

# BUDS & BLOOMS

## From our Director's Desk

Planting season is here, and so is the rush to get everything done – weeding, plants in the ground, seeds to the correct depth, pruning last year's stems, changing air filters on lawn mowers and pulling out summer lawn furniture.

Garden Clubs are equally busy with plant sales and soon garden tours and special trips. Note the many events that area Garden Clubs invite all to attend. There is much we can learn from each other.

Make a special note to publicize your garden events during National Garden Week from June 2-8, 2024 as designated by the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

We will gather during that week for the June 5 District Meeting hosted by Montrose Garden Club. To recognize the full bloom of the season, Audrey Angelella, a Flower Show Judge will muse on her years of having fun with floral designs. We meet at 10:00 at Susquehanna County Library in Montrose.

Through all of this bustle, we remain cognizant of our connection to planet earth. GCFP President Leanna Ryba's theme of "Plant America, While Keeping PA Beautiful" stresses the importance of caring for the planet and recycle and reuse as much as possible. As we clean up our gardens, we may wish to clean up a roadside or park or a community project.

- Jane Kruse, District II/III Director

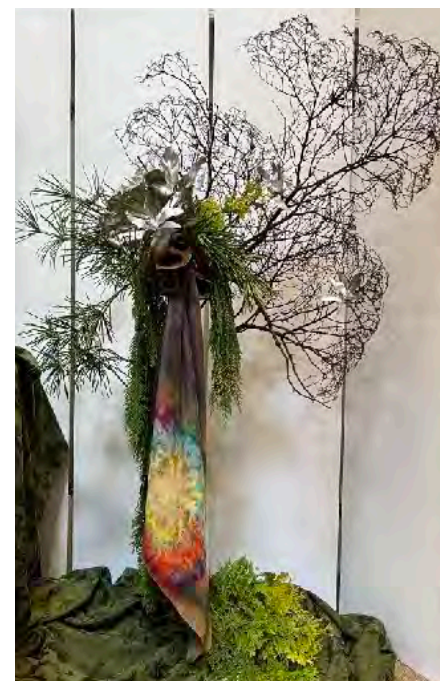
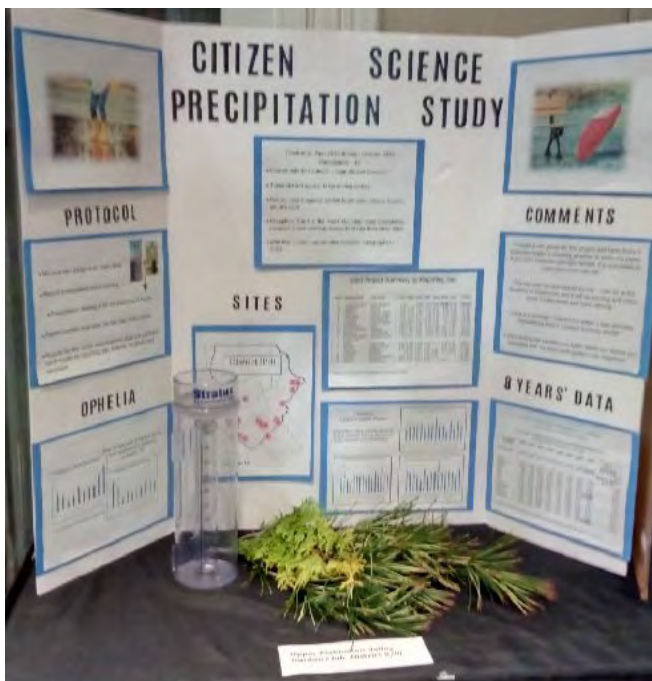


From the 2024 Convention in Lancaster, PA:

Wonderful Floral Design entries of Claire Kukielka above and Chris Leskosky below middle. Those spring colors are so lovely!

Diana Rudloff's Informative Display for her Citizen Scientist group's input for precipitation. Kudos to the CS volunteers!

Tracy McKay Sabocheck's display for all the things you can forage ... like a sizable deceased Bird's Nest Spruce for one.



