

DISTRICT V NEWSLETTER, GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

The District V Annual Meeting was held in the historic Watsonstown, PA Inn, sponsored by the McEwensville Garden Club. Three GCFP officers attended, five guests, and sixty garden club members.



*Lois Kyper of **Standing Stone GC** wins the FORGET ME NOT award*



*Susan Miller of **Duboistown GC** wins the Exceptional Horticulturalist Award.*



*District V Officers and GCFP Board Members attending the convention:
Front Row: Director Patricia Wolanski, 1st VP; President Leeanna Ryba;
Tonya Young 2nd VP.
Second Row: Joyce Wenner, Vivian Hall, Barb Andrus, Jane Howe, Judy Warn,
JoAnn Fogelman, Sandy Hendricks, Sharon Brown*

Heritage Garden Club at GCFP



Some of the hardworking members of Heritage Garden Club:

Vivian Hall has been installed as the GCFP Treasurer.

Carolyn Hall won a third for her unique “Trash to Treasure” windmill.

Vivian and Carolyn are in front with former GCFP President Sharon Brown.

Also, current Heritage GC President Barb Andrus and District V President Judy Warn.



Sharon Brown, looking very elegant on “dress up” day.



District V welcomes incoming GCFP President Leeanna Ryba (at left).



STANDING STONE GARDEN CLUB honored at GCFP



Standing Stone GC was pleased to receive the 2022 1st Place Award in the state for the Newsletter Publication, one-two pages in a medium size club, from the Garden Club Federation of PA and National Garden Clubs, Inc. The award was presented at the 93rd GCFP Convention *Thyme to Garden* held in Monroeville in April.

Club Members Roseann Varner, Pres., Betty Walters. Awards Chair, Judy Hoffman, Newsletter Ed.



Standing Stone Garden Club members pose for promotional photograph for our plant and bake sale event chaired by Linda Swoope after attending the Arbor Day Celebration in Portstown Park on April 29. The Club's Arbor Day Chair, Carole Heilig, and Committee member Betty Walters were in attendance along with ten garden club members. The Garden Club honored community citizen Ted Aurandt, former Director of the Huntingdon Community Center, by planting a native Redbud tree (also known as 'Cercis Canadensis Forest Pansy') at the park.

Remembering Sara

*Sara Port, a charter member of **Standing Stone Garden Club for 52 years**, passed away on April 8, 2023. Sara was always a strong supporter of the club and during the charter year, she served as recording secretary. She held all other Club offices except treasurer. Although she never served as treasurer, she headed the budget committee for many years and after no longer being able to attend meetings, hosted the budget committee meeting at her home. Her dedication to District V was extraordinary - serving in various capacities from 1987-2016, including serving as Scholarship Chairperson for many years. She was also a life member of GCFP and NGC. Sara loved a well-presented flower show, and, as a wonderful floral arranger, she came away with a ribbon in every class she entered, including many first-place ribbons. No one could do a mass arrangement better than Sara! She was also well-versed in Flower Show Handbook rules and served as Flower Show Chairperson for the Club several times over the years.*



Sara has been an inspiration to both old and new Clubmembers throughout the years, imparting her wisdom with a smile and open heart.

DUBOISTOWN GARDEN CLUB held a flower show in August, titled



The **GRAND SLAM** flower show



Georgie Bower's construction design in Class "Batter Up" was BEST IN SHOW and Designer's Choice

She really hit it out of the park!



Sharon Thompson won Collector's Showcase Ribbon for her herb collection of medicinal herbs.



Additional Grand Slam flower show entries from DUBOISTOWN GARDEN CLUB

Rita Bower won Table Artistry for her tray "7th Inning Stretch"



Eve's Needle Cactus wins Grower's Choice, from Linda Kopysciansjky



Diane Cramer's gladiolus wins Award of Merit, Exceptional Horticulturalist

And one more *GRAND SLAM* flower show design from DUBOISTOWN GARDEN CLUB

Angular design by Saline Bischoff in Tri-Color Award Class,
titled “Lead-Off Batter



Duboistown GC's next event – the DGC annual Holiday and Craft Show – November 10-11, 2023, at St. Lawrence Church, 800 W. Central Avenue, South Williamsport. 9 AM to 4 PM

Sixteen **Heritage Garden Club** members enjoyed a wonderful Farm to Table gourmet meal hosted by Nicole Harris at her Greener Pastures greenhouse located on Armenia Mountain. She named all the businesses from which the ingredients for the meal were locally sourced. The vibrant greenery from all the plants in the greenhouse along with the checkered tablecloths, beautiful Mackensie-Childs plates and canning jar glasses added a special ambiance.

Following the meeting, Nicole, assisted by her daughter Nora, presented a program on flower pounding. Each member was given a tote bag and flowers were placed face down on the tote bag in a design of their choosing. Wax paper was then placed over the design and each flower was pounded with a hammer until the color was transferred. Each member ended up with a beautiful one of a kind tote bag.



We pounded (yes, with a hammer) the flowers onto cloth tote bags. Fun, but loud!! An upcoming zoom production will show the fine art of flower pounding.



Enjoying a wonderful meal of all locally produced foods, in the greenhouse. A beautiful and aromatic setting, with tomatoes and other herbs in the background.



Heritage GC design gurus show what they can do.

Vertical design by Sharon Brown



Pot de fleurs by Barb Andrus



Leaf manipulation by Caroline Hall



Barb Andrus wins a first place on her tea tray design for the Irish Heritage flower show.

Heritage Garden Club is pleased to present their first Exceptional Garden Award to the Troy Historical Society for their beautiful butterfly garden. Each month from May to September the club will choose another garden to honor within the Troy Boro. Members of the community and garden club members are welcome to nominate a special garden for this award.



Heritage GC activities through the year



Plant propagation, a program provided to HGC , by Laurie Shanks of HGC

Troy, PA
Easter
decorations



Charlotte Lyon cooked some weeds for HGC members: Crunchy purslane (raw), dandelion hot bacon dressing, plantain salad, and raw dock seeds remind this editor of quinoa. Delicious.



Arbor Day tree planting of a redbud, with HGC members and members of Boy Scout Troop 4049.



Local Troy, PA school kids produced these wonderful posters for the Penny Pines effort. Each young artist was thanked with a gift certificate of \$5.



Heritage Garden Club Members