

Greensburg Garden Center

May, June 2021 Newsletter



May Mart

Friday—April 30, 12:00 PM—7:00 PM

Saturday—May 1, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Sunny days and unseasonably warm temperatures bring thoughts of colorful blooms in the garden! May Mart offers many choices for bringing out the best in your garden. We have perennials of all varieties. Choose from deer resistant, bright summer flowers, autumn color or many more. Try planting a few pollinator/butterfly attracting plants or shade loving specimens.

A variety of herbs have been ordered to satisfy culinary tastes or plant some dill to invite a black swallowtail to lay eggs in your backyard!

Joining our May Mart is Robert McDonald (Greenridge) offering houseplants (great for adding to your deck containers) and maybe a few annuals, Drew Graham (Dahlia Society) will have a spot with dahlia tubers, Greenhouse 22 will display hanging baskets, containers, and annual blooms just in time for Mother's Day, and the Greensburg-Hempfield Library will bring their used books at bargain prices (rainy-day reading)!



Munch on a yummy hot dog with toppings and a bottle of water while browsing plants for purchase in our Lefevre Butterfly Garden located at the bottom of the parking lot behind the main building. Due to ongoing restrictions, we again are offering a smaller version of May Mart with optional internet ordering and drive-by order pickup. Find our plant listing and order form on our website: greensburggardencenter.net or call the office to request a form via email.

There's 2 chances to win our raffle prize tuteurs constructed, painted and donated by Bill Truckner. Stop by the office to buy a ticket or send in the attached. His design would make a special focal point in any garden!

Walk through the Garden to choose plants (wear garden-friendly shoes!) or order virtually. Tell your friends! **Support the Garden Center! Master Card and Visa are always welcome!**

Calendar of Events

Every Tues. & Thursday 10:00—3:00

—Help needed at the Lefevre Garden—

April 30 May Mart—12:00 PM-7:00 PM

May 1 May Mart—9:00 AM-1:00 PM

May 4 Membership Mtg. 11:00 AM
Program—Andy Amrhein

June 1 Membership Mtg. 11:00 AM
“Sunny Sprouts”

June 1 Lefevre Butterfly Garden opens

June 11 Philadelphia Flower Show Trip

July 31 Save the date! Garden Tour

Membership Meetings...

...Looking ahead to our May meeting, Andy Amrhein from True Value Hardware will be our speaker. You can also see him on KDKA Pittsburgh Live Today, “Garden Enhancements for Soil”.

...On June 1 we welcome Nancy Neel from “Sunny Sprouts” with a program on 2021 New Plants.

Hope to see you all there, our programs are always informative and entertaining and always a great lunch! Free and open to the public.

“Tea-In or Tea Out”



GGC’s Spring Tea held on March 20, was very well received: some attendees “in”; some attendees “out”. The “insiders” enjoyed six beautifully decorated tables and the usual fare of a GGC Spring Tea. Everyone received the same assortment of sandwiches, cookies, tea bags and candy favors. The tables were set with pretty china, etc., but the sandwiches and cookies were served on individual plastic dishes, all plastic wrapped. Social distancing protocol prevailed.

The “outsiders” were pleasantly surprised by the beautiful Take-out boxes they received. Besides the same food fare as inside, the Take-out boxes included a china cup and saucer, which were donated by several GGC members. “Insiders” didn’t get to keep their tea cups/ saucers.

Once again, I am amazed by the positive spirit and co-operative effort among GGC members and volunteer participants, which resulted in a pleasant/beautiful event for the community, at the same time provided some funds for GGC. I call that a big SUCCESS!

“THANK YOU” to ALL who participated, ALL who attended, ALL who ordered “Take-Out” boxes, and ALL who supported in any way. YOU make GGC a SUCCESS!

Angie Raitano, Tea Chair

Philadelphia Flower Show Bus Trip



This is the first and probably last time The Philadelphia Flower Show will be held outside. This is the nation's largest and longest running horticultural event. Join us on a bus trip, Friday June 11, to witness this historic flower show. It will be at FDR park in South Philly and will span 15 acres. That's a 45% increase in size over previous shows. There will be 3 distinct "Districts". "Design" will have large-scale floral and landscape displays; "Plant" will showcase plants at their peak; and "Garden" will offer educational gardening ideas. The bus will leave The Greensburg Garden Center at 7:30 AM and should return at approximately midnight.

