

Spring 2025

Nine's News

From District IX of The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
Member NGC and CAR-SGC

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Coming Events

March 10, 2025

Deadline for District IX Art Show submission.

March 18, 2025

District IX Board Meeting

March 27, 2025

Member's Day Out
Camelot Event Center, Wexford, PA

April 6-8, 2025

GCFP Convention
King of Prussia, PA

April 28, 29, 30, 2025

Flower Show School

May 30, 2025

Deadline for submission to IX's News

June 1, 2025

District IX Board Meeting

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Director's Message

With spring approaching and many of our plants start to pop up. I am looking forward to seeing this little red delight, the ladybug. If you did not know this interesting fact about the old girl. They are one of the only insects that hibernate during the cooler months. Ladybugs like the temperatures to be over 55 degrees-just like me.



We need to come out of hibernation and join the world, even if it means dressing in many layers. Think of the leaves that we left on our gardens over the winter as it gets warmer we take off a layer.

Can I suggest getting out of hibernation by going to the March Member's Day Out Meeting, "Thyme for a Change"? We may be cutting it close by the time the Nine's News gets out to us. But I know someone that could possibly slide you in if you didn't get that reservation on time.

On a sad note-We will be saying goodbye to our beloved Greybrooke Club after over 50 plus years. Like many of our clubs they have been having a decline in membership in recent years. This year they were unable to come up with a slate of officers for the club. It was a very heartbreaking decision for the club to make. I ask again to try to come to the Member's Day Out on March 27th. Here we will say goodbye to our friends at Greybrooke in a grandiose manner.

Plant Natives as far as you can see... during our 25th Anniversary!

Happy Spring and I'll see everyone at Member's Day! Wink wink,

Stacey

Stacey Ivoll, District IX Director





Go Native in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania native plants are best for our gardens. These plants were growing in our state long before the early settlers arrived. They have adapted to our climate and soil conditions while also requiring less water and maintenance. PA has more than 2000 PA native plants and over 80% rely on animals, primarily insects, for pollination – thus their survival. The pollinators need native plants for their survival too. This pollinator-plant relationship evolved over millions of years with plants developing many ways to lure in pollinators through their colors, sizes, shapes, textures, and scents. It's nature's way of advertising!

Plants produce flower colors to seduce insects but what insects see is not exactly what we see. Bees (and most other insects) see colors in the ultraviolet end of the color spectrum. Red flowers appear black but bees vividly see and are attracted to bright blue and purple flowers. For us, strongly ultraviolet parts of a flower look black. Unlike bees, butterflies can see the color red, so they are attracted to bright red, orange, pink, and purple flowers. Hummingbirds see colors very well; they favor red and orange flowers. Flowers with colors similar to that of rotting meat (dark red, brown, and deep purple) attract flies.

Patterns of stripes and circles on the petals guide pollinators to the flower's nectar, where the reproductive plant parts are located. In many flowers, these 'nectar guides' are visible only to insects that can see ultraviolet light. The guides make finding nectar much easier.

Flowers also connect with their pollinators by scent. Insects use scent to determine the distance to a flower and where to land and feed. Bees are drawn to sweetly aromatic flowers or those with a minty fragrance. Many butterflies produce scents that attract the opposite sex – the scents often smell like the 'flowers' that attract them. Bats (yes, they are pollinators too) do not see well but have a keen sense of smell; they like strong musty odors.

Sometimes flowers make pollination a 'sticky' situation. For example, insects landing on the milkweed flower (*Asclepias* spp) to sip nectar often slip a leg between the plant's sticky anthers. When pulling the leg out, sacs of pollen stick to it. The sticky sacs are carried to other milkweed plants and pollination is complete.

Within three minutes of 'hearing' the buzz of a passing bee, the evening primrose (*Onagraceae*) produces extra and sweeter nectar. Bees, who can detect even small changes in the sweetness of nectar, are immediately drawn to the flower.

Each native plant has its own story to tell. Consider ways that plants lure in pollinators to assure their survival. Plant more colorful natives in your backyard – they are not only beautiful but their stories are amazing.

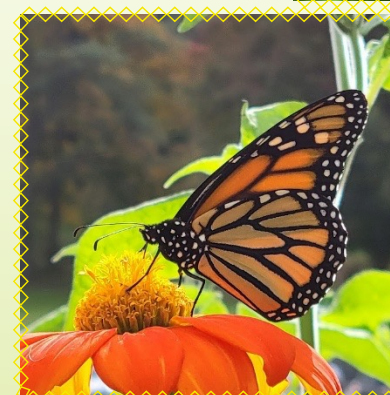
See you in the gardens,

Leslie Anthony, District IX Pollinator Advocate



Ultraviolet photography approximates how a bee sees a dandelion. Photo: ultravioletphotography.com

Bees favor blue and purple flowers.



Butterflies are attracted to bright red, orange, pink, or purple flowers.

ALL ABOUT FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Did you Know?

Flower Show School is not just for those interested in becoming a flower show judge. You can learn all sorts of cool things about judging, entering, competing and chairing an NGC flower show. So, you might ask, what exactly might I be able to learn if I attend a flower show school?



There is a 2-hr. training session on Flower Show Procedures, featuring everything you ever wanted to know about what makes a flower show. This would include things such as flower show hierarchy, divisions, sections and subclasses. It also includes

an introduction to the Flower Show Handbook as well as an overview of the Flower Show Schedule.

In the Horticulture curriculum, you might learn a lot about how to select, groom, and exhibit your plants/flowers. You could become the envy of your neighbors using the knowledge you gained to enhance everything in your yard, from flowers to veggies and trees.

There is also a Design curriculum which, while featuring essentials that a flower show judge must know, will give you an “inside edge” if you plan to participate in a flower show. While geared toward those interested in becoming a judge, becoming familiar with the principals and elements of flower shows that judges will critique, will certainly add to your repertoire of flower show knowledge and be invaluable should your club decide to host a show.

Third in the list of categories covered in the curriculum is entitled, “Design.” Herein lies the real nitty-gritty of floral design/arranging. This course covers everything from the history of floral design to an emphasis on Ele-

ments and Principals of Design. If you ever asked yourself what makes a winning entry, you may just find out in the Design class. Become the talk of the town when you host a dinner for friends or family that features not only fresh produce from your garden but features elegant floral displays on your table!

The above information is taken from the curriculum of Course 1, and there is a total of 4 courses offered by NGC. This year, Course 1 is being offered in Gettysburgh PA from April 29 - 30, right in our own back yard! Check out the NGC website for details at <https://gardenclub.org/flower-show-school-curricula>, and look for the registration brochure at the end of our newsletter!

