



# Greensburg Garden Center

## Nov., Dec. 2022 Newsletter

“Where Gardeners Grow”



### *Punch Up Your Holiday!!*

*Thursday, November 3, 2022 - 6:00 - 9:00 PM*

*Rizzo's Event Center, Crabtree, PA*

The idea of a holiday party featuring that unused punch bowl in many households was conceived when someone asked, “Can I donate my punch bowl?” And so, with that passé punch bowl the inspiration, enjoy a magical evening in an elegant setting to “punch up” your ideas for your party.

Enjoy the ideas of the evening:

- Fruity, non-alcoholic “punch” recipes.
- A easy, simple wine bar of whites and reds adds a little “punch”.
- Savory appetizers to “punch up” the palate.
- Cookies and candy for a sweet “punch”.
- Simple, luminous table decoration adds “punch”.
- “Punch up” the table with unique napkin ideas.
- Ladies - “punch up” your outfit with accessories.
- Fellows – show a little “punch” of your own with a handsome outfit.
- Outside décor needs a “punch” also. A kissing ball will welcome guests!
- Finally, end the evening with music to “punch up” the holiday spirit.

Thank you to the following:

Lapels, A Fine Men's Clothier

Spa 309

McFeely's Gourmet Chocolate

Sam's Club

Rizzo's

Emcee, Tony Marino, Westmoreland Performing Arts

Come to a fabulous start-the-season holiday event! Bring your friends!  
FOOD! \* RAFFLE PRIZES! \* FASHION! \* DECORATIONS! \* MUSIC!  
PUNCH IT UP!!!



Tickets are \$65 and are available by calling Nicky at the office. 724-837-0245

*“Christmas weaves a magic wand over this world and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.”*

*~Norman Vincent Peal*

## Calendar of Events

Nov. 1	Membership Mtg. —11:00 AM Dr. Sharon Goldstein, Excelsa Breast Care
Nov. 3	“Punch Up Your Holiday”—6:00 PM
Dec. 2	Christmas Sale—3:00-7:00 PM
Dec. 3	Christmas Sale—9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Dec. 6	Membership Mtg. 11:00 AM Glenda Gebert, Garden in the Woods
Dec. 10	Old Allegheny Bus Trip

## Membership Meetings

...The Nov. 1 meeting is a very informative one for all. Dr. Sharon Goldstein and staff from Excelsa Breast Care will do a program breast care that is of importance to all of us. Please try to attend.



...On Dec. 6, Glenda Gebert, owner of “Garden in the Woods”, will show us how to make a unique, one of a kind holiday decoration for your home.

As always, bring a friend and join us for lunch!

## October Annual Meeting

Many thanks to Joan Stairs for planning, organizing and decorating for our Annual Meeting at the Greensburg Country Club. The program by Andy Amrhein was enjoyed by all, and a thank you to him for all the items he gave us to raffle off. Thanks to all who donated the beautiful raffle baskets.

The winning ticket for our Fall Raffle was drawn and here are the lucky winners!!

Ruth McCrumb, Sarah Martin, Elaine Harmon, Marian Debone and Regina Laskey.

## Fall Pie Sale



Pies are from Nappies and unfortunately red raspberry is no longer available. Orders are due at our November meeting and will be delivered on Wednesday, November 16.

Orders forms are available on the website. You can mail, email, or call in your orders to Tiffany at 724-882-5223 or tiffany.j.horvat@gmail.com or our office at 724-837-0245 or ggc951@live.com. Thank you all for your continued support!

## Old Allegheny Christmas House Tour Bus Trip—Saturday, December 10



The beauty of Christmas will be on display at the Old Allegheny Victorian House Tour. GGC is hard at work putting together a bus trip for our group to attend the tour this year.

Plans are still being made, but at this point the tour is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th. We will be leaving by bus from the Garden and Civic, enter back parking lot. Cost is \$80 for members and \$85 for non-members.

From the Old Allegheny Christmas House Tour website:

The tour features six (6) restored Victorian homes plus the historic Calvary United Methodist Church, famous for its beautiful Louis Tiffany stained glass windows, all decorated to celebrate a Nineteenth Century Christmas.

Tour guides will explain Victorian holiday traditions, provide the history of Allegheny West and its famous Nineteenth Century residents and discuss the individual homes as they are visited.

