

Autumn 2022

Nine's News

From District IX of *The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania*

Director's Message

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as District IX Director and am looking forward to the next two years. The theme that I have chosen is "Let's Grow Together" and hope that we all learn from each other and grow at our Club and District levels. I am looking forward to working with the talented and energetic Stacey Ivol as our Assistant Director. Joanne Laverty and Mary Reefer will also be on Board as District Secretary and Treasurer. I also want to thank Karen Faust for being my mentor and friend over the past two years. Karen's term as District IX Director was unprecedented as she guided us through Covid and spearheaded two community projects that brought widespread public recognition to our District.

As Director, my first responsibility is to share the information from GCFP and NGC. This will come in the form of (many) emails. Today's technology provides an easy way for our members to stay connected, so let's embrace the technology that brings us Zoom meetings and programs such as NGC's Membership Mondays. They are designed to enrich the overall garden club experience by providing valuable resources, support and ideas to help us facilitate our meetings and take on new projects.

I will do my best to support your Clubs and will be available to assist you in any way that I can. Each of the nine Clubs in our District has a culture unique to them and collectively we have all contributed to making our District the most awarded District in the State!

It is my hope that our Clubs continue to grow and challenge themselves to take on new projects, increase their community outreach, work to conserve our environment and promote the love of gardening. Let's Grow Together in knowledge and friendship and in the appreciation of the beauty and benefits of gardening.

Claudia Bernardo, District IX Director

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Coming Events

Nov. 9, 2022

Greybrooke's "A Harvest Gathering"
11:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Parkwood United Presbyterian Church

Nov. 19, 2022

Tusca-Ridge "Nature's Bounty Sale"
9:00 A.M. - Noon
Frye Transportation Garage

Dec. 3, 2022

Moon Twp. "Greens & Gifts"
9:00 AM- 3:00 P.M.
Robin Hill Center, Moon Twp.

Dec. 7, 2022

Fox Chapel "Glitter & Glow"
7:00 - 9 PM
Fox Chapel Golf Club

January 5, 2023

Deadline for submission to winter
edition of IX's News

March 21, 2023

District IX Board Meeting
location TBD.

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Club Reports

Butler Garden Club

We seamlessly jumped into our new garden club year this fall on the heels of an accomplished summer!

The highlight of our garden club's most recent activities culminated with our very successful sold-out Summer Garden Party in June. Well-known local celebrity Doug Oster charmed and enlightened guests about an array of trees, shrubs and plants perfect for our Western PA landscapes. A terrific variety of raffle baskets, silent auction items, vendors and a familiar favorite, DJ from DJ's greenhouse, provided attendees with a plethora of shopping enjoyment. These proceeds provide the backbone of our financial donations to worthwhile organizations and we are grateful to be able to generously give back on a local and larger scale.

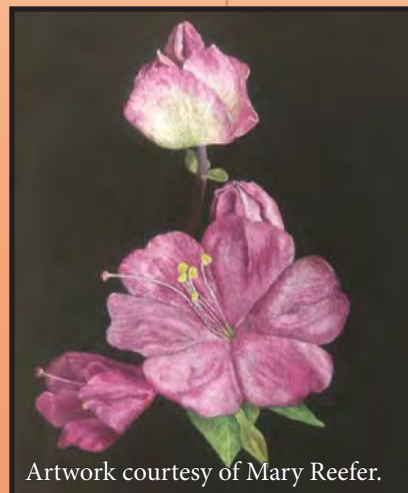
Welcoming prospective members and friends to the annual summer picnic in July served as a great introduction to our club and its members at the beautiful home and gardens of member Debbie Williams. August brought us together at The Maridon Museum in Butler where we had an intimate gathering in their education room. Debbie Walczak, a Penn State Master Gardener, spoke on how to go about certifying your garden as Pollinator Friendly.

We had a nice representation of our members at the District IX Annual meeting in early September. Later in the month we kicked off our upcoming year by reviewing our beautifully assembled yearbook, replete with clever illustrations, photos and the impeccable artwork of member Mary Reefer adorning its jacket. I am pleased with the diverse programs, community activities, workshops and field trips laid out for a terrific 2022/2023!

