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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



“The color of springtime is in the flowers, the color of winter is in the imagination.”

Ward E Hour

Another winter is fading and promises of warmer days are ahead. I realize how grateful I am to have such a wonderful garden family. We accept each other as we are planted, sometimes our petals may droop or a leaf may crinkle, but we keep BLOOMING. The past two years have gone by so quickly and I can now appreciate each BLOOM just starting to grow, each leaf ready to pop and each seed beginning to sprout.

I have mentioned this before.....YOU are all doing amazing projects! When traveling to Regional and National Meetings, there is always something for me to share from our great state! You all make it is easy to represent Pennsylvania.

Hoping to see our garden family for a “THYME to Garden”, the first GCFP weekend Convention on April 21-23, 2023, in Monroeville.

I have made lots of great memories and I will always think of these past years when I peek into my gardens and see all the many BLOOMS looking back at me.

Thank you for your support, it has truly been a pleasure.

“What good is the warmth of summer without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”

John Steinbuck

*Keep Blooming,
Sheila*

District VII, East of Pittsburgh
INVITES ALL GCFP MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO
The 93rd GCFP Convention
Thyme to Garden!



APRIL 21-23, 2023 - IT'S A WEEKEND CONVENTION
PITTSBURGH-MONROEVILLE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

Register early to attend the events of your first choice.
The Registration Fee for all attendees is \$5, if postmarked by March 10.
Late fee of \$25 after March 10. No refunds after March 31 deadline.
A hotel meal is required to attend a session during the same day.
Select the full conference special rate to maximize the value.

Partner and travel with others to learn a lot and have fun!
On Friday, wear a hat and a favorite costume.

RECOGNIZE GCFP AWARDS

VENDORS — BO. EXHIBITS — TRASH TO TREASURE — RAFFLES — HOSPITALITY

FRIDAY Special Events

- ◆ Tour: A 1799 Log House and Breakfast at The Betsy Shoppe
- ◆ Afternoon Tea and Thank Era Fashions (Wear a Hat!);
- ◆ Three "Make and Take" sessions - \$10 each!

■ Costume opportunity for the International Food sampling buffet**
■ Featuring live Pittsburgh Ethnic Music**

SATURDAY Showcases

MANDY GURGLEMAN, Master Food Preserver
JEANNE GEOR, Rachel Carson Homestead Assoc.
DON OREKKEY, WDO Photography
MARK MILLER, Ph.D., Pittsburgh Botanic Garden
JOE STAVISH, Tree Pittsburgh
GABE TILVE, Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens
BOB MULVHILL, National Aviary

Seasons — Designs by Floral Rhythms

Installation of GCFP Officers by NGC 1st VP and Reception

SUNDAY Features

ADIA ETTONG, Grow Pittsburgh
ROSE MAURE MUZZA, Carnegie Museum of Natural History
JOSHUA BEELO, PSU Landscape Architecture

Luncheon & "Under the Rainbow" Design Program

Sponsored by GCFP Judges' Councils

Featuring "Best of the West [PA]" Designers

*** ANNOUNCEMENT OF RAFFLE WINNERS ***

TENTATIVE 2023 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 2023

- 5-8 Early REGISTRATION Thursday evening
- Attendees of Early Friday Events
- Selected Vendors, Presenters

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

- 7-8 REGISTRATION
7:45-11:45 Log House Tour & The Betsy Shoppe Breakfast
(8 AM Departure)
- 8-12:30 Set Up Vendors, Raffles, Ways & Means Table
8-12:30 Set Up Educational Exhibits & Hospitality Room
- 8-11 Floral Workroom for Tea, Dinner
& Honorary Designs (In Foyer)
- 11-11:45 Make & Take Sessions
NT1 - Ribbon Magic
- 12-5 Set Up Trash to Treasure
12-6:30 Shopping, Raffles,
& Hospitality Room
- 12:45-2:45 Afternoon Tea (1 PM start, with hats)
- 3-3:45 Make & Take Sessions
NT2 - Essential Oils for Gardeners*
- 4-4:45 Make & Take Sessions
NT3 - Propagation Tips*
- 4-5 GCFP Executive Committee Meeting
(Officers, DDs, Asst. DDs are invited)
- 5-5:30 Change into costumes!
5:15 Trash to Treasure Judging
- 5:30-6:30 Social Hour, cash bar
- 6:30-9 Dinner Buffet, Awards,
& Live Music Entertainment

Note: Make and Take Facilitators are also Vendors in Oxford Room.