SueVandertie. Editor, Nine's News



“A GARDENING REVOLUTION” April 6-8, 2025

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

THE ALLOY HOTEL, a DoubleTree by Hilton
301 West DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA 19406
www.thealloyhotel.com

Hotel Check in at 4 PM
Check out at 11 AM

Room Rate \$180 plus 10% tax per room
Includes breakfast daily for double occupancy
Additional guests will be subject to a \$10 fee

FREE Parking

Deadline for group rate reservation is
March 21, 2025
Group Rate Code: Group code is CDTGCF
Phone 610-337-1200

<https://thealloyhotel.com>

Reservation forms on pp. 20-21 of this
newsletter.



GCFP CONVENTION, April 6-8, 2025, King of Prussia, PA

Trash to Treasure Contest Theme/Rules



Convention Theme: "Gardening Revolution"

Trash to Treasure Theme: "Revolution Bird House"

Valley Forge is historically significant for winter encampment (1777-1778) where General George Washington's Continental Army camped for essential training and transforming the army into an effective fighting force. The soldiers endured extreme cold, hunger, and disease. They had to overcome such challenges that made Valley Forge a symbol of American perseverance and resilience.

Recognizing the sacrifices and determination of the revolutionary war generation, GCFP 2025 Trash to Treasure contest will showcase the design and construction of a functional **Revolution Bird House** for the garden utilizing recycled materials as described below. A patriotic bird house design may also be used to celebrate the upcoming semi quincentennial anniversary (250 yrs) of America.

Specifications:

1. Bird house design theme will acknowledge the revolutionary period setting at Valley Forge including Log and stone house architecture and other creative revolutionary theme. Construction materials will primarily include recyclables.
2. Dimensions: No larger than 15"X15" mounting surface. Height limited to 18".
3. Weight: No more than 20 lbs including mounting surface.
4. Materials: All type of repurposed materials including wood, stone, limited metal (for bird safety), glass, other recyclables. Approximately 20% of the design may include functional materials such as glue and paint.
5. Entry must include a 3 x 5 card: Front: Title and material list. Back: District, Garden Club, Designer(s) name and mailing address. Entry may be work of more than one.

ONLY ONE ENTRY FROM EACH DISTRICT

Selection method is determined by the district. District entries selected for Convention competition must be submitted on Sunday, April 6 from 1-5 PM at the designated area of the Alloy Hotel. Judging will be at 5:15 PM. Entries are not to be judged under the same standards as a flower show. Questions? Please call Trash to Treasure Co-Chairs - Naser Chowdhury and Marsha Chowdhury. Email: chowdhnm@gmail.com; Ph: 484-432-6386

SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING

Conformance (fits within stated dimensions, wt...)	20 pts
Artistic Concept (creative use of recycled materials)	40 pts
Expression (interpretation of theme)	20 pts
Execution (workmanship)	20 pts
TOTAL	100 pt

CALLING ALL GARDEN CLUB MEMBER ARTISTS!

WE ARE GOING TO DO IT AGAIN! 2025 ART SHOW FOR DISTRICT IX.

For the second year we are going to offer space to any Garden Club member in District IX to exhibit artworks in a display to take place at our annual "Member's Day Out" on March 27, 2025. All works must be 2D horticulture/floriculture related, (including single blooms) or landscapes. This year you must have works created to reflect the theme of our meeting - "Thyme for a Change." As you know, anything in nature may undergo a change over time. This may range from how something looks at a particular time of the day, to seasons, stages of bloom/growth. The possibilities are endless as long as the subject reflects "time" in some fashion. So..... put on your thinking caps and CREATE!

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES:

- ☞ There is no entry fee and Garden Club members may submit up to two works of original 2D art to be exhibited and possibly offered for sale. Any work submitted must have been created by the member within the past two years and must not have been shown in last year's show.
- ☞ Entries must be juried prior to being submitted for the show. This means you must take a photo of your work, send the digital image - which must be high resolution and at least 2 MB in size, to: svandertie@comcast.net no later than March 10, 2025. Artists will be notified via email of their acceptance into the show.
- ☞ Label each image on the back with the artist's last name, title of piece, year created and medium. For example:
Ivol, "Bloom to Blossom," 2024, watercolor
- ☞ Photographs should be designated as a digital image and identified as manipulated if the print has been enhanced or altered in any manner. (For example: "Moonlight Garden," 2023, jpeg - background edited for color correction) Photographs must be matted.
- ☞ The MDO committee will accept submission in any 2-D medium. (Size will be limited to no larger than 30"x30".)
- ☞ Each entry must be accompanied by an easel upon which to display the work. Easels may be free standing or table top. All works with at least one side measuring 24" must be on floor standing easels.
- ☞ Framing is required for all artwork submitted. Exception will be made for photographs printed on glass or metal.
- ☞ All work must be accompanied by a 3"/5" index card containing the following information:
 - Full name of artist
 - Title of artwork
 - Medium
 - Dimensions including frame
 - Price or NFS

Artwork must be removed at the conclusion of the Member's Day Out meeting. Nothing may remain in the hall at the end of the event. If artwork is sold it will be the responsibility of the artist to secure payment from the buyer. It is strongly recommended that you do not release any artwork prior to payment. Artists may remain with their artwork prior to the start of the event and conclude transaction at that time, but **artwork must remain on display until the end of the meeting.**

"Thyme for a Change"

March 27, 2025

New venue, new time...

**Join us at the Camelot Event Center
250 Swinderman Rd- Wexford, PA 15090**

Festivities to begin at 11:00

The latest spring plants and blooms will be available for purchase by the incomparable DJ from his greenhouses.

Bring your "Trash to Treasure" creations to be judged. Rules and Regulations can be found on the GCFP website. A revolutionary bird house design theme to be set in the period setting of Valley Forge including log and stone house architecture & other themes. Construction materials to include recyclables.

Raffle Baskets to be won. Take your chance at a 50/50!

Register your artwork pertaining to the Passage of Time with Sue Vandertie for our Members Art Show so we can see the talent in our clubs!

Jeff Double, who owns the shop "All About Reclaimed": will demonstrate reclaiming and decorating lost art.

Lunch Buffet to include:

Herb marinated boneless chicken breast, shells stuffed with ricotta cheese, a potato side, vegetable, tossed salad rolls and dessert will be served.

