



# THE FLOWER PRESS

PENN-CUMBERLAND GARDEN CLUB

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2019

**"59 YEARS AND STILL BLOOMING"**

Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

## *FROM YOUR PRESIDENT*



I want to thank everyone for all the hard work they put into making the Scholarship and Community Projects Benefit such a success.

I attended the District IV Board Meeting and these are the deadlines and important points I want to share with you:

- Let Anne Keck know if you are going to be away for the winter so the Keystone Gardener magazine will reach you. Do not just do a postal forwarding notice.
- December 25, 2018 – Deadline for Smokey the Bear 75<sup>th</sup> birthday poster contest mailed to Paula Mohlr, 271 Pine Loop, Frostproof, FL 33843
- January 1, 2019 – Award applications due for Member Award of Honor
- January 5, 2019 – National Bird Day
- January 15, 2019 – Deadline for Smokey the Bear 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Contest
- January 2019 – Look for convention information in Keystone Gardener. Register early for Trash to Treasure contest information.
- Start taking photos for the 2020 Keystone Kalendar.
- PCGC was assigned two days to host the District IV Flower Show. Our time is Saturday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. This is the last shift of the flower show. Specific directions will be given to all hostesses. We need two hostesses for each shift. Hostesses have free admission to the Flower Show on the day they volunteer.

*KAREN*



## DECEMBER 17 TH MEETING

Our program will be the Heirloom Seed Project of Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum presented by Joanne Ranck-Davis. Arrive between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. to sign in, pick up your name tag, shop at the Pressers table, buy raffle tickets and visit with your friends. Speaker will begin at 10 a.m. with the business meeting to follow. Lunch and the cookie exchange will be at noon. Remember your place setting and two dozen or more cookies!



## JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> MEETING



Please note that our January meeting will be on the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month** due to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday being a holiday. We will be talking about “Seed Starting How-To and Tips” with Diane Barge from the West Shore Garden Club. Arrive between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Program will begin at 10 a.m. Business meeting will be held after the speaker concludes. Lunch will be at noon and we will be having SOUPS! Please bring your own mug or bowl for soup tasting along with your usual place setting.

## FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

This month the meeting will also be on the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday** due to the holiday. Carol Bupp from Cross Creek Farm will be our speaker with the topic being “Light Up the Night.” Plan to arrive between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Bring your soup mug or bowl again as February is also a soup month!

## MEMBERSHIP



As I said in September, we are in a rebuilding phase with our membership. Since then we have added new members every month, including November. Our membership now stands at 115. I hope this trend continues.

Our newest member is Randi Lorah (pictured here), 3715 Leyland Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-9165. Phone 717-732-6491 or 717-802-0977. Email is [RKLORAH@msn.com](mailto:RKLORAH@msn.com). I found it interesting that Randi found our club online. Judy has worked very hard to get our website up and running. It is paying dividends.

Anne Keck – Membership Chairman

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL - MARCH 14 & 15

Course I of Environmental School, a National Garden Club accredited school, will be held in March this year. Nancy Fulk of our club is the Registrar. It will be held in Exton and is \$99 for the two days with lunches included. Application flyers will be available at the December meeting and also in January and February. Deadline for registering is February 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Nancy at [nfulk@comcast.net](mailto:nfulk@comcast.net) or at 717-732-9167 with any questions about the school.

## *Pauline Neal - October 27, 2018*

### *by Susan Wilder*

***"A friend is one of the nicest things you can have and one of the best things you can be."***

A loving wife and mother, a talented flower arranger, and a generous friend – that was Polly. She joined Penn-Cumberland in 1977 and was recognized immediately for her artistic abilities. Polly provided altar flowers for her church and it was not long before she was part of the Floral Design Guild. She served as Flower Show Chairman both in 1980 and again in 1982 and was Floral Design Guild Chairman in 1983, 1984 and 1985. She led our club as President from 1985 to 1987 and has chaired and been a member of many committees through the years. Polly was a life member of GCFP and in recognition of her continuous membership and outstanding service she was awarded PCGC Honorary Membership.