TENTATIVE 2023 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

7 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast
7 – 12	REGISTRATION
8:30 – 10:30	Official Opening of the 93 rd GCFP Convention Annual Business Meeting (All GCFP members should attend)
8:00 – 8:30	Shopping, Raffles, Ways & Means
10:30 – 12	Hospitality Room
10:45 – 11:45	Sessions A A1 - The Safe Way to Can A2 - Rachel Carson's Gifts and Legacy A3 - Mastering Phone Photography
12 – 2:45	Lunch, Awards, & Program
2:45 – 6	REGISTRATION
2:45 – 5:30	Shopping, Raffles, Hospitality
3 – 4	Sessions B B1 - The Neighborhood's Urban Forest B2 - Supporting Home Landscapes B3 - Native Landscaping for Birds
4:15 – 5	Meeting – Leadership Group: Club Pres & VPs, GCFP Officers, DDe, & Asst. DDe
5:30 – 6:30	Social Hour, cash bar
6:30 – 9	Dinner & Program

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast
7 – 12	REGISTRATION
8:00 – 12	Shopping, Raffles, Ways & Means
8 – 8:30	Judges Council Board
8:30 – 9:15	Judges Council Meeting
9:30 – 10:30	Session C C1 - Connecting Schools with Gardeners C2 - Conservation of Ecosystems C3 - History & Future of Garden Design
11 – 2	Lunch, Program & Awards Hosted by Judges Council [Announcement of Raffle Winners]
2 – 3	Convention Business Resumes Invitation to the 2024 Convention, District IV Brief Meeting of the 2023-2025 Board of Directors

Friday, April 21 – Events

1793 GREENOCK LOG HOUSE TOUR & BREAKFAST AT THE BETSY SHOPPE – 7:45 am VAN DEPARTS 8:00 AM - PROMPTLY – FROM LOBBY



History buff! This gem of a Log House is located in Greenock and was built 8 years after the signing of the Constitution. The Elizabeth Township Historical Society rescued it from demolition in 2010. The tour will feature the turkey breast fireplace. A docent leader will dress in colonial garb.

Breakfast will be at The Betsy Shoppe, which is a 100-year-old Victorian tearoom. It features 3 floors of specialty treasures, trinkets and gifts.
<https://www.thebetsyshoppe.com/tee-room>

Required minimum attendees is 20 and tour has a 20 limit.
[Note: The tour group will be split into two sections and both will alternate visiting the two sites.]

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MAKE & TAKE SESSION - MT1 – 11 am MARY JANE MARTUCCI, GCFP DISTRICT X JUDGE



Ribbon Magic

Presentation is everything! Choosing the right ribbon and knowing how to create attractive bows are important skills to decorate greens, baskets and gifts.

The new division of Botanical Arts Crafts Section in the NGC Flower Show Handbook focuses on gift boxes.

Each attendee will be provided ribbon and instructions for two bows.
Bring your scissors!

Mary Jane is an enthusiastic and creative flower show design mentor, competitor and accredited Master Flower Show Judge who currently serves as the GCFP Flower Show Evaluations Chair.

Mary Jane fell in love with flower shows the first time she attended one.

Friday, April 21 – Events (Continued)

AFTERNOON TEA – 1 pm

DEBBIE POPP GILBERT, ELIZABETH TWP. HISTORICAL SOC.



Titanic Era Fashions

The movie of Jack and Rose's tragic love story on the doomed maiden voyage of the Titanic on April 15, 1912 captivated hearts.

This presentation will feature a display of vintage fashions and tell the great controversy of the ship's centerpiece.

Debbie is a retired reporter/editor, the Vice President of the Elizabeth Twp. Historical Society, and a Board member of the Brittsburgh Society.

This event is was arranged by the Puckettos Garden Club – whose members encourage you to bring and wear your favorite hat!

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MAKE & TAKE SESSION – MT2 – 3 pm

LINDA LOUISE BOYER, WELLNESS ASSOCIATES



Essential Oils for Gardeners

Be entertained, informed and led into making essential oil sprays. Essential oil recipe handouts will be provided.

Essential oils are a healthy alternative to common chemical products used in gardening—e.g., bug and deer repellent, sprays for outdoor and indoor pest and disease control and as soaks for fruits and vegetables.

Linda, aka "Crazy Old Oil Lady", is a self-employed Silver Wellness Advocate for doTERRA Essential Oils USA since 2012. Linda and her husband own a 166-acre farm and use doTERRA essential oils to aid plant growth and bug and fungus control. Linda uses the essential oils on their beef cattle, horses, chickens, dogs and cats.

Visit Linda at the Convention Vendor Room for more essential oil information or the website www.mydoterra.com/lindalboyer.

Friday, April 21 – Events (Continued)

MAKE & TAKE SESSION – MT3 – 4 pm

MAGGIE SHAFFERMAN, HUNTERS RUN NURSERY



Propagation Tips - Hands on Cuttings, Seeds & Succulents

Learn about collecting, saving, and starting seeds... the easiest way to take cuttings from perennials and shrubs... plant divisions and specialty propagation including eucalyptus! Each attendee will take home, from a variety of seeds and plants, a 3-cell tray with seeds, a cutting, and a succulent stem and leaf cutting.

Maggie grew up on a farm in Central PA. She studied at Longwood Gardens' Professional Gardener Training Program. In 2007, she returned home to build Hunters Run Nursery. Maggie's specialties are unique herbs and heirloom garden perennials, shrubs and roses.

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6:30 - 8:30 pm - CASH BAR - Costume up!

Features the Signature Drink from the Thank, "Punch Remains".

Stroll around and visit the vendors in the Oxford Room!

