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## THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Submitted by Deborah Davis, District X Director

### DISTRICT X BOARD Officers

#### Director

**DEBORAH DAVIS**  
Martha Washington  
Garden Club

#### Co-Assistant Director

**WANDA SHERRY**  
Great Meadows GC

#### Recording Secretary

**HADDIE WEBER**  
Martha Washington G C

#### Treasurer

**REBECCA LEBEDA**  
Valley GC

District X had its 22nd Annual Meeting on September 6, 2022 at Valley Brook Country Club. District X was honored to have GCFP President, Sheila Croushore; Leeanna Ryba, First Vice-President; and Pat Wolanski, Second Vice-President, attend the event.

Awards were presented. Carole Mack of Giant Oaks Garden Club was the Butterfly winner. The Exceptional Horticulturist Award went to Cheryl Kocsis of Giant Oaks Garden Club, Kathryne Gentile of Giant Oaks Garden Club and Marion Walker of Town & Country Garden Club. The Forget-Me-Not Award went to Linda Capuzzi of Great Meadows Garden Club. The Garden Club of Munhall had two daffodil awards, one laurel and nine tulip awards. Giant Oaks Garden Club had three daffodil awards, five laurels, and ten tulip awards. Great Meadows Garden Club had three daffodil awards, four laurels and four tulip awards. Martha Washington Garden Club had three daffodil awards and twenty laurels. Mon Valley Garden Club had four laurels. Pleasant Hills Garden club had three daffodil awards. Town and Country Garden Club had two daffodil awards, nine laurels, and two tulips. Uniontown Flower Club had three daffodils, two laurels, and three tulip awards. Valley Garden club had three daffodil awards, seven laurels, and four tulip awards. Congratulations to all!

Thank you to outgoing District X officers for their outstanding service: Kay Bair, District X Director; Deborah Davis, Assistant Director; Mardell Page, Assistant Director; Linda Coleman, Recording Secretary; and Janice Yeaton, Treasurer. An election and installation of new officers occurred with Deborah Davis, as new District X Director; Wanda Sherry, Assistant Director; Haddie Weber, Recording Secretary; and Rebecca Lebeda, Treasurer.

As new District X Director, I am looking forward to working with the ten Garden/Flower Clubs in District X. A District X GCFP Facebook page has been created and I hope that you will post your pictures of meetings and upcoming events, flower shows, etc. so that other members can see the wonderful things you are doing in District X.



## DISTRICT X GARDEN CLUB PRESIDENTS

### **GARDEN CLUB OF MUNHALL**

Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, at 7 PM

Michael Sarraio

<http://www.facebook.com/GardenClubofMunhall>

Web site: <http://www.gardenclubofmunhall.com>

### **GIANT OAKS GARDEN CLUB**

Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 11:30 AM

Judie Ball and Kay Brennan

Facebook: Giant Oaks Garden Club

### **GREAT MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB**

Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10:30 AM

Wanda Sherry

<https://www.facebook.com/gmgc1957>

### **GREEN GARDENERS OF UNIONTOWN**

Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Friday (for lunch)

Paula Flaherty

### **MARTHA WASHINGTON GARDEN CLUB**

Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 12:30 PM

Carole Malmgren

<https://www.facebook.com/mwgcwashpa>

### **MON VALLEY GARDEN CLUB**

Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:30 PM

Alice Harris

### **PLEASANT HILLS GARDEN CLUB**

Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 12:30 PM

Pamela Kavelman

<https://www.facebook.com/Pleasant-Hills-Garden-Club-111595013758659/>

Web site: <https://pleasanthillsgc.org/>

### **TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB**

Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6 PM

Dianne Nicholson

<https://www.facebook.com/tcgcrilpa>

### **UNIONTOWN FLOWER CLUB**

Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 1 PM

Sharlene Lehman

### **VALLEY GARDEN CLUB**

Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 10 AM

Roxanne Huss

When you fill out the "Officer Change Form" to notify GCFP when your Club President changes, please also send copies, with the updated contact info, to the District Director and TENDril Editor.