There are only 30 tickets available. Price is \$135 for members and \$145 for non-members. Call 724 837-0245 for reservations.

Katherine M. McKenna Scholarship Deadline May 31st



Greensburg Garden Center is seeking applications for the 2021 Katherine M. McKenna Scholarship. Award is \$1,500. Applicants must reside in Westmoreland or its bordering counties and have completed one year at an accredited college or university before application deadline. They should be pursuing a two or four year degree in botany, horticulture, forestry, landscape architecture or a related field. Graduate students may also apply

Additional information and an application can be found by clicking the heading ABOUT on our website: greensburggardencenter.net. Or call our scholarship chairman at 724-568-3819 and leave a voice message.

The end of the school year fast approaches! Last year’s response to our scholarship offer was very encouraging. Will you share this announcement with your friends and neighbors who have students in college? Thank you in advance.

Greensburg Garden Center is a non-profit educational organization whose goals are to support and educate members and the community in horticulture, conservation, and related areas and provide an annual scholarship.

Garden Tour

We will have our biennial garden tour this year on **Saturday, July 31.**



We have seven beautiful and interesting properties to showcase. Of course, the best part is meeting the gardeners and learning their secrets. There is much to see and learn in these distinctly different gardens between Delmont and North Huntington.

Self tour at your own pace between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Price is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 in the office on the day of tour.

Call 724 837-0245 for advance tickets.

In every gardener, there is a child who believes in the Seed Fairy. Margaret Atwood

2022 Calendar



Photos of Your Gardens There is still time to take spring photos for the 2022 calendar. Get out your camera and snap some pics. Pay attention to the background of your photo; a clean background makes the subject stand out. Try to get shots of more than single plants; show your skill at gardening by shooting a grouping. Keep your camera steady; rest it against a tree or post to insure your photo isn't blurred. And again we want to caution you that white flowers often don't translate well when scanned for the calendar; they often look overexposed. If you keep a digital copy of your photo we can use that should a photo with white flowers be selected for the calendar.

Photos must be of your garden taken by you, an amateur photographer, and you must be a member. Leave your 4 x 6 glossies in the office with your name and phone number on the back. Address stickers work well for this. Brother Mark Floreanini, Assoc. Professor of Studio Arts at St Vincent College, will select the winning photos. At this point we are setting the deadline for submission at July 1.

Thank you, The Calendar Committee: Agnes, Charlene, Sandy

Gardening Tip From Susan Wisneski....



Plant tomatoes on their side. My favorite way to plant tomatoes. This is how I was taught as a child.

· Dig a trench shorter than the length of the plant.

- Lay the tomato plant on its side in the trench.
- Bury the plant up to where its last leaves are.
- Turn the neck of the tomato upwards.

Water. The plant will start to reposition itself upright. Tomatoes will grow roots along their stem.

Create a Succulent Dish Garden

.....at the Garden House.....

Thursday, May 20 @ 10:00 AM

\$15.00 each



Choose either an indoor dish to decorate a coffee table or end table or the outdoor terra cotta planter. For indoors, your choice of a cute, decorative planter or a clear glass container. There are several varieties

of indoor succulents to choose from so use your imagination! Decorate with your choice of pebbles! The outdoor planter will have winter-hardy succulents. Top it off with pebbles or moss. Several varieties planted in your container make a decorative statement on your deck or porch. Or, just set it out among the plants in your garden.

Make your reservation early. Space is limited.

Welcome

Welcome new members:

Willy Ulery, Mary Lawrence, Sherry Holsinger, and Dania Rountree.

It's spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart. ~Roy S. Gilson

Greensburg Garden



RAFFLE

Prize awarded May 4, 2021

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 #435

A chance to win one of two 4' garden tuteurs uniquely

Name _____

Phone _____

\$5.00 each Donation

Please return this portion of ticket with your payment.

Checks made payable to "GGC". Thank you!

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GREENSBURG GARDEN CENTER 2021
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.