This day of friendship, entertainment and your meal is \$32.00

Please send your information to our registrar extraordinaire Diane Tucek

9500 Babcock Blvd, Apt 55. Allison Park, PA 15101-by March 10

Name _____

Garden Club _____

This year you can Venmo your payment to Diane @Diane5266 phone # 412-713-5812. In the comment section- please put your full name, garden club and MDO (Members Day Out)

Club Reports

Butler Garden Club

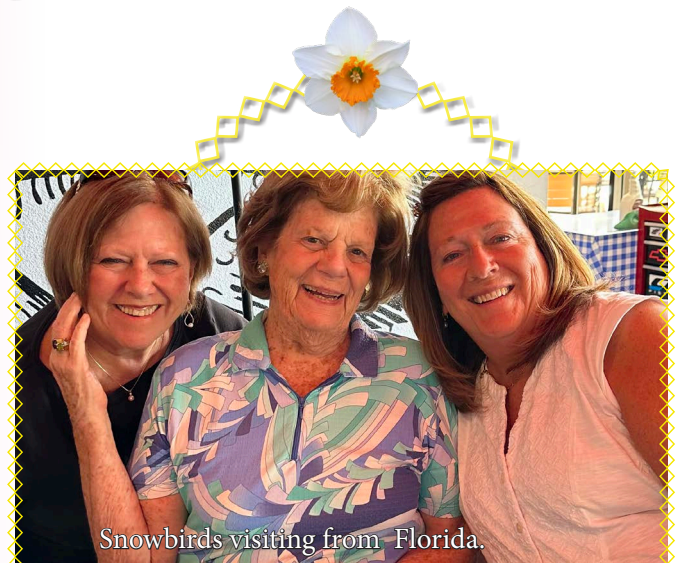
As we climb out of bitter temperatures we are gearing up for a great spring!

We did manage to gather in mid-January for a pop-up happy hour one afternoon at our member Sherry Lynn's establishment, Johnny's Distillery! We are hoping to get together for another impromptu outing in early March as well. Spending time together outside of our organized meetings is a terrific way to connect with each other and to invite and get to know potential members.

We will resume our monthly meetings in mid-March with a casual ladies day out at a local restaurant and will discuss our upcoming spring activities. We are fortunate to be able to have a terrific kokedama workshop scheduled for April courtesy of our own District Director, Stacey Ivol, leading us in getting our hands dirty for this "mossy" project! On the heels of April, we will have another District leader, Leslie Anthony, share her extensive pollinator knowledge with us in May! Information sharing amongst our clubs is such a special aspect of being a part of District IX!

Our spring always entails a downtown community cleanup as well as plantings at two established flower gardens. We are taking on a new project as well at our local VA campus, assisting with their vegetable garden which provides produce for veterans all summer long. One of our newer members suggested this project, as she is a member of the Blue Star Mothers and the liaison of this organization with our local VA. It will be great to give back to those that served our country. Photos and more information to come!

Susan Morgus, President, BGC



Snowbirds visiting from Florida.



At Johnny's Distillery



Kokedama on display.

Fox Chapel Garden Club

We are two months into the calendar year and January and February are traditionally our club's inward oriented months, much like animals hibernating. While it is a time for reflection and taking stock, we also meet to hear engaging speakers that inspire us to rethink our 'norms, or habits if you will!

In January, we had our Conservation Committee's sponsored meeting presented by the Penn Forest Natural Burial Park Program. <https://www.pennforestcemetery.com/> It is "Pennsylvania's first exclusively green burial ground." What an engaging and informative presentation! Challenging our accepted 'burial' practices, this cemetery practices everything green and organic. I would highly recommend it for any club. It is also during this conservation committee sponsored meeting that we collect recycling materials from members: metal coat hangers, styrofoam, eyeglasses, medical equipment, batteries, and egg cartons.

In February, we heard from a Penn State Extension Educator on Home Hydroponics. We are always trying to learn and expand our horticultural knowledge base by scheduling speakers that fulfill our mission of furthering the appreciation and knowledge of horticulture and gardening, and advocating sound environmental stewardship!

Our monthly programs are planned early in the year, usually January, since our yearbook includes all of our activities and meetings, beginning with September through August of the following year. While we do not employ a members' survey, our Program Chair and the committee amasses a list of possible speakers and topics suggested by our members or from interesting local happenings. Our program chair secures the speakers as well as the venue, depending on the speakers or the activity's need.

We are excited about our upcoming "Totally Tomatoes" meeting in September, sponsored by our Horticulture Committee. Members will grow heirloom tomatoes this summer, we will conduct a blind taste test, and our lunch will be curated by the Hort. committee featuring tomato recipes! We will also have Barbara Kline, a Penn State Master Gardener who is an avid tomato aficionado who will give us insights into the delicious and historical world of the tomato.

This is on the heels of our 2024 Hort. sponsored monthly meeting which featured heirloom apples, their history, a blind taste testing, as well as a luncheon featuring apple

recipes. Held on a beautiful fall day in the barn of one of our members' it was one of the highlights of our programming year.

March is our annual meeting during which we will install our new officers: Melissa Benec Johnson, President, Donna McLaughlin, Allison Burgan & Cristie Good, Recording Secretaries and Alicia Cahill will be our new Corresponding Secretary. Everyone looks forward to this annual gathering during which we celebrate our past year over a delicious repast while looking forward to the exciting future we have lined up with pop up local garden visits, hort shorts that will feature noteworthy gardens worthy of a road trip, both local and across the pond, as well as Ikebana demonstrations and a bonsai lecture.

I would be remiss not to mention our premier spring event, Gardenfest 2025, Chaired by member Ronna Riffle. This event continues to expand each year to include more local growers, Penn State Master Gardeners, artists, as well as our beloved hand dug perennials from members' gardens which our Dirt Digging crew schedules for our April meeting. Held annually on the Saturday before Mother's Day, it is truly one of our best community sponsored events as we educate the public on best horticultural practices, reconnect with our community following which has grown each year, and generally celebrate the coming of spring with our membership which has cultivated deep and long lasting friendships. Our event is open to the public, so please mark your calendars now for May 10th, 2025, and plan to arrive early! Choice cultivars literally fly off our tables! You will not leave empty handed!

Karel Ulizio, President, FCGC



Fox Chapel Garden Club's

GARDENFEST

Saturday, May 10, 2025

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

O'Hara Township Community Park

www.foxchapelgardenclub.org



Greybrooke Garden Club

As we huddle indoors during this especially frigid winter weather, we are looking forward to spring. It cannot arrive soon enough!

Our February meeting featured a fun spring décor craft project, led by Sharon (Cher) Bronder. We decorated bird nests and wooden eggs, which members can incorporate into lovely Easter or spring arrangements for their tables, mantles, or other spots in their home. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to socialize while working on their individual bird nest projects. We also signed Valentine's Day cards from Greybrooke Garden Club, which were then delivered to the residents of Orion Personal Care Home, along with chocolate Valentine's lollypops affixed to each.

