



# THE FLOWER PRESS

PENN-CUMBERLAND GARDEN CLUB MAY-JUNE 2020  
Member of District IV, GCFP, CAR & National Garden Clubs, Inc.

*"Sixty Years to Sparkle – Another Year to Shine"*

## *President's Corner .....*

Audrey Hepburn said, "To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow"  
Lady Bird Johnson said, "Where Flowers Bloom so does Hope"

During this pandemic I am dividing my time between reading and gardening -- I am simply moving from one plot to another plot!

My dear garden club friends, I miss all of you! I miss all the wonderful activities and programming PCGC offers. Penn-Cumberland Garden is such an inspiring group of creative and hardworking members I very much look forward to when we can safely be together again. It is difficult to abruptly stop our club activities but it is important for us to exercise caution during this difficult times and with that in mind the PCGC Board has made the difficult decision to move our Annual Herb Tea to September and move our annual plant sale to our June Meeting (if we are allowed to meet) and our October meeting. **IF** we are allowed to meet in May at the Camp Hill Borough Building we certainly will but at this time we are planning on not meeting in May. Watch for "virtual" programming for May in your emails or on Facebook. Safety first!

Please know PCGC is still here for you. Committee chairs are planning events and activities for summer and fall. If any of you need some sunshine, a phone call or a note or a card or even a small errand, please reach out to me.

I am simply taking one day at a time and all the while planting my garden and believing in tomorrow and I hope you are as well.

Here are a few funnies for you to enjoy:

**How do trees access the internet?**

*They log on.*

**What did the tree do when the bank closed?**

*It started its own branch.*

**Why did the pine tree get in trouble?**

*Because it was being knotty.*

**Do you want a brief explanation of an acorn?**

*In a nutshell, it's an oak tree.*

**Why can't Christmas trees sew?**

*They always drop their needles.*



*Susanna*

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**



# *Civic Beautification - Spring 2020*

**Train Station - Mechanicsburg**



**Adam Ricci Park – Hosta and Daffodil  
Demonstration Garden**



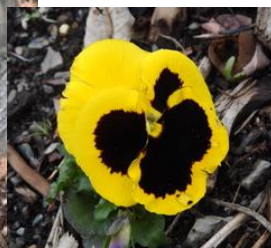
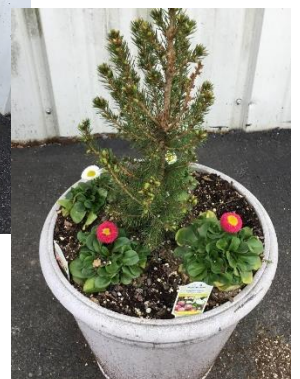
**Keefer Garden**



**Camp Hill Borough Building  
Pansies**



**New Hope  
Ministry**



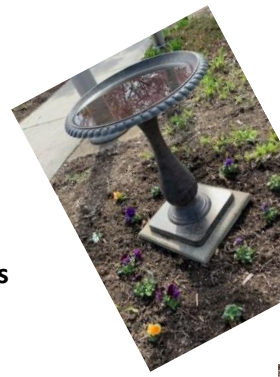
**Unity Church Labyrinth – Armeria and Pansies**



**Lemoyne Planters**



**Sue Daugherty Memorial planters**



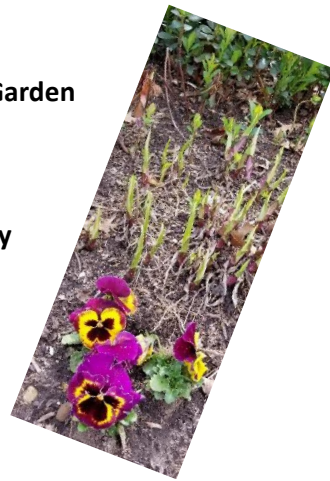
**New Cumberland Library**



**Ruth's Garden  
at  
New Cumberland  
Library**



**Slope Garden  
at  
Library**



## *My Gardening Passion by Kay Rowe*

### *"Childhood Memories that Sparked a Lifelong Love of Flowers"*



When I was a little girl, I went to my Grandma Kautz and Aunt Mary's house for dinner most Sundays....my Grandma was "Pennsylvania Dutch" so we had chicken pot pie, apple dumplings, and many other wonderful dishes made from scratch.