Susan Morgus, President, BGC



Mary Reefer, District IX Treasurer, Sheila Croushore, GCFP President, Karen Faust, District IX Past Director



Artwork courtesy of Mary Reefer.



Debbie Walczak



Edgeworth Garden Club

Our garden club season starts in September and as with many clubs, we were looking to include activities that were just a little different from anything we had tried in the past. A good example of the benefits of sharing with other clubs in IX's News took place in that first Edgeworth meeting.

Taking our cue from the glowing report of Greybrooke, we recruited Katy DeMent as our September program presenter. Our members enthusiastically delved into the mysteries of paper making, turning sheets of handmade paper into unique bookmarks or notepaper. We can now add our voice of recommendation to other clubs seeking something unusual for a program. Ms. DeMent was a well prepared, easy to understand, delightful program presenter!

October brought a refresher course in crafting table arrangements using pumpkins and gourds as our primary flower arranging vessel. This was a follow up to an activity we pursued during the Covid lock down. Since we could not meet together at that time, members picked up pre-made kits and followed at home directions for the arrangements. While many enjoyed the activity, in a survey they said they much preferred a group activity to working alone at home. So this year we did the "group thing" and members only "prepped their pumpkins" ahead of time at home.

For a new take on an old activity, we followed a somewhat different path for cleaning the pumpkins. We sterilized the pumpkin insides (after the seeds and gunk was removed) with a weak clorox solution then rubbed the dried, cut surfaces with Vaseline. I have to say that I do not think this added anything to the longevity of the arrangement that I made. We may have to take a survey at our next meeting to determine the efficacy of this procedure.

I should mention in closing that we ended our 2021-22 season with a "spur of the moment" members only garden tour. This was a club first in many years and our members put together the event in record breaking time giving us a fun afternoon of viewing the fruits of fellow "clubbers" summer gardening labors!

Sue Vandertie, President, EGC



L to R: M. Victorelli, K. Kruse, K. DeMent, E. Thomson, F. Nesaw



L. to R: K. DeMent, R. Crawford, S. Mottern



R. Crawford hard at work



L to R: S. Mottern, R. Crawford, K. Kruse, F. Nesaw, M. Victorelli, Sue Vandertie





Meeting Room



Floral



Native Plants



Shoe Collection

Fox Chapel Garden Club

Our Club hosted the District IX Annual meeting on September 7th. We want to thank so many members of our fellow District IX Clubs for attending this year's meeting. We had 120 registered attendees at the meeting and luncheon. It was wonderful to have our new GCFP President, Sheila Croushore; 1st Vice President, Leanna Ryba; and 2nd Vice President Patricia Wolanski at the meeting to thank our outgoing District IX officers, and to welcome the new District IX Officers for 2022-2024. Our theme this year was "Rethinking Native Plants".

Jim Bonner, the Executive Director of the Audubon Society of Western PA, was our speaker. He gave a dynamic talk and power point presentation on the use, value, and interface that native plants have throughout our whole ecosystem. They are essential to support insects, birds, and other wildlife. In addition, they reduce the need for chemical fertilizers, support carbon sequestration, and enhance water management. The theme of native plants carried through the program in fresh native flower/plant table arrangements, hand painted pictures of native plants made by one of our members, and table favors including packets of native plant seeds. We want to express thanks and admiration to so many of our Club members who were instrumental in the success of the District IX Meeting.

Many members of fellow District IX Clubs brought tennis shoes to the Annual Meeting for our Club's yearly tennis shoe recycling project. Thank you for your support! Tennis Shoe Recycling 2022 was our biggest collection ever.

- Total individual shoes collected: 3,198
- 2,592 individual shoes were packed in 45 boxes for the Nike-Reuse-A-Shoe Program, which transforms them into Nike Grind used for playground surfaces, etc.
- 303 pairs of shoes that were in good shape were donated to the Free Store and Second Harvest Thrift Store.

After a 2 year hiatus due to cancellation because of the Covid pandemic, our major Holiday event, Glitter and Glow, is back this year at the Fox Chapel Golf Club on December 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please see the invitation on p. 19, and join us for holiday arrangements, gifts, merriment, and cheer.