## 2023 IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 4-12	PHS Flower Show
<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Spring Tea, Activity Room, Mon Valley Y</b>
Apr 13-16	Flower Show School Course III, DoubleTree, Plymouth Meeting, PA
Apr 21-23	GCFP Annual Convention, D-VII, DoubleTree, Monroeville, PA ( <b>See Ad Last Page</b> )
Apr 22	Earth Day
Apr 28	Arbor Day
May 2-5	NGC Annual Convention, Greenbrier Resort, White Sulphur Springs, WV
Jun 4-10	National Garden Week
<b>Jun 14</b>	<b>District X Fundraiser, South Hills Country Club</b>
<b>Sept 8</b>	<b>District X Annual Meeting, South Hills Country Club</b>
Oct 12-15	Flower Show School Course IV, DoubleTree, Plymouth Meeting, PA
Oct 23-25	CAR-SGC Annual Conference and Tri-refresher, at the Radisson Hotel Corning, 125 Denison Parkway East, Corning, NY 14830. Theme is "Seven Strong on a Fall Adventure"



## 2022 DISTRICT X BOARD MEETINGS

*All Board meetings begin at 10 a.m.*

Feb 15	District X Board Meeting, LaCarte Room, Mon Valley Y
May 17	District X Board Meeting, LaCarte Room, Mon Valley Y
Aug 21	District X Board Meeting, Angie Raitano's house.
Sept 8	District X Annual Meeting, South Hills Country Club
Oct 18	District X Board Meeting, LaCarte Room, Mon Valley Y



## **FLOWER SHOWS-2023**

Jul 26            Great Meadows, "Alice in Wonderland", At the Historic Mt. Summit Inn.

## **DISTRICT X CLUB NEWS**

### **GARDEN CLUB OF MUNHALL**

Submitted by Mike Sarriano

Garden Club of Munhall meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at Messiah Lutheran Church Social Hall, 4300 Main Street, Munhall, PA 15120.

We have 57 members and probably have 50 plus members at every meeting.

In September, we had a gentleman speak to the club on preparing your lawn for Winter, he was very interesting, well prepared and very well received by those attending.

Our October meeting will be on "Hummingbirds" with Robert Mulvihill from the National Aviary.

Our conservation committee has been busy cleaning the community gardens and getting them ready for Winter.

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### **GIANT OAKS**

Submitted by Judie Ball & Kay Brennan,  
Co-Presidents

Giant Oaks is excited about our growth and our commitment to the community. In the past year we have added 10 new, very active members. We truly needed a boost since our membership is getting older and not able to do as much as we have done in the past. We have three additional people who will join this year and interest from several community members.

At the September meeting, Giant Oaks was recognized for its growth with two awards being 1st Place for our newsletter, and recognition for Horticulture. The Butterfly award went to new member, Carole Mack

Our programs for fall were quite educational and interesting. Two of our Master Gardner members presented a program on how to create mulch using worms - complete with the worms. Fine Apiary presented bees and honey complete with the hives. Evey Hardware sent two representatives to show us what chemicals and alternatives are out there for animals and bugs, and also showed us how to prepare our tools for winter. We held our big fundraiser, "Enchanted Christmas". This event has close to 400 attendees, vendors, baskets, 50/50, a delicious luncheon and a floral designer. This year we are featuring "Armful of Flowers" from Mt. Washington. They have an urban ½ acre farm, garden market and store and they do designs and floral arrangements on a regular basis. As a result of this fundraiser we are able to offer scholarships and contributions to many organizations and charities, as well as help defray our yearly expenses.

Our cap recycling project has taken off like crazy and neighboring schools and clubs have taken an interest in the project. It is hard to imagine our little group could collect so many caps. We are pushing for no plastics and hope to make a small difference.

Our club has been going to lunch and the movies once a month, we have gone to several teas over the summer. The Phipps and several other field trips. We plan to go to Station Square for a holiday luncheon and shopping when it is decorated and ready.

In December we will install our new officers and celebrate our 60th anniversary at our Christmas party.

At this time we are all cleaning up our gardens and preparing them for winter. The club tends to several area gardens, visits McMurray Hills Manor and does crafts and desserts with them, makes a favor and cupcakes monthly for Meals on Wheels and so much more. I tell the membership all the time, this is a working garden club and it truly is remarkable.

### **GIANT OAKS TINSEL LUNCHEON**

Submitted by Barbara Nerone

Happily, we have reached the end of our first non-Covid year. With no restrictions, Giant Oaks was able to have a full array of luncheons, programs, field

trips, community activities, and fundraisers. All in all, it was a very successful year.



Our membership has been growing, and we welcome our new members' enthusiasm and help with all our activities. We are proud that we are a true "working" garden club and it wouldn't be possible without the commitment of our members.

