

Greensburg Garden Center

September, October 2022 Newsletter



“Where Gardeners Grow”

Greensburg Garden Center's ANNUAL MEETING Greensburg Country Club Tuesday, October 4, 2022

We are excited to welcome our guest speaker, Andy Amrhein at our 2022 Annual Meeting, lunch and program at Greensburg Country Club. Andy will show his slide presentation and share his knowledge on products to improve house and garden.

Andy is owner, with his wife Mary, of Evey True Value Hardware located on Library Road. He is well known in his field for practical, easy solutions to a multitude of house and garden challenges. He has had a KDKA radio program for over two decades and appears on KDKA Pittsburgh Live! Well known in his Bethel Park community, Andy is a founding member of the Bethel Park Education Foundation and serves on the Bethel Park Library Board.

Unique raffle prizes will be displayed to purchase tickets for. Autumn will be in full regalia with tables festooned with pumpkins and fall colors, provided by Joan Stairs.

New this year!!! Spa 309 will have a display of merchandise for holiday gift giving, decorations for your home or simply to enjoy yourself. Shadowwood Gardens will entice you to decorate your outdoor space with fall color.



Our regular meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 AM in the Fireside Room and will include election of 2023 officers. At 12:00 Noon, take a seat in the ballroom where Andy will entertain all with ways to take your garden up a notch! He also will have tips to make your home shine with time-saving household products. Lunch is a delicious chicken entrée, plus sides with cake for dessert, served

promptly at 1:00 PM.

Marian DeBone will offer everyone a “last chance” to buy a fall raffle ticket to win one of 5 prizes of 4 gift cards each to local restaurants. (A \$100 value.) Winner will be drawn after lunch.

The regular meeting is free, of course. Lunch and program is \$40.00. Your ticket automatically enters you in a chance to take home the door prize! Come to enjoy the sumptuous lunch and lively, colorful program; a relaxing and educational day in an elegant setting.

Call the office for reservations (724-837-0245) by Thursday, September 29, 2022. Or email the office at ggc951@live.com.

Save the Date!! Nov. 3 for “Punch up the Holidays”

An exciting new holiday program is in the works. It's still in the planning stages but you won't want to miss this one. We will let you know and soon as plans are finalized!!

Calendar of Events

Sept. 1	Christmas Workshops begin 10-2
Sept. 6	Membership Mtg.—11:00 AM Plant Auction
Sept. 14	Bus Trip—Pgh. Botanical Gardens
Oct. 4	Annual Membership Mtg.—11:00 AM At Greensburg Country Club Program by Andy Amrhein 12:00 PM Lunch—1:00 PM

Membership Meetings

...September's meeting is the **annual plant auction**. There is still time to root cuttings of houseplants or divide others you might want to bring a bit of. Bouquets and garden produce are also welcome. This a fun meeting that we look forward to every year. Sandy Truckner is the auctioneer. A fabulous lunch will be served before the auction. Please join us!



...Our **October Annual Meeting** is held at the Greensburg Country Club. Following the annual meeting will be a program by Andy Amrhein, co-host of the True Value Home Improvement Hour on KDKA-AM and he appears as "Handy Andy" on KDKA-TV's "Pittsburgh Today Live". Come and invite your friends for lunch. This is a wonderful day out to start the fall season!!

FALL RAFFLE – TAKE A CHANCE!!



Time to treat yourself to a relaxing lunch or dinner! Sit down and let someone serve you! Have a glass of wine or a margarita! Try a new place to eat. Our Fall Raffle has a variety of restaurants. (Maybe one you

haven't tried.)

Take a chance to win one of five prizes, each containing 4 gift cards to popular local restaurants!! Each gift card is a \$25 value making each prize worth \$100. Only \$5.00 per ticket. Be sure to buy several tickets!!

This is an annual fund-raiser for our Garden Center and an easy, convenient way to support your organization. More tickets are available in the office. Call or stop by to purchase tickets! Nicky will be glad to take your credit card information and deposit your entry in the fishbowl!

The winning ticket will be drawn at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 4.

The gift cards are donated by the Greensburg Garden Center Board members.

Christmas Workshops!!



If you enjoy crafting, learning new things or just getting together with friends, have we got an opportunity for you! You can do all these things and so much more by participating in our Christmas workshops.

