

Greensburg Garden Center

July/August 2024 Newsletter

“Where Gardeners Grow”



Annual Monarch Butterfly Release Saturday, August 10th Free Admission --- Free Parking



Summer is here and the time is fast approaching for the annual G.G.C. Monarch Butterfly release. Held in the beautiful Lefevre Butterfly garden, this magical afternoon is fun for the entire family, so save the date for Saturday, August 10th. There are two releases: 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Approximately 100 Monarchs will be released at each time.

Sponsoring our event this year are the Second Chance Fund, First National Bank and Theresa Meidel, Re/Max Real Estate Specialist. THANK YOU!

A short program will precede the butterfly release explaining the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly and their dietary needs. Then, together we will release our fluttering butterflies into the garden. An amazing experience, to be sure!

The butterflies are free but **MUST BE RESERVED** with a check or credit card deposit to ensure your butterflies are waiting for your arrival. You will not be charged unless you fail to attend the Saturday butterfly release. By reserving your butterfly with a credit card deposit we confirm your attendance guaranteeing that all butterflies have a ‘sponsor’.

There will be hot dogs and lemonade to enjoy lunch in the garden. All proceeds from the refreshments will be donated to the Greensburg Salem mini-THON which raises money for children with cancer.

Our signature flower wands will be available for purchase. Buy a wand to entice the butterflies to land after the initial flurry of wings! Also offered will be face painting and temporary tattoos, as well as a butterfly themed gift shop and used book sale.

This event is a ‘must see’! Be bring the kids and the grandkids for this magical and educational experience they will remember for a lifetime.

To reserve your butterfly, call the G.G.C. office at 724-837-0245 Tuesday or Thursday 10AM – 3 PM.

Calendar of Events

July 2	Membership Mtg.—11:00 A.M. Planting for Birds—Alex Busato
July 13	Flower Show—Noon
Aug. 6	Membership Mtg.—11:00 A.M. Flowers of Brazil by Father Fred
Aug. 10	Butterfly Release 11:00 & 1:00

Summer...

...When days get longer, the stars shine brighter, your hair gets lighter, the water gets warmer, the music gets louder and life gets better.

...Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes.

Membership Programs

...On July 2, Father Fred will show a slide show of gardens from his trip to Brazil.

...Our August program will feature Alex Busato's program, Planting for Birds. Alex has a life-long passion for nature that has influenced his studies and contributed to his knowledge base both inside and beyond the classroom. He has personal experience and familiarity with a wide variety of East-Coast environments, flora, fauna, and geology, as well as professional experience in Environmental Education, Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Sampling, Water Chemistry, and Watershed Management.



Fall Raffle Tickets

Tickets for our Fall Raffle are included in this newsletter. Winners will win gift certificates to restaurants in the area, including some new ones. A good way to get out and enjoy an evening with no cooking! This yearly fund raiser is one we depend on to pay our bills, so please purchase your tickets, sell some to your friends! The winners will be selected at our Annual Meeting in October. Tickets are donated by Fotorecord Print Center.

Here is a recipe that was very popular at one of our Membership Meetings that was submitted by Carol Foti. Our lunches are all donated by members and are always fabulous!! If you have any requests for recipes, just ask and I'll try to get it for you.

Cowboy Caviar

- 2 Med tomatoes chopped
- 1 Clove garlic finely chopped
- 1 Small green pepper chopped
- 4 Green onions chopped
- 1/4 Cup fresh parsley chopped
- 1 Can black-eyed peas drained
- 1 Can shoepeg corn drained
- 1 Small onion chopped
- 1/2 Bottle Kraft Italian dressing

Mix refrigerate overnight. Serve with Taco Scoops or serve over grilled chicken.

Riddle Me This!!



...Who can take a little ribbon, some birds and a few berries and decorate a beautiful Christmas tree?

Answer: a Garden Club member

...Who can select a frame, a Christmas card and a bit of greenery and come up with a treasure you would be proud to hand on your wall?

Answer: a Garden Club member

...Who can use a metal clothes hanger, an onion bag and a little piece of oasis and create a unique kissing ball?