In November we held our 56th annual Tinsel Luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe. "Enchanted Christmas" was the theme, and our 400 guests were presented a record 56 lavish raffle baskets to bid on. The day also featured our traditional Tinsel Pantry of homemade baked goods, shopping from a myriad of vendors, door prizes, entertainment, and a 50/50 drawing. Money raised at Tinsel helps fund our scholarship program and other appropriations to local community groups.

Giant Oaks is commemorating its 60th year, and our annual Christmas Luncheon will be a birthday celebration. We will also install our officers for 2023 which include Karen Humphreys & Judie Ball, co-presidents; Pat Stanfill, first vice president; Donna McKnight, second vice president; Carolyn Svitek, treasurer; Cecelia Satler, recording secretary; and Mary Dunbar, corresponding secretary. The luncheon will be held at Valley Brook Country Club. Members receiving District X awards will also be recognized.

Our membership year begins in February 2023 with our annual meeting. A full range of lectures, field trips and workshops are planned for the upcoming year.

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### **GREAT MEADOWS**

Submitted by Wanda Sherry

Great Meadows garden club meets monthly, January through December, on the fourth Wednesday at 10:30 am. Our venues change each month.

We currently have 46 members as we just inducted 3 new ladies in September. We are thinking of changing our criteria concerning membership after

our member Diane Hughes come back from the National Garden Club meeting.

We sell a 50/50 ticket at each meeting to create excitement as well as some revenue.

At our November meeting we meet at Curt's Restaurant in Markleysburg and have a wonderful Thanksgiving family style dinner with all the trimmings. We make a \$500 donation, new toys and gently used outerwear to a local Caring People Ministers Fund.

We are in the process of getting our programs and speakers lined up for 2023. We are going to have a standard flower show on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at The Historic Mt Summit Inn. "Alice In Wonderland". Mark your calendar.

We were wondering what to do with the many garden club scrapbooks and treasures that had accumulated over the years. To my amazement we had a club member volunteer her home as a storage place.

We have 8 members belonging to the Designers Guild. It's such a great learning tool for everyone that attends. If anyone is interested in attending contact Diane Hughes.

We want to thank the District for the \$25 award for having the most members attend the District meeting on September 6 at Valley Brook County Club.

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### **MARTHA WASHINGTON CLUB**

Submitted by Carole Malmgren

The Martha Washington Garden club meets the third Tuesday of each month from February through November in Washington, PA. We have 55 members at this time, with 5-6 prospective members who want to join for next year.

Southmont Presbyterian Senior Care in Washington contacted MWGC to see if we had any interest in donating houseplants for the residents. With the assistance of Stimmel's Greenhouse and Nursery, we were able to repot and give about 25 plants to the residents. They were very happy to have them.



Martha Washington Garden Club gave a \$1,000 scholarship to Julia West, a student at Penn State from Avella. As a senior, Julia has been on the Dean's List every semester of her secondary academics. We also gave a scholarship donation of \$50 to the Washington Public Schools for the upcoming year.

Interesting programs presented this year were:  
A presentation of soil amendments and organic matter by Pennsylvania Master Gardner, Margaret Sams.

Martha Alexander of Great Meadows Garden Club have a demonstration on various kinds of hydrangeas and how to cultivate and care for them.

Charlotte Crissey, Flower Show Judge from the Johnstown Garden Club, made a few design examples which we could utilize at our flower show.

Chris Kubiak of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania spoke about hard cider and the roll of Johnny Appleseed in the United States during the 20th Century.

Pam Kilgore of Washington gave a presentation about the Firefly Gardens that she has cultivated in the City of Washington.

MWGC is applying for the Plant America Grant to be shared with a representative of Washington Park for various community projects. Martha Washington Garden Club members already volunteer at the Lemoyne House and Veteran's Gardens within the Washington City limits.

This year MWGC has made trips to Shields Herb Farm in Greene County, and we had a wonderful visit to Pittsburgh Botanical gardens during the summer.

The most joy shared by our club for the year was our standard Flower Show titled "Tinsel and Tidings." This show was dedicated to our wonderful friend and member, the late Carole Tucci. Prior to her death, Carole indicated that this show was her dream. The Flower Show was held at the Washington Crown Center in September. There were many entries in Division I, Horticulture; and Division II, Design. The staging theme was anything sparkly in gold or silver and related to the Christmas Holiday, as this was Carole's favorite holiday. The show included a

White Elephant Sale which was held in the former Ulta Beauty Shop.

