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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Submitted by Kay Bair, District X Director

Garden clubs are getting back to normal. In November Giant Oaks and Valley GC had their fundraisers, Martha Washington GC had a "Holiday Party" and installed their new officers for 2021 – 2023.



On Wednesday, March 16, 2022, Presidents and Board Members of District X will provide a light lunch for the "Spring Tea" at the Mon Valley Y. There will be a program on "Weeping Conifers" by Suzanne Weimer, a "Trash to Treasure" contest, a "Ways and Means" table, featuring a 50/50 drawing. There is no admission for this event. It is free to all District X Garden Club members. Consider car-pooling, which is a great way to get to know you club members.

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday April 3-5 is the 92nd Annual GCFP Convention, "**Celebrating Nature's Masterpieces**" at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA.

Some of activities:

- Bus Trip to John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove
- "Hands-on" Workshops, Exhibits
- Trash to Treasure competition
- Boutique Shopping, and Raffles
- Banquet Speakers are Doug Tallamy, author of "Nature's Best Hope"
- Jaan Troltenier, known for her impersonation of "Beatrix Potter"
- Jim Sutton, [Senior Horticultural Display Designer](#) for Longwood Gardens
- Janice Hamlin, a floral design instructor of Florida Federation of Garden

DISTRICT X BOARD Officers

Director

KAY BAIR

Town & Country GC

Assistant Director

MARDELL PAGE

Valley GC

Recording Secretary

LINDA COLEMAN

Martha Washington G C

Treasurer

SANDRA GRILLI

Martha Washington GC

Clubs

- Presentations and programs
 - George Ball of W. Atlee Burpee Co.
 - Bonnie Sattethwaite from Espoma
 - Valerie Bures and Darlene Snyder on Floral Crafting
 - Peonies with Eleanor Tickner
 - Plastics in our World by Carol Armstrong
 - Simply Ikebana by Linda Southerling
 - Pandora Young from Longwood Gardens "Fine Gardening Meets Fine Dining"
 - Jenny Rose Carey, "Beatrix Farrand and Friends" (Impersonator)
 - Phillips Mushroom Farms, Tina Ellor, "Mushroom Mashup"
 - Pa Horticultural Society, Mat Rader, President – "Gardening and Social Change"

Look for details and sign-up sheets in your Keystone Gardener booklet (which will come in the US mail) in January 2022.



DISTRICT X GARDEN CLUB PRESIDENTS

GARDEN CLUB OF MUNHALL

Meet 4th Tuesday, at 7 PM
Michael Sarraino

<http://www.facebook.com/GardenClubofMunhall>
Web site: <http://www.gardenclubofmunhall.com>

GIANT OAKS GARDEN CLUB

Meet 1st Thursday at 11:30 AM
Judie Ball and Kay Brennan
Facebook: Giant Oaks Garden Club

GREAT MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB

Meet 4th Wednesday at 10:30 AM
Wanda Sherry

<https://www.facebook.com/gmgc1957>

GREEN GARDENERS OF UNIONTOWN

Meet 1st Friday (for lunch)
Paula Flaherty

MARTHA WASHINGTON GARDEN CLUB

Meet 3rd Tuesday at 12:30 PM
Carole Malmgren

<https://www.facebook.com/mwgcwashpa>

MON VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Meet 1st Monday at 6:30 PM
Alice Harris

PLEASANT HILLS GARDEN CLUB

Meet 2nd Monday at 12:30 PM
Louise Humphreys

<https://www.facebook.com/Pleasant-Hills-Garden-Club-111595013758659/>

Web site: <https://pleasanthillsgc.org/>

TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

Meet 3rd Thursday at 6 PM
Dianne Nicholson

<https://www.facebook.com/tcgcrpa>

UNIONTOWN FLOWER CLUB

Meet 2nd Friday at 1 PM
Sharlene Lehman

VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Meet 2nd Thursday at 10 AM
Roxanne Huss

2021 IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 8 GCFP Sponsored Zoom Education Meeting. Grinning in Greenery

2022 IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 12 GCFP Sponsored Zoom Program, District V, You Tube presentation

Feb 9 GCFP Sponsored Zoom Program, District IV, Vanilla Orchid Presentation,

Feb 16 District X Board Meeting, Mon Valley Y LaCarte Room(Inside Main Entrance), 10:00 AM.

Mar 16 **District X Spring Tea**, Mon Valley Y Activity Room, 10:00 AM, Giant Oaks Host

Apr 3-5 **GCFP Convention**, "Celebrating Natures Masterpieces," Desmond Hotel, Malvern.

Apr 18-29 GCFP Tour – The Floriade, Holland and Belgium River Cruise.