Polly served as Chairman of the Horticulture Committee with Nancy Hackett from 2004 to 2008. Together they planned field trips for our members to local gardens that we still remember for their uniqueness. The many other committees chaired by Polly include Benefit, Program, Conservation, Books, June Luncheon, Sharing Your Passion and PCGC Advisory Council. During our Fiftieth Anniversary Year in 2009-2010 Polly worked with others on a special committee to identify and label all of the PCGC President's trees.

We will all miss Polly for her humor and her cheerful nature. Her daughter, Andrea Campbell, continues to serve PCGC with artistic talent and charm. Husband Steve was often at Polly's side for special events and projects. We join Steve, Andrea and family in mourning the loss of Polly, and are grateful for the lovely memories she has left us.



In 2009, as we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we displayed the President's Trophy bowl at each meeting holding something appropriate to the club. Polly opened the program year with the bowl full of zinnias from her garden.

During our Fiftieth Anniversary Year in 2009-2010, Polly helped plant, identify and label all the special PCGC President's trees.



Three generations ... Polly, her daughter Andrea and grand-daughter Sara - as they worked to help decorate the Fredricksen Library for "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Days" flower show in 2010.



# 49TH ANNUAL BENEFIT THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended or participated in our 49th Annual Scholarship and Community Projects Benefit at the Radisson on November 26<sup>th</sup>. We served 225 and had 72 PCGC members participating. Very special thanks to several who worked tirelessly to make our 2018 Scholarship and Community Projects Benefit a success!

Reservations chairman, **Betty Pisano** gets the award for patience, tactfulness and good humor as well as excellent bookkeeping-all while recovering from neck surgery! **Karen Schwarzbauer** was over-the-top for extensive publicity. **Karen McAuliffe** appeared on "Good Day PA" on behalf of the club. **Lois Kriens** spent endless days and nights creating a power point that educated guests about PCGC's projects, showcased raffle items, vendors, etc. and got those raffle numbers on the screen immediately as they were drawn. Without the dedication of **Dee Titus** to maintain our storage shed and lug all the awkward items back and forth for the Benefit, we would be lost. The **Greenly Foundation**, managed by Sue and Duane Greenly, provided the funding for the large screen, audio/video components, and videographer for the speaker's presentation.



President Karen McAuliffe introduced our State President, Chris Leskosky, and District Director, Georgieann Detinburn. We also welcomed Gail Corle, State President 2011-2013 and a full table of our state board members - Chairmen of Scholarship, Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl, Blue Star Memorial, GCFP History, Club Programs and Chaplain. Also Betty Lewis, Club Yearbooks and Vivian Abel, Landscape Design School joined us.

There was something for everybody ..... from New York's foremost floral designer, Trish O'Sullivan, to a delicious roast beef meal and scrumptious cheesecake with raspberry drizzle. Twenty-seven of our guests won the elegant centerpieces designed by Nancy Hackett and Eileen Hoover and created by the Floral Designer's Guild directed by Judy McGinnis and Joyce Wallen. Six guests got floral designs on birch slabs or orchids in a glass container from the speaker and Susan Wilder received the grand prize, the Boho Chic White on White floral design created by Trish O'Sullivan! If you were not a lucky winner of a door prize, there were 34 raffle items prepared by committees and club members as well as business donations solicited by ambitious Kay Rowe and Nancy Toole. Fern Oram made it very easy to buy raffle tickets with her incredible 'ticket organizational' skills. The raffle included a creative dome terrarium, a show-stopping mauve arrangement by Marie Stolz and a PA weed wreath by the always creative Terri Maclay! You could also find a painter's supply kit, wine, a live tree, \$100 to buy and plant a tree, gardening supplies, stress relievers, artwork by Jennifer Becker, and more plus gift cards. In total, there were 34 raffle items in the display yielding a profit of \$2,117.



Fresh greens from our members, prepared in bunches by Susanna Reppert-Brill, yielded \$413 in profit and sold out. Thanks also go to Susanna for securing our speaker for the event.

As usual, our members provided delicious and tempting items for Betty Golob and Josie McNulty to sell at the Bake Sale table, and they sold out with a profit of \$548.