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INTERNATIONAL DINNER BUFFET & MUSIC – 8:30 pm

Sample the wide variety of foods at 3 Ethnic Stations with this **Banquet Token** (see Meal Menu)



International Village with Mikoy Dee, Musical Entertainer

Relax! Wear a costume for fun (or not!) and sample various international food stations at our first Friday evening Convention!

Hear the happy music of Mikoy Dee (www.mikoydeehand.com). He began his musical career at the age of 4 with his

grandfather. His career includes playing with Cleveland-style polka greats like Frankie Yankovic!

Since 2000, Mikoy has been the Entertainment Coordinator for McKeesport's International Village. He performs approximately 400 shows annually playing oldies, ballroom, polkas, and more.

Saturday, April 22 – Events

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – 7 - 8:30 am

Located In the Confluence Ballroom - for hotel guests

OFFICIAL OPENING of the 93rd GCFP Convention & Annual Business Meeting - 8:30 am

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SESSIONS A - 10:45 - 11:45 am (3 Selections)

SESSION A1 – MARCY CUNKLEMAN

MASTER FOOD PRESERVER



Grandma's Way May Not Be the Safe Way to Can

Keeping current with updated USDA approved books and information is the best and safest way to can. Marcy will explain the correct way to can showing the difference between a pressure canner and hot water bath.

As a Penn State Extension Master Food Preserver, Marcy answers canning questions throughout the year and teaches workshops on the "safe way to can."

Marcy is a dedicated member of the Evergreen Garden Club and the GCFP Birds and Butterflies Chair.

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SESSION A2 – 10:45 - 11:45 am

JEANNE CECIL, Director

RACHEL CARSON HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION (RCHA)



Rachel Carson's Gifts and Legacy: the Sense of Wonder and Environmental Ethic

Rachel's contributions to our understanding of the Web of Life were delivered to both scientists and ordinary people. Before "environment" and "ecology" had their current meaning, Rachel delivered the message. Her words have current and lasting importance as we continue to make ethical choices and live with their consequences.

Jeanne was introduced early to Rachel Carson's writings by environmentalist mentors who formed the RCHA. She has experience in technical and business systems, holds degree in Public Management and Law, and served on local nonprofit boards.

Jeanne has guided the RCHA since 2013.

Saturday, April 22 – Events (Continued)

SESSION - A3 – 10:45 - 11:45 am (continued)

**DON ORKOSKEY, Owner
WDO PHOTOGRAPHY**



Mastering Your Phone Photography

Learn to capture amazing photos of your garden through this informative talk. You will get the skills you need to feel more confident and to create beautiful photos of your favorite subjects with nothing more than your phone.

Don is a professional photographer with over 20 years of working experience.

He has been teaching photography for over 15 years and regularly teaches at Phipps Conservatory, the Pittsburgh Botanic Gardens, and privately.

Don is passionate about nature. He is a certified permaculturalist and leads monthly nature photography walks in Pittsburgh.

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SATURDAY LUNCHEON BANQUET – 12 - 2:45 pm

**MARK MILLER, Ph.D., Director of Education and Exhibits
PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDEN**



From Black to Green: The Story of the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden

The story behind Pittsburgh Botanic Garden is that of the environmental reclamation required to transform land once logged, farmed, and mined to gardens that provide a setting for environment-based education programs in horticulture, ecology, health and wellness, and art.

Mark holds a Ph.D. in Environment & Natural Resources from The Ohio State University. Over a 40-year career he has held varied positions in horticulture education, most recently as Outreach Education Manager at Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens in Columbus, Ohio.

Saturday, April 22 – Events (Continued)

Sessions B - 3 - 4 pm (3 Selections)

SESSION B1 – 3 - 4 pm

**JOE STAVISH, Associate Director of Education
TREE PITTSBURGH**



The Urban Forest in Your Neighborhood

Joe will introduce the meaning of urban forestry and discuss Pittsburgh's urban forest past, and plans for the future. Learn about the environmental services provided by trees, common stress issues, pests and diseases that trees face, and general tree care. Discover the Heritage Nursery and discuss some great local native trees.

Joe coordinates the Tree Tender Certification courses, facilitates garden club talks, school visits, and nursery tours, and presents at national and regional conferences. He holds a B.S. degree from Slippery Rock University in Park and Resource Management.

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SESSION B2 – 3 - 4 pm

**GABE TLOVE, Director, Adult Education and Community Outreach
PHIPPS CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS**



Supporting More Native, Diverse and Productive Home Landscapes

Our home landscapes could be much more vibrant than the current standard. Through education and outreach programs, Phipps is helping our region's gardeners reimagine their backyards as rich, healthy landscapes.

Gabe directs 250+ classes annually on topics ranging from sustainable horticulture and native plant landscapes to botanical art, floral design, and culinary arts.

Saturday, April 22 – Events (Continued)

SESSION B3 – 3-4 pm continued

**ROBERT MULVHILL, Ornithologist
NATIONAL AVIARY**



*Native Landscaping is for the Birds
(and the Bees and Butterflies!)*

Many people have a yard dominated by a close-cropped lawn, on which they spend a lot of time, energy, water, and synthetic chemicals. This program will encourage you to think of your lawn as a blank canvas upon which you can plant a beautiful native habitat that supports a diversity of birds, butterflies and other beneficial insects.

