



Greensburg Garden Center

March, April 2022 Newsletter

“Where Gardeners Grow”



Calendar of Events

March 1	Membership Mtg. 11:00 PM Mark Miller, Pittsburgh Botanic Garden “Black to Green”
March 26	Spring Tea 11:00 –2:00 PM
April 5	Membership Mtg. 11:00 PM Program—Eric Osterling “Rhododendrons & Azaleas”
April 6	Pie pick-up 1-3:00 PM

Greensburg Garden Center Annual Spring Tea “TEA with Friends”

Exciting NEWS FLASH: GGC will hold its spectacular SPRING event, “TEA with Friends”, on Saturday, MARCH 26, 2022 at Maplewood Presbyterian Church, 108 Woodland Road, Greensburg. Tickets are \$30.



Plan, now, to get together with friends. Come and enjoy stunning tables decorated with pretty dishes and pretty flowers, plus delicious treats and soothing tea. Besides prize/gift baskets, an entertainment feature is being planned. Doors open at 11:00. Tea served at 12. Once again, by popular demand, take-out boxes will be available, by ordering in advance, with pick-up between 11:00 and noon on Saturday, March 26.

Plan, now, to participate! There are many ways to participate: Decorate a table; prepare food (tea sandwiches, etc.); help serve on the day of the event; provide a raffle basket (maybe partner with a friend). Plan now to attend and invite your friends to join you.

The success of this annual event helps to support the Annual GGC Scholarship, as well as other GGC educational activities.

For more information, phone Angie Raitano (724-483-6724) or the GGC office (724-837-0245), or contact via E-mail: angie.raitano@comcast.net or ggc951@live.com.

Early reservations and/or take-out orders are suggested.

(Any new member that is doing a tea table, considering doing one or want to help in any way, you are welcome to stay for a tea meeting following the Membership meeting in **March**.)

Membership Meetings....

...Our March program features Mark. A. Miller, the Education Director for Pittsburgh Botanic Garden. Mark has enjoyed a long and varied work history. His current position allows him to create and manage education programs and garden-wide interpretation, oversee volunteer coordination, present horticultural and environmental classes, assist with development and installation of new gardens and buildings, and manage artist exhibitions in the new Welcome Center. Mark has served as a consultant and evaluator on a variety of projects and has authored, co-authored, edited or contributed to a number of published works.

...In April welcome Eric Osterling who will present a power point presentation on “Rhododendrons and Azaleas”. Eric is a Penn State Extension Agent for over 30 years in Westmoreland Co. His horticultural interests include all woody plants, particularly in the genus rhododendron, other other woody ornamentals, but also tree fruit, berries and pest management. He finds all areas of horticulture interesting.



These two awesome programs are not to be missed!! Bring a friend and show them what we offer. Our programs are free and we even serve lunch!

MAY MART

Friday, May 6 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 7 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

FREE PARKING *** NO ADMISSION**



It's a fun day when you come to the Greensburg Garden Center's **May Mart**. Gardeners are hearty souls. We're there ---**Rain or Shine!**

This year you will again find the May Mart at the rear of the parking lot in the Lefevre Butterfly Garden. Yes, there will be a few vendors: Greenridge Garden Club featuring their famous Heirloom Tomatoes plus more, Bob McDonald with his hearty, healthy indoor plants (they work well in your deck pots too), Greensburg-Hempfield Library with their bargain best sellers, Drew Graham selling a variety of tubers, Greenhouse 22 (remember those incredible annuals and hanging baskets?), plus more!

Stop by our hot dog booth for a luscious Bardine's hot dog, Turner's lemonade and a homemade cookie!! Yum!



Our Horticulture Chair Elizabeth Pesci has ordered a wide variety of perennials: native, shade, deer resistant, pollinator and sun loving plants to enhance your home and garden. Experienced gardeners will be on hand to offer growing tips and advice!

A convenient order form can be found on our website (greensburggardencenter.net). You can also call or email the office to have Nicky send your form. Payment is due when the order is placed. Order ahead for curbside pickup or to be sure new varieties and favorites aren't sold out before you get there! Customer orders are filled before the May Mart doors open!

"Don't tell secrets in the garden. The potatoes have eyes, the corn has ears and the beanstalk."

Volunteer Hours



In 2021 we had 52 volunteers that logged 2,768.5 volunteer hours.

If you are a volunteer for any reason, please log your hours on the sheet. This log helps us when we apply for grants, it shows the time our ladies are volunteering. We begin September 1st of each year and end August 31 of that year.

Anything that you did outside of the normal club meeting time can be calculated as volunteer time if it was for the benefit of the Garden Center.