For our March 12th meeting, our featured speaker is Dianne Machesney, Penn State Master Gardener, who will present a program on "Weeds!" Diane will focus on weed identification and management and controlling weeds using Integrated Pest Management. An excerpt from *Beatitudes for the Gardener* by Gail Kavanagh: "Blessed are the weeds, for they prove my garden soil is fruitful, and all that weeding keeps my waist trim." Guests are welcome to attend this program. Additional details posted on our website: www.greybrookegardenclub.org.

In April, the Executive Board of Greybrooke Garden Club will host a "Members Appreciation" luncheon. This will be a bittersweet occasion. After fifty-six (56) years, Greybrooke Garden Club has made the difficult decision to dissolve the Club at the end of its current fiscal year April 30, 2025. We are especially grateful for the friendships we have developed within our club as well as with fellow gardeners throughout District IX and across the GCFP. The bonds of friendship will hopefully live on. Some of our members may join other local garden clubs, and some may not. Regardless, we will all continue to pursue our common love of gardening. We will cherish the memories we have created together!

"CELEBRATE ENDINGS—FOR THEY PRECEDE NEW BEGINNINGS." *Jonathan Lockwood Huie*

Karen Lampman, President, GGC



Ingomar Garden Club

January/ February luncheon excursions satisfied Ingomar members who were craving a winter blues get away. An amiable atmosphere and homemade specialties warmed us up at Dee Jay's BBQ Ribs & Grill. Then everyone enjoyed appealing Irish specialties, or, American favorites, at the family owned Sieb's Irish Pub.

In these winter months of "down time," a diligent program committee has been planning the meeting presentation/ field trip itinerary for the upcoming year. Up till now this daunting task had been the sole responsibility of our Club's Vice President. Suggestions from Garden Club Members are encouraged and welcome.

This year, a committee of three comprised of two seasoned and a new garden club member was chosen. Meeting by Zoom, District IX suggestions and Penn State Master Gardener Programs have provided a wealth of ideas to choose from. Inclement weather could not impede progress as they met at least three times sharing developments with our Club Vice President.

Plans for our annual plant sale/ treasure mart are just getting started. A date for a dig-gum's workshop to pot up landscape perennials will soon be announced. Hopefully, flea market items are being rounded up to sell too at this annual springtime fundraiser. Clean-up will begin in David Councill Park and at Northland Library's Edith's Garden when it becomes warm enough. Annuals will then be selected to enhance these areas, and also, for the container plantings that wow UPMC Passavant patrons.

Nurturing will again be partaken as nature reawakens.

"IF WE HAD NO WINTER, THE SPRING WOULD NOT BE PLEASANT." - Anne Bradstreet

Farewell winter, Happy New Year,
Julie Barnes, President, IGC



Kennedy Garden Club

The Kennedy Garden Club is currently working on crafts for our upcoming Spring Festival. A meeting was held a couple of weeks ago and the ladies decided on what crafts they would like to make for our upcoming Festivals. Our members were very gracious in donating crafting items and clothing that we can use for these projects.

The first project was making lavender sachets. They made over 90 lavender sachets. For the next project, they will be cutting up old jeans into petals and then making them into flowers. Those flowers will then be turned into magnets, hair barrettes and pins. They will also make sea glass artwork, painted rocks and purse charms.

Club member Julienne Giuliani has already made beautiful glass magnets out of old seed catalogs and magazine photos. She is also making decorative sleep masks for Mothers' Day gifts. Janet Schipani and Judy Fritzges will be making dog coats out of gently used t-shirts and also dog and cat toys. Member Deb Young will be showing Club members how to plant seeds for our upcoming spring Festival in plastic milk containers.

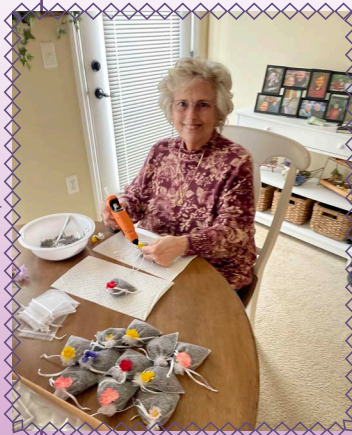
Our Membership Committee is in overdrive thinking of new and unique ways of attracting members. That said, we are working with a local consignment shop in our area. The KGC will be hosting a Night Out at the store where ladies can make fairy gardens in teacups and they also get a discount on shopping too. We hope the publicity in the shop's email to all their customers will garner some interest in the club and we hope to get a couple new members.

Logistics planning is also in the works for our upcoming Earth Day Clean Up in April at Fairhaven Park and our Spring Festival in May. This is also the first year the Club has put an application in for Seed Money for plantings at the Kennedy Fountain. The flagpole was installed in early December and hopefully the fountain repairs will be made sooner than later and we can begin planting.

One interesting note, our February meeting was one sweet event. Local florist and Club member Patti Harding gave a brief presentation on how to keep your Valentine flowers looking their best and keeping them fresher longer. After that meeting, Club member Nancy Zitelli did a thorough presentation on honey from Huckle Bee Farms. The exciting part was Club members got to

sample close to 30 varieties of honey. It was fun walking around all the tables sampling honey and talking to members. After the sampling, we had a honey themed meal from a local caterer.

Judy Fritzges, President, KGC



Moon Township Garden Club

It is a busy time of year for our committees as we engage in planning, projecting, and implementing our goals for the New Year. Early on I met with my Officers to review the vision for 2025. We have a number of changes to discuss, including updates to our by-laws and procedures to align with evolving times and budgets from the previous year to the current one.

Next, I presented the agenda to the Executive Committee for further discussion and recommendations. Our next step will be in April to present our recommendations to membership.

The Programming Committee is finalizing activities and speakers for 2025. Communications is diligently working on submitting the final proof of our Yearbook. Youth Activities Committee is gearing up with plans to return to Robin Hill Center for Earth Day! The CHEC Committee is winter sowing native seeds, which require cold stratification to live outside in milk jugs until they are big enough to transplant into pots. These plants will be part of our annual plant giveaway on May 10th.

Our Club would not be what it is today without the members who make our world go round and round. I want to honor as many members as possible with this submission.

Christy Klug, President MTGC



← Birdseed Workshop



Spooktacular Youth Activity →



← Greeters, runners, cookie table



Holding Room Team →



Christmas Luncheon



Team of smilely faces ‡



Personal Shoppers →



Post District IX Mtg Celebration Dinner



Officers, left to right:
I. Prendergast, Recording Secretary; M. Adamowski Corresponding Secretary; C. Klug President, C. Molenda Vice President; and B. Smith Treasurer

Oak Hills Garden Club

Oak Hills Garden Club started the 2025 year with the installation of new officers this February at Rachel's Roadhouse in Butler. Our new officers are Vice President- Marilyn Rogerson, Treasurer- Peg Miller, Secretary- Kathy Geibel, and I will be returning as President. Thanks to Beverly Olenic and Becky Sutara for a wonderful presentation.