Apr 26-Tues. **Wildflower Walk**, Fort Necessity Battlefield, Farmington, PA. 9:00 AM

Apr 28-May 1 Flower Show School Course I, DoubleTree, Plymouth Meeting, PA

May 17-20 NGC Convention, Orlando, FL

May 23 District X Board Meeting, Mon Valley Y, LaCarte Room, 10:00 AM

When you fill out the "Officer Change Form" to notify GCFP when your Club President changes, please also send copies, with the updated contact info, to the District Director and TENDril Editor.



June 6-7 GFCP Board Meeting,
Wyndham Garden State
College, Boalsburg, PA

June 5-11 **National Garden Week**

June 11-17 Philadelphia Flower Show, FDR
Park

June 15, Wed **District X June Fundraiser,**
Valley Brook Country Club

Aug 22 District X Board Meeting @
Angie's Home

Sept 6 **Annual District Meeting,**
Valley Brook Country Club,
Installation of New Officers and
Program. 9:00 AM

Oct 10-11 GCFP Board Meeting,
Wyndham Garden State
College, Boalburg, PA

Oct 19 District X Board Meeting, Mon
Valley Y, LaCarte Room, 10:00
AM

Nov 1-3 CAR-SGC Conference, Seven
Springs PA

GARDEN CLUB OF MUNHALL

Submitted by Michael Saraino

We had a very good summer after Covid many members are returning to the meeting and our last meeting was exciting giving out 12 awards that the State awarded to Munhall members.

We have 57 members with approximately 50 members attending our meetings.

The committees are running full force doing what they agreed to do. Our committee on cleaning the gardens is doing a wonderful job.

We have given our \$1000 scholarship out and the Awardee sent a very nice thank you card. Our birthday card program is doing wonderful and the members enjoy them.

This Spring we are working on the planter program which we will plant flowers in our flower planters along our main street. Some civic projects are: Prepare Christmas bags for the senior citizens at our Glen Hazel Kane Hospital, Penny Pines, Messiah Lutheran Church memorial garden, Homestead District Lions Club.

We have added to our year book "The Garden Foul Ups to Avoid" this may help out all our members in their gardens and Perennial Plant "Month to Month Perennial and Shrub Maintenance Chart for the Mid-Atlantic Region.



2022 DISTRICT X BOARD MEETINGS

All Board meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.

Feb 16 District X Board Meeting, Mon
Valley Y LaCarte Room(Inside
Main Entrance), 10:00 AM.

May 23 District X Board Meeting, Mon
Valley Y, LaCarte Room, 10:00
AM



DISTRICT X CLUB NEWS

GIANT OAKS

Submitted by Barbara Jo Nerone

Giant Oaks is wrapping up a successful year, in spite of disruptions from Covid 19 restrictions. In November we held our 55th annual Tinsel Luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe. The Winter Wonderland event, of course, was cancelled in 2020, and we were thrilled to welcome close to 400 attendees to a day of shopping, raffles, a 50/50 drawing, the Tinsel Pantry, entertainment, and good fellowship.

December features our Christmas Luncheon and Installation of Officers. Officers for 2022 include Judie Ball & Kay Brennan, co-presidents; Pat Stanfill, first vice president; Michele Campbell, second vice president; Carolyn Svitek, treasurer;

Cecelia Satler, recording secretary; and Margaret Sullivan, corresponding secretary. The luncheon will be held at Valley Brook Country Club. Members receiving District X awards will also be recognized.

Our membership year begins in February 2022 with our annual meeting. A full range of lectures, field trips and workshops are planned for upcoming luncheon meeting

GREAT MEADOWS

Submitted by Wanda Sherry

Great Meadows Garden Club meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at various locations at 10:30 AM. We inducted two new members bringing our membership to 45. We are in the process of planning next year's programs and venues and putting our yearbook together.

At our last meeting we were honored to have our very own Marie Mueller at the Hilton Garden Inn in Uniontown. Marie's program was "What Were the Judges Thinking". Her program was on flower shows and how the judges pick winners. Marie also told us about horticulture judging and how to select horticulture for flower shows.

Several of our members participated in a Zoom class with Mary Ann DeSanto, Director of District I and GCFP Horticulture Therapy Chairperson. We found her class to be very helpful for our club to do outreach in our community.

I have contacted our local senior citizen center and we're planning to go there and have the seniors make flower arrangements when they are ready for us.