Bob has a Masters degree in Biology from Indiana University of PA. He began his ornithological career at Powdermill Nature Reserve, where he worked at the world-renowned bird-banding station. At the National Aviary, Mulvihill has brought several citizen science projects to the Pittsburgh area.

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MEETING – LEADERSHIP GROUP - 4:15 - 5 pm
Club Pres & VPs, GCFP Officers, DDe, & Asst. DDe

CASH BAR – 5:30 pm Featuring a Signature Drink
Stroll around and visit the vendors in the Oxford Room!

Saturday, April 22 – Events (Continued)

INSTALLATION DINNER & PROGRAM – 6:30 pm

Seasons - Designs by Floral Rhythms



(Left to Right) Angie Rollano, Mary Jane Martucci, and Diane Hughes will create floral designs showcasing their artistic talents to musical excerpts for each season of the year.

*The evening ends in the foyer with a
Champagne & Dessert Reception*

Join in to celebrate our Outgoing and Incoming GCFP Officers.

Sunday, April 23 – Events

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – 7 – 8:30 am

Located in the Confluence Ballroom - for hotel guests

JUDGES COUNCIL BOARD – 8 am

JUDGES COUNCIL MEETING – 8:30 am

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SESSIONS C - 9:30 – 10:30 am (3 Sessions)

SESSION – C1

ADIA EFFONG, Director of School Garden Programs GROW PITTSBURGH



*Creating linkages and connecting to schools
with gardeners*

Explore ways to support and or start a school garden through volunteering, fundraising, mentoring, teaching and even building school gardens.

Adia holds a M.Ed. in Health Education from The Pennsylvania State University. At Grow Pittsburgh she has expanded the School Garden Network and worked with many school programs to support their garden dreams.

Sunday, April 23 – Events (Continued)

SESSION – C2 – 9:30 – 10:30 am

**ROSE MARIE MUZKA, Ph.D., Div. of Science, Research & Collections
CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**



The Many Facets of Conservation, Restoration and Protection of Ecosystems

Contemporary concerns about global change and biodiversity loss dominate ecological and environmental sciences. This presentation will address some history of these practical approaches to these issues, and successes, losses and consequences of activity geared to address global natural resource crises.

Dr. Muzka holds a Ph.D. in Forestry from Michigan State University and is a recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship and a Harvard Fellowship. She has been employed by the US Forest Service in research, and was a Professor at the University of Missouri, where she served as Department Chair of Forestry and Associate Director of the School of Natural Resources.

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SESSION – C3 – 9:30 – 10:30 am

**JOSHUA BEBLO, Landscape Architecture Adjunct Professor
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY**



A History of Garden Design in the United States and How This Garden Heritage May Guide Future Design

Beginning with the gardens and landscapes designed and managed by indigenous peoples, and continuing through those introduced from Europe, this session will explore how the variety of styles were developed or modified to be successful in the environmental conditions of the builders.

Having degrees in landscape architecture and education, Joshua has taught landscape design history, garden design, and plant identification courses at PA universities and institutions.

Sunday, April 23 – Events (Continued)

LUNCH AND PROGRAM HOSTED BY JUDGES COUNCIL – 11 am

Under the Rainbow - A floral design program featuring COLOR by the “Best of the West (PA)” designers - flower show judges from the Erie Area, Laurel Highlands and the Pittsburgh Area Judges Council. Come and see 9 unique designs each focusing on a different rainbow color. It promises to be an inspirational display. Let's celebrate our own local talent and the COLOR they share. All completed designs will be raffled off including the container.



(Tonya & Mary)

Mary Hetrick, State Judges Council Chairman, will host the luncheon with

Tonya Young as Master of Ceremonies.

CONVENTION BUSINESS RESUMES – 2 pm

Invitation to the 2024 Convention, District IV

OFFICIAL CONVENTION CLOSING – 2:15 pm

Brief Meeting of the 2023-2025 Board of Directors



REGISTRATION for 93RD ANNUAL CONVENTION

April 21 - 23, 2023 (Friday-Sunday)

Please print legibly and complete separate registration forms for you and your guest(s), using both pages.

Make check(s) payable to: "GCFP 2023 Convention"

Mail to: **Linda Phelps, 2023 Convention Registrar,
73 Elmore Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15221**

Contact: registrar2023dvii@gmail.com 412.559.9578

Confirmation will be sent to your email address

NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 31, 2023

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Preferred Name on Name Badge _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Garden Club (s) _____ District(s) _____

Check all that apply:

__ NGC President	__ District Director	__ GCFP Life Member
__ Former NGC President	__ Asst. District Director	__ Flower Show Judge
__ NGC Board Member	__ Current Club President	__ Gardening Consultant
__ CAR-SGC Director	__ Garden Club Member	__ Environmental Consultant
__ GCFP (State) President	__ NGC Life Member	__ Landscape Design Consultant
__ Former GCFP President	__ CAR-SGC Life Member	__ Guest/Spouse
__ Current GCFP Officer or Board Member Position:		
__ Current CAR-SGC Officer or Board Member Position:		

Advanced registration is required for all events and early registration is advised. See next (2/2) page. Obtain enlarged Form on GCFP website.