We are in the midst of planning our Christmas party/end-of-the-year meeting. At this party we will install the newly elected 2023 Officers, hold a Chinese Auction for gift baskets and award the certificates from the Flower Show which were won by our members this year. Our party will be held at the Valleybrook Country Club.

MWGC will have a Christmas mug workshop for shut-ins in early December and then deliver to various nursing homes and Hospice.

What a wonderful end to a wonderful year!

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### **PLEASANT HILLS GARDEN CLUB**

Submitted by Pamela Kavelman

The butterfly garden at the Pleasant Hills Arboretum was a great success this year. Last year the deer ate



everything in sight, this year nothing was touched. Several years ago we decided to reclaim a derelict garden surrounded by a rotting split-rail fence. We removed the remains of the Knock-Out roses, weeded and mulched, and

fertilized the holly tree in the center, which our club had planted years ago. The Arboretum board replaced the fence and we were ready to start planting.

All the plants are native, and have metal markers with their common names. Included are: purple cone flowers, black-eyed Susans, Solomon's seal, swamp milkweed, whorled milkweed, catmint, mountain laurel (our state flower), false indigo, pink coreopsis, bee balm, showy goldenrod, variegated Joe Pye weed, aster, turtlehead, hyssop, hummingbird mint, and Purple Flame blue flag iris. We continue to add new natives as they become available. There is a butterfly house on a pole, available rent-free. So far no takers. The Arboretum is located on West Bruceton Road, Pleasant Hills. The garden is conveniently located near the parking lot at the

beginning of the storybook trail for children. Come and check it out!



**FREE!- racks and test tubes for flower show exhibits. At our recent flower show we used green bottles for horticulture specimens and decided that they worked better for us than the wooden racks**

of test tubes that we had used in the past. Anyone interested should contact us soon. They will be discarded if there are no takers.

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### TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Terry Laird



Have you ever heard the saying that Mother Nature has a sense of humor? Well, there may be some evidence of her laughter in the town of Carmichaels PA.

As you drive around the Carmichaels Town Square, be on the lookout for a pumpkin growing among the flowers and bushes in the island's garden. This traffic island garden" is an unusual place for a pumpkin to show up especially considering that pumpkins need a lot of room to grow on long, large vines.

The Carmichaels Town Square Traffic Island had been a grassy knoll for as long as 50 years ago and maybe longer. But that all changed in 2013, when the Town and Country Garden Club, a garden club that originated in Rices Landing, asked the Carmichaels Borough Council if they were interested in transforming the grassy knoll into a public flower garden space. The club has been an active participant in the National Garden Clubs' theme of "Plant America" which embodies the commitment to raise awareness about environmental issues, conservation and access to green spaces, such as public gardens and parks. The Carmichaels Borough Council enthusiastically gave their permission, and the Town and Country Garden Club

members got busy. A perennial garden was planned to keep maintenance to a minimum. The club's Horticulture Committee coordinated the help for the construction of the ground, including placing four walkways in the garden.

The club, paid for some of the costs and received some help with donated materials and labor. Since that time, TJ's Lawn Service, a local landscape company has become a donating partner, assisting the club with yearly cleanup and fresh mulch, every year for all the club's gardens after spring planting. The club has continued to plant and maintain this public garden space for the last nine years

The club has been adding more perennial flowers with the hope of lessening the the demand of planting each year. The club has never planted vegetables, squash or gourds of any kind in the garden. Using organic practices to prevent injury to bees, birds and other pollinators, the club never uses pesticides in their public garden spaces. So how did a pumpkin, a rather beautiful, nearly perfect pumpkin, grow in this traffic island garden? Was it a bird? Did someone secretly plant it there? It's anyone's guess. But one can't help but think Mother Nature probably knows and is laughing at us all as we ponder the question.