## Awards & Grants, Chris Rader

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### **2024 Laurel Awards**

Non-competitive award that may be given to qualified District or individual club members. These awards encourage and recognize outstanding accomplishments that are “above and beyond” the regular duties of office or committee. Be selective in your choice of nominees. Consider persons who have never been recognized and honored for superior service to club, District or Federation.

Laurels will be presented to the selected recipients and/or clubs at the District II/III Annual District Meeting to be held on September 9, 2024. There are no limitations on the number of Laurels that may be given to a club by the District.

Members of clubs may be recognized for outstanding activity in the following:

- A. Club Programming: well-balanced, including study and/or activity in the following: Horticulture, Artistic Floral Design, Conservation and at least one phase of Civic Activity, e.g. Junior Gardening, Horticulture Therapy, Conservation, Civic development,
- B. Conservation
- C. Civic Development
- D. Horticulture Therapy (actual work with patients)
- E. Horticulture Therapy related services, such as beautification of grounds, providing decorations, etc.
- F. Horticulture –honor the outstanding horticulturist
- G. Junior, Intermediate or High School Gardening
- H. Landscape Design
- I. Scholarship
- J. World Gardening
- K. Any other State or National objective such as promotion of special types of horticulture, specialty gardens, educational workshops, public relations.

**Applying for District Laurels- send to District Chair Carol Comando carvin@ptd.net by August 19, 2024.** Include the following:

- 1. Club name
- 2. Date of application
- 3. Category of award (see above listed categories under A and B)
- 4. Name and address of Nominee
- 5. Name, address, and phone number of Club President
- 6. Name, address, and phone number of person filing the application.
- 7. **Be brief**, but supply enough information on the nominee’s work to justify application.
- 8. Signature of Club President

*- Chris Rader, Emmaus Garden Club, Awards & Grants Chair*



## **DII/III Fundraising: Multi Cultural Gift Baskets!**

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District II/III 2024 Fundraiser Event at the September 9, 2024 District Meeting & Luncheon:

Our world has a multitude of great nations to celebrate our heritage. Each of our thirteen garden clubs in District II/III **will be creating a basket celebrating their culture, nation and ancestry of their club members**. The baskets will be raffled at our September 9<sup>th</sup> annual District II/III Fundraiser. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Cynthia Dunton by sending an email to [allco@rcn.com](mailto:allco@rcn.com). The ticket cost is \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Clubs have received their ticket packages in the mail.



*- District II/III Ways & Means Fundraiser Chair Person, Cynthia Dunton.*

## Gardening ZOOM: Hugelkultur Gardening

Hugelkultur is the practice of turning woody materials and soil into a permaculture-approved raised bed. Take your raised garden beds to the next level with hugelkultur!

The Garden Club Federation of PA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Jane Kruse  
District II/III Director



District IX Zoom Presentation -

**Topic: Hugelkultur Gardening**

**Time: May 15, 2024 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85168998620>

Meeting ID: 851 6899 8620

Passcode: 974399

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- +1 564 217 2000 US
- +1 669 444 9171 US
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 851 6899 8620

Passcode: 974399

Find your local number: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdUMhapPRBultur Gardening](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdUMhapPRBulturGardening) scheduled for May 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm. This is part of the monthly series being offered by each GCFP District.



## Tree Report: the Eastern Red Bud

While driving around the countryside this time of year when the Spring bloom is slow to begin and the whole world seems colorless, especially in the northern areas and higher elevations there is one tree that is hard to miss. **That is the Eastern Red Bud tree.**

It is a native, small, lightly limbed tree or large deciduous shrub whose colors vary from pink to purple. The blossoms are small and fragrant and densely encircle the branches before the leaves appear in early Spring.

It can be planted as an understory tree. It is a cold hardy tree and survives from Florida to Minnesota.

Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson both loved red bud trees and planted them extensively on their Virginia estates.

Fun fact to ponder is that this tree is a legume and nitrogen fixing bacteria growing near its roots add fertilizer element nitrogen to the soil.

The American red bud tree is second only to the flowering dogwood in popularity.