UNIONTOWN FLOWER CLUB

Submitted by Sharlene Lehman

The Uniontown FLOWER Club meets the second Friday of each month except January. We are happy finally to be back in our home base of Mt. Saint Macrina in Uniontown. We had our first meeting there in November and celebrated with a pizza party followed by wreath making. Members

created wreaths using primarily natural decorations such as pine and holly branches, pinecones, etc. Program Chair, Toni L'Hommedieu, with the help of member Nanci Myers, put together a fun afternoon. December will find the members celebrating the holidays with a buffet luncheon at Caporella's Italian Restaurant. Although the club does not meet in January, committee members will be making plans for the new club year with mini meetings.

Garden tip: Fallen leaves can be an excellent place for insects and other wildlife to overwinter. These leaves provide a protected location. Many species of moths and butterflies like swallowtails and luna moths will overwinter in leaves. Bumble bee queens may also utilize leaves to overwinter. Leave a few piles of leaves for these important pollinators to survive the winter.

"I'm tired of winter. I want to fast forward and start complaining how hot it is." --Garfield

PLEASANT HILLS

Submitted by Louise Humphreys

The Pleasant Hills Library started its Seed Swap. Garden club members as well as the public are to take seeds to the library in small envelopes, which will be put in a binder so that anyone can view and trade seeds for next spring.

In November, our members completed small floral arrangements using real flowers and greens that were taken to Atrias Senior Living for the tables in the dining room. We completed around 25. Many very pleasing arrangements were made by many creative arrangers! This is always an enjoyable event, for us as well as the recipients.



Louise Humphreys, in conjunction with the principal of Thomas Jefferson High School, submitted a PLANT AMERICA Community Project

Grant, sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc., for the beautification of the driveway and an area in front of TJHS. The PHGC will give guidance to students who will be in charge of planting and caring for the flowers and trees that will be planted.

At the October meeting, new officers were elected for 2022:

President: Louise Humphreys
Vice President: Pamela Kavelman
Recording Secretary: Barbara Latterman
Corresponding Secretary: Kim Richter
Director: Charlene Bowyer

The PHGC is going to have a flower show on August 13, 2022, with Marie Mueller and Helen Galluppi as Flower Show Co-Chairs. The theme is "Fairy Tales".

We are looking forward to our club's Holiday Party in December. With Covid restrictions lifted (and with vaccinations having been widely received), we happily anticipate our covered dish celebration! In person! What a good way to end the PHGC's year!

TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Terri Laird

We meet the third Thursday of the month at Hewitt Church in Rices Landing. We have 18 members and 2 people ready to submit dues.

Next month will be our 70th. Anniversary, big plans are in the work. We have scheduled a program titled "to Bee or Not to Bee". I think this is the fourth time we have tried to have this program and every time something unforeseen happens. Hopefully the sky will not fall this time.

December will be a covered dish lunch and social time. January, we will meet to plan a new Year Book for the club. Wish us luck.

MARTHA WASHINGTON

Submitted by Martha Alexander

The Martha Washington Garden Club awarded its 2021 Lovely Landscape Award to Chuck McHugh, 10 Wilmont Avenue, Washington, Pennsylvania.

He said: "My passion for gardening was born through my family tree which has a history of individuals who loved to plant! Much of what you see at 10 Wilmont Avenue didn't exist when we moved into the property in August of 2012. I take my inspiration from gardens on our annual global travels, then add my ideas to make it my own, sketch out designs, plan the needed hardscapes and select the perfect plantings."



2021 Lovely Landscape winner

The Martha Washington Garden Club also held a Small Standard Flower Show, entitled "Bee Positive" on October 8 and 9, 2021 at Washington Crown Center. The general chairs were: Judy Weizen, Grace Mitchell and Carole Tucci. Staging was done by Kathy Wells Orr, Jane Caldwell and Judy Weizen. There were divisions for horticulture, design, and education.



2021 MWGC Small Standard Flower Show "Bee Positive"

The Martha Washington Garden Club will hold its annual Christmas luncheon on November 16, 2021 at Valley Brook Country Club. The program, "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," will be presented by floral designer, Bob Lloyd. Membership awards will be given. Haddie Weber will install officers for 2022. Martha Washington

Garden Club also plans a Christmas mug workshop on December 14, 2021 with the mugs to be given to shut-ins.

VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Roxanne Huss, President

Valley Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of most months at the Lynwood Lutheran Church, Belle Vernon. There are currently 32 members.

The annual fundraiser luncheon is scheduled for November 4, 2021 at the Mon Valley YMCA. The club has reduced the number of tickets available this year. The program will be "Costume Jewelry: Those Fabulous Fakes." Three Holiday floral designs will also be featured.

In September the members decorated pumpkins with succulents, moss and other dried plants.