My favorite time of year at Grandma's was spring and summer because my Aunt Mary would take my sister and me into the tiny yard and give us the "garden tour" before we were allowed to just play.

The garden had a grape arbor with grapes saved strictly for the birds, a huge white lilac bush, a Rose of Sharon bush, huge green ferns grown beside a large building at the bottom of the yard, a small vegetable garden, and a huge tire filled with soil that boasted petunias and other annuals.

But, her pride and joy flowers were the peonies. She had rows of peonies with white, and pink, and red flowers, but the red we were told were special. I often wondered why peonies, and why so many, and have come to the conclusion that like most of us, she had a favorite flower and when you have a favorite flower, "more is better." I believe the love of gardening is a gift that we discover somewhere along the way and with me it was those rows of beautiful blooming peonies.

## *Tentative May 18th Meeting – Herb Tea Postponed*

All of our events and meetings for May are cancelled or postponed. The Herb Tea will be in September. We are exploring other options for our regular monthly meeting if restrictions are lifted by this date. We may be coming up with a last-minute program put on by members or we may be meeting “virtually” by sending you links to videos you can enjoy at home. Please look for further information in the bi-monthly TO DO lists that are sent out via email. Members without email will be contacted by telephone.



## *Plant Sale Update... May 16th sale is cancelled*

Years ago the Annual PCGC Plant Sale was traditionally held at one of our regular meetings. It was held in the morning before our meeting and would feature unique plants from members' gardens. It was done on a much smaller scale than our more recent plant sales but it still raised a few dollars for our civic beautification and other projects that we support. Due to the COVID-19 situation we plan to return to this version of our plant sale for our **June** meeting and again in the fall during our **October** meeting. Members, guests and the public will be invited to our plant sale which will be held on the patio of the Camp Hill Borough Building. Later in the spring plan to divide your perennials for the June plant sale and in the fall plan to divide bulbs as well as perennials for the October plant sale. Members can also contribute with **baked goods** and **garden treasures**. Watch your email for more details as they are developed.

## *Tentative June 15th Meeting – “The Wonderful World of Dahlias”*

If the “stay home” restrictions are lifted by this date and the Camp Hill Borough has reopened their building, we will have a meeting! In addition to our speaker at 10 a.m., we will be having a plant sale outside. Also at this meeting we will honor our scholarship recipients and present the allocation checks to representatives of the organizations we have chosen. Our club member, Jerry Waln, will present photos and commentary on his passion, dahlias. He is a member of the Gettysburg Dahlia Society. Below are Jerry's own words relating how he came to be so passionate about this particular flower species.



**Dahlias!** Lots and Lots of dahlias! No garden, in my opinion, is really complete without at least several of these “grand ladies of the garden.” Growing dahlias, that wonderful flower from South America, is my passion. But, growing hostas and hemerocallis and ferns and sunflowers and sedums and daffodils are also my passion. I am just passionate about gardening. A freckled-faced little boy, I could always be found in the garden, planting seeds, collecting rocks for a rock garden just like Oma Luise's or helping Dad plant a tree. Gardening is in my DNA. With two sets of grandparents who were avid gardeners, it was difficult to escape the world of gardening. My tutelage came from “*Meine Deutsche Grossmutter*,” Luise, during the summer when I was 10 years old. During

the day while my mother was at the university completing her master's degree, I was roaming my grandmother's wonderful Victorian garden of seven “rooms” enclosed behind beautiful brick and wrought iron walls. I was her apprentice. To this day, I try to emulate her garden. Years later in college, of course, I took classes in botany. Today, in my little den, stuffed with hundreds of books, that looks out over the garden, there is plaque hanging over the door that reads, “If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.” Well, I think the plaque needs to include just one more item - music. Yes, with my countless books, my garden, and my cello, I think I have been blessed indeed with everything I need.





