

News at Eleven

GCFP District XI

Fall 2022



Message from District XI Director, Honey Bawduniak:

As we start a new year of exciting events and projects, we still need to be cautious about Covid. At the September District Luncheon, I announced “with Covid over, I think...” Well, I came down with it that weekend, so be careful out there, but do not let it keep you from having fun. We had a wonderful time at the Luncheon and Marj had everything planned to-a-T. Music, Elvis, and of course the beautiful designs from our talented designers. We heard from GCFP President Sheila Croushore, who reminded us that the CAR-SGC Convention is November 2-3 in Champion, PA, which is near-by, and we should take advantage of the close location to go. First Vice President Leeanna Reba reminded us that the Secretary resigned, and her office served as the address of GCFP. Now that there is no secretary, there is no brick-and-mortar office, but we still can contact the officers. The new website has the emails and phone numbers of officers where you can get your questions answered. Second Vice President Pat Wolanski asked a tricky question: Who is a member of CAR-SGC and NGC? She reminded us that our dues to the State also pays dues to CAR-SGC and National, so we all are members of those organizations. Pat also walked us through the new and revised website. A malfunction had caused the website to crash and it had to be rebuilt, so you all should try it. It’s easier to find things and is updated frequently.



Laurel Awards were presented to members of the District Clubs. While still in the “Covid mode” many members indeed gave their all, over and above what was expected of them. The following received the District Laurel Award:

Countryside Gardeners: Alice Paine and Helene Vellios.

Four Lanes End G C: Judith Taggart

Garden Club of Bristol Borough: Donna McClusty

Gardeners of the Crooked Billet: Wendy Whitney and Margie Pitrone

Hulmeville G C: Jane Davison-Barton

Norristown Garden Club: Barbara Andon, Debbie Cascaden, Ginger Hunsicker, MaryCatherine Lowery, and Arlene Reagan-Harris

Old York Road G C: Jossette Rothert and Marie Schneider

Our Garden Club of Philadelphia and Vicinity: Anne Chain and Shirley Daley

Swedesford G C: Rosemary Roth and Johanna Murray

The Outdoor Gardeners: Marie Reynolds and Helen Breslin

Tohickon G C: Janice Jacobs

Trevoise Horticultural Society: Ruth Dorn





Exceptional Horticulturist Awards were presented to Jill Evans from Norristown Garden Club, Audrey Williams from The Outdoor Gardeners, and Deborah Mahon from Hulmeville Garden Club. Eleanor Schleicher from The Outdoor Gardeners also earned the award but was not present.

Jill Evans



Audrey Williams



Deborah Mahon



It was a very busy meeting! Induction of new officers by President Sheila Croushore



New Officers are Honey Bawduniak, District Director; Joyce McCormick, Corresponding Secretary; Mia Dorazio, Recording Secretary; and Jane Davisom-Barton, Treasurer. Not pictured: Nan Mauro, Parliamentarian and Ana Maria Hartman, Assistant District Director.

HORT TIPS FOR FALL from Marge Eberz



Lawn Care

Plant new lawn areas, overseed, aerate and fertilize the lawn

Gardening Tasks

Evaluate the garden successes and failures

What needs to be moved or divided? Divide spring- and summer-blooming perennials.

Remove annuals

Get rid of diseased foliage

After first frost kills leaves, dig up tender bulbs for example:

Cannas, caladiums, dahlias. Store where they will not freeze

Cut back perennials, but leave perennials with seed heads for birds

Coneflowers, for example

Do not cut back these perennials

Evergreen/semi evergreen

Dianthus, Heucherella, foam flower, ajuga, creeping

Phlox, Red Hot Poker

Woody Stem

Hibiscus, Russian Sage, Lavender, Butterfly bush

Winter-Interest Perennials

Hellebores, ornamental grasses, sedum, allium

Do not prune spring-blooming shrubs or trees

Bring houseplants back inside before the temperature drops, being sure to wash them off first to get rid of insects

Clean all gardening tools before putting them away

Planting: Try something new!

Bulbs in drifts of 25 or more for effect

The Program was the highlight of the meeting, entertaining as well as educational. Elvis impersonator sang his favorite Elvis hit songs and District Designers explained their interpretative design of the hit. So good!