Answer: a Garden Club member

If you would like to learn how to accomplish any of these transformations, join us for a Christmas workshop. These workshops are held every Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM starting October 15.

Fun, food and friends can be found at every meeting. Come for an hour or stay all day. Bring any new ideas and techniques you may have and teach us "old dogs" some new tricks!!



The Greensburg Garden and Civic Center will be hosting a farmers market beginning June 9 thru October 20 on Sunday mornings from 10:00 am—2:00 pm.

Explore a vibrant showcase of local farmers & artisans offering a diverse array of fresh produce, artisanal goods and homemade products.

Discover a bounty of locally grown fruits and vegetables, farm-fresh eggs, honey and more, sourced directly from nearby farms and producers.

Browse through a curated selection of handmade goods including artisanal bread, baked goods and more.

Food trucks will also be on site.

Our garden house will be open to welcome visitors to enjoy our beautiful Lefevre Butterfly Garden.



Thyme for Herbs



Thyme for Herbs has a new website! The club has been around since 1985 but only recently built a website. When JD asked me about the club last year she commented that she couldn't find us anywhere. We simply didn't have any digital presence. That shortcoming is remedied now. And as soon as Martin gets Sandy trained in updating, we will have a blog section with gardening tips added periodically.

And if you'd like to learn more about herbs, their culture and use, join us at one of our quarterly meetings. Check out the website at thymeforherbs.org for more information.

Sandy Truckner

Create Your Own Shade

The best time to put plants into your garden is on a cloudy day. But if you absolutely have to put them in on a sunny day, you can create shade for the plants. One easy way to do this is to stick a cedar shake/shingle in the ground on the south side of the plant. Tilt the shingle slightly to cast the most shade on your plant. Press it in firmly so it doesn't fall over. You can get a bundle of cedar shingles at a building supply store. The shingles are smoother and thinner than the shakes. Both are of various widths. The wider ones can be split into more narrow ones. And at the very least you can provide some amusement for your friends and neighbors when they view your garden of shingles.

Sandy

Day Lily Gardens to Visit This Month

1. Gary Ball (724-672-1540)
2927 Clarksburg Rd.
Clarksburg, PA 15725
Open House July 21 from 10:00—4:00 PM

There will be a ton of people on this day. If you want to go as a club group—Gary offered July 13, you can set up at time 10:00 or 2:00 and Gary can give you more personal time talking about his flowers and other plantings.

2. Jack Enos (412-540-0674) call to make an appointment.
4th St., Monongahela, PA

3. Marcus Tonini (724-872-5888) call to make an appointment

Coming Soon: GGC FLOWER SHOW 2024

GGC's 2024 Standard Flower Show, "**Gardens Perform* in Summer**", is scheduled to be staged on **SATURDAY, JULY 13**, at **REDSTONE HIGHLANDS, 6 Garden Center Drive, Greensburg.**

Pre-event Set-up will be Friday afternoon, July 12, after 3:00 PM, when all Horticulture entries must be made and Design entries may be placed. Final Set-up on Saturday morning, July 13 between 8:00 and 10:00 AM, when fresh horticulture specimens may replace set-up specimens. Judging, by National Garden Club certified Flower Show Judges, will be from 10:00 to Noon. The Flower Show will be open to the public from Noon to 4:00 PM. There is NO admission charge.

ALL GGC Members are welcome to participate. The F.S. Schedule and all necessary information will be available at the May Membership Meeting. F.S. Chair, Angie Raitano, and Co-Chairs, Mary Ann Artman and Margie Wolfe, urge participation and are willing to answer questions and offer help to all participants.

A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW is one that meets all the requirements established by **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**, the national organization of which GGC is a member. The **purpose is education**: especially to stimulate interest in horticulture.

Everyone is WELCOME to participate and attend.

**It's fun to show what you grow* and to create beautiful floral designs*.*

Angie Raitano, F.S. Ch.

Welcome new member, Beth Wiseman!!



4. Pittsburgh Iris Daylily Society Show
July 20, 2024
Miraculus Medal Church
300 Hallam Ave.
Meadow Lands, PA 15347

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GREENSBURG GARDEN CENTER 2024
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.