The October program was Adam Amrhein, a manager of True Value Hardware store and KDKA TV personality. He showed many new gardening products.

The current plantings of the YMCA garden received some additional perennials to provide color and attract pollinators next year.

A Holiday party at a local restaurant is planned for December.



WILDFLOWER QUIZ

Submitted by Diane Hughes,
Wildflower Chair

What flower has a name which is the same, or sounds the same, as the following descriptions?



1. A redman's instrument of peace.
2. A cowardly space-age vehicle.
3. What you do with broken bones.
4. What a fox needs on a cold day.
5. What an outfielder on a baseball team should do.

(See page seven for answers)



HORT TIPS

Submitted by Grace Mitchell

Tip to make cut flowers last longer- mix 2 tbsp. white vinegar and a tsp. sugar in a quart of warm water. After a day or two, mist them with hairspray.

Give houseplants more light by setting them on a mirror.

Feed houseplants an aspirin dissolved in water once a month.

Stake small houseplants with the chopsticks you bring home from the Chinese restaurant.

Clean your glass vases by filling them half full of water and adding two denture cleaning tablets.

Use WD-40 to wipe rust from your tools before storing for the winter.

To deodorize your fridge, cut a raw potato in half. And put it in cut side up. When it turns black, just trim that off and put it back in.

How to divide zebra grass- use sharp shovel, small backhoe, or better yet, don't plant it anywhere it will ever need divided.

My last and best hint came to me from a tee shirt. It said, "When I die, take the flowers off my casket and throw them into the crowd to see who's next!" Happy Horting!



DISTRICT X SUPPORTS "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA"

At the October 20 District X Board Meeting, the board voted to donate to Wreaths Across America by supporting one wreath on behalf of each of our District X member clubs.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA is a national charitable organization whose mission is to REMEMBER the Fallen; HONOR those who serve; and TEACH the value of Freedom. It is a coordinated effort, mostly by volunteers, to place a wreath on the grave of every Fallen Hero at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC, and at 2,500 other cemeteries in the U S, at sea and abroad. This year's ceremony will be held on December 18, at noon, and ten of the many thousands of wreaths will be from District X.

Anyone can donate to have wreaths placed. If interested, contact:

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
P.O. Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623
Phone 877-385-9504



WILDFLOWER WALK AT FORT NECESSITY **NATIONAL BATTELFIELD**

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania's District X will sponsor a seasonal Wildflower Walk on April 26, 2022, at Fort Necessity National Battlefield in Farmington, PA. Hosted by Great Meadows Garden Club, this will be a great time to be out in nature after a gloomy winter, and see the wildflowers at their best blooming time.

Activities begin at 9 AM. There will be speakers, displays, a short video, and a bag lunch will be provided by Maywood Grill. Afterward, drive to Ohiopyle State Park to walk on the Great Gorge Trail to view the native wildflowers. The cost is \$25 and registration is required by April 12. For more information and to register send an e-mail to teba@windstream.net. Put Wildflower Walk in the subject line.



NGC News

Something new and exciting is happening to NGC

Life Membership. Your donation of \$200 is still divided evenly between two wonderful programs—the Plant America Community Grants Fund and the Permanent Home and Endowment, but you will now become part of a new “Virtual” interactive Garden, that will be located on the Life Member Page of the NGC Website.

We are so excited about our new Garden. Existing NGC Life Members will be the corner stones and hardscape of the garden and our new 2021-2023 Life Members will become the beautiful plants within our garden gate; flourishing and growing lush with each and every new membership. Everyone will be able to see our virtual garden grow, bloom and come to life right before their eyes. Amazing what we can do virtually.....So dont miss out. Walk through our Garden Gate.....

Become a new NGC Life Member today or give a gift membership; and become part of this wonderful interactive garden. The NGC Life Membership Applications can be found on the NGC website. The Garden will take your breath away. Be part of this new virtual adventure. Join today! The Life Member Committee, consisting of Margaret Woda of Delaware and Cherie Lejeune of National Capital Area are constructing the garden as we speak and it will be blooming on the website in the very near future.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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814-932-3231
Gail Corle Manna,
2021-2023 NGC Life Member Chair

WILDFLOWER QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Indian Pipe
2. Yellow Rocket
3. Boneset
4. Foxglove
5. Fly Catcher



“Celebrating Nature’s Masterpieces”

The deadline for submissions for the March 1 issue of the TENDril is **February 15**. Please e-mail your submission to hlg632@gmail.com and put “TENDril submission” in the subject line. We welcome submissions from any District X garden club member.

The TENDril is published four times a year on the GCFP website, on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1. Mark your calendar to access it then, by going to “Districts”, and choose “District X”.

