

**SUSQUEHANNA GARDEN CLUB**  
APRIL IS NATIONAL GARDENING MONTH

With April and the coming of Spring comes the natural desire to enjoy the blossoming trees and flowers, visit gardens, and work in your own lawn or garden. Time to get dirty! Plant something and watch it grow – either in a garden or in a pot on your windowsill. April is a great time to plant lettuce, peas and spinach outside. Find a new herb to grow in your kitchen window. Decorate your garden with some new yard art, a comfy chair, a place to breath in some fresh, fragrant air. For members of the Susquehanna Garden Club, it is time to get busy too. We maintain three community gardens: Shikellamy Marina, Jack Treas in Shamokin Dam, and at Anthony Selins Park, Selinsgrove.

As a member of The National Garden Clubs, "Plant America" is part of our programming. We work to enhance public areas, educate about the joys of gardening and raise awareness about environmental issues. April is the month of Earth Day – April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Arbor Day – April 29th. Each year the club donates towards planting a tree in a local community or state park. The club has programs open to the public on the third Thursday of the month. The April program "The Flower Garden" was presented by Melody Folk of Hilly Springs Flower Farm, Beaver Springs. She is a lifetime flower lover who shares information on container gardens, landscape maintenance, and special event floral decorating. Like us on Facebook for ideas and photos on flowers and gardening.



## Susquehanna Garden Club

The program for the June meeting of the Susquehanna Garden Club had the ladies tap into their artistic talents. Member Tana Heffner brought rocks, paints and brushes, and sealer for members to paint flowers and pollinators she had stenciled on the rocks. They were filled in with bright, cheerful colors. On the back "Susquehanna Garden Club" was written with permanent markers. These creations can be placed around town, in the club's three gardens, or enjoyed at home. After a lot of concentration and laughter, we were satisfied with our work.





## **Standing Stone Garden Club**



**Arbor Day Honorees April 30, 2022 Huntingdon, PA  
Sue Quinn, SSGC Member and Huntingdon resident Jim Savory**

Behind Sue and Jim is the eastern redbud tree planted at Portstown Park by Standing Stone Garden Club in honor of Sue Quinn, a dedicated and creative member who is always willing to help. She's been an officer, a committee member who's contributed greatly to ways and means projects, our resident photographer, and since 2017 has been the editor and publisher of our Yearbook which has received GCFP awards.

Retired physician Jim Savory was honored by the Huntingdon Tree Commission for his years of service and dedication to planting trees in our area.





**Standing Stone Garden Club's "Hometown Holiday Celebration – Christmas in Candyland" was held December 2021.**

Club members create floral and other displays to decorate the historical McMurtrie House, home of the Huntingdon County Historical Society, in appreciation of the community's support of the club.





Carole Heilig, a founding member of **Standing Stone Garden Club** was awarded the District V 'Forget Me-Not Award' at the annual GCFP Convention held in April in Malvern, PA with her daughter, Caitlin Heilig Vinson in attendance.

Carol Heilig was selected as the recipient of this district award which recognizes long- standing members who make our organization special because of their club dedication and club community service.

Carole is a Charter member of Standing Stone Garden Club and was serving as President when the Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020. She continued as President for the Club's 2021-2022 program year and has held all the different Club offices at one time or another.

Carole introduced the SSGC Anti-Littering program to the elementary schools in the early years of the Club's founding. Throughout her professional career as art teacher, she promoted the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest and her student's submitted entries to the district's contests.

Carole is the longstanding chairperson of the Club's Arbor Day committee, serving as an important link with the community in honoring a Club or community member. This annual recognition program includes a tree planting at local community parks and the installation of recognition plaques.

Carole actively tends her own gardens in addition to public spaces in the community, most recently the Merchant's Park. A creative, accomplished designer who has received numerous Flower Show awards, Carole's artistic calligraphy signage also enhances Club events such as Flower Shows, annual Hometown Holiday Celebration and former Festival of Trees.

### **Standing Stone Garden Club – April 19, 2022 Installation of Officers for 2022-23**



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Left to right: Lois Kyper, treasurer; Donna Leamer, 1st vice president; Roseann Varner, president; Betty Walters, corresponding secretary; and Judy Hoffman, recording secretary, was installed in absentia. Miniature yellow daffodils were given to retiring and Incoming officers as gifts from outgoing president Carol Heilig.

## Heritage Garden Club

The busy bees of the Heritage Garden Club were preparing their Trash to Treasure entry for the District V March meeting. Thank you to Caroline Hall, Addy Hall and Barb Andrus for using their creativity. The Artist they chose was Vincent Van Gogh's "SUNFLOWERS". We won second place at the GCFP 92<sup>nd</sup> State Convention!



Caroline Hall made each member a Garden Club T-shirt!