There is something for everyone of all skill levels. Workshops are held in the downstairs workroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-2 beginning Sept. 1. We appreciate any time you can spend with us, you can even get the materials and make something at home.

Please consider coming to one or all of the workshops.

BUS TRIP



Join the Greensburg Garden Center on a 1-day bus trip to the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Departure time is 9:30 and we expect to be back before 4:30. Cost is \$75/members and \$85/non-members. This price includes transportation, lunch and admission to the gardens. The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden invites us to come and enjoy garden design, plant collections and conservation in pristine nature. Call the office at (724) 837-0245 to reserve your seat today!

Officers for 2023-2024

The Board of the Greensburg Garden Center has acted as the Nominating Committee this year. The officers nominated are as follows:

Co-Presidents—Carla Rusnica and Diane Dale
Co-Vice Presidents—Nadine Mason and Judy Geary
Secretary—Sandy Truckner
Treasurer—Terry Rodgers
Assistant Treasurer—Elizabeth Pesci
2-Year Directors—Becky McGee and Donna Lee
1-Year Directors—Barb Cseh and Barb Yohman

This slate of officers will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

Officers will be installed at the Membership Meeting in January 2023.

'Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.'
~Lauren DeStefano

2022 Scholarship Recipient



The Katherine McKenna Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 was awarded to Jordyn Ponchione. Jordyn is the daughter of Tammy Ponchione of Dilltown, PA in Indiana County.

Jordyn is pursuing a bachelor degree in Park and Resource Management as a first generation student at Slippery Rock University. Upon graduation she plans to work for the National Park Service as an interpretive park ranger.

As a first year student Jordyn was selected to participate in the Bonner Leadership Program. This nationwide leadership program challenges undergraduate students to create and participate in civic educational opportunities thru community partnerships. Her most recent activity included Downtown Butler, a local revitalization effort in Butler, PA. Jordyn is also a member of the Park Ranger Society on campus.

Jordyn believes that it is important for a community to help support education and the success of students at all levels to ensure a better future. Her love of nature and her concern for the environment will enable her to plan outdoor programs for all audiences.

Congratulations Jordyn!

2022 Monarch Butterfly Release A Wonderful Day!

Well, the day began with a little rain. Soon the sun made its appearance and the day went racing by with an estimated 600 attending the two releases.

A big shout out to **JD Peterson** for the original butterfly song and her amazing and entertaining program, complete with butterfly wings and antennae!

Also, many thanks to our volunteers who gladly paint faces, pass out butterflies, sell hot dogs and cookies, sell novelties, make wands, etc., etc., etc. This event could not be done without the help of dozens of members.



Most of all, sincere appreciation to the Second Chance Fund and the Sherid family for their generosity in donating funds to pay for the Monarchs. Every child and adult who attended had a smiling face!



We welcome new members, Carol Foti and Connie Bytner. Glad to have you join us!!

“Growing WILD!” was Grrr...great!

“CONGRATULATIONS” to all participants in the GGC Flower Show, “*Growing WILD!*” It was a huge success; certainly one of the best in GGC recent history! A special “Thank You” to all participants, especially those non-members from the community who added some beautiful specimens to the Horticulture Division.

Top National Garden Club Awards were won by the following:
Horticulture Division

Awards of Merit: Elizabeth Pesci, Judy Geary, Max Miller (non-member), (??, ??...I apologize!)

Arboreal Awards: Mary Ann Artman, Glenda Gebert

Grower’s Choice Awards: Terry Rodgers, Mary Ann Artman

Horticulture Excellence Award: Glenda Gebert

Horticulture Sweepstakes Award: Joan Stairs

Design Division

Table Artistry Award: Margie Wolff

Designer’s Choice Award: Agnes Lapa

GCFP Special Recognition Award: Elaine Harmon

GGC f.s. Special Award: Carol Rudy

Design Excellence Award: Agnes Lapa

Design Sweepstakes Award: Agnes Lapa

Education Division

NGC Educational Top Exhibitor Award: Elizabeth Pesci

GCFP Education and/or Conservation Silver Award: Mary Ann Artman

A Special “THANK YOU” to The McKenna Senior Center and Carol Rudy, Director, for generously donating the space for “*Growing WILD!*”

Angie Raitano, F.S. Ch.

Mother Nature has the best box of crayons!”

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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

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___ 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.