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### UNIONTOWN FLOWER CLUB

Submitted by  
Sharlene Lehrman

Our 35-member club, that meets the second Friday of each month except January at Mt. Saint Macrina, had a wonderful meeting on Friday, the 14th of

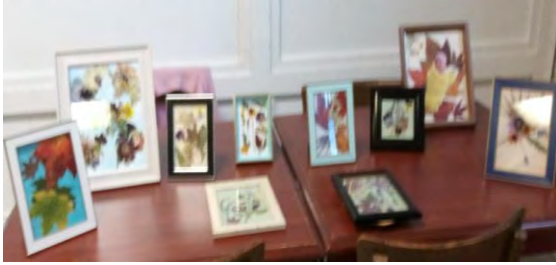


October.  
Member Sue Cole brought in the many creations she as made from

nature's treasures. Leaves, dried flowers, interesting stones, are blended with jewelry, pictures, etc. and mounted on wood. She discussed the process of layering the items step by step. Afterwards, each member had a picture frame with glass and created their own treasure display by gluing leaves, dried flowers, pictures, etc. to the



picture frame backboard, then enclosing with the glass and frame. Members had an enjoyable time and took home their lovely creations.



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### **VALLEY GARDEN CLUB**

Submitted by Roxanne Huss, President



On November 10 the Valley Garden Club held their annual fundraiser luncheon. It was a huge success. Many new guests came, including six men! The featured

speaker was Charles Hayden: Bee Keeper. He gave an entertaining talk about a year in the life of a bee keeper. A real bee hive was dismantled for the audience. There were no honeybees brought by the owner although a local yellowjacket sneaked in and was quickly squashed before anyone was stung. Lots of Drama!



A Valley event is not complete without the creative talents of our floral designers Mary Ann Martucci and Angie Raitano. Each made a beautiful floral design with the Beeeee Happy theme in mind.



The guests were served a delicious smorgasboard of salads. The yummy dessert was from two Fine Caterers. Club members Margaret Ziolkowski and Cecil Verkleeren created the centerpieces. They reused , recycled, and repurposed elements such as waterbottles, holiday ribbon, painted and dried

hydrangeas, and greenery. The funds raised were from donated raffle baskets, gently used jewelry, crafts, baked goods and 50/50.

### **CONSERVATION AND BIRDS**

Submitted by Martha Alexander

Every fall leaf peepers emerge to feast their eyes on the glory of the leaves of deciduous trees across Penn's Woods. Bright sunlight filtering through golden, tangerine, and scarlet leaves can leave you spellbound in wonder at the beautiful sight. While driving home from Philadelphia this past Sunday, I was treated to such a vision that was so uplifting it filled me with gratitude for all of nature and felt entirely holy.

How does mother nature put on such a show? The surprising thing about these colors is that they are there in the leaves the whole time, but are covered up or masked by the overwhelming amount of green chlorophyll in the leaves. Yellow and orange carotenoids are in the leaves to help them absorb wavelengths of the sun in a broader spectrum. The green chlorophyll is the miracle chemical that produces sugar in the plant. Reds are produced when anthocyanins use sugar backed up in the leaves in fall.

In early autumn, in response to the shortening days and declining intensity of sunlight, leaves form an abscission layer at the base of the petioles which virtually close it off. This causes chlorophyll production to slow and eventually stop as there is less daylight. The carotenoids and anthocyanin that are present in the leaf are then unmasked and show their colors.

The amount and brilliance of the colors that develop in any particular autumn season are most closely related to temperature and moisture. A succession of warm, sunny days and cool, crisp but not freezing nights seems to bring about the most spectacular color displays. It is one of the greatest shows on earth.

### **WILDFLOWER QUIZ**

Submitted by Diane Hughes,

## Wildflower Chair

What flower has a name which is the same, or sounds the same, as the following descriptions?



1. What might injure a cow.
2. A hat on the head of a skeleton.
3. What each flower you study should say to you.
4. A flower named after a primate.
5. A green monster reptile.

(See page ten for answers)



## PICKING PLANT MATERIAL FOR YOUR FLORAL DESIGNS

Submitted by Marie Mueller

Do you think it is too expensive to do a floral design? Well think again. Now is the time to start planning what you will plant in the spring. Consider these plants for cutting flowers for your floral designs:



ASTER (Symphotrichum and Aster)  
BLACK-EYED SUSAN (Rudbeckia spp.)  
BLAZING STAR (Liatris spicata)  
CELOSIA (Celosia spp.)  
CONEFLOWER (Echinacea spp.)

