



Greensburg Garden Center

Jan., Feb. 2023 Newsletter

“Where Gardeners Grow”



LOOKING BACK AT 2022.....LOOKING FORWARD TO 2023



As 2022 draws to a close, the GGC Board pauses to reflect and review the year past while focusing on events and membership festivities for the upcoming New Year 2023.

As in years past, 2022 was filled with many fun events and fundraisers. Starting with the Spring Tea in March, the year quickly progressed to our May Mart plant sale and flea market, the judged Flower Show in July, the Butterfly Release in August, and our fabulous ‘Punch Up Your Holiday’ party in October. The year was completed with one of our biggest fundraisers; the Christmas Sale offering quality decorations and fresh greens. All of this was punctuated by Pie Sales and a Fall Restaurant Gift Card Raffle .

Members also enjoyed several bus trips arranged by Greensburg Garden Center. In June we traveled to Philadelphia for the city’s renowned Flower Show. As autumn arrived our group traveled across the city in September to visit the Pittsburgh Botanical Garden. Finally, in December we boarded the bus to visit the Old Allegheny Victorian House Christmas Tour on Pittsburgh’s historical North Side. All trips were a fun day enjoyed together with friends.

Our monthly meetings were the ‘bee’s knees’ filled with wonderful speakers and programs throughout the year. From “Handy Andy” Amrhein to Chuck Hayden discussing bee keeping, our members and guests enjoyed an array of knowledgeable and entertaining speakers on a variety of pertinent subjects.

Our board is busy working on speakers for 2023 to continue providing you with notable membership meetings that both educate and entertain.

In the new year, we begin plans on both annual and bi-annual events, like the Member’s Garden Tour. We review past trips and propose new destinations for 2023, such as Longwood Gardens, while establishing our budget and setting the dates for our 2023 fundraisers.

Surely as cometh the Winter, I know there are Spring violets under the snow.

—R. H. Newell

Calendar of Events

Jan. 3	Membership Mtg. 11:00 PM Installation of New Officers
Feb. 7	Membership Mtg. 11:00 PM Program to be announced

Membership Meetings

Our January Membership meeting will be the installation of officers. Lunch will be provided by the board. We look forward to seeing you to support those who volunteer their time to make the Garden Center such a wonderful organization.

Help us start a new year off with a bang! Bring a friend that may enjoy hearing all that we have to offer.

Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the year...for gardening begins in January, with the dream.

Pie Sale



The GGC fall pie sale was a success. We sold 70 pies and made a profit of about \$165. We partnered with the College Club to make this sale a group effort, have enjoyed making new friends and hope to continue to work together in the future! Thank you to everyone who supported GGC's fundraising efforts!

Now is the time to plan your garden!

The Christmas cactus has dropped its blooms. The spike of the amaryllis has been cut. The paper whites are still perky on the windowsill. Now is the time to turn to catalogs and think sunny thoughts!

The anticipation of blooms and veggies growing keeps gardeners busy browsing the catalogs that arrive in January. Bulbs, perennials, and vegetables call out to gardeners when skies are gray and snow is on the ground.



Gardeners have time to relax and dream of summer days.

SPRING TEA SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 Maplewood Presbyterian Church



With winter just beginning, we already turn our thoughts to a spring ritual! This popular spring event brings warm thoughts!

Tiffany Horvath is chairman and is looking to sign up those ladies who wish to decorate a table. The tea offers a chance to show off your favorite dishes and flatware and a centerpiece to ooh! and aah! about! Let your imagination go wild! Decorate a table yourself or team up with a friend or two.

Doors open at 11:00 AM. Tea is served at noon. Cost is \$30. Entertainment is in the planning stage. Call the office for more details.

We are looking forward to seeing you at another wonderful Spring Tea.

Time to Renew Your Membership!



Dues for 2023 are \$20. This renews your membership from January 1 through December 31, 2023.

Such a bargain!

Program chair Joan Stairs is working on her usual exciting, informative and wide variety of programs to offer members interesting subjects.

Our meetings end with light refreshments provided by Mary Ann Artman's refreshment committee. Programs and free lunch for \$20 per year!

All that and the camaraderie of people who share the same interests.

Facebook



I am currently administrating our Greensburg Garden Center Facebook page. Debbie Campbell and I are attempting to either merge our existing Greensburg Garden Center “Non-profit Organization” Facebook page with our Greensburg Garden Center “Your Group” Facebook page. Both Facebook pages have different groups of members. The “Non-profit Organization” Facebook has the largest group of members (536) and that is the one that we want to promote. If we can’t merge the two pages we will delete the “Your Group” page (104 members). Right now that particular page is paused. It sounds a bit complicated but we both feel that it will be best to have just one Facebook page.

We want to use the Facebook page to promote our events not only just on our page but also among other local business and gardening groups. You can help us do that as well. If you are on Facebook, make sure that you “like” and “follow” our page. Just click on the magnifying glass (the search symbol on your page) and type in Greensburg Garden Center to find us.

By doing so, each time you comment or share a post it increases the exposure as well. By growing our Facebook followers we can indeed get our information out into larger groups on social media. We have already been shared to other local Greensburg pages. We have a lot of “viewers”. In fact, our most recent post on our Christmas meeting reached 470 plus people. By “liking” a post and/or by “sharing” it, it will not only greatly increase the audience, it will move it up on every member’s feed so the chances of people seeing it increases.

Your support and help in increasing our audience and exposure on social media will help spread the word about our Greensburg Garden Center and I think we can all appreciate that. Thanks so much. Together let’s make 2023 the best year yet!

Lynn Mance

WE ARE LOOKING FOR.....



May Sale flea market items – mostly that pertain to gardening. Getting a new deck umbrella? Give us your good used one to sell. How about hoes, shovels, rake and such that you are replacing with new. Clean out your shed and let us offer them to our shoppers.

For May Sale we will take your extra summer bulbs. Those elephant ear plants are prolific! We love them. If you know the variety, please label them.

Hanging baskets to use for our famous fresh greens baskets at our Christmas Sale. Our baskets get more popular every year. Many of you toss them in the trash at the end of summer. Bring them to the Center! We really appreciate having them.

Also for the Christmas Sale - Don’t laugh - We need onion bags! We use the onion bags to make kissing balls. And, we love white wire hangars for the same kissing balls. Don’t turn them back to the cleaners, we really appreciate them.

Here is a new bean salad recipe that was a hit at our December meeting...

Edamame Salad

1 can black beans, drained & rinsed
1 can chick peas, drained & rinsed
1/2 red pepper, chopped
1/2 yellow pepper, chopped
1/2 med. red onion, chopped
6 oz. frozen edamame



Stir all ingredients together. Add 5 oz. Kraft Roasted Garlic Vinaigrette and mix. Refrigerate to meld flavors.

We welcome new members Diana Ditriniti and Constance Burick. We wish them and ALL of our members good health and happiness in the New Year! Happy gardening!!

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GREENSBURG GARDEN CENTER 2023
ASSOCIATE MEMBER - NEW MEMBER RENEWAL FORM

Date: _____ Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Type of Membership: New \$20 _____ Renewal \$20 _____ 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.