# Membership

Our organization continues to grow. We have signed up three new members since January of this year. Our current membership now stands at 127. Thanks to all our members who are promoting our organization.

Welcome to *Diane Connelly*, our newest member. Please add her contact information to your yearbook:

***Diane Connelly***

720 Sterling Court

Enola, PA 17025-2655

Phone: 717-497-8080

Email: [diane@rentzel.net](mailto:diane@rentzel.net)



Dianne is interested in Birds, Butterflies and Wildflowers and Conservation committees.

**Just a friendly reminder. Our 2020-2021 membership renewal is now due. The deadline for payment is May 31, 2020. Membership Renewal Forms have been emailed/mailed out to all members. If you have not received your renewal information, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Contact me at [betpivano@aol.com](mailto:betpivano@aol.com) or call 717-732-4631 with any questions regarding membership renewal!**

Betty Pisano, Membership Chair

Sandy Green, Co-Chair

# Horticulture

During this unprecedented time of sheltering at home, we gardeners are happy for the extra time to spend readying our gardens for spring and summer. I am disappointed to inform you that we won't be able to visit the **Harrisburg Cemetery** during the height of the flowering of their trees. We also have cancelled the **Plantscapes By Design workshop** scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Giant. We will be scheduling another one in late summer or early fall. Stay tuned for details. The visitation of members' gardens will hopefully be realized throughout the summer. We will send out information about these tours as we work our way through "social isolation" and get the okay to gather together once again!

Here are some gardening ideas to consider to make gardens colorful and raise your spirits during this "stay at home" crisis.

\*Intersperse hardy annual transplants among your bulbs such as:

- Tulips and primroses
- Hyacinths and pansies
- Daffodils and scented stock
- Dutch iris and sweet alyssum

\*Include shrubs for texture and dimension among your spring flowers

\*Cultivate azaleas and forsythias to add color as well as rhododendrons

\*Use shrubs that get bright berries after flowers fall, such as viburnum or elderberry.

\*Put containers with plants that thrive in our cool spring temperatures throughout your gardens (violas, pansies, snapdragons, lobelia, armeria, wallflower)

Enjoy the nice weather and additional time to work in the garden. As May Sarton wisely reminds us, **"Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace."** Hope to see everyone in June.

Carol Hollis, Horticulture Chair



# *Mechanicsburg's 12th Annual Earth Day Event Moved Online*

The Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership is disappointed to cancel their Annual Earth Day Festival due to the coronavirus outbreak. However, they are pleased to offer an **online charity auction of rain barrels** as functional garden art to celebrate the holiday. They will also offer an **Earth Day contest** encouraging community members to send in pictures of ways they are helping the planet in their daily lives, which will be called "Picture a Better Earth".

More details about the event:

- The online silent auction and "Picture a Better Earth" contest will be held from Wednesday, April 8 until Wednesday, April 22. The online auction will be held here: <https://www.biddingowl.com/MechanicsburgEarthDayFest> and "Picture a Better Earth" contestants can email entries to [info@downtownmechanicsburg.com](mailto:info@downtownmechanicsburg.com).
- Student artists from 5 local school districts painted the rain barrels.
- A rain barrel is a container that collects water from roofs and downspouts for future household uses. They also help lower your water bills, particularly in summer months, by collecting thousands of gallons of free water per year.
- The first 50 participants in the "Picture a Better Earth" contest will receive free wildflower seeds. The winner of the contest (selected by the Mechanicsburg Earth Day Planning Committee) will receive a gift card to a local downtown Mechanicsburg business.

"As this year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the original earth day festival it is particularly disappointing to have to cancel our event" said *Susanna Reppert*, owner of The Rosemary House in Mechanicsburg and this year's Earth Day organizer. "But we are so pleased to be able to showcase the art work of the local students and the use of rain barrels."



## *Pressed Flower Designers ... about Herbariums*



An Herbarium is defined as a systematically arranged collection of dried plants.

Founded in 1891, The William and Lynda Steere Herbarium of the NY Botanical Garden in Bronx is the second largest herbarium in the world. (The French National Museum of Natural History in Paris is the first.) The Steere Herbarium holds 7,800,000 specimens.