COSMOS (Cosmos bipinnatus)  
DAHLIA (Dahlia spp. and hybrids)  
DELPHINIUM (Delphinium hybrids)  
FLOSS FLOWER (Ageratum)  
GLADIOLUS (Gladiolus x hortulanus)  
IRIS (Iris germanica)  
MARIGOLD (Tagetes spp.)  
PEONY (Paeonia spp.)  
RANUNCULUS (Ranunculus asiaticus)  
ROSE (Rosa spp.)  
SALVIA (Salvia spp.)  
SHASTA DAISY (Leucanthemum superbum)  
SUNFLOWER (Helianthus spp.)  
SWEET PEA (Lathyrus odorata)  
TULIP (Tulipa spp.)  
YARROW (Achillea spp.)  
ZINNIA (Zinnia spp.)

Examples of some of the following plant materials that you will likely have available in your yard to use for your greens – some even in the winter:

Hosta leaves (and flowers)  
Ivy  
Hydrangea leaves (and flowers)  
Lenten Rose  
Grasses  
Hydrangea leaves\*  
Tree branches\*  
Rhododendron leaves\*  
Pachysandra\*  
Pieces of Pine tree and cones\*  
Leaves from your shrubs\*  
\*Available in winter.

For a Creative Design, you can use dried sticks, chunks of wood, plastic, metal etc. Look around your home, especially in your garage and work bench area and you will be surprised at the materials you have available to you, such as a hula hoop, mesh or metal gutter covers, left over metal or wooden pieces that you can incorporate into your design.

The idea for Creative Designs is to simply BE CREATIVE!



## TIPS FOR KEEPING CUT FLOWERS FRESH

Submitted by Marie Mueller

Harvest during the coolest part of the day. The best time to cut your flowers is early in the morning or late in the evening rather than during the heat of midday, when water loss due to transpiration is much greater. This will help them recover faster because they won't be wilted, parched, and thirsty.

Don't let the stems dry out. Cut flowers rely on healthy stems to bring them water, so it's important to keep them fresh. Carry a bucket of cool, clean water with you to the cutting garden at harvest time to plunge the stems into so they don't dry out before you place your flowers in a vase. Clipping the stems at an angle with a sharp pruner and recutting them underwater will also facilitate water uptake.

Strip away lower foliage. Remove any leaves at the base of the stem that might rest below the waterline of the vase. Any foliage sitting in the water will rot



and lead to bacterial growth, which will significantly decrease the life of your freshly cut flowers, and decrease your points in a flower show.

Use clean containers. Another way to minimize bacteria in the water is to sanitize your vase or container before filling it. Don't use anything that isn't clean enough to drink from.

Change the water often. Refreshing the water in your vase every few days is the best way to keep your cut flowers vibrant longer. This is also a good opportunity to remove withering foliage and flowers and to recut the stems so they will continue to take up water. Another tip: Your cut flowers will absorb water more efficiently if it's lukewarm (about 100° F) rather than ice cold. That's because the molecules in warm water move faster and speed water uptake.

Use a floral preservative. Those packets of powdered preservative you get from the florist, which are typically a blend of sugars and bacteria inhibitors, can be quite effective at lengthening the life of your bouquets. But you can also make your own preservative using common household products. Try the homemade preservative recipe from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Place your cut flowers in a cool spot. To extend the life of your blooms, keep your floral arrangements in a cool location away from direct sunlight, especially during the summertime. Also consider refrigerating your cut flowers overnight, as many florists do, to slow down water loss and keep the flowers looking crisp and fresh.



### TRASH TO TREASURE INFORMATION

The Trash To Treasure theme for the 2023 GCFP Convention has been announced: "Thyme To Garden In Pittsburgh - A Sculpture For Your Garden". This will give your garden/flower club time to work on a Trash to Treasure submission early.

Even though the form says, it must be submitted April 21, that winner is determined by District X. SO THIS MEANS THE "TRASH TO TREASURE" ENTRY MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE MARCH 15, 2023 SPRING TEA AT MON VALLEY Y TO BE

JUDGED. The winner is the one submitted April 21 at the 93rd GCFP Convention April 21-23, 2023 at the DoubleTree Hilton, Monroeville, PA. 15146. Please share this with your members so they have plenty of time to work on an entry.