If you were looking for anything with pressed flowers, Karen Schwarzbauer and the Pressers had an eye-catching display including purses, Christmas ornaments, greeting cards, treasure boxes and many jewelry items which yielded \$355.

Lisa Garrison and a dozen or more members participated in a workshop to make boxwood trees to liven up the Ways and Means table. Thanks to the members who also contributed gently used items. Total profit was \$870.

As Benefit Chairman, I have received numerous complimentary comments from well-satisfied vendors. Vendor chairman, Sue Kent, can take credit for setting it up, keeping everyone happy and realizing a \$690.00 profit.



There was a lot going on but thanks to Kathleen Jacob's elegant posters we were able to navigate the ballroom quite easily.

All the while you shopped there was live seasonal music provided by musician Julie Nevel.

Wanda Godar kept track of all the finances and start-up money so everything came out balanced and the bills are being paid.

Photographers Sheri Goff, Kathleen Jacobs, Kathy Brenneman, Lisa Garrison and Leah Hornung probably amassed the largest collection of photos of our Benefits EVER! Great job. Check out our website and Facebook!

Once we got the hang of it, the "Time To Sign Up Online Sheet" had 130 slots filled with helpers for the Benefit. Congratulations. You'll see it used again for things like the Spring Plant Sale. This chairman thanks all of you for your time and efforts and for your support for myself and the Club. It was a proud day for Penn-Cumberland!

## ***BENEFIT VENDORS***

Dolly Ness - Hand crafted gemstone and wire jewelry

Robin Strock - Fair trade products from around the world

K & K Kreations - Garden Art, bird feeders and garden flowers

Timothy Ort - Wood Burning Art

Beth Harte & Kaley Bussom - Knitted items, floating candles, ornaments soaps, handmade jewelry,

Christine Firrito Easton - Treasures of Another Time

Bob & Judy Showers - Handcrafted Vintage Button Jewelry, Teapot Earrings and magnets

Barbara Pennett - Wet-felted Scarves, Wraps, Purses, Hats. Wall Hangings

Mary Carnahan - Pure soy and soy lotion candles poured into vintage American glassware

Heide Strawser - Sipology steeped tea

Robyn Collins - Painted wooden bird houses, Hand Stamped Greeting Cards

Jennifer Lynn Becker - Botanical Prints of Native Plants & Insects

Gloria Hargro - Pashmina Shawls with matching necklace sets, scarf vests & wraps

Jill J. Smith - Felted Wool Flowers, Watch Part Jewelry, all items made out of recycled materials

Darlene Ward - Hand Carved wooden items

Gwendolyn Casey - One of a kind pieces of jewelry made from antique pieces, genuine freshwater pearls, genuine turquoise

Christine Miller - Home Décor

Candace Cothard - Contemporary jewelry pieces using textured mixed metals, precious stones, rough minerals, pearls, vintage jewels, crystals and stained glass

Lois Jourdan - Wreaths

Castle Creek Farm - Dillsburg - Handmade herbal products, specializing in Lavender. Home of the Lavender Thyme Faire.

Ann Markley – Benefit Chairman

## PLAQUES INSTALLED AT TRAILS AND TREES NATURE CENTER

On a sunny day in October the new plaques for the trees our club planted at Trails and Trees Environmental Center in Mechanicsburg were installed by Judy McGinnis and Susan Wilder. The trees were planted and dedicated on National Arbor Day – Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Anne Miller for providing us with the plaques.

Judy served as President of PCGC from 2013-2015. She had selected a Dawn Redwood: *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* and it was planted in the grove of trees facing the entrance.

As the recipient of the Perennial Bloom Award in 2016, Sue Daugherty chose a River Birch to be planted near the vernal pond. Sue's tree joins another previously planted for Pearl Kent.

2017 Perennial Bloom Award recipient Susan Wilder chose a Pond Cypress which was also planted near the vernal pond.



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



The 2019/2020 Penn-Cumberland Scholarship Applications for high school seniors and college students are available on the PCGC website <http://www.penncumberlandgardenclub.org>. The scholarships are offered to high school students and current college/university students who will major in Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Architecture, Conservation, Forestry, Urban or Regional Planning, Environmental Science, Botany or plant or ecology related studies. Please contact Carol Heide at 717-230-9795 for further information.

