | Membership Mtg. 11:00 AM Christmas Party Luncheon Program—Sock Snowman |
| Jan. 7 | A Music Celebration at St. Vincent 1:30-4:00 PM |
| Jan. 9 | Membership Mtg. 11:00 AM Installation of Officers |

NO FEBRUARY MEETING

Membership Meeting



On Dec. 5, Glenda Gebert will show us how to make a snowman out of a sock. All you need to bring are a pair of scissors and three buttons the size of a dime. GGC will provide the rest of the materials.

Also, it's our Christmas Party Luncheon! Bring a dish to share and the RECIPE. This meeting is full of fun, food and friendship!

Raffle Ticket Winners!!

The lucky winners of our Fall Raffle were:



Donna Lee, Nancy Bures, Kathy Ostrauski, Mary Clark, Sandra Miller and Katie Artman.

They each won four \$25.00 gift certificates to local restaurants. (A \$100 value). Thanks to Marian DeBone, Ways and Means Chair, for visiting all the restaurants to purchase the certificates. (The gift certificates are donated by GGC board members.)



Welcome new member Patti King from Herminie, PA

CHRISTMAS SALE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm



Have you caught the spirit? The holiday season is upon us with decorations galore and Christmas carols playing on the radio.

Our ever-popular fresh greens display will offer noble fir wreaths and swags along with kissing balls, hanging baskets, and table arrangements made by Garden Center members. Choose from an amazing variety of bows to complete a picture-perfect look. Be sure to come early for the best selection.

Elves have been busy in our downstairs workroom making permanent decorations. Christmas trees of every size are decorated in rustic, glitzy, traditional and elegant fashion. Wreaths, swags and table top designs abound. There's even reindeer munchies to feed hungry critters!

The gals from McKenna Senior Center will have a table laden with baked goodies to enjoy as you browse or take home to enjoy with family and friends. Yum! Sip a free cup of coffee or tea and relax for a moment or two.



"The smell of pine aroma lingers in every room and baking apple pies all after noon. The smell of Christmas somehow fills the air, lights twinkling on the tree and toys everywhere."

~from the poem, The Smell of Christmas by Lillie Williams

A Music Celebration at St. Vincent's

January 7, 2018—1:30-4:00 PM



Please join us for a musical extravaganza at the majestic basilica at St. Vincent College in Latrobe. The church will still be in full holiday splendor as you listen to 65 singers plus brass choir from the Westmoreland County Community College Choir, led by Dr. Roderick Booker. The choir has grown in their ability to sing various types of literature in many different meters and styles. The choir is unique in that they memorize all their music.

Dr. Booker has been the Professor of Music at WCCC since 2007 and will be retiring in May 2018. We are honored that he will be conducting this concert as a fundraiser for the Greensburg Garden Center to fund our scholarship and other educational programs.

This year's musical event will be an uplifting way to end the holiday season and to thank Dr. Booker in such an inspirational setting.

Father Fred will speak about the history of the church and you will be able to tour some of the surrounding rooms and crypt.

Tickets can be purchased at our office for \$20 or \$25 at the door that day. Children 12 and under are free.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



Everyone knows that the spirit of Christmas is giving. Again, this year we are offering to take donated items to the **Blackburn Center**. This deserving non-profit organization helps women and children who find themselves in a desperate situation, offering emergency shelter and support. The needs are so great, elevated by the stress of the holidays.

Members of GGC responded in 2016 with great generosity. We delivered a pickup truck full of miscellaneous donations and were greeted by the staff with much enthusiasm. If you are able to share this holiday season, drop off your donation at our office during office hours or on the Christmas Sale days.

Always needed are towels, wash cloths, kitchen towels, pots & pans, pajamas and slippers of all sizes for women and children. Necessities such as toothpaste, hand lotion, liquid hand soap and hair conditioner are appreciated. Of course, any food item is welcome but especially soups, canned tuna or chicken. If you prefer, gift cards from Walmart, Target, Giant Eagle or Shop n Save allow the staff to buy whatever is needed. A more detailed list is found at www.blackburncenter.org.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Spring Tea 2018

Not Too Early to be Planning!



Some members are already planning to participate in what has become a beautiful GGC tradition. GGC's 2018 Spring Tea is scheduled for April 21, 2018 at Maplewood Presbyterian Church, 108 Woodland Road, Greensburg.

It takes a great effort from many participants to make the Tea a success. Please consider decorating a table, preparing food, helping at the tea, promoting ticket sales, etc. Phone Nicky at the GGC office, 724-837-0245 or Angie, event chair at 724-483-6724.

Looking forward to the winter months isn't as uplifting as looking forward to SPRING!

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone." ~Charles M. Schulz

Calendar Photos Selected



The Calendar Committee, Agnes and I, want to thank everyone who submitted photos for the 2018 calendar. It was so much fun visiting all the different gardens through these photos. We also wish to extend once again our sincere appreciation to Br. Mark Floreanini, Associate Professor of Visual Arts at St. Vincent College, who selected the winning photos.

If you have already purchased a calendar then you know the following members have had their photos selected for the 2018 calendar. Starting with the front cover and running through the months to the back cover the winners are: Susan Wisneski, Margaret Ackerman, Joan Stairs, Glenda Gebert, Anna Quiggle, Deneise Snyder, Bonnie McConnell, Agnes Lapa, and Terri Arlotta. Filling the inside back cover are four photos submitted by Joan Stairs and Karen Douglas.

We made over \$100 on last year's calendar! While ideally a fund raiser, the calendar instead serves more as a way to share our gardens, connecting our members, friends, and family. Please consider giving our calendars as gifts to your friends and family thus sharing our gardens with others. Your purchase of a calendar helps to continue and support the calendar project. And your support of our three sponsors, Shadowwood, Country Gardens, and Silvis helps them know we appreciate their contribution. Their sponsorship enables us to hold the price at just \$5.00. And each of the sponsors included coupons in the calendar.

Sandy Truckner

Take a Chance!!

A delightful hand-blown mercury glass collectible by Thomas Pacconi can be a happy addition to your holiday table. This colorful fellow is 16-1/2 inches tall, has authorization papers and is a 2004 (retired) classic. He will surely add a smile to your face in the snowy months ahead. Only \$2 per chance!! Drawing will be at our December 5 membership meeting.

(This new, never displayed treasure was donated by member Anna Quiggle.)

For your convenience, use the ticket below.

Philadelphia Flower Show 2018 Wednesday, March 7

Make your plans now to join us on the bus! We are still in the planning stages for this trip and it's always a fun day. Let's hope the weather cooperates this year, remember the last trip? The turnpike closed because of snow!



The theme this year is "Wonders of Water". Expect a show that showcases the different way water is used, both for gardening and for amusement. Conservation and sustainability will also be big messages in the show.

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RAFFLE

*Prize awarded
Dec 5, 2017*

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 #536

**A chance to win a Thomas Pacconi glass
snowman valued at \$100.00!**

Name _____

Phone # _____

\$2.00 each Donation

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

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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.

GREENSBURG GARDEN CENTER 2018
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: ___ Horticulture/Gardening ___ Floral Design ___ Education ___ Workshops
___ Committee participation ___ Landscaping ___ Arboretum