*This is a walking tour through the neighborhood which will include stairs into the homes. The tour will last approximately 2.5 hours. Please dress appropriately for the weather and walking.*

Calvary Church hosts a Christmas Shop showcasing some of the best local artisans and antiques of the season. They'll be happy to hold your purchases while you tour.

## 2023 DUES ARE DUE

The Garden Center yearly dues are due shortly. Dues cover the year January through December. The Board has voted to raise the yearly dues for an associate member to \$20.

Take advantage of member perks: discount on *bus trips*, free monthly educational *programs* (enjoy a free lunch and the camaraderie of fellow members), bi-monthly *newsletter* to alert members to upcoming events and gardening tips, plus the opportunity to participate and learn in *workshops* for May Mart and Christmas sales. Our *Lefevre Butterfly Garden* can be enjoyed by any member, just call the office if you or your club wants to meet there. It's open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays in season. Bring your friends and a bag lunch to enjoy the serenity. Or, help in the maintenance while learning about the habits of butterflies! Greensburg Garden Center provides a yearly *scholarship* to a college student studying a field related to our mission.

## GGC Annual Holiday Christmas Sale

**Friday, December 2nd, 3 pm - 7 pm, AND Saturday, December 3rd, 9 am - 2 pm**



The air is filled with the sound of jingle bells as the holiday season quickly approaches. And that means it's almost time for the fabulous Greensburg Garden Center's 'Gifts and Greens' Holiday Sale.

Need a hostess, grab-bag, or teacher's present? Looking for a distinctive gift for that 'special someone'? Greensburg Garden Center's Holiday Sale is the perfect place to find a unique gift at an affordable price for that special friend or helper in your life.

Do you love the warm scent of fresh greens and pine filling your home at the holidays? Place your order NOW for GGC's very special hand-made aromatic wreaths, garlands & roping, kissing balls, baskets and mixed green swags – all made from fresh pine and greens – and available to pre-order.

GGC's Christmas Elves have been very busy in the workshop creating a wide selection of beautiful one-of-a-kind Christmas decor and gifts. Festive wreaths, candle centerpieces, holiday wall hangings and other hand-made decorations are quickly filling up our garden center workshop. We also feature a wide array of pre-lit AND pre-decorated Christmas trees. Everything will be on display and available to purchase for your home or to give as a gift, all while supporting our non-profit community organization.

**REMEMBER:** Christmas 'GREENS' can be Pre-Ordered for pickup on December 3rd and December 4th at GGC during sale hours. An order form is available on our website: [greensburggardencenter.net](http://greensburggardencenter.net). for pre-ordering fresh greens. Or call the office at 724-837-0245.

Please – Keep in mind that supplies are limited and items are offered first come - first serve.

**Side Note:** Greensburg Garden Center Members - We need you now! Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am – 2 pm we are creating holiday wares in the GGC workshop. Any and all skill levels are needed to help with the holiday sale preparations. Remember: Many hands make light work.

## NEW CALENDARS ARE HERE!!!



The new 2023 Calendars are in and ready for gift giving. For your \$6 you not only get a beautiful calendar with photos of fellow members' gardens, you also get the satisfaction of knowing you helped support your Greensburg Garden Center.

If everyone reading this article purchased just one calendar we would put \$2000 in the budget. If everyone purchased one for themselves and one for a friend that would mean \$4000 income, not a bad fundraiser. But sadly not everyone will buy even one calendar thus passing up an easy way to support GGC.

Funding the Monarch Butterfly Release, the Spring Tea, the summer Garden Tour, the scholarship, host speakers, pay the rent and retain our wonderful office secretary all takes money. Purchasing a calendar(s) is one way you can help cover these expenses.

If you already have a calendar you use for appointments, hang this one just to enjoy the photos. Hang it in your hallway, your office, your sunroom, enclosed porch, bedroom, craft room, anywhere you want to brighten a wall. Record rain-fall. Use the coupons, frame a page.

Gift it for birthdays, Christmas, hostess gifts, stocking stuffers (roll it up), any occasion you want to take a little gift. Put it in a basket with pruning shears, seeds, gloves, tea and chocolate for a special gift.

And don't forget to get shots of spring bulbs. If you can believe it, this is the first year there wasn't one photo of spring blooming bulbs submitted! Thank you to everyone who took the time to not only shoot good photos, but for going to the trouble of printing them for submission and possible inclusion in the calendar. We can't stop now though; it's time to take fall pictures and soon winter ones for the 2024 calendar.



*Happy Holidays to All of You From All of Us.*



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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.*