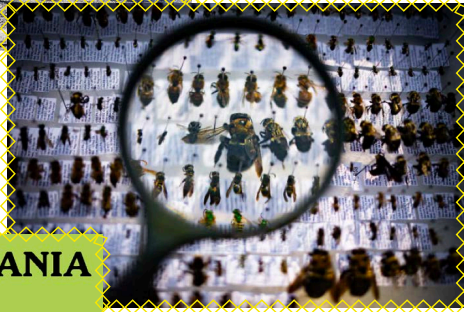
This was the first event of the year planned by our programming committee which is made up of four members and the president. They meet in October to determine the following year's activities and in the process make reservations, contact proposed speakers and make arrangements for meeting places. At the November meeting, the finalized program is presented to the Club seeking volunteers to coordinate each month's event. Normally there are two coordinators for each month, they finalize the speaker arrangements, meeting place and determine refreshments.

The committee works very hard to have a nice mixture of speakers, outings and crafts. For example, this March Steve Piskar will be making a presentation on gardening tools, April is the planning meeting for the plant sale, and May will be our annual trip to the New Wilmington greenhouses. We will be busy most of May with our annual plant sale which is on May 31st at Tanglewood in Lyndora.

Now that we have the year's activities set and new officers are in place we are looking forward to staying warm and hoping for Spring weather soon.

Melissa Jacoby, President OHGC





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Cow parsnip flowers
photo by Dianne Machesney



71ST ANNUAL
**SHALER GARDEN CLUB
 PLANT SALE**

Saturday, May 3rd
 9 am - 12 noon
 Kiwanis Park (Wetzel Road)

Perennials from Local Gardens
 Annuals, Vegetables, Herbs, Bulbs
 Hanging Baskets, Houseplants
 Small Garden Tool Sharpening
 Mother's Day Plant Arrangements
 Baked Goods & Auction Baskets

Please join us rain or shine

Shaler Garden Club

How does the Shaler Garden Club design its Calendar of Activities each year? The first vice president as the chair recruits at least four members who split up the tasks: one member who previously served on this committee, a master gardener, and newer members with a fresh perspective.

Ideas have included recommendations from other District IX clubs or the GCFP. However, frequently the suggestions are generated from club members or internet searches. The committee assembles for the first time in November or December. Members leave with the task of exploring and scheduling assignments. The group will get together at least one more time for coordination and support because invariably problems can occur.

Committee members not only articulate details and schedule the activity but may create sign-up or carpooling sheets, collect fees, set up equipment or rooms, and introduce and thank speakers or guides. The first vice-president/committee chair prepares the combined schedule that includes a description of the activities that is then sent to the second vice-president/yearbook chair.

Our monthly programs for 2025 includes information about our surrounding community: 125th anniversary of Shaler Township and the Etna Watershed Project. Programs that align with NGC goals are Monitoring Wild Bees of PA, What's Good for Birds, and Poisonous Plants. Five field trips comprise learning how maple syrup is made, visiting an edible teaching garden, touring the Rachel Carson Homestead, going on an Owl Prowl Hike, and shopping at a local nursery. Community workshops scheduled are creating Floral Hoops and Christmas Wreaths. Member workshops for 2025 will be Rock Painting and CPR Training. The above is just a sampling of what lies ahead with lots of opportunity to enjoy the company of compatriots.

Joanne Laverty, President, SGC



S. Butler County Garden Club

In 2025, Southern Butler County Garden Club is planning a bookwalk at one of the gardens our club maintains. A bookwalk is a book that has been disassembled, mounted on some type of poster board, weatherproofed by lamination, and put on stakes. The stakes are then put along a garden edge or path. Readers walk down the path and enjoy the book as they stroll along.

Pictures of our club's bookwalk are shown. The book chosen for display is "The Mighty Pollinators" with poems by Helen Frost and photography by Rick Lieder. In 2024, the bookwalk was up at our Graham Park Garden. This coming year, the bookwalk will be at the Mars Library Pollinator Garden for National Garden Club Week, June 1-7.

From experience, the hardest part of creating the bookwalk is disassembling the book. Also, two copies of the book are needed, because of printing on the front and back of the pages. So, two books need to be disassembled. Because of the size of the book's pages, poster-board was used to mount the pages using a tacky glue spray. Card stock can also be used. After lamination, the pages were mounted on stakes using glue. Again, because of the size of the pages a cross-piece was added to support the large double-pages (see photo). Another hot tip is to photograph the book before it's disassembled, that way you know the correct order of the pages.

There are a few rules to follow so that copyright is preserved. Contact me with questions.

Jill Barger, President. SBCGC



MILL CREEK METROPARKS • Fellows Riverside Gardens

1. D.D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitor Center
2. Arseny Melnick Observation Tower
3. Beeghly Garden
4. Watson White Garden
5. DeYor Concourse
6. Schaff-Comila Shade Garden
7. Seasonal Celebration Plaza
8. Muransky Perennial Walk
9. South Terrace and Kidston Pavilion
10. Joanne F. Beeghly Rose Garden
11. Christine's Garden Labyrinth
12. English and Miniature Roses
13. Herb and Fragrance Garden
14. Beeghly Gazebo
15. Narcissus, Rhododendron and Woody Plant Collections
16. Outdoor Gallery
17. Ohio Woodland Garden
18. Quarry Garden
19. The Gathering
20. Blue Garden
21. Hillside Garden
22. North Terrace
23. Heather Garden
24. Trial Garden
25. Beech Collection
26. Great Lawn
27. Seasonal Display Beds
28. Long Mall
29. Dahlia Garden
30. Family Garden
31. Parking Lot Beds and Geothermal Fields
32. Dry Stream/Surface Water Overflow
33. Horticulture Service Area (No public access)

CAREFUL WITH THAT! Daffodil bulbs contain the poison lycorine. The poison protects them from animal predators making it a good plant for areas where deer and rodents are known to be a problem in the garden.

Information & photo copied from: <http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org>



Audubon Society of Western PA

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania has a long history of working with local garden clubs across the region at both Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve and more recently, Succop Nature Park in Butler. In fact, our location at Beechwood annually hosts a number of garden clubs that utilize our spacious auditorium and education classrooms for both monthly meetings and events. Beechwood's auditorium and classrooms are the perfect size to accommodate large groups, and Succop Nature Park's MarCraig House and large outdoor pavilion offer a beautiful natural setting for any garden club get-together.*

*Information copied from the Audibon Society Website

Tusca -Ridge Garden Club

We would like to begin our report with an interesting fact about our garden club. The Tusca-Ridge Garden Club derives its name from two major roads located in the Beaver-Brighton Townships. Our founding members, who were residents of this area, named the club after Tuscarawas Road and Dutch Ridge Road, hence the name Tusca-Ridge. Sometimes folks call us Tuscan-Ridge. We kind of wish we were enjoying the Tuscan life!