\$1,500 College Scholarship Announced



Greensburg Garden Center is accepting applications for the 2022 Katherine Mabis McKenna Scholarship until May 31, 2022. Applicants must reside in West-

moreland or its bordering counties and have completed one year at an accredited college or university by May 31st. Students should be pursuing a two, four, or graduate degree in botany, forestry, horticulture, landscape architecture or a related field of study such as environmental science.

Click the heading ABOUT on our website: greensburggardencenter.net for a printable application. Call our office for additional information 724-837-0245.

Please share our announcement on Facebook, Twitter, and with others in your social network. Pick up a colorful flyer from Nicky to post on a community bulletin board at your library or your place of worship.

Deneise Snyder, Committee Chairman

Spring is a miraculous experience. The whole world comes alive after the winter in which it seemed that everything was dead. The world comes filled with color and the scent of delicious greenery. The world that seemed so dull and cold has come alive once again. Little did we know that beneath the cold hard ground the plants and trees were preparing for re-birth. Spring gives us hope for rejuvenation in our own lives as well. Spring is a time to renew the excitement and zest for life that lives inside.

Philadelphia Flower Show



It's still early but you can reserve your seat on our bus to attend the Philadelphia Flower Show to be held again at FDR Park on **June 14**.

Chosen to showcase how the beauty in nature restores all of us, **"In Full Bloom"** welcomes all on a journey to explore the restorative and healing power of nature and plants. This year's theme promotes good health, positive well-being, and a passion for life that culminates in a gorgeous and colorful spectacle.

The bus leaves from the rear of the GGC at 7:00 AM and returns approximately 12:30 AM. Cost is \$130 for members and \$140 for non-members.

2022 Executive Board

Co-Presidents—Carla Rusnica, Diane Dale
Co-Vice Presidents—Nadine Mason, Judy Geary
Secretary—Sandy Truckner
Treasurer—Elizabeth Pesci
Assistant Treasurer—Terry Rodgers
2 year Directors—Barbara Cseh, Barb Yohman
1 year Directors—Penny Turner, Becky McGee
Programs—Joan Stairs
Scholarship—Deneise Snyder
Membership—Carol Ross
Tea/Flower Show—Angie Raitano
Hospitality/Garden Tour—Mary Ann Artman
Grants—Charlene Kott
Way & Means—Marian DeBone

You may contact any board member with any questions you may have or for information about joining a committee.

Our Pie Sale is Back!!



Thanks to Glenda Gebert, you can once again order pies for Easter, company, or just your family. Pies are only \$10 and orders need to be in by March 24 for pick-up on Wednesday, April 6 from 1-3 at the Garden Center. Order forms are available at the office and on our website, greensburggardencenter.net.

2022 Dues is due now!

Associate dues are \$15.00 again for the calendar year 2022. The board voted to keep the dues at the same rate it's been for many years. That means it's still an incredible bargain!!

What does a member get for the small sum of \$15.00?
-FREE monthly interesting, educational programs.
-FREE light lunch following the meeting and program.
-FREE horticultural information and planting tips and information in the butterfly garden.
-FREE floral design advice from accredited judges.
-FREE hands-on fun making awesome kissing balls, baskets with advice on caring for live greens.
-FREE coaching at the Christmas workshops focusing on permanent decorations.
-Discounts on bus trips, workshops, May Mart vendor booth.

The freebies are just the tip of your membership benefits. Join in our fund-raisers noted in your January newsletter. Those events sustain the Garden Center: yearly scholarship, rent, utilities, insurance, etc.

There's also the fun, laughter and friendship membership brings.

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania 2022 CONVENTION

"Celebrating Nature's Masterpieces", is being held April 3-5, at the Desmond Hotel Malvern, in MALVERN, PA (suburb of Philadelphia). That's about five driving hours from W. PA.

GGC is an affiliate member of GCFP, so GGC Members may enjoy the advantages of GCFP membership. A State Convention offers a tremendous opportunity for education. It provides speakers and workshops that a single garden club would find it financially difficult to afford. It provides education in horticulture, floral design, and network avenues to advance our garden clubs. I assure you that there is something for everyone to enjoy at a GCFP Convention. If interested, call me for information (724-483-6724), or check the GCFP website (pagardenclubs.org).
Angie Raitano



Welcome new members... Theresa Miedel, Nan Loncharich, Marianne Nicholas, Sharon Sacramento, Bonnie Kramer, Michelle Dulas. We look forward to working with you!!

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GREENSBURG GARDEN CENTER 2022
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.