Sue Irwin, Title: "All Shook Up"
Design Type: Creative



Dorothy Stevens, Title: "Blue Suede Shoes"
Design Type: Parallel



Lori Pancione, Title: "Heartbreak Hotel"
Design Type: Creative Multirhythmic



Sue Bunkin, Title: "Burning Love"
Design Type: Creative Mass or Creative Line Mass



Pat Wolanski, Title: "Jailhouse Rock"

Design Type: Creative



Kay Morrisey, Title: "Can't Help Falling in Love"

Design Type: Creative Mass



Audrey Williams, Title of Design: Whole Lot of

Shaking Going On" Design type: Creative



Jill Farrington, Title of Design "The Wonder

of You" Design Type: Creative



Calendar Of Events

Friday, September 30th at 1 PM, Four Lanes End Garden Club, Golf Outing at Middletown Country Club, Langhorne.

Saturday, October 1, 2022, 10 AM to 4 PM, Countryside Gardeners will be selling beautiful floral arrangements on Court Street, for Market Day in Newtown.

October 13-16, Flower Show School Course II, Doubletree, Plymouth Meeting, PA

Thursday, October 20, 2022, GCFP District XI Meeting at 10 AM, Barbara Leiby will Design, social hour 9:00AM, Variety Club Children's Charity, 2950 Potshop Road, Worcester, PA 19490

Saturday October 29, 2022, 10 AM to 3 PM Four Lanes End Garden Club will have fresh floral arrangements, harvest crafts and sweet treats available for purchase at Harvest Day in Langhorne.

Sunday, October 30, 2022, 1 to 4 PM, Old York Road Garden Club Plant Sale and Crafts at Historic Richard Wall House Open House, One Wall Drive, Elkins Park.

November 1-4, 2022, CAR-SGC Conference, Seven Springs Resort, Champion, PA

Saturday, November 19, 2022, from 10 AM to 3 PM Swedesford Garden Club will be at the North Wales Area Library for their annual Holiday Marketplace. northwaleslibrary.org

Saturday, November 19, 2022, from 10 AM to 5 PM, Four Lanes End Garden Club will have a Country Store and Garden Nook at their Richardson House in Langhorne, PA. The Country Store will have a variety of handmade holiday crafts, their famous cookies, and sweet treat table for yourself or gift giving needs. Garden Nook will have a unique variety of fresh floral arrangements and plants.

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 10 AM to 4 PM, Countryside Gardeners will be active with Newtown Holiday Open House Tour. For more Information go to www.newtownhistoric.org

Friday, December 9, 2022, Norristown Garden Club's Holiday House Tour, 10 AM to 8 PM, "Ambler, Then and Now." The tour is "back to normal" with 5 fully decorated homes and a bonus Church Rectory, in the Ambler area. Tickets go on sale October 1st until sold out.

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 10 AM, GCFP District XI Meeting, "Where have all the Bees, Birds and Butterflies Gone?" Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski. Social Hour 9 AM, Willow Grove Giant Community Room, 315 York Road, Willow Grove, 19090.

April 13-16, 2023, Flower Show School Course III, Doubletree, Plymouth Meeting, PA

April 21-23, 2023, GCFP Annual Convention, D-VII Hosts, Monroeville, PA

May 2-5, 2023, NGC Annual Convention, Greenbriar Resort, White Sulphur Springs, WV

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 10 AM to 3 PM, The Outdoor Gardeners will be offering pre-planted hypertufas and annual baskets along with an extensive range of perennials for purchase at Chestnut Hill Day on Germantown Ave. All proceeds fund our outreach and educational programs for the year.

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 9 AM to 1 PM, Swedesford Garden Club will hold their annual fundraiser plant sale at the North Wales Area Library.

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 9 AM to 3 PM, Gardeners of the Crooked Billet will have their Plant & Book Sale at Hatboro's Union Library, 243 S. York Road, Hatboro, PA

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 10 AM, GCFP, District XI Meeting with "Busting Garden Myths" by Jane Irvin-Klotz, social hour 9 AM at Variety Club, Children's Charity, 2950 Potshop Road, Worcester, PA 19490

**SEEDS OF SERVICE – PRESIDENT'S PROJECT
WATCHING OUR YOUTH BLOOM**



Presented to The Outdoor Gardeners – Service by a Club for working with Youth Community

Awarded to Cheryl Brumbaugh of the Norristown Garden Club – Community Service with Youth, by an Individual Club Member.