### DISTRICT X ANNUAL MEETING PICTURES





### **WILDFLOWER** **QUIZ ANSWERS**

1. Cowslip
2. Skullcap
3. Shooting Star
4. Forget-me-not
5. Monkey flower



**SEE MORE BELOW.**

**2023 GCFP CONVENTION  
Trash to Treasure Theme**

**"THYME to GARDEN in Pittsburgh!"**

**A Sculpture for your Garden**

Pittsburgh was home to immigrant families who found work and wealth in its many earth-related industries. Therefore, this contest is a standalone functional metal sculpture for the garden (e.g., not limited to iron, steel and aluminum). Specifications:

1. Dimensions: must be exhibited on a base, no larger than 14" Wide or 14" deep. Height is minimum of 20".
2. Weight: No more than 15 lbs.
3. Materials: Any type of metal(s) that is/are recycled, reused or repurposed. May use dried plant materials (NO fresh).
4. Each entry must include a 3 x 5 card:  
Front: Title and a list of the materials used  
Back: District, Garden Club, Designer(s) name and mailing address.
5. Entry may be work of more than one person.

**ONLY ONE ENTRY FROM EACH DISTRICT**

Selection method is determined by the district.

Entries must be submitted on Friday, April 21 from 11-5 PM. Judging is at 5:15 PM.

Not to be judged under the same standards as a flower show.

Trash to Treasure Chair: Pat Drennen

**SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING**

Conformance .....	20 pts
(fits within stated dimensions, on a base, weighs less than 15 lbs.)	
Artistic Concept .....	50 pts
(creative reuse of recycled materials)	
Expression .....	20 pts
(interpretation of theme)	
Execution .....	10 pts
(workmanship)	
TOTAL .....	100 pts







*District VII, east of Pittsburgh, invites all GCFP members and guests to*

## **The 93<sup>rd</sup> GCFP Convention**

*"Thyme to Garden!"*

**Friday through Sunday, April 21-23, 2023**

Doubletree by Hilton

Pittsburgh-Monroeville Convention Center

**101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 15146**

**FRIDAY offers** a 1793 Log House breakfast and shopping tour;  
Afternoon Tea and Titanic Era Fashions (and wearing a hat!);  
Three Make and Take sessions (Ribbon Magic, Essential Oils for Gardeners, Propagation Tips);  
Costume opportunity for the International Food sampling buffet;  
Plus live Pittsburgh Ethnic Music!

### **SATURDAY showcases these presenters:**

Marcy Cunkleman, Master Food Preserver  
Jeanne Cecil, Director, Rachel Carson Homestead Assoc.  
Don Orkoskey, Owner, WDO Photography  
Mark Miller, PH.D., Dir of Pittsburgh Botanic Garden  
Joe Stavish, Assoc. Dir of Education, Tree Pittsburgh  
Gabe Tilove, Dir of Education, Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens  
Bob Mulvihill, Ornithologist, National Aviary  
Floral Rhythms performing designs to year-round seasonal music  
NGC 1<sup>st</sup> VP Installation of GCFP Officers and Reception

### **SUNDAY features these presenters**

Adia Effiong, Dir of School Garden Programs, Grow Pittsburgh  
Rose Marie Muzika, Carnegie Museum of Natural History  
Joshua Beblo, Adjunct Prof of PSU  
Luncheon & "Under the Rainbow" design program presented  
by the "Best of the West (PA)" designers sponsored by GCFP Judges Councils.

### **Recognize GCFP Awards and Awardees**

Visit Vendors – Ed. Exhibits – Trash to Treasure – Raffles – Hospitality Room

The Registration Fee for all attendees is \$5 if postmarked on or before Friday, March 10.

Late fee is \$25 after Friday, March 10. No refunds after March 31 deadline.

Register early to attend the events of your first choice.

Attendance at a hotel meal is required in order to attend a session during the same day.

Partner and travel with others, wear a hat and favorite costume on Friday eve.

Select the full conference special rate to maximize the value (and fun).

### **PLEASE SAVE THE DATES and/or BOOK the HOTEL TODAY!**

Book online 24/7 at [www.doubletreemonroeville.com](http://www.doubletreemonroeville.com). Phone 412-373-7300 (ask for reservations.)

### **Doubletree by Hilton**

Pittsburgh-Monroeville Convention Center

101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 15146 (15 miles east of downtown Pittsburgh)

The deadline for submissions for the March 1 issue of the TENDril is **Feb 15**. Please email your submission to [mlzarag@gmail.com](mailto:mlzarag@gmail.com) and put "TENDril submission" in the subject line. We welcome submissions from any District X garden club member.

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