Sources:

Tytwa.com

Wikipedia

Arbor Day Foundation

**- Kathy Grube, Wyomissing Area Garden Club**

## DII/III Garden Clubs: EVENTS! Mark Your Calendars!



MAY 4 9:00-2:00	Plant Sale by Allentown GC & Emmaus Church Craft Sale No charge	Emmaus Moravian Church 146 Main Street, Emmaus	Rosie Ebersole <a href="mailto:RGEbersole@aol.com">RGEbersole@aol.com</a> 610-392-1405
May 7 8:00	Morris Arboretum guided tour Shop at Primex Garden Center Cost \$65 by April 15	Leaving giant Grocery in Schuylkill Haven at 8:00 am	Carol Haldeman 570-640-7511 chaldy@gmail.com
May 11 8 -1:00	Plant Sale for Pottstown GC No charge	Sandy Plotts house 115 Neiffer Road Royerford	Audry Stengel 610-323-2478 audryRPR@aol.com
May 17-18	Plant Sale/Garage/Bake Sale Parkland GC No charge	1215 Brookside Road Wescosville	Claire Kukielka 484-695-0160 clkuk@ptd.net
May 18 9-12	Plant Sale by Milford GC No charge	St Pat's Hall, 111 E High St, Milford	Connie Nichols 570-296-7114 milfordgarden@gmail.com
May 18 8-1:00	Plant Sale by South Schuylkill GC Hugh variety No Charge	Bubeck Park Schuylkill Haven	Nancy Russial 570-573-9787 nmkrussial@gmail.com



June 5 10:00	District June meeting	Susquehanna Ct Library 458 High School Rd Montrose	Janis Wunschuh 908-674-4333 pj_mom@hotmail.com
June 21 1:00-8:00	Make Music Upper Perk, formally Summer Solstice, & Community Garden Open House No charge	Kistler-Bitting Park, East Greenville, PA  Upper Perkiomen GC	Diana Rudloff 215-541-4929 diana.rudloff@outlook.com
June 29 9:00-4:00	Garden Tour, Lunch, Plant Sale Emmaus GC Cost \$25 / \$30 day of	9 gardens Bethel Bible Church 418 Elm St, Emmaus	Chris Rader 484-358-5845 chrisrader0613@gmail.com
June	Morris and Scott Arboretum Trip	Bethlehem GC	Jayne Shinko 717-648-1090 jshinko10@gmail.com



July 13 10-4	Secret Garden Tour - Milford	More to come	Connie Nichols
July 13 9-4	Garden Tour with Parkland GC Cost \$25	<i>Tickets and meeting location arranged with Barbara Campbell</i>	Barbara Campbell 610-432-3313 barbarac45@aol.com
July 13 3-8 July 14 11-5	KaBloom... An Explosion of Nature and Creativity Cost \$8 NGS Standard Flower Show	Holy Name of Jesus Church Hall, 217 W Green Street West Hazleton, PA	Chris Leskosky 570-459-0239 cleskosky@hotmail.com



Aug 9 12-4 Aug 10 10-3	Flower Show at Milford GC \$0 Small flower show	Presbyterian Church, Milford Corner of Ann and Broad Street	Connie Nichols 570-296-7114
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Sept 9 10:00 – 2:00	District Annual Meeting Hosted by Emmaus GC Cost \$50	Hyatt Place – Aster Ballroom 621 Grange Rd, Allentown	Chris Rader 484-358-5845 chrisrader0613@gmail.com
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# **The Garden Club of Montrose**