This year, Tusca-Ridge has numerous plans underway. Our club will establish a restructuring committee to revise our guidelines and bylaws. These changes aim to make our club accessible and welcoming to individuals of all ages and generations.

The programs for the year will include "Reforesting our Future" with a soup luncheon. We will take a field trip to Youngstown to visit Fellows Riverside Garden followed by lunch, as food is an integral part of our events. "The Buzz on Bees" is our program in July and a presentation by the Audubon Society on preparing our gardens for winter is scheduled for August.

Our Presidents Luncheon in April will honor our past presidents. Tusca-Ridge typically has 12 past presidents who attend this event, including one who travels from out of town to join us for the occasion and May brings our plant exchange. Members bring plants dug from their own gardens, names are drawn, and the fun begins!

In September, we will have the pleasure of hosting Sue Vandertie at our club for her "Pumpkin Decorating Workshop." Additionally, we will be celebrating milestone birthdays for any of our members who celebrated during 2025 by singing "Happy Birthday" and enjoying cake together.

Happy Spring from the ladies at Tuscan Ridge. (Tee, hee, hee!)

Stacey Ivol, District IX Director



Glycerin Facts from GCFP

The GCFP website provides a wealth of information on a variety of topics. Of use to floral designers as well as craft and pharmaceutical people, glycerin is a great product to be familiar with. Here is what GCFP has to say about it:

- Fran's Fair Garden sells Pure, USP (United States Pharmaceutical) grade, Kosher, Vegetable Glycerin. 100% Organic FLOWER AND FOLIAGE PRESERVATIVE. (It can also be applied in hundreds of other uses.) <https://www.fransfairgarden.com/shop-4>

- Glycerin is a liquid made of Hydrogen, Oxygen, and Carbon. It is thick, odorless, colorless, and non-toxic.

- Glycerin is a humectant, which means it draws moisture into the outer layer of your skin. It forms a barrier to lock in moisture and keep toxins out.

- Used for making soaps.

- For DRY SKIN, ECZEMA, SCALY, ITCHY SKIN, apply after bathing/showering while skin is still damp. Leaves you feeling silky smooth.

- Used in food as a sweetening agent, emulsifier, and preserving agent.

- Used in Pharmaceuticals to make medicines more palatable and even in IV fluids.

- Used as lip moisturizer, soothes cracked heels, reduces skin aging, reduces frizzy hair, gives nails a brighter look.

- Works as a skin toner on your face.

- Glycerin is the key ingredient in dynamite.

- Glycerin can dissolve polar and nonpolar substances. It makes a great solvent in many industries.

- Aids in re-inking your embossing ink pads. Add a few drops to bring it back to life.

- Can improve your acrylic paints by adding a few drops to your rinse water.

- Mixed with water in snow globe makes the snow fall slower.

- Works as antifreeze in sprinkler systems.

- Boosts the metabolism of nitrogen fixing bacteria in soil, creating a richer growing medium. Increases soil quality in composting too.

- Used as a solvent in making your own insect repellents.

- Add a few drops to your kids bubbles.

- Used in pet treats for dogs and cats.

*Reprinted from GCFP website with formatting by IX's News Editor.



Did You Know?

“Pick Up PA” is Pennsylvania's Largest Community Improvement Program!

When it comes to keeping Pennsylvania clean, it's up to all of us to do our part. By working together everyone in Pennsylvania can live, work, and play in a clean and green community.

One small way to help is to register an event for Pick Up Pennsylvania:

March 1st through May 31st. Our spring event in support of The Great American Cleanup is eligible for FREE work gloves, safety vests, and trash bags as supplies last. Donated landfill space for trash collected during the cleanup is also available for free or reduced cost between **April 1st through April 30th.** Registered events will receive details on participating landfills. **June 1st through August 31st.** Events can be registered in the summer but are not eligible for free supplies at this time. Please also be aware of the additional safety concerns for summer events in PA like ticks, snakes, vegetation, and poison ivy. **September 1st through November 30th.** Our fall event in support of The International Coastal Cleanup is eligible for FREE work gloves, safety vests, and trash bags as supplies last. There is no donated landfill space for the fall event.

December 1st through February 28th. Events can be registered in the winter but are not eligible for free supplies at this time. Please also be aware of the additional safety concerns for winter events in PA.

Go to: <https://www.keeppabeautiful.org/programs/pick-up-pa/> for additional information or to register to have your club participate in this project.

Procedure for submitting GCFP dues and updating membership information

Barbara Brand, GCFP Financial Secretary (2023-2025)

Every year on May 1st, all garden club treasurers are sent a bill from GCFP for payment of dues for the current fiscal year (5/1 through 4/31). Please follow these steps when returning payment. The DUE DATE for returning the invoice and your check is BEFORE JUNE 15th.

1. Prepare the form:

- The 2-part form indicates the number of club members in the previous year, according to the GCFP database.
- The invoice provides a line to verify the current number of active club members as of May 1st. Confirm or correct the number of members on both copies of the form. Be sure to check with the Club president or the club membership chair for the current number.
- Annual membership is due in the amount of \$10.00 per person, regardless of their membership category – Active, Honorary, etc.. Couples are counted as 2 members.
- When new members join, their GCFP dues are to be paid based on these dates:
 - Joining May 1-- July 31 \$10.00
 - Joining August 1 – October 31 \$7.50
 - Joining November 1 – January 31 \$5.00
 - Joining February 1 – April 30th \$2.50
- Affiliate member's dues are \$35.00 per year.

2. Returning the form:

- Checks are to be made payable to "Garden Club Federation of PA" or "GCFP."
- Return the lower part of the form and a check to the address on the form, keeping the other copy for your records.
- When you send your dues check, your club should also send by email a current copy of your club's roster of members as of May 1st to the Financial Secretary and the GCFP Database Manager (email addresses below). Include name, address (9-digit zip code), phone, cell phone, and email address. (Affiliates are exempt from this provision).

