

News at Eleven

GCFP District XI

Winter 2025



From the Director

Shhhhh!!! It's winter and Nature is sleeping.....but we are not! District XI is wide awake and looking forward to what the next few months will have in store for us. Not much in February....a good time to tend to your indoor plants and perhaps enjoy the Super Bowl or escape to a warmer climate for a few weeks. But the excitement ramps up in March.

The annual Philadelphia Flower Show will debut at the Convention Center on March 1st and run through the 9th. This year's theme "Gardens of Tomorrow" will explore how gardening can create a healthier planet. How fortunate we are to have this world-renowned flower show in our own backyard. Visitors to the Show travel from all over the world and all we need to do is hop on a train.

On Monday, March 31st, after our business meeting, the District will prepare tote bags to be distributed at the upcoming 2025 GCFP Convention. All of the Convention activities will have special significance this year since GCFP's incoming President is District XI's own, Pat Wolanski.

On May 29, after our business meeting, we are planning a tour of the Temple Arboretum.

Now I would like to close on a personal note. The first few months as District Director have been both labor intensive and enjoyable, especially installing incoming officers. A true learning experience! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped to guide me through it. Welcome to the "Posse"!

Flossie

District XI Meeting - March 31, 2025

Stuffing Goodie Bags for
2025 GCFP Convention

All Hands-on Deck

Host Club – Garden Club of Bristol
Borough

March 1 – 9, 2025

Philadelphia Flower Show

April 6 – 8, 2025

2025 GCFP State Convention

Alloy Hotel

King of Prussia, PA

District XI Meeting - May 29, 2025

Tour of the
Temple Arboretum
Kathleen Salisbury

Host Club – Gardeners of the
Crooked Billet

Philadelphia Flower Show

- **New This Year!** Get the Floral Fanatic Pass and enjoy unlimited daily access all week long plus an exclusive Flower Show gift bag. Visit the Philadelphia Flower Show online for more information.
- **Want to get free and/or discounted tickets and beat the crowds?** Become a member and access special Members' Only hours (including Members' Preview Day on February 28), discounts, and more! Or volunteer at the show and get free admission. Sign up online.

News From Our Member Clubs

Countryside Gardeners



Holiday Luncheon & New Officer Installation



New President, Anne Bucher



November Flower Class



Decorating the Half Moon Inn

Trevose Horticultural Society & Old York Road Garden Club



Floral Design Class

Members of THS and Old York Road Garden Club came together to create a beautiful holiday arrangement on November 21 at Christ's Home in Warminster, PA. Karen Wychock gave a brief explanation and demonstration and discussed the materials to be used. Attendees then had plenty of time to create their arrangement using a variety of evergreens (white pine, cedar, fir, juniper, etc.), red and white carnations and gold ornaments made of sweetgum balls! They made a wonderful addition to their holiday decor!



Trevose Horticultural Society

Some Holiday Merriment!

Thank you to Lenis, Lynn, Nancy, Louise, Dolores, Cathy, Ruth, Elaine and Karen from the Trevose Horticultural Society for volunteering their time and talent to create 20 floral arrangements for the Bensalem Senior Center Holiday Party in December! They certainly helped to create a festive mood for the party!



Four Lanes End Garden Club

Holiday House Tour



2025 GCFP Convention Registration Form

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

Please legibly complete both pages of separate registration forms for you and your guest(s). The form is also available at www.pagardencclubs.org.

Make check(s) payable to: "GCFP 2025 Convention"

Mail to: **Barbara Stoebenau, 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 (2/2).

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 2/2: 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 – 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 – 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	\$ _____

HORT TIPS FOR WINTER

Winter Problems:

When we think of the effect winter has on our garden, ice storms that break tree limbs and shrub branches come to mind. BUT there is another problem to consider and that is SALT DAMAGE to plants from deicers.



The most efficient and inexpensive chemical for melting snow is rock salt. BUT this salt can damage plants. It will pull water out of leaves of conifers and buds in trees. This is especially damaging in early spring when leaf buds begin to swell. Damage appears as browning along the edges of leaves, wilting, stunted growth and small yellow leaves. To protect your plants, try using sand or products like calcium chloride or potassium chloride that are less harmful to plants.

If you will be planting trees or shrubs in an area where there may be salt spray, select ones that will tolerate salt. Here are a few to consider: Red Cedars, inkberry holly, lilacs, pussy willows and sweet gum trees. Salt tolerant perennials include coreopsis, yarrow, candytuft, butterfly weed, daylily, coral bells, sedums and asters.

GARDENER'S RESOLUTIONS FOR 2024

1. Plan Ahead
 - a. Are there areas on your property where perennials need to be located in the spring?
 - b. Select a calendar to use for notating garden tasks and bloom times.
 - c. Look at your landscape to see if you need plants for winter interest.
 - d. Make a list of native plants to add to your yard.
 - e. Inspect garden tools, clean and repair broken ones. Sharpen pruners and shears.
2. Reduce, Reuse Recycle
 - a. Divide and propagate what is already growing in the garden.
 - b. Plan your summer container gardens utilizing small, less expensive native perennials. Use viable leftover seeds before buying new ones.
3. Walk your property each day and pull out unwanted plants (weeds).
4. Whatever is started this year is going to be beautiful only if maintained
5. Resolve to cope with gardening disappointments.

INDOOR PLANTS

Wipe leaves with a damp cloth to remove holiday dust and glitter. Keep soil moist but not soggy. Snip away dead and discolored leaves. Inspect leaves and stems for signs of insects, such as mealybugs and scale. Isolate and treat plants that appear to be affected.

HOLIDAY FLOWERING PLANTS—After-Bloom Care

- Place poinsettias in bright light and keep moist. Discard those that lose leaves or show signs of insects or disease.
- Keep Christmas cactus in bright light with moist soil after blooming.
- Avoid wetting leaves of cyclamen and drain away excess water to prevent root rot. Offer fertilizer every other month.
- Discard Paperwhite narcissus after blooming.
- Remove floral stock from amaryllis after flowers have faded. Continue to water and fertilize the bulbs during winter.