is pleased to host the

## **District II / III Meeting**

on

**Wednesday, June 5th**

**10:00 am - 1:30 pm**

at the

**Susquehanna County Library**

**458 High School Road,  
Montrose, PA 18801**

**A Light Fare Lunch will be provided.**

**Featured presenter will be**

**Audrey Angelella, Member of The Garden Club of  
Montrose, and Flower Show Judge**

**Topic : “Musings of a Flower Show Judge : Having fun  
with flowers ”**

**9:30 - 10:00 am Arrival and Refreshments**

**10:00 - 12:00 Meeting, Jane Kruse**

**12:00 - 12:30 Lunch**

**12:30 - 1:30 Presentation, Audrey Angelella**

## Bees & Butterflies Report



### Ornamentals and Turf

Department of Entomology Insect Note

NC STATE UNIVERSITY North Carolina Cooperative Extension

## HOW TO RAISE AND MANAGE ORCHARD MASON BEES FOR THE HOME GARDEN

Stephen Bambara, Extension Entomologist

**CAUTION:** This information was developed for North Carolina and may not apply to other areas.



The Orchard Mason Bee is the common name of a nonsocial native bee (*Osmia lignaria* ssp.) that pollinates our spring fruit trees, flowers and vegetables. This gentle, blue-black metallic bee does not live in hives. In nature it nests within hollow stems, woodpecker drillings and insect holes found in trees or wood. Sometimes there may be dense collections of individual nest holes, but these bees neither connect or share nests, nor help provision or protect each others' young. Also, they are active for only a short period of the year. They are not aggressive and one may observe them at very close range without fear of being stung, which makes them excellent for enhancing our yards and gardens. They add beauty, activity and pollination to our plantings. However, they do not produce honey.

### About Orchard Mason Bees

The female Orchard Mason Bee visits flowers to collect pollen for its young. She forms a small ball of pollen and nectar in the back of the nesting tube and lays an egg on the ball. She then collects mud to form a cell partition and repeats the pollen ball-egg laying process until she reaches the mouth of the tube where she caps the end with mud. Starting the life cycle in the spring, adult males emerge from tubes first, but must wait for the later appearance of the females in order to mate. This event often coincides with the redbud (*Cercis*) bloom. Females alone, begin founding new nests in holes to make a row of 5-10 cells in each nest. Females collect the pollen and nectar and lay eggs. Their short foraging range is about 100 yards from the nest. Activity continues 4-6 weeks and then adults die. During the summer, larvae develop inside the nests, make cocoons, and become new adults resting in the cells. With the onset of fall, the adults become dormant as they go into hibernation. These bees require some cold temperatures before spring in order to break their dormancy.

- Beverly Bowman, Wyomissing Area Garden Club

## 2024 Contact Information

### National Garden Club -

Brenda Moore, President

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"Go Green...Plant America"

### Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

Leeanna Ryba

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2777 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell, PA 15068-3138

[GCFPPresident@gmail.com](mailto:GCFPPresident@gmail.com)

"Plant America, While Keeping PA Beautiful"

### Central Atlantic Region - State Garden Clubs

Monica Hanson, Director

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"Together, We'll Plant America Cleaner, Greener and Healthier"

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"Garden Opportunities Await Us"

Claire Kukielka, Assistant Director

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## Calendar of Events & Submittals 2024

May 31

June 2-8

Form 990 501-c-3 GCFP

National Garden Week

June 5

June 15

Aug 2

Aug

District Meeting hosted by GC of Montrose ... In Person Event

Keystone Gardener online article submissions due

Summer Issue Buds & Blooms

[tracyartemis@icloud.com](mailto:tracyartemis@icloud.com)

Laurel Award for Club Members to be announced

Sept 9

Annual District Meeting and Luncheon hosted by Emmaus GC In Person Event



*You're Invited*  
*Emmaus Garden Club*  
***Garden Tour***

*Saturday, June 29, 2024*

*Rain or Shine*

***Nine Gardens***

***All gardens open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.***

*Buy your tickets at the following locations:*

*Herbein's in Emmaus*

*Kospia Farms in Alburtis*

*Lehigh Valley Garden Center in Allentown*

*Tilley's Garden Center in Coopersburg*

*Edge of the Woods in Orefield*

*Eagle Point Farm Market & Green House in Trexlertown*

*Rodale's Annual Sale on May 11th*

***CASH ONLY***

*\$25 today and save \$5 - \$30 the day of the tour*

*Lunch and Plant Sale included  
for ticket holders only!*



## Schedule for Buds & Blooms 2024

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### Buds and Bloom Submission Suggestions:

#### Summer Issue August 2:

Committee Chair Reports:  
Water Issues  
Horticulture/Landscaping  
Youth Activities  
Habitat for Humanity

President's Reports:  
Road Trips Taken

#### Fall Issue November 1:

Committee Chair Reports:  
Habitat for Humanity  
Life Membership  
Horticulture Therapy  
Citizen Scientist Final Report

President's Reports:  
Recommended Speakers

#### Others that can be included at anytime:

Education Coordinator – as topics arise  
Parliamentarian – serves at meetings  
Newsletter – four issues of Buds and Bloom  
Inspiration Leader – serves at meetings

#### Make sure your information is complete:

Include your name, title, and club are directly on the submission.