Christine Bennett & Susanna Hegnes, Co-Presidents, FCCG

Greybrooke Garden Club

There is a chill in the air, but the sun is still shining on Greybrooke Garden Club and our scheduled activities. Our June meeting was very informative with Leslie Anthony, Penn State Master Gardener, and Pollinator Chairperson for GCFP presenting "Love of Pollinators." If your club has not heard Leslie shared her expertise on her love of pollinators, I highly suggest you have her speak to your club.

Our July meeting was our annual picnic which was held in Karen Lampman's beautiful garden. Each member contributed a favorite salad or dessert. We were all very well fed and enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and friendship.

During August, we took a summer break since most members were unavailable for a meeting. In September we held our fall Mum sale at McCandless Crossing. We had another successful sale which will enable us to continue donating to our local charitable organizations, as well as GCFP and NGC charities.

Club members are now busy planning and preparing for our November luncheon meeting. Doug Oster will present "Things That Can Still Be Planted in Your Garden." Pumpkin rolls, baked by members, will be available for purchase. Each club in District IX will be receiving an invitation, so mark your calendars for November 9.

On a sadder note, Greybrooke lost another long time member when Dory McCrum passed away in July. Dory will be remembered as a friend and dedicated member of Greybrooke who headed many committees and spread her love and friendship for many years in our club. Greybrooke is currently busy cleaning up our community gardens at Passavant Hospital and Orion Personal Care Residence and preparing them for the winter. The members of Greybrooke wish everyone a colorful fall and limited snow filled winter. We hope to see you at our November luncheon.

Bonnie MacDonald, President, GGC





Picnic in the Park



Club Meeting



Horticulture Therapy

Ingomar Garden Club

Last year, COVID regulations displaced Ingomar GC from our regular meeting place. Numerous gatherings at a member's open-air church pavilion really awakened us. So, this year we decided to take in summers' fresh air by combining nature's beauty with our outdoor assemblies.

The Ingomar tradition for July always had us congregating at a member's home for our meeting/ fundraiser auction, where we were wowed by a parklike setting on a member's very spacious Valencia property. There were places to explore, lots of good food and fun as we outbid each other on garden items donated by club members.

In August, we were at Slippery Rock's Jennings Environmental Education Center, It's unique prairie ecosystem, surrounded by Pennsylvania forest, gave us an appreciation for distinctive plants. Most notable was the protected blazing star that grows well here, outside of its Midwestern prairie range.

Then pleasant weather conditions in September enabled us to tour Beechwood Farms to learn proper seed collection from native plant varieties. Four Horti-therapy members assisted Wexford House patients in decorating pumpkins.

As we returned to our regular meeting place this fall we had the pleasure of hosting our neighboring garden clubs for an October luncheon/program. It was a real joy to be together again after missing our friends for the past couple years. Janet Woloszyk from McCandless Floral presented us with creative designs and ideas to accent our homes or gifts.

"What is human life? The first a good time, the rest remembering about it" - *Mark Twain*

Harvest Wishes,
Julie Barnes, President, IGC



Moon Township Garden Club

An important consideration of the MTGC this year is educating our membership on connections with Nature. The ECO Minute provided each month by our Civic, Horticulture, and Environmental Committee has touched upon topics such as the spotted lanternfly, seed harvesting, and the hemlock woolly adelgid. Efforts to spend wisely and create sustainably are evident this year; the centerpieces designed by monthly luncheon hosts, incorporated houseplants and garden flowers elegantly arranged in preowned vases.

Our speaker programs continue to educate and entertain. After a major and quite successful educational fundraiser in June, club members relaxed in July at the Daylily Valley Farm in Baden, PA viewing over 500 varieties of field grown hybrid daylilies. Not only did we learn how the owner Stacey Chalupiak, hybridizes her daylilies, we went shopping! Many of us spent the next day planting our purchases.

In August, Tina Ernst, owner of Naturally Simple Organic, empowered us to add years to our lives with her presentation on natural wellness. Tina, a certified skincare formulator, explained the basics of her organic skincare and the top plants to help our skin age gracefully including lavender, rosemary, and blue tansy.

Speaking of aging gracefully, we surprised our oldest member, Mary Skinner, in September with a celebration just for her! A nonagenarian, Mary has decided to relax and retire after 20 years of active involvement. She has been a wonderful mentor and we all hope to emulate her spirit and zest for life in the years to come.