3. VERY IMPORTANT: -- Updating membership information

- Membership information in the GCFP database must be kept current OR the club's liability insurance coverage and 501-c-3 status will be jeopardized.
- Notify the GCFP Financial Secretary promptly when members join so they are entered in the database as soon as possible. Use the Add Members form, and include a check for the correct dues based on the pro-rated schedule on the form. Send to the mailing address on the form
- When members change their permanent address, email or phone, add a seasonal address, or resign, and when members are deceased, send the appropriate form to the GCFP Database Manager.
- Notify the GCFP Database Manager-promptly when club officers change.
- These forms can be found on the GCFP website: www.pagardens.org , "More," "Forms Library," "Club Forms": Add Members, Remove Members, Members Address Change, and Club Officers Change. .

NOTE: District dues should be sent to the District Treasurer, not to GCFP.

If you have questions, please contact the Financial Secretary (babrand@embarqmail.com) or the Database Manager (GCFPdatasemgr@gmail.com) .

Programs from National Garden Clubs Inc.



Food to Table; Foraging

Bring food to your table from your own garden and by seeking out local farm markets. The USDA's Farm Market Managers Survey from 2019 shows that there are more than 8,000 local farm markets operating throughout the United States. Local and regional food systems, including farmers markets are according to the USDA, "critical to the future of the nation's food system. Farm markets provide a unique, low-barrier entry point for beginning farmers and ranchers. By selling directly to the consumer, farmers markets can provide higher returns for farmers and ranchers, and the evidence shows that these new farm businesses survive longer than new farm businesses selling strictly wholesale."

Over the course of the present term, I will be posting monthly about this topic on NGC's Facebook page, pinning frequently on NGC's Pinterest page, publishing upon request for the The National Gardener, and submitting proposed articles to the Blog.

Foraging for wild foods can be an adventure! Whether trekking through the forest for the elusive Morel mushroom, or preparing Dandelion Fritters, foraging and preparing wild foods is fun, gives you some exercise and can be a sublime taste experience. If you're new to this, try a few books on the subject before venturing out:

- Foraging for Beginners by Kristen Barton
- Stalking the Wild Asparagus, a classic by Euell Gibbons
- The Forager's Harvest by Samuel Thayer (or his Nature's Garden or Incredible Wild Edibles)

Also check out our NGC Facebook posts, Pinterest pins, TNG publications, and our Blog over the next two years.

Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, Food to Table; Foraging Chairman
Reprinted from NGC website

Healing, Therapy, & Senior Gardening

There are approximately 71.6 million baby boomers between 57-75 years old in the United States. The number of Americans ages 65 and older is projected to nearly double from 52 million in 2018 to 95 million by 2060. What does this tell us? That NGC's inclusion of Healing, Therapy and Senior Gardening as a committee anticipates the wave of interest and need for healing, therapy and senior gardening.

Some of the top reasons for encouraging senior gardening:

1. Improved moods and lower stress levels: Studies have shown that spending time in nature makes people calmer and happier.
2. Gardening provides light aerobic exercise which can enhance your mental and physical health.
3. Digging in the dirt, planting seeds, pulling weeds- all of these gardening activities require the use of the hands and arms, which can help seniors improve dexterity and strengthen muscles.
4. Great for heart health! Regular moderate exercise decreases the risk of many heart problems.
5. Careful exposure to the sun increases Vitamin D in the body, which is essential for senior health.
6. Gardening requires critical thinking and problem solving (a bit of an understatement, I know!) so it can help to keep an aging mind active. Over this term, I will be providing information as to how both individuals and clubs can conduct streamlined senior gardening in their homes, and undertake projects in their community to assist others in their quest to continue gardening at any age.

David E. Rich, Healing, Therapy & Senior Gardening Chairman
Reprinted from NGC Website



**REGISTRATION for 95th ANNUAL CONVENTION
April 6 – 8, 2025 (Sunday – Tuesday)**

Please legibly complete both pages of the registration forms for you and your guest(s).

Make check(s) payable to: "GCFP 2025 Convention"
 Mail to: **Barbara Stobenau, 2025 Convention Registrar,**
6 Timber Fare, Spring House, PA 19477-1108
 Contact: registrar2025dxi@gmail.com, 215-628-4919
Confirmation will be sent to your email address
OR send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

NO REGISTRATIONS OR REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 1, 2025

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Garden Club(s) _____ District(s) _____

Advanced registration is required for all events.
Early registration is advised. See next page (2 of 2).

Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> NGC President	<input type="checkbox"/> District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge
<input type="checkbox"/> Former NGC President	<input type="checkbox"/> Asst. District Director	CONSULTANTS::
<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Club President	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening
<input type="checkbox"/> CAR-SGC Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental
<input type="checkbox"/> Former CAR-SGC Dir.	<input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Design
<input type="checkbox"/> GCFP (State) President	<input type="checkbox"/> CAR-SGC Life Member	
<input type="checkbox"/> Former GCFP President	<input type="checkbox"/> GCFP Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest / Spouse
Current GCFP Officer or Board Member Position:		
Current CAR-SGC Officer or Board Member Position:		
Current NGC Officer or Board Member Position:		

REGISTRATION for 95th ANNUAL CONVENTION (continued) (Page 2 of 2)

Specify & prioritize your choices. Calculate TOTAL due.

Note: To attend ANY presentations ONE HOTEL MEAL MUST BE SELECTED. Full Conference Rate includes: Sunday Dinner and Program, Monday Lunch, Dinner and Programs, and Presentations A–C. **It does not include (shaded)** events prior to Sunday dinner or the Judges' Council Luncheon and Program on Tuesday.

Enter price of selected events in right column.

	Cost	Enter \$
Registration fee applicable to all attendees, including volunteers, spouses and guests	\$5	\$ 5.00
Save \$10.00. Full Conference Rate	\$265	\$ _____
Late fee if Registration is postmarked between Feb. 22 and March 1	\$25	\$ _____

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – Advanced registration is required for all events

Sunday, 4/6			
9:15 – 11:30 (Tour 1) Trolley Tour of Valley Forge Park		\$30.00	\$ _____
12:00 – 2:15 (Tour 2) Trolley Tour of Valley Forge Park		\$30.00	\$ _____
1 – 3:00 Workshop 1: Botanicals, Classes with Carrie B		\$45.00	\$ _____
1 – 3:30 Workshop 2: Origami Flowers, Gloria Denoon		\$40.00	\$ _____
5:30 – 9 Social hour, Dinner, and Program by Renee Tucci		\$65.00	\$ _____
Monday, 4/7			
10:45 – 11:45 Presentations A	Prioritize: 1-4	\$25.00	\$ _____
A1: Exhibition Tables, Chris Leskosky	—		
A2: How to Grow Dahlias, Dana Miller	—		
A3: Tea, Jane Irvin-Klotz	—		
A4: Valmont Bog Orchids, Bob Sprague	—		
12:00 – 2:45 Luncheon and Tea with Martha Washington		\$50.00	\$ _____
3:00 – 4:00 Presentations B	Prioritize: 1-4	\$25.00	\$ _____
B1: Exhibition Tables (repeat), Chris Leskosky	—		
B2: Gardening with Deer, Kathleen Salisbury	—		
B3: Espoma, Bonnie Satterthwaite	—		
B4: Colonial Gardens, Clarissa Dillon	—		
5:30 – 9 Social Hour, Dinner, New Officer's Installation with Champagne and Dessert Reception to follow		\$85.00	\$ _____
Tuesday, 4/8			
9:30 – 10:30 Presentations C	Prioritize: 1-3	\$25.00	\$ _____
C1: The 10 Most Useful Plants in PA before Columbus, Christine Applegate	—		
C2: Positive and Negative Space, Flowers by David	—		
C3: Recycling for the Birds, Jack Jones	—		
11:00 – 2:00 Judges' Council Luncheon and Program: Frances Thrash making 6 designs to be raffled	—	\$60.00	\$ _____
Make check for Total payable to "GCFP 2025 Convention"		TOTAL	\$ _____



FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE I

April 28, 29, 30, 2025

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Brenda Moore, President

Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.
Monica Hansen, Director

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
Leeanna Ryba, President

GCFP Judges Council
Mary Hetrick, Chair

Flower Show Procedure
Pam Braun

Horticulture – Pam Braun
Flowering Branches
Bulbous Flowering Plants

Design – Judy Binns
Traditional Design with
Elements & Principles of Design

SCHOOL LOCATION

**Gettysburg Fire Department Social Hall
35 N. Stratton St.
Gettysburg, PA 17325**

LODGING

A block of rooms have been reserved at the:

**Hampton Inn by Hilton Gettysburg
1280 York Rd
Gettysburg, PA 17325
717-338-9121**

The cost is \$129 per night plus tax. Ask for the GCFP Flower Show School group rate (code – 906). Rates are guaranteed until March 27, 2025

A complimentary buffet breakfast is included with your guestroom booking (6am – 10am).

WI-FI is free and reliable in the lobby and guestrooms. Parking is complimentary.

The hotel is a 10 minute drive from the social hall.

GCFP Flower Show School Coordinator
Joanne Baylis, 717-688-5571 or
cjb3fan@yahoo.com

Registrar: Evie Matzke
4900 Old Hanover Rd
Westminster, MD 21158
410-346-6676 or eviemat52@aol.com

Treasurer: Maryann Daniels

REGISTRATION FORM – COURSE I

Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Phone
Email Address
Garden Club
Federation
Name for Badge
Indicate If Needed (Vegetarian or Gluten-Free)

FEES

**Registration Deadline: March 26, 2025
No refunds after this date**

Full Course for credit w/lunch.....\$290 _____
Full Course – no credit w/lunch.....\$280 _____
28 April – Horticulture w/lunch.....\$160 _____
29 April - Design w/lunch.....\$160 _____

Late Fee \$25 if received after March 26, 2025

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail this form (make a copy for yourself) with your check payable to: **GCFP FSS Course I** to the Registrar:

**Evie Matzke
4900 Old Hanover Rd
Westminster, MD 21158**

COURSE I INSTRUCTORS

**PAM BRAUN
Flower Show Procedure and
Horticulture**

A garden club member for almost 50 years, Pam is currently a member of the Leipers Fork and Gateway Garden Clubs. She is a member of the TN Federation of Garden Clubs and Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. She is an NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge, an NGC horticulture, flower show procedure and symposium instructor and a member of numerous plant societies. Pam specializes in exhibiting collections and displays of numerous different plant groups and has won many top exhibitor awards for her horticulture. Besides horticulture, Pam enjoys floral design and has been a speaker, leader of workshops or exhibitor at all levels from district to internationally. Pam has enjoyed growing plants all her life and the plant material she uses for both designs and instruction often comes from her own garden or indoor plants.

**JUDY BINNS
Design**

Judy is a member of the Salisbury GC, a former President of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, an NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge and an NGC Flower Show School Design Instructor. Judy has served on the National Garden Clubs Board of Directors since 2007 and currently serves as the Flower Show Schools Chairman. Judy is a member of The Council at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts where she has been actively involved with "Fine Arts and Flowers" – as an exhibitor, a co-chairman and a sponsor liaison. Judy is a member of the Piedmont District Judges Council, Virginia Flower Show Judges Council and Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas.

Judy enjoys traveling with her husband, spending time with her grandchildren and introducing them to the wonders of gardening and flower arranging.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lectures are open to all garden club members and the public for the fee stated on the registration form. To receive credit towards the Judging Certificate, student must be an active member of a National Garden Club Organization and **MUST** be in their seats at the start of all lectures. Attendance is required at all sessions for credit.

The following required reading list applies to all Flower Show School Courses. Students should read pages as noted in Student Outlines provided by each course instructor that will be emailed by the Flower Show School Coordinator once received.

- * Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition with 2024 revised updates
- * The National Gardener Magazine, online
- * NGC Horticulture & Exhibiting Judging Book
- * Outline of Period Flower Arrangements (Hannay)
- * Table Settings for All Seasons (Wood & Smith)
- * Designing by Types (Osburn)
- * Hortulana The 21st Century Edition (Heber)

All books can be ordered online at the official NGC Store, www.shopgardenclubs.org

Course I brochure can be found on the GCFP website – www.pagardenclubs.org

****Students are required to bring to class – Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition with 2024 revised updates, a clipboard and pencils.****

COURSE I SCHEDULE

Day 1: Monday, April 28, 2025

8:00-8:30am Registration
8:30-8:45am Welcome
8:45-9:45am Flower Show Procedure
9:45-10:00am Break
10:00-11:30am Horticulture
11:30-12:30pm Lunch
12:30-2:00pm Horticulture (continued)
2:00-2:15pm Break
2:15-4:15pm Practice Point Scoring
4:15-4:30pm Break
4:30-5:30pm Horticulture Point Scoring Exam (graded, but not recorded)

Dinner on your own

Day 2: Tuesday, April 29, 2025

8:00-8:15am Announcements
8:15-9:15am Flower Show Procedure
9:15-9:30am Break
9:30-11:30am Design
11:30-12:30pm Lunch
12:30-1:30pm Design (continued)
1:30-1:45pm Break
1:45-3:45pm Practice Point Scoring
3:45-4:00pm Break
4:00-5:00pm Design Point Scoring Exam (graded, but not recorded)

Dinner on your own

Day 3, Wednesday, April 30, 2025

8:00-8:30am Instructions for Exams
8:30-11:30pm Written Exams*
*Flower Show Procedure, Horticulture & Design

Seating will be assigned in order of receipt of paid registrations with priority given to students taking the exam.