Send your submissions to, and if you need help,  
Tracy M Sabocheck at  
[tracyartemis@icloud.com](mailto:tracyartemis@icloud.com) or 610-207-2103.

## Reports for District Meetings 2024

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### District II/III Meetings:

#### June 5 District Meeting In Person Hosted by GC of Montrose

Committee Chair Reports:  
Blue Star Marker  
Citizen Scientist  
Conservation  
Habitat for Humanity  
Raffle  
Youth Activity

#### Also:

Inspiration Leader - Invocation  
Parliamentarian – position  
Club President Reports (Community Service  
Projects)

#### September 9 Annual District Meeting & Lunch Hosted by Emmaus Garden Club

Committee Chair Reports:  
Awards/Grants/Scholarships  
Horticulture Therapy  
Laurel Awards  
Life Members  
Raffle

#### Also:

Inspirational Leader – Invocation/Memorial  
Parliamentarian – position  
Laurel Awards – presentation  
District Raffle – coordinate  
Club President Reports (Special gardening  
activities)

## Trash to Treasure Show & Tell at Sept. 9th District Mtg & Luncheon:

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Parkland, Pottstown and Reading Garden Clubs;

The creativity within District II/III Garden Clubs came shining through with the Trash to Treasure Challenge. One of the drawbacks with a Zoom March meeting is that we do not get to see the results in person.

I am asking if all of the submissions from each of your clubs be saved and displayed at the September 9 District Annual Meeting. I am choosing this gathering with the expectation of more people in attendance.

It has been requested that the Pottstown District winner go up to Montrose and be displayed at the June 5th District meeting. We will get it in the right car for that trip.

Thank you for promoting the Trash to Treasure Challenge. District II/III has come up with amazing results. It is hard to select a winner. All should know that their work is very much appreciated.

- Jane Kruse, District II/III Director





# GCFP Invitation to Board Meetings

Dear Club Presidents and Vice Presidents,

As discussed at our meeting during the recent GCFP Convention we are inviting you to attend the GCFP Board Meeting on June 10 - 11, 2024 in Boalsburg, PA near State College.

While your attendance is not required, and you will not be able to vote on GCFP business, having you there has so many benefits. You can see firsthand what goes on at our meetings. You will become a stronger leader as you gain more knowledge. You will hear reports of interest that you can share with your clubs. This is a perfect opportunity to meet others from various parts of the state, share ideas, and learn about our organization from a unique perspective.

Going forward this will help you understand the positions and the roles State Board members play in shaping our organization. We hope you will carry this information back to your members so that they too will have a glimpse of what is happening at the state level.

Please read over the attached Call. Please pay special attention to the hotel reservation deadline and meal reservations. Deadlines for both are especially important.

State College has many things to offer, you might want to allow time to explore.

Bring a friend and join us!

We hope to see you in June!

Your Leadership Team,  
Leeanna, Pat, and Tonya



## The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

June 10 -11, 2024, Board Meeting

### Wyndham Garden State College

310 Elks Club Road Boalsburg, PA 16827

Board members **MUST** make their own reservations. Room Rate \$129. single occupancy \$139. double occupancy

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY May 9<sup>th</sup> for the discounted rate.**

**Call 814.466.2255 Group Code: 060924GAR**

A valid credit card is expected when making reservations. Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to arrival.

### 06/10 Monday Lunch Menu \$23.00

**Deli Buffet** - Make your own Tossed Greens Salad with Assorted Accompaniments, Fresh Fruit, Deli Platter with Roast Beef, Turkey, Ham, Tuna Salad, Assorted Rolls, and Breads. Crisp Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, and Sliced Cheeses, Potato Chips, Tortilla Chips with Salsa, Chef's Dessert Display, Coffee, Tea, and Iced Tea

### 06/10 Monday Dinner Menu \$40.00

**"Create Your Own" Buffet** - Caesar Salad, Marinated Mushroom, Asparagus, & Tomatoes, Fresh Sliced Melon, Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Roasted Garlic Demi, Vegetable Lasagna with White Sauce, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Mashed Red Skin Potatoes, Chef's Dessert Display, Coffee, Tea, and Iced Tea