Why not use this time to press plants in your own garden/community and create your own Herbarium. And, don't forget houseplants, vegetable leaves, herbs, and weeds—they all press beautifully. It is always nice, but not necessary, to include the name of the plant. Perhaps we will create a PCGC Herbarium of plants growing in Central PA with photos of what you have documented.

Never attended a Presser Workshop and are not sure how to go about pressing plants? I have documents detailing flower pressing basics that I can e-mail you. Plus, there are many tutorials online. I will be happy to help you with any questions. My e-mail is [german47@verizon.net](mailto:german47@verizon.net). We may not reach 7 million specimens in the PCGC Herbarium but it will be fun to see what we do get.

Karen Schwarzbauer, Pressed Flower Designers Chair





# *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day*

Fifty years ago, on April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans across the country celebrated the very first Earth Day. They peacefully organized to protest the way humans treated the planet and to demand a new path forward. With that, the current environmental movement was born. Now, 50 years later, we face the biggest challenge to humanity and the places we love – climate change. There are small but mighty steps we can all take to make a positive impact on our homes, in our community and beyond.

April 10 is Arbor Day. It is celebrated in all 50 states and more than 40 countries around the globe. J. Sterling Morton first proposed a tree planting holiday – Arbor Day – in 1872. More than 1 million trees were planted on that first Arbor Day. This year, the Earth Day Network aims to plant 7.8 billion trees – one for every person on the planet – by the end of the year. This is right up our garden path! Grab a shovel and do your part. **Plant a tree.** It's another way to connect to nature. As gardeners, most of us know to **eat more vegetables than beef.** Pound for pound, beans produce 34 times less greenhouse-gas pollution ... and vegetables are so good for us! We know that shopping at local farms and farmers' markets is a healthy way to **support our local farmers** and to stay healthy. Fruit and vegetables grown in this country travel 1,500 miles on average before they go into grocery carts – using lots of gas and refrigeration. Local is better – as is homegrown!

Seafood is a healthy option and most Americans eat about 16 pounds of fish and shellfish a year. Some irresponsible fishing practices are hurting many species' populations. We should **look for the Marine Stewardship Council label (a blue seal)** at grocery stores to support the fish that is sustainably caught.

**Learn to use food more productively.** The United States wastes 150,000 tons of food a day. We need to plan our meals to buy only what we need and to freeze abundance when available. The freezer consumes less energy when it's full.

**Use reusable bags** – the average American family brings home 1,500 plastic shopping bags a year. For about 12 minutes of use, each takes 500 years or longer to break down. Stow totes and reusable produce bags in your car.

**Phase out single-use plastics.** The Waterkeeper Alliance says that 8 million tons of plastic wind up in the ocean each year – that's like a garbage truck dumping its contents into the ocean every minute. Also **phase out pesticides.** More than 1 billion pounds are used in the U.S. annually. They endanger human and wildlife health. **Stop using unsustainably sourced palm oil.** Acres of forests are destroyed every minute to manufacture this oil, found in everything from ice cream to detergent. Look for the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil label with the bright-green frond to buy sustainably. Look for **recycled paper goods** – they generate three times less carbon than virgin-pulp. **Also get rid of toxic cleaning products.** They put your health at risk and threaten aquatic life downstream. Look for the green-and-blue Environmental Protection Agency Safer Choice label to steer clear of noxious chemicals.

**In the garden, encourage birds, bees and butterflies to your yard.** Grow native plants to attract pollinators. Nearly 90 percent of all flowering species (and more than three-quarters of the world's food crops) rely on pollinators. Plant milkweed to attract monarchs. Keep after the removal of invasives such as giant hogweed, garlic mustard and other invasive weeds. The U.S. Forest Service says that almost half of plant species listed as threatened or endangered are at risk because of invasives.

**Contact your political representatives.** They are in office to serve our interests. The nonpartisan Citizens' Climate Lobby ([citizensclimatelobby.org](http://citizensclimatelobby.org)) can give information on how they are doing and how to promote action.

As garden club members we can share our enthusiasm with others and have an impact on what happens in our communities. Celebrate