Please note that scholarships are also provided by the Garden Club Federation of PA and National Garden Club. Their Scholarship forms and information can be obtained at <http://www.pagardenclubs.org>.

Carol Heide, PCGC Scholarship Chairman



## TRAVEL COMMITTEE REMINDER



The Travel Committee is offering a trip to Thomas Jefferson's beautiful and historic Monticello in Charlottesville, VA on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. As usual we will depart on a Wolf bus from the Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill, at 7:00 A.M. Mark your calendar - more information later.

Gloria Basehore – Travel Committee Chairman

## ALLOCATIONS

The allocations committee has completed its task for this year and upon board approval the award recipients will be announced at the Feb. general meeting. Thanks to all committee members.

Norma Frame – Allocations Chairman



## YOUTH EXHIBITORS - DISTRICT IV FLOWER SHOW



Youth exhibits are popular at the District IV Flower Show, but few clubs in the district are working with children. Please ask a child who is Pre-K through Grade 6 to do a floral design. Maybe a grandchild, niece/nephew, neighbor, friend, or church member. The entry categories are:

### Youth Exhibits

Section A: Exhibits – Design, eligible for the District IV Youth Award

Class 1: "Boat Parade"

Class 2: "St Patrick's Day"

Class 3: "Fantasy with Sticks and Stones"

The categories are open to a wide range of Interpretations: maybe a boat shaped container, green for St Patrick's Day, or unique container. No artificial plant material is permitted and each entry must include some real plant material. It's great if they have a 3" X 5" index card that lists plant material used.

Entries will be received on Thursday, February 28, from 2-6 p.m. at Memorial Hall West, York Expo Center, and must be removed at 5pm on Sunday, March 3. You can take the entry for the child. Please let Melanie Markowski know in advance to plan for table space: [mmarkowski@juno.com](mailto:mmarkowski@juno.com), 717 617-7457 or 717 244-8476.

Thank you for helping our District IV Flower Show be a great success!

Joyce Wallen

## *DISTRICT LAUREL AWARDS*



At a recent meeting, Karen McAuliffe, Penn Cumberland Garden Club (PCGC) president, presented District Laurel Awards to 5 members. The awards recognize outstanding accomplishments that are "above and beyond" the regular duties of an office or committee.

L to R - Sue Daugherty, Wanda Godar, Louise Bianco, Carol Hollis, Betty Pisano, Karen McAuliffe

## *EXCEPTIONAL HORTICULTURE AWARD - BETTY WILSON*

President, Karen McAuliffe, recently presented the Exceptional Horticulture Award to Betty Wilson. Betty's name will be inscribed on The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania's (GCFP) Honor Roll of Exceptional Horticulturists.

GCFP's Honor Roll depicts those members who have exhibited their experience, education and sharing in an exceptional manner. Betty's vast horticulture knowledge plus her work with Rhododendrons, Daffodils, and Pressed Flower Designs contributed to her being the 10th PCGC member to be added to the Honor Roll.



## *CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION*



The Civic Beautification Committee has been Busy. There were 300 Daffodils were planted at the Shade Demonstration Garden at Adams Ricci Park. Plus, the containers at the Camp Hill Borough Building and New Hope Ministries are now adorned with beautiful "greens" from our gardens.



Karen Schwarzbauer – Civic Beautification Chairman



## CONSERVATION - GLOBAL WARMING? CLIMATE CHANGE?



The planet is reacting to changes in the weather. We face the extreme challenges of energy, droughts, floods, hazardous mining, plant and animal extinction and ocean warming. As the water rises and heads inland, more saltwater mixes with fresh water and changes the habitat of coastal nurseries. Loss of marine life can result in losing billions of dollars and thousands of jobs. Personal actions to lessen global warming are to: talk to your neighbors about the issue, shop smarter, plant more trees, grow and eat local organic produce, eat less meat, switch to green power, leave fossil fuels in the ground and use alternate energy.