## Heritage Garden Club

Scout Troop 4049 helps our club install and concrete a wren birdhouse at the Mitchell House Village on April 13, 2022. President Barb Andrus poses with Scout leader Barbara Brown and the Boy Scouts Troop 4049 after installation of the Wren House. There will be a plaque in memory of Pat Yearick who had worked a lot in the gardens at the Mitchell House. Mick Steele (husband of member Laura Steele) guides the Scouts in building the project.



On May 16 – 17, 2022 Laura Steele and Judy Warn are teaching over 900 4<sup>th</sup> graders who attended Farmer Boy Days 1866 at the Heritage Village about the herbs in our herb garden.





## Heritage Garden Club



Arbor Day for us was May 11, 2022. Sharon Brown reads the Arbor Day 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation as the Boy Scout Troop 4049 members plant a Serviceberry tree at the Endless Mountains Mission Center in Bradford County, PA.

>>>Our members left to right; Laura Steele, Sharon Brown, Barb Andrus, Fran Gardiner, Judy Warn and Vivienne Slear have helped and donated some of their plants for the front of the Mission Center.



On May 18, 2022, club members enjoy planting the liners for the baskets in downtown Troy, PA!





## Heritage Garden Club

### Penn State Pollinator Friendly Garden Program

Did you know that pollinators are necessary for 80% of all plants and 90% of all flowering plants? Providing a native wildflower-rich habitat is the most significant action you can take to support native pollinators. Penn State offers Pollinator Friendly Garden Certification for residents of Pennsylvania. To be designated as a pollinator friendly garden you must complete an application that includes a detailed list of native trees, shrubs, as well as perennials that bloom in each season. The plantings should be on the property for at least one year before applying.

Successful applicants will receive a frameable poster and the opportunity to purchase an attractive yard sign to display in their gardens. The application and information about the program can be found at [extension.psu.edu](http://extension.psu.edu)

Judy Warn

"In the name of the bee and of the butterfly, and of the breeze, amen!" --Emily Dickenson

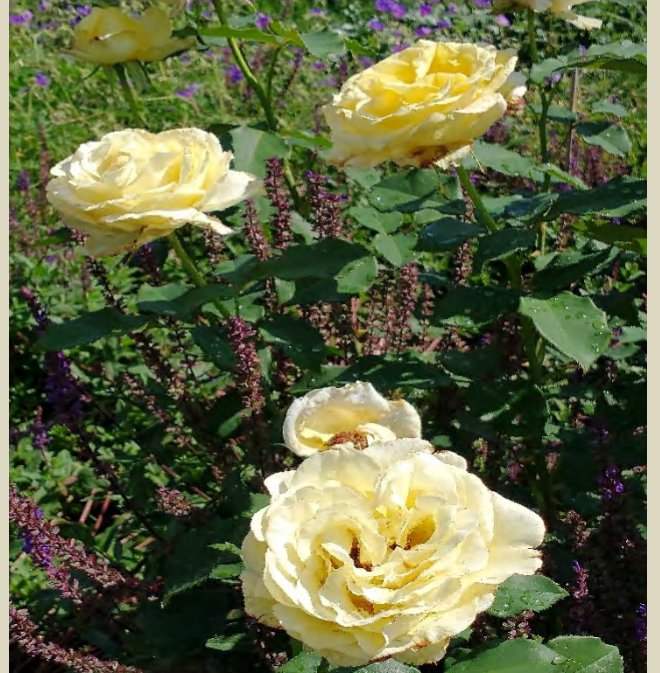




## Heritage Garden Club

### Garden Tour – June 7– 10, 2022

From a formal garden on a DuPont estate, to an arboretum's treetop walk and "Fernery", to a kitchen garden, and a Japanese garden in the center of Philadelphia? What kind of tour is this? Mansions, museums, blazing water fountain displays at night, and all interspersed with wonderful dining experiences at varied venues. And the gardens!! Oh the gardens!!! A favorite garden was Chanticleer, which is quoted as "Brilliantly planted and designed" by the London Financial Times. This was an amazing tour, packed full of interest, and organized by Sandy Hendricks, McEwensville GC. HGC President Barb Andrus and Vivienne Slear represented Heritage GC on the tour.





**District V At the GCFP 92 Convention April 3-5, 2022**



Back Row, left to right: Sheila Croushore, GCFP President; JoAnne Fogelman, District V Director; Barb Andrus, President of Heritage GC; Judy Warn, Assistant District V Director; Charlotte Lyon.  
Front Row: Sharon Brown, Vivian Hall, Libby Green.



Lisa Bock, Carolyn Cosentine and Darlene Stannert from Duboistown GC.



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<<Sandy Hendricks on the right from McEwensville Garden Club.



Carole Heilig, President of the Standing Stone Garden Club, received the "Forget Me Not" District Award!>>



<<Keith Phelps from Inspired Designs presented a wonderful program!