Any questions call or text Tonya Young at 717.870.5721, or by email at  
GCFPVICEPRESIDENT2@gmail.com

Detach and mail along with your payment by **May 24, 2024**

Tonya Young, 1115 Sarazen Way York, PA 17404

**Checks should be made payable to TONYA YOUNG**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ GCFP Board Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch \$23.00** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dinner \$40.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Medical Dietary Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

# GCFP Invitation to Board Meetings, Con't.

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wyndham Garden State College  
310 Elks Club Road Boalsburg, PA 16827  
June 10-11, 2024

Dear Board Member,

This "Call" serves as your invitation to attend the third full Board Meeting of the 2023-2025 GCFP administration. Welcome to all! Please see the particulars for hotel and meal reservations on the next page and call to make your room reservations (814-466-2255) for this meeting right away. **The group rate reservations must be made by May 9, 2024, to receive the discounted rate.**

### Here are some guidelines for each Chairperson to Follow:

- ~Please report information, innovations, activities, or events relating to the topic of your position. For this meeting you might reiterate your objectives and goals and progress you have made.
- ~The audience for your reports is the statewide membership, as well as the region and NGC. Your report may be re-printed in the KG, KG Online, or on the GCFP Website, make it interesting!
- ~Include a header with your name, your position and date.
- ~Remember to keep your report to two minutes in length (District Directors, 3 minutes), practice at home.
- ~Please underline, **bold**, or **highlight** information that is important and should appear in the minutes. This is a great help for the Recording Secretary.
- ~Sign the attendance sheet at each meeting you attend.
- ~For this meeting, and all future board meetings, email a copy of your report to Marilyn Backus, the Recording Secretary. [marilyncbackus@gmail.com](mailto:marilyncbackus@gmail.com) and bring one copy to the meeting for Marilyn.
- ~ Even if you do not have a report to make at this meeting, it is important for you to attend to stay up-to-date with the state organizations' projects and events that you may be asked about as a board member. The cost of the meeting is dependent on the number of sleeping rooms we use, if you choose to stay home, GCFP will be charged for meeting rooms.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please let Leeanna know: [GCFPPresident@gmail.com](mailto:GCFPPresident@gmail.com) or 412-951-9522. Also email/mail Marilyn Backus, Recording Secretary, a copy of your report. Marilyn Backus [marilyncbackus@gmail.com](mailto:marilyncbackus@gmail.com) 925 Wood Street, Pitcairn, PA 15140-1614.

### PROPOSED AGENDA

<u>Monday, June 10, 2024</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Room</u>
10:00 am-11:30 am	Combined Finance & Investment	Garden Ballroom B
11:45am -12:45 pm	Lunch	Garden Ballroom A
11:45 am-12:45 pm	Judge's Council <u>Chairs only Meet Over Lunch</u> (MOL)	Garden Ballroom C
11:45 am-12:45 pm	Convention Committee (MOL)	Garden Ballroom A
11:45 am-12:45 pm	Committee Interest Groups (MOL)	Garden Ballroom A
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Executive Committee	Garden Ballroom B
2:00 pm- 4:15 pm	Full Board Meeting	Garden Ballroom B
4:30 pm-5:30 pm	Nominating Committee	Garden Ballroom B
4:30 pm- 5:30 pm	Advisory Committee	Garden Ballroom C
5:30pm-6:00 pm	Social Hour/Cocktails	Mountainview Lobby
6:00 pm-7:00pm	Dinner	Mountainview Room

**Finished for the evening**

<u>Tuesday, June 11, 2024</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Room</u>
8:00 am- 8:55 am	District Directors/Assistants	Garden Ballroom B
9:00 am	Full Board Meeting Resumes	Garden Ballroom B
12:00 pm	Anticipated Adjournment	

Next Meeting: October 7-8, 2024. Mark your calendar 😊

**Thank all of you for your great advice!**



**Empty Museum Tent + plants + more = lots of people on a chilly Spring day + kids making Mother's Day gifts + more = happy gardeners and all the others + one happy museum + more = very happy GC of Reading members!**