In the months to come, we will be preparing for our annual Holiday Greens and Gift Shoppe. Check out our classy flyer for all the important details. Earlier in the year, the Communication Chair, Debbie Turici and Youth Activities Chair, Bonnie Keen invited MASD students to take part in a flyer design contest. Cheyla Lopez, a 7th Grade Moon Area Middle School student was chosen as the winner! We congratulate Cheyla and hope to see you all the Gift Shoppe in December!

Marcia Welsh, President MTGC



August hostess committee



August meeting centerpiece



Daylily Farm



Mary Skinner



Shaler Garden Club

Summer ended but not before we had two great meetings at the Shaler Library. Both meetings were held in the evening and open to the public. July's speaker was Mark Zolkowski, the owner of Z Florist, who demonstrated flower arranging. The finished arrangements were raffled off to four lucky winners.

August brought us Dennis James from DJ's Nursery/Greenhouse. His presentation provided lots of information about shade perennials.

The District Meeting in September was well attended by our club. We were honored to watch our own Claudia Bernardo sworn in as the District IX Director and Joanne Laverty sworn in as District IX Secretary. The club received the GCFP Seeds of Service - President's Project Award, the District IX Civic Achievement Award and multiple Laurel and Daffodil Awards.

The September meeting was at Beechwood Farms. Our speaker was Chris Kubiak, Director of Education at the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. His presentation, "Climate Change and Plant Specific Impacts in Western Pennsylvania," was very informative. The last field trip held on October 5 was a tour of the Pittsburgh Botanic Gardens followed by a lunch in the onsite restaurant.

Our year comes to an end with our last general meeting in October and a December Christmas party.

It has been an outstanding year of programs, field trips, workshops and friendship.

Linda Barto. Co-President, Shaler Garden Club



S. Butler County Garden Club

Southern Butler County Garden Club (SBCGC) had a memorable club meeting in June. We gathered at Passavant House in Zelenople. Our very own Sue Casker, who is Zelenople Historical Society Garden Chair, arranged this special meeting.

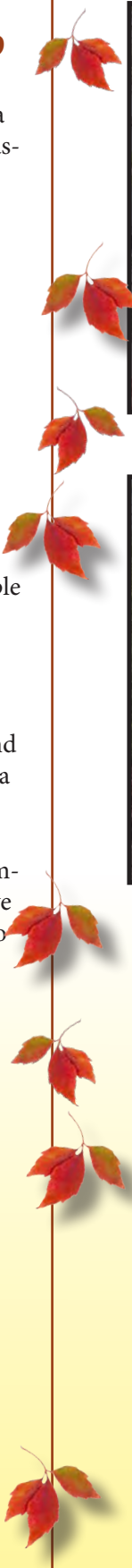
We started with a business meeting on the lawn, followed by a welcome by Sue. Brunch was served in the garden, and raffle tickets were sold. We finished with docent-led tours of Buhl House and Passavant House, both are historical landmarks.

At Graham Park Community Garden, Ashley Hodder, a mural artist, painted a pollinator-themed mural on the back of the garden shed. It is stunning! The mural features bees, butterflies, and flowers, and it draws people into the garden.

Ashley provided the club with 2 designs, and club members were able to vote for their favorite. After the favorite was installed, the mural was treated to withstand the outdoors. Ashley painted our free library box with a similar painting.

In August, members gathered at the home of club member Linda Radio for our Summer Social. For August, we take a break from business meetings and simply meet to socialize. In the past, this was a bring-a-dish meal, but recently the club has bought a light dinner for those attending, so it's an easier affair.

Jill Barger, President



Tusca-Ridge Garden Club

Our summer was filled with VARIETY! We took a bus trip, had a “make and take” workshop and learned from two informative speakers. In addition, we tended our club gardens and enjoyed the fellowship of being together in person again.

In June, we hit the road. First stop was the Cranberry Township Community Garden at Graham Park, established by the Southern Butler County Garden Club. Rita Mack gave us a tour and highlighted the features of this wonderful addition to the community. We traveled on to Beechwood Farms and enjoyed a presentation by Audubon director Jim Bonner who taught us about chimney swifts. After a box lunch together, we headed on to Quality Gardens to enjoy some plant shopping. What an enjoyable day.