REGISTRATION for 93RD ANNUAL CONVENTION, cont.

Page 2/2: Specify & prioritize your choices. Calculate check TOTAL due.

ONE HOTEL MEAL MUST BE SELECTED to attend ANY sessions of that day. Enter \$ of selected events in right column.	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Enter \$</i>
Registration postmarked on or before March 24, 2023	\$5	\$ ____
Registration postmarked March 25-31, 2023	\$25	\$ ____
Save \$30! Full Conference Rate includes Friday & Saturday dinner and program, Sessions A-C, Saturday & Sunday Lunch and Program, and EXCLUDES events (shaded) prior to Friday dinner.	\$250	\$ ____
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS		
FRIDAY, APR. 21 * indicates additional fees, NOT part of the Full Conference Rate		
8-11:45AM Log House Tour/Breakfast (20-26 required)	\$50*	\$ ____
11-11:45AM MT1 <i>Ribbon Magic-Mary Jane Martucci</i> (40 max.)	\$10*	\$ ____
1-2:45PM Afternoon Tea & <i>Titanic Era Fashion-Deb Gilbert</i> (50 max.)	\$50*	\$ ____
3-3:45PM MT2 <i>Essential Oils for Gardeners-Linda Boyer</i> (40 max.)	\$10*	\$ ____
4-4:45PM MT3 <i>Propagation-Maggie Shafferman</i> (40 max.)	\$10*	\$ ____
6:30-9PM. International Sampling Buffet/ <i>Entertainer Mickey Dee</i>	\$65	\$ ____
SATURDAY, APR. 22		
10:45-11:45AM Session A-Please prioritize your choices as 1, 2 & 3	\$20	\$ ____
A1 <i>The Safe Way to Can-Marcy Cunkleman</i>	# ____	
A2 <i>Rachel Carson's Gifts and Legacy-Jeanne Cecil</i>	# ____	
A3 <i>Mastering Phone Photography-Don Orkoskey</i>	# ____	
12-2:45PM Lunch & Speaker: <i>PIT Botanical Garden, Mark Miller, Ph.D.</i>	\$45	\$ ____
3-4PM Session B-Please prioritize your choices as 1, 2 & 3	\$20	\$ ____
B1 <i>The Neighborhood's Urban Forest-Joe Stavish</i>	# ____	
B2 <i>Supporting Home Landscapes-Gabe Tilove</i>	# ____	
B3 <i>Native Landscaping for Birds-Robert Mulvihill</i>	# ____	
6:30-9PM Dinner, <i>Floral Rhythms, Dessert/Champagne Reception</i>	\$65	\$ ____
SUNDAY, APR. 23		
9:30-10:30AM Session C - Please prioritize your choices as 1, 2 & 3	\$20	\$ ____
C1 <i>Connecting Schools with Gardeners-Adia Effiong</i>	# ____	
C2 <i>Conservation of Ecosystems-Rose Marie Muzika</i>	# ____	
C3 <i>History & Future of Garden Design-Joshua Beblo</i>	# ____	
11-2PM Lunch & <i>Under the Rainbow</i> by Best of the West Designers	\$45	\$ ____
Make check "Total" payable to "GCFP 2023 Convention"		Total \$ ____

CONVENTION MEAL MENUS

Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea, Iced Tea for all meals

FRIDAY APRIL 21 Afternoon Tea

- First Course - Assorted Scones and Lemon Cookies served with Devonshire Cream, Orange Marmalade, and Strawberry Preserves; Assorted Teas
- Second Course - Fruit Skewers, Chicken Salad on a Croissant, Cucumber Open Face on Marble Rye
- Third Course - Mini Cream Puffs and Assorted Truffles

FRIDAY International Dinner Buffet – BARGAIN! - One ticket allows sampling of any food at all 3 ethnic stations, plus salad and assorted cupcakes:

Salad (*Italian & Ranch*)

-Italian Pasta Station – *Tortellini with marinara & alfredo sauces*

-Asian Stir Fry Station - *Vegetable stir fry (with chicken, beef or meatless) and pot stickies with Thai sauce*

-German/Irish/Polish Station - *Pierogies with assorted toppings, Corned Beef with Red Cabbage, Kielbasa, Bratwurst, Haluski*

SATURDAY (AND SUNDAY) Continental Breakfast for Hotel Guests

Deluxe Continental Menu - Muffins, Breakfast Breads, Pastries, Bagels with Cream Cheese, Fresh Fruit, Cold Cereal with Milk, Assorted Yogurt

SATURDAY APRIL 22 Lunch

Soup du Jour

Pittsburgh Salad (Steak or meatless) (*Italian & Ranch*)

Rolls and Butter

Sorbet

SATURDAY Installation Dinner and Reception

Mixed Garden Green Salad with Ranch and Raspberry Vinaigrette

Lemon Chicken with Artichokes

Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes

Snow Peas

Rolls and Butter

Assorted cakes and champagne (in foyer)

SUNDAY APRIL 23 Lunch

Mixed Garden Green Salad with Ranch and Italian

Chicken Romano

Pasta with Marinara

Rolls and Butter

Carrot Cake

Doubletree by Hilton

Pittsburgh-Monroeville Convention Center
101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 15146
15 miles east of downtown Pittsburgh

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

**April 21 (8AM Tour), 22, 23 (2:45 pm Closing)
(Friday-Sunday)**

**Hotel Check-in at 4 PM
Check-out at 11 AM**

Early Arrival Check-in 4 PM on Thursday, April 20

A special weekend discount
Friday & Saturday nights!

The group discount code is "SGC" or
State Garden Club Annual Convention on or before
Thursday, March 30, 2023
for these outstanding reservation rates

\$124+14% tax + gratuity / per room; up to 4 people/room
[Thursday and Sunday nights are \$99 + 14% tax + gratuity]
Free parking. Located across from Mall.

BOOK TODAY!

Online 24/7 at www.doubletreemonroeville.com

Phone: 412-373-7300 (ask for Reservations Dept.)
Changes/Cancellations must be made by 4PM, 2 days prior,
to avoid no show charges.

Hotel is located at Monroeville Mall
Exit from US Route 22 Business (William Penn Highway)
On I-76 Turnpike, take Exit 57 Pittsburgh to Monroeville.
On I-376E from Pittsburgh, take Exit 80 to Business 22.

All Convention information may be found on the GCFP website

2023 PRE-CONVENTION SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY

SPEAR HEAD SPADE® GARDEN SHOVELS ARE BACK!

by Marilyn C. Backus, 2023 Convention Chair

These lightweight shovels sold out at the 2022 Malvern Convention because they are especially suited for women, seniors and people with ailments. This Spade reduces digging effort by 80%, especially in soils with lots of buried rocks, debris, and clay. It shines when it's time to separate perennials with impenetrable roots; and its beveled edges enable precision digging, especially when edging curved borders.

Testimonials - District members who love their shovels.

Iris Cisarik, District VII, bought a Spear Head Spade and says she loves how it helps to stabilize her while digging on the hillsides of Forest Hills. Sharon Richardson, District I, said, "My Spear Head is the best and only shovel I use." And, Mary Hetrick, District VIII, said, "My yellow-handled Spade is well-used, well-loved and never left behind!"

View the details and order form for three models of the Spear Head Spade at www.spearheadspade.com. They are available to all GCFP members at a discount if pre-ordered on-line using most credit or debit cards and the **coupon code "GCFP", effective January 1, 2023.** The \$4 discount can be applied to the shovel, and shipping costs avoided, if "in-person pickup" is selected. Disregard the pickup address since it will be available for pickup at the 2023 Convention in Monroeville on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Otherwise, \$4 will be deducted from shipping costs. A percentage of the Spade's online and Convention sales will be donated back to the Convention.

For answers to any questions, please contact Hugh Mura at Spear Head Spade at 732-297-9240.



**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/or 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

GCFP/PAJC FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE #3

**April 13-16, 2023
Doubletree By Hilton
Philadelphia West
640 Fountain Road
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462**



**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB
Flower Show School #3
Sponsored by
The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania**

**Mary Warshauer
National Garden Clubs President**

**Sheila Croushore
GCFP President**

**Betty Cookendorfer
CAR Director**

**Lori Pancione
State Flower Show School Chair**

**Kay Morrissey
Philadelphia Area Judges Council**

Flower Show # 3 SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 13

1:00 – 4:00 PM Registration (Hotel Lobby)

1:15 – 4:30 PM

4:00 PM Workshop Container Plantings (BRC)

1:00 to 4:00 PM Ways and Means Tables

(Lobby area near Ballroom A)

5:00 – 6:15 PM Welcome and Group Dinner

6:30 - 8:30 PM Flower Show Procedure (Sue Kirkman)

Friday, April 14

6:30 – 7:45 AM Breakfast Bar

8:00 AM Registration (Lobby)

8:00 – 9:00 AM Flower Show Procedure Test (Ballroom)

9:00 AM Welcome

9:05 AM – 12:05 Noon Horticulture (Kirkman)

12:10 – 1:10 PM Lunch (Terrace)

1:15 – 2:45 PM Horticulture (continued)

2:45 – 3:50 PM Practice Point Scoring (K)

3:51- 4:09 PM Break

4:10 -6:10 PM Horticulture Point Scoring Exam

Rest of evening: Dinner on your own – Hotel or local options. If eating in Hotel say you are with PAJC Group.

Saturday, April 15, 2023

6:30 – 7:30 AM Breakfast Bar

8:00 AM One day Registration (Lobby)

Ways and Means Tables

8:00 – 9:00 AM Horticulture Test (Ballroom A)

9:05 AM Welcome and Announcements

9:05 – 9:35 AM Design Inst. (Julia Clavett)

9:35 – 9:45 AM Break

9:46 – 12:05 Elements & Principles of Design

12:06-1:06 Lunch (TBA)

1:10 – 3:10 PM Design Inst. (cont.)
3:10 PM Break, Review of designs for Practice Point Scoring, Practice Point Scoring (Clevett)
3:10 – 4:00 PM Procedure for design point scoring
4:00-4:10 PM Break
4:15 –6:15 PM Design Point Scoring Exam

Sunday, April 16, 2023

7:00 – 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 11:30 AM Tours (non test participants)
9:00 -10:00 AM Written Design Exam
8:00 – 11:00 AM Ways and Means Table

School #3 Instructors

Sue Kirkman-FSP and Horticulture

Sue Kirkman is a Horticulture and Symposium instructor, member of the Garden Club of Frankfort, KY, NGC Master Flower Show Judge, Gardening Consultant, Landscape Design Consultant, Master Gardener, former American Iris Society Judge and a member of Bluegrass Iris, Bluegrass Daffodil, and North American Lily Societies. A retired college instructor, State of Kentucky aging director and gerontologist, Sue and her husband take care of her 106 year old mother who lives with them as well as two dogs, two cats and several chickens known as ‘the girls’.

Julia Clevett - Design

Julia, originally from the United Kingdom, teaches Flower show schools and symposia internationally. Her impressive design training began in England, but she has established an illustrious teaching career across many countries. She is the former president of the Garden Clubs of NJ. She is frequently featured in design magazines and books. See her design on the cover of NGC’s book, *Designing by Types*. Julia has been the keynote speaker for both Creative Flower Arrangers of America and The Organization of Floral Art Designs. Julia lives in Powhatan, VA and enjoys traveling.

Required: NGC Handbook for Flower Shows (2017 or latest ed.). BRING TO CLASS: Handbook, clipboard and pencils!

Flower Show Schools exams are not open book.

Required Reading List for four Courses

- Outline of Period Flower Arrangements
- Table Settings for All Seasons, Hanney Hortulana-Heber
- Designing by Types, Editor, Osbourne
- Plant Family Lists-download from NGC or GCFP website
- NCG Horticulture & Exhibiting Judges Book

Books available from

The National Garden Members Service

4401 Magnolia St.,

St.Louis, MO 63110-3492

1-800-550-6007

E-mail: headquarters@gardenclub.org

www.gardenclub.org or www.pagardenclubs.org

Course registration forms are also available on

GCFP website: www.pagardenclubs.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Sponsors: Philadelphia Area Judges Council (PA-JC), Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (GCFP) and State Judges Council.

Attendance cards must be punched for each session and kept on file. Seating will be based on the date your reservation is received in this order:

FRONT: STUDENTS

FRONT BACK: Not for credit

BACK- One day registrations

Flower Show #3 REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Garden Club/s: _____

Judging Level (circle one)

Student ~ Accredited ~ Accredited Life

Accredited Master ~ Judge Emeritus

Registration Deadline: March 15, 2023

NO refunds after this date.

Seats are reserved in the order your reservation is received.

Full Course for credit & test.....\$210.00 _____
(Thurs. night dinner, 2 lunches, 3 cont. breakfasts)

Full Course no credit.....\$205.00 _____
(Thurs. dinner, 2 lunches; 3 continental breakfasts)

April 14, 2023, (1 day) Horticulture.....\$110.00 _____
w/lunch & c. breakfast

April 15, (1 day) Design.....\$110.00 _____
w/lunch and c. breakfast

Postmark after 3/15/22: Late Fee.....\$25.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed.....\$ _____

Check payable: Elaine Watters, Schools' Registrar.

Put Flower Show School #3 on memo line of check.

Mail to: Elaine Watters

3103 Brittany Pointe, Lansdale, PA 19446

Make a copy of your check!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Reservations are to be made directly with the
Double Tree by Hilton
640 Fountain Rd.
Plymouth Meeting, PA. 19462
<https://www.guestreservations.com/doubletree>
Hotel Phone: 610-834-8300

Rates are guaranteed until March 16, 2023
Request the PAJC Flower Show Rate: Code is GAR

Hotel has Free parking and Free WIFI
2 Queen Beds/King Size Bed Options
Study suites in every room.
Ideal for roommates. COVID hotel guidelines apply.

Questions: Contact
Flower School Chair, Lori Pancione
215-680-1310, lpnzy@hotmail.com

School Registrar, Elaine Watters
3103 Brittany Pointe
Lansdale, Pa 19446
ejwatters@verizon.net
267-218-0167

Optional Activities:
Thursday, April 13, 2023
2-5 PM Early Registration(Thurs)
Container Herbs Workshop
4:00 PM - Jane Irwin Klotz
Ballroom C area

Ways and Means Table Shopping

**GCFP
SEED MONEY
APPLICATION
DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

GCFP Seed Money Applications are due February 15, 2023. Go to The FORMS LIBRARY and click on Club Forms at

pagardenclubs.org. Seed Money Application is listed in blue!



If you can spare photos, they are appreciated! There is much joy in viewing a PowerPoint of gardens across Pennsylvania when it is cold outside and snowing! Feel free to send electronically or snail mail. Marjorie (Marj) Sears, 8 St. Dunstons Road, Hatboro, PA 19040-4526, stilwellmarj@aol.com, 215-450-7195.

Keep in mind that the \$2,500 is for Seed Money! We need to stretch it out so that we help all of our clubs.

Plant A Seed, Watch It Grow!



GCFP SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

DONATIONS

Sharon Brown

Southern Butler County Garden Club
Wesley and Sue Semple

In Honor of Pat Mifsud
Presque Isle Garden Club

IN MEMORY

Nancy Carlin
Norristown Garden Club

BOOK OF RECOGNITION

None in this issue

PENNY PINES DONATIONS

None in this issue

SAGES AND ROSES FUND

None in this issue

STATE LIFE MEMBER

#845 Bonita Herman

Lawrence Park GC Dist VIII

A gift from Debbie Bernardini for many
terms as president Nov 2022

NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

None in this issue

**CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGION
LIFE MEMBERS**



EXPLANATION OF DONATIONS

BOOK OF RECOGNITION

Special recognition is given to club members named with a donation to the Book of Recognition. These donations are applied to the operating budget of GCFP.

GCFP SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship donations help to fund the 11 GCFP Scholarships awarded annually at our convention. Donations may be given in honor of or in memory of a club member or friend of the GCFP.

Students applying for scholarships must be studying an allied curriculum in the gardening field. Winners of club and state scholarships are eligible to apply for NGC scholarships.

NATURAL DISASTER

Donations can also be made to help NGC member clubs and affiliates rebuild after natural disasters.

PENNY PINES

Donations to Penny Pines stay in Pennsylvania and are used for special projects or to reforest areas in the Allegheny National Forest. Penny Pines first began after World War II to help reforest our National Parks and cost at first 68 cents to plant trees on one acre; today that has gone up to \$68 an acre. Many clubs use this program as a permanent memorial for a deceased member.

SAGE AND ROSES

Sage and Roses is a program introduced by our own Lois Shuster. Instead of buying a greeting card to celebrate a holiday or special occasion, an email message is sent and the money not spent on cards is donated thru this program to help fund new Blue Star Memorial Markers throughout the USA.

CAR-SGC AWARDS WON BY GCFP CLUBS

Announced at the CAR-SGC Convention
November 2-3, 2022



CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT AWARD

First Place Medium Club-Hazleton Garden Club (50 Members)
Certificate and \$100

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARDS

NGC Standard Flower Show

LARGE CLUB

1ST Place: Norristown Garden Club, "Make Mine Music"

2ND Place: St. Mary's County Garden Club, "From Sea to Shining Sea"

PUBLICITY/PRESSBOOK

Small Clubs: First Place: Heritage Garden Club

Medium Clubs: First Place: Biglerville Garden Club

Large Clubs: Second Place: Gettysburg Garden Club

NGC YEARBOOK AWARDS

YB-1 (100-299 MEMBERS) The Garden Club of York

NGC YOUTH CONTESTS

Youth Recycled Sculpture Contest

Grade 4-Second Place: Violet Rumburg, Shaler Garden Club

Grade 5-First Place: Noelle Ronnenberg, Ingomar Garden Club

NGC YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

Kindergarten: Honorable Mention 90+ Olivia Clay, Ingomar Garden Club

5th Grade: Honorable Mention 90+ Grace Debolt, Garden Club of York

6th Grade: 2nd Place: Katherine Schaarsmith, Ingomar Garden Club

9th Grade: Honorable Mention 90+ Karina Ingram, Tusca Ridge Garden Club

Reported in the CAR-SGC Review.

Full listing can be accessed from the GCFP Website.

Sheri Lowry, GCFP Award Chair



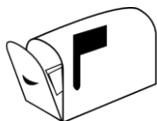
A Piet Oudolf Story

a talk by Deborah Chud
on The High Line's master designer

“Riveting!”

Rochelle Strauss, Director of Education
Toronto Botanical Garden

NotYourMothersGarden.com



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

Change of Address?

If you need to change your address with
GCFP, please forward the changes to

Joanne Baylis

at

gcfpdatasemgr@gmail.com

GCFP CALENDAR 2023

Apr 13-16	Flower Show School Course III, Doubletree, Plymouth Meeting, PA
Apr 21-23	GCFP Annual Convention, D-VII, Monroeville, PA
Apr 22	Earth Day
Apr 28	Arbor Day
May 2-5	NGC Annual Convention, Greenbrier Resort, White Sulphur Springs, WV
June 4-10	National Garden Week
June 5-6	GCFP Board Meeting
October 9-10	GCFP Board Meeting
October 12-15	Flower Show School Course IV, Doubletree, Plymouth Meeting, PA

To be sure that your calendar information is published in time for your event, please submit it at least one issue ahead OR six months in advance.

Submit with "KG Calendar/which issue it needs to be in" on the subject line.

Example: KG Calendar/Winter 2023

Send to keystonegardener@gmail.com.

Also send your info to the GCFP Website: www.pagardenclubs.org

Vina McLeod-Rudolph at gardenfairie@icloud.com