The biggest cause of wildlife loss is: the destruction of natural habitat largely to create farmland. Killing for food is the next biggest threat....300 mammal species are being eaten into extinction, and oceans are being overfished. Pollution is also a killer. Ninety percent of seabirds have plastic in their stomachs. The rate of species extinction is 1000 times higher than it was before human activity became a factor. Crops could suffer because more than one third are pollinated by insects and animals. Every action we take be it large or small makes a difference.

Sound gardening practices will make the difference as to whether some animals become extinct. Take care of our wildlife by leaving healthy stalks and vegetation up for wildlife protection in the Fall. Clean diseased materials pack and trash. Save major cleaning for the Spring. When using grass or leaves from municipal gatherings, use leaves, because we have no idea what chemicals have been used on the grass.

Consider this list of pollinator native plants for this area: New Jersey tea, basswood, pussy willow, highbush blueberry, eastern redbud, cockspur hawthorn, wrinkleleaf goldenrod, New York ironweed, New England aster, bottle gentian, wingstem, marsh blazing star, field thistle, wild bergamot, purple coneflower, mountain mint, Joe Pye weed, great blue lobelia, butterfly milkweed, wild indigo, smooth penstemon, lanceleaf coreopsis.

SAVE FLOWER SEEDS for our conservation project. Bring saved seeds to the regular PCGC meetings. Happy new year of gardening - Blessings and Blossoms to all!

Sue Daugherty and Arlene Taylor – Conservation Chairmen

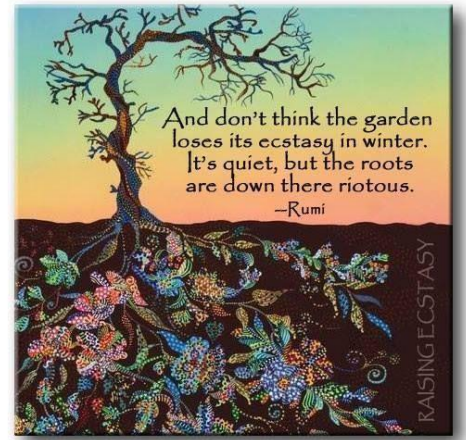
## MULTIPLE AWARDS!



Nancy Fulk recently entered the Hazleton Garden Club Flower Show, Her entry was a Collection, a minimum of five different specimens, container grown. The display as a whole is a single entry, and only one entry card is used. Specimens should be related, such as all one family, one genus, similar characteristics. And to Nancy's surprise her succulents won the BLUE RIBBON in the category, the COLLECTORS SHOWCASE AWARD and the HORTICULTURAL EXCELLENCE AWARD. Congratulations!

## HORTICULTURE

Wintry greetings, fellow Penn Cumberland Garden Club Members! With the successful Scholarship Benefit behind us we look forward to Spring and the awakening of our gardens. As the quote states, even though our gardens look quiet in the season of winter, there is much activity going on underneath the soil at the root of it all. Here are some gardening tips for these winter months.



- Make plans for garden improvements
- Create lists of seeds to order
- Bring hoses, pots and statuary inside
- Use cut branches from live Christmas trees at the base of roses or other plants for winter insulation
- Use salt free ice melting products for sidewalks which will not damage plants
- Check tree bark for evidence of rodent or deer damage and wrap with a protective cloth
- Start seeds inside of cold weather plants such as onions, pansies and snapdragons

At this time of year, it is common for gardeners to get cabin fever. This is a good time to take advantage of reading those gardening books sitting on shelves collecting dust. As we look forward to Spring we might have visions of our bulb plants and flowering trees in bloom. Enjoy this solemn time of the year and I hope it allows you to renew your creative side of gardening.

Carol Hollis – Horticulture Chairman

## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB NEWS

President-Elect, Gay Austin, of the National Garden Club, Inc. has sent **Nancy Fulk** a letter thanking her for accepting the position of Landscape Design Schools Accrediting Chair for Central and South Atlantic regions on the 2019-2021 NGC Board of Directors. Nancy is honored and privileged to have been asked for a second term on the NGC Board. The annual convention is being held in Biloxi, Mississippi April 30-May 2, 2019 and Nancy will be attending as a member of the national board.

## WAYS AND MEANS

Benefit was a big success! Thank you to all who attended the workshop to help make the boxwood trees and to all who brought gently used items for our always popular tables at the annual event. We may have a few Boxwood Trees available to sell at our December regular meeting.

**January's** regular meeting will be a bit different. We will not have our regular raffle items - instead, anyone who wants to "**regift**" a Christmas item can bring **ONE** item for our table. We will sell tickets at a very discounted price and then draw numbers for winners.

I also need people to sign up for the months going forward in 2019 to donate a gift card, fresh plant, etc. for our monthly raffle. If you have questions please contact Lisa Garrison at 717-805-1309.

Lisa Garrison – Ways and Means Chairman

## *GROWING THE LOVE OF GARDENING*

The Ames Community Gardens have completed their 8<sup>th</sup> season. We were very lucky to have a sunny day on November 7<sup>th</sup> as members of the Community Garden Committee worked together to do final cleanup and ready the gardens for winter. After a morning of work, we were finished and able to have lunch together and recall the garden season for the 8<sup>th</sup> year.



A garden committee of 9 Penn-Cumberland members and 5 community gardeners work together to help maintain the gardens at the Ames Community Gardens in Shiremanstown. We assign plots and keep records of assignments. The Ames Company provides tools in a permanent storage shed and water stations to make it easy for anyone to garden. The perimeter is fenced to offer security and peace of mind. Gardeners include retirees, apartment dwellers, and those who don't have enough space to garden at home. Extra vegetables are also donated to New Hope Ministries.

This has been a great project for Penn-Cumberland Garden Club to help serve our communities and to spread the seeds of goodwill. We will be looking through our seed catalogues and planning for the next garden season which will begin in April as we continue to grow the love of gardening in Central Pennsylvania. If you would like to be a part of this exciting endeavor contact Susan Wilder or Doris Smith. There will be garden plots available in the spring, and we will also welcome any who wish to help by serving on this committee.

Susan Wilder and Doris Smith – Community Garden Chairman

## *PRESSED FLOWER DESIGNERS*



Hope you had a chance to see the Pressed Flower Designers' Table and Basket at the Benefit. They contained many items created at our Workshops in 2018. Why not make it a New Year's Resolution to stop in at a Pressers Workshop in 2019 and see what New Items we have planned. You may be inspired to apply some glue to a petal.



Workshops are on first Mondays - January 7<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> – 9a.m. to Noon – Camp Hill Giant Food Store in the Community Room on the second floor.

Karen Schwarzbauer – Pressed Flower Designers Chairman



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Newsletter Deadlines: March/April deadline is February 1st

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 10 - **NO HORTICULTURE MEETING AT 8:15**

December 10 – Board Meeting – 9 a.m. – Giant in Camp Hill, Second Floor

December 10 – **NO CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION MEETING AT 10:30**

December 17 – Regular Meeting – 10 a.m. – Camp Hill Borough Building (doors open at 9 a.m.)

January 7 – Pressed Flower Designers – 9 a.m. to Noon – Giant in Camp Hill, Second Floor

**January 14 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m. – Giant in Camp Hill, Second Floor (note change of time!)**

**January 14 – Civic Beautification – 2:30 p.m. – Giant in Camp Hill, Second Floor (note change of time!)**

January 24 – Conservation – 9:15 a.m. – Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

**January 28 – Regular Meeting – 10 a.m. – Camp Hill Borough Building (doors open at 9 a.m. and note change of date!)**

February 1 – Deadline for March/April newsletter

February 4 – Pressed Flower Designers – 9:00 a.m. - Camp Hill Giant

February 11 – Board Meeting – 9:00 a.m. – Camp Hill Giant

February 11 – Civic Beautification – 10:30 a.m. – Camp Hill Giant

**February 25 – Regular Meeting – 10 a.m. – Camp Hill Borough Building (doors open at 9 a.m. and note change of date!)**

February 28 – Conservation – 9:15 a.m. – Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