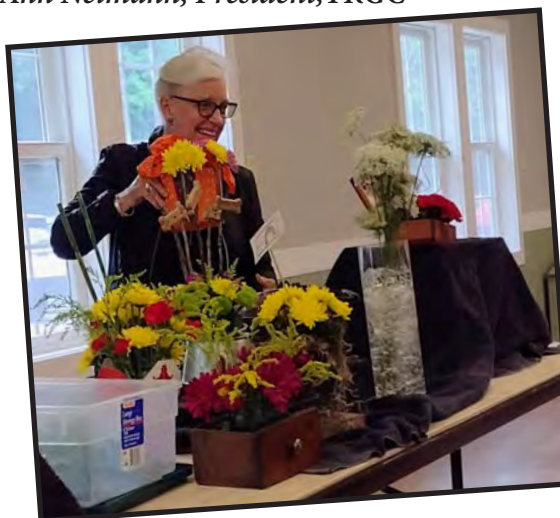
Our July meeting featured designer Chris Holt, who presented a demonstration called “What to Do With a Grocery Store Bouquet.” She created some ingenious designs and encouraged us to think outside the box when making floral arrangements.

August found us making decorative gnomes by recycling tomato cages and old sweaters. Stacey Ivoll led us in this fun craft. While most of the creations were holiday themed, there were a few “Steeler gnomes.”

Then in September, we learned about “Pollinator Friendly Gardening” from District IX’s own pollinator expert Leslie Anthony. She encouraged us to inspect our properties to see how we could add host plants and eliminate invasive species. We highly recommend her presentation to other clubs.

So, as fall begins, we turn our attention to our annual fund raiser, Nature’s Bounty and Greens Sale, November 19. Check it out at our website tuscaridgedgardenclub.com.

Ann Neimann, President, TRGC



Committee Reports

Membership

A ceremony to honor the life of Mary Kay Dschuhan was held in Leetsdale on October 21st. Members of the Leetsdale, Edgeworth and Tusca Ridge garden clubs, along with other friends, gathered at the corner of Broad Street and Beaver Street garden (fork of the road) to attend a dedication of the site to Mary Kay.

A proclamation from the Borough's Mayor, Sandra Ford, was read, renaming the site, "MaryKay's Point." Following the ceremony, attendees enjoyed a luncheon at the Borough Hall provided by the Leetsdale Garden Club.

As a devoted member of the Leetsdale and Tusca Ridge garden clubs, Mary Kay developed the Beaver Street garden and lovingly tended it along with her husband Val. She was very well known and respected in the Leetsdale community, dedicating herself not only to gardening activities, but serving on the 4th of July Committee and the Recreation and Parks Board.

For the broader Quaker Valley area, she served as a Board member for the Mary Roberts Rinehart Nature Park in Sewickley. GCFP, District IX members knew Mary Kay for her work as District IX Treasurer. Those who knew and worked with Mary Kay will miss her smile, sweet personality, kindness and generosity.

Kathy Kruse, EGC



Pollinators

Pollinators have the power to fill our world with flowers and to make or break our food supply. Over 85% of all flowering plants must be pollinated in order to reproduce seeds and fruit. One in every three bites of food we eat comes to us from pollinated plants. Birds and wildlife depend on the seeds and fruits of pollinated plants. But, as you know, pollinators are in trouble. Their numbers are rapidly declining. The reasons are not clear but reductions in the amount and distribution of pollinator habitats and native plants, as well as the widespread use of pesticides are critical contributors.



Bumblebees on Tithonia

Pollinator gardens of all sizes are needed NOW! From containers on apartment balconies, to backyards, to community gardens, to landscapes around our schools and municipal buildings, to plantings in abandoned lots, byways and parking lots - pollinators need them all. Our gardens will provide sanctuary and nourishment for our pollinators.



Monarch on Zinnia

Garden clubs in District IX have the power to protect our pollinators by creating pollinator friendly habitats and by motivating others to assist in our efforts. An effective way for each club to boost its pollinator power is to establish a Pollinator

Advocacy Committee. The committee would serve to promote pollinator education and support fellow club

members wanting to improve the pollinator power of their backyards.

Your club's Pollinator Advocacy Committees may function to:

- Keep current with information about our native plants and pollinators
- Educate club members and the public about native plants and pollinators and their importance in all of our gardens through newsletter articles, programs, handouts, and plant signage.
- Be familiar with the PA Pollinator Friendly Garden Certification which succinctly focuses on the needs of our pollinators
- Certify your club-maintained community gardens as PA Pollinator Friendly
- Help others interested in learning more about the certification process
- Recognize club members for their pollinator-friendly achievements. As an example, award a pollinator lapel pin to members who have certified their gardens as PA Pollinator Friendly.

At the district and state level, I would love to see more recognition given to clubs and members who are making a difference for our pollinators.

Leslie Anthony, District IX Pollinator Chair



Bee Pin Award on name tag

Horticulture

You Better Not Pout You Better Not Cry... 'cause I'm telling you why, these plants are good or bad for the season!

Norfolk Island Pine are common in grocery stores and home centers during the holiday months. They are often found pre-decorated. Some allow this pine to stand in for their Christmas tree or simply set this pine on a table as a fresh accent for the season. Keep this plant indoors year-round -- it's tropical, not hardy. Give Norfolk Island Pine lots of light and plenty of moisture. Since they are tropical mist weekly or bring out the humidifier to keep them flourishing well into the new year and through the dry winter months.

Elevate your holiday decor with a beautiful Cyclamen houseplant. Keep in mind that too little or too much watering can harm this perennial. For optimal flowering, be sure to monitor its moisture level, ensure its pot has good drainage and it likes to stay fairly cool 60 degrees F with no drafts and bright light. There is a trick to growing this one: After it finishes it blooming, cut back on the watering, and let it go to sleep. Completely ignore it for a couple of months, then begin watering again. Your cyclamen will make new leaves, start to bloom, and put on another show. This one to me seems a tad higher maintenance.

Amaryllis is like gardening magic: in just a matter of weeks, the big brown bulb transforms itself into a stunning display of bold red, pink, white, or green blooms. After the blooms finish, keep the bulbs in a bright place until spring. After all danger of frost has passed, move them outdoors to a sunny spot and let them soak up the rays. When frost threatens, stop watering, and bring them indoors. Begin watering again around November and they'll shoot up another stalk of brilliant blooms.

Christmas cactus are exceptionally long-lived, many families pass their Christmas cactus down through generations. I was given mine from my mother-in-law and have had it for 20 years. This winter-flowering plant is easy to care for as it is beautiful with white, pink or red blooms. If you want more blooms (who doesn't?) exposure to sunlight works wonders. However, it will adapt in low light environments, as well. Just be sure not to place it in direct light for long periods of time as it can burn its leaves. They root easily to pass along to family members, possibly for Christmas gifts?

Poinsettias are probably the most recognizable flowers of the holiday. It's color ranges from white to deep red and it's "flower" is composed of leaf bracts. In recent years growers have offered painted plants-pictured blues, purple, green, and gold even glittered blooms. These plants are popular in the winter months, but they are tropical so keep them away from drafty doors and windows. Poinsettias thrive in bright, indirect light. As a rule of thumb, water if the topsoil feels dry to prevent rot caused by oversaturated roots. They are considered toxic, but they are not considered "poisonous" although the risk of an upset stomach is real if a young child or a pet happens to chew and swallow the leaves. It is probably best to keep the plants out of their reach.

Fragrant paperwhite blooms nestled in a pot are elegant and delightful make a glorious display and they are the easiest bulbs to force indoors, it's no wonder why paperwhites are popular Christmas plants. Paperwhites are often sold as kits for the holiday season. They're virtually foolproof -- just add water. Be sure to place it in indirect light and check soil moisture daily.

Kalanchoe is coming into its own as a Christmas treat. It is small but mighty as it makes up for its petite size with the sheer number of blooms. Each flower stem holds dozens of flowers for a captivating Christmas display. Give this flowering succulent its place in the sun, and it will give you a delightful show of color for the holidays -- and into the new year. Not long associated with the holidays, kalanchoe is coming into its own as a Christmas treat. This succulent features dark green, scalloped leaves and very large flower clusters held proudly above the foliage. Each tiny floret within the cluster has four petals ranging in colors from yellow and pink to bright red, Christmas! Once the flowers appear to be spent, the stems can be pinched back to promote further bloom, to prolong the festive feel.

Rosemary is a Christmas staple and stores are filled with beautiful topiaries that resemble miniature Christmas trees. If you are short on space and love the smell of rosemary, then this is the answer to your decorating. After the holidays, pinch a few leaves and add some flavor to stews or dry the leaves and create sachets. Once spring arrives plant your tree outdoors in more temperate regions. Turn this small aromatic plant into a focal point with a thoughtful trim and, of course, glittering holiday trimmings.

Stacey Ivol, Horticulture Chair District IX

2022 District IX Awards

Seeds of Service Award – President's Project:

Shaler Garden Club

District IX Perennial Bloom Award:

S. Butler County Garden Club: *Rita Mack*

Club Candidates:

Patricia Montag - Butler Garden Club

Irene Rudy - Ingomar Garden Club

Michele Gillespie - Tusca-Ridge Garden Club

Rita Mack - Southern Butler County Garden Club

Honor Roll of Outstanding Horticulturists:

Club Candidates:

Shelly Holley - Ingomar Garden Club

Jill Barger - Southern Butler County Garden Club

JoAnn Nicodemus - Butler Garden Club

Civic Achievement Award:

Shaler Garden Club

Directors Citations

Cheri Davison Tusca-Ridge Garden Club

Ann Niemann Tusca-Ridge Garden Club

Stacey Ivol Tusca-Ridge Garden Club

Laurel Awards:

Butler Garden Club:

Dana Meute

Mary Reefer

Mickey Stewart

Edgeworth Garden Club:

Judy Haluka

Mary Carolyn Nash

Florence Nesaw

Fox Chapel Garden Club:

Cindy Lucas

Cynthia Lackey

Robin Felton Baum

The Glitter and Glow Team for 2021

Greybrooke Garden Club:

Marty Chapman

Cindy Cox

Deborah Marchand

Susan Semple

Ingomar Garden Club:

Hospitality Committee

Ruth Kirk

Linda Womsley

Marcia Brennan

Moon Township Garden Club:

Carol Howe

Debbie Turici

Diane Haney

Shaler Garden Club:

Cindy Halicky

Susan Radage

Elaine Spagnolli

Southern Butler County Garden Club:

Alicia Garrison

Rita Mack

Rose Romboski

Tusca-Ridge Garden Club:

Alice Cramer

Andrea Merulli

Sandy Stacy

Daffodil Awards:

Butler Garden Club:

Donna Cella

Gail Hunter

Pat Hust

Anne Miller

Janet Platt

Ellen Romett

Carolyn Street

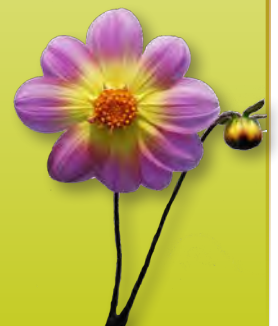
Vickie White

Fox Chapel Garden Club:

Kristin Fox

Debby Holzapfel

Peggy Jayme



2021 District IX Awards cont.

*Anne Reid
Susan Skowron
Karel Ulizio
Karen Formosa Yukevich*

Greybrooke Garden Club:

*Marcia Coleman
Christa Fleck
Lorrie Weber*

Ingomar Garden Club:

*Sue Auman
Donna Castello
Jan Eicher
Oralia Ferretti
Edie Joseph
Jackie Nichols
Paula Steinmetz*

Moon Township Garden Club:

*Tanya Barker
Annemarie Malbon
Judy Packer
Judy Palamara
Andrea Schriver
Mary Skinner*

Shaler Garden Club:

*Kathy Barkovich
Susan Chastney
Anna DeForest
Dolly Verbanac*

Southern Butler County Garden Club:

*Jackie Batt
Sue Casker
Kristi Gregory
Judy McConnell
Debbie McFarland
Linda Radio
Judy Meyers
Cassie Stopar*

Tusca-Ridge Garden Club:

*Suzanne Korbar
Margi Medva
Donna Reilly*



Understanding our Family Tree of Garden Club affiliations

What does it mean to be a member of a Garden Club that is part of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (GCFP)? As a federated member, you are part of a family of approximately 4,700 fellow Pennsylvania garden club members. Pennsylvania is divided into "Districts". We are in District IX, which includes nine Garden Clubs:

1. Butler
2. Edgeworth
3. Fox Chapel
4. Greybrooke
5. Ingomar
6. Moon Twp.
7. Shaler
8. Southern Butler County
9. Tusca-Ridge

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC), the largest volunteer organization in the world. Pretty amazing that YOU are part of this group! The NGC is then divided into eight regions, with Pennsylvania being part of the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs (CAR-SGC). The Central Atlantic Region is comprised of seven neighboring states:

1. Pennsylvania
2. Delaware
3. Maryland
4. Ohio
5. New York
6. New Jersey
7. National Capital Area (parts of Virginia, Maryland and all of the District of Columbia)

Your Club dues makes YOU a member of these organizations! There are many ways to keep in touch with what is happening in the 'Family Tree' of gardening communities around you. The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania offers the Keystone Gardener with print editions mailed to you and the KG Online, which is emailed to you.

The Central Atlantic Region offers the CAR Review and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. offers The National Gardener, both of which are online only and are emailed to you.

Be sure to read these publications, they are full of interesting information. If you missed an email, you can find these publications on the GCFP website (pagardenclubs.org) under the tab 'GCFP, CAR & NGC News'. Be sure to know the required password for this member only area of the website. Your District Director will share the current password with you.

Now that you better understand your family tree... you are encouraged to attend a GCFP Convention, the CAR-SGC Conference and the NGC Convention. All of these events rotate to different locations year to year and are a great way to get to know other gardeners. We are one big family and getting together to meet each other or get reacquainted is a wonderful way to continue to nurture each other and grow stronger together.



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Tusca-Ridge Garden Club
Annual Nature's Bounty
& Greens Sale

November 19, 2022 9am-12pm

Check out our changes...

We are back at the
Frye Transportation Garage
902 Western Ave.
Beaver, PA 15009

**There will be a full sale at the facility
just like at the church!**

You can still pre-order online
and pickup at the garage.

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Our Wreaths, Kissing Balls, Boxwood Trees, Live
Garland Roping-Custom Handmade Décor
will be available to order on online.

Questions
call Judy 724-728-5856
Stacey 412-974-4577

We are happy to announce that
Credit Cards are now accepted!



GREYBROOKE GARDEN CLUB INVITES YOU TO ...
A HARVEST GATHERING

NOVEMBER 9, 2022

11:00 A. M. – 2:30 P. M.

PARKWOOD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4289 MOUNT ROYAL BOULEVARD, ALLISON PARK, PA 15101

- 11:00 – 11:30 a. m. Registration
Coffee and fellowship
Vendor Market shopping
- 11:30 – 12:30 p. m. Salad Luncheon
12:30 – 1:30 p. m. Program: *“Things That Can Still be Planted in Your Gardens”*
presented by...
- Doug Oster** – author, Emmy Award winning producer,
television and radio host
- 1:30 – 2:30 p. m. Vendor Market shopping
Raffles and door prizes!

Visit our vendors to purchase things that can be planted now...
Bulbs, shrubs, small trees
... and homemade pumpkin rolls!
... and don't forget your feathered friends who live in your gardens year-round!

Please RSVP by November 4, 2022 to Karen Lampman: (412) 366-2096
or kmlampman@verizon.net

Celebrate! It's Fox Chapel Garden Club's

Glitter & Glow

Enjoy a sip, a nibble,
and shop our
fresh arrangements,
fabulous auction items,
and more!

December 7, 2022
7-9pm

Fox Chapel Golf Club
426 Fox Chapel Road

Tickets on sale November 1

\$35 per ticket

Cash bar

Buy tickets online at:

<http://fox-chapel-garden-club-glitter-and-glow.ticketleap.com/gandg2022>

All proceeds support our mission and benefit our community.

Learn more at www.foxchapelgardenclub.org





Moon Township Garden Club
Holiday Greens & Gift Shoppe
Robin Hill Center
949 Thorn Run Rd, Moon Twp.
December 3, 2022
9 am – 3 pm

*Beautiful, Elegant, Whimsical, Delightfully Fun Centerpieces,
Wreaths, Swags, Seasonal Treasures,
Delicious Baked Goods
for your Holiday Home and Gift Giving*

For more information visit: www.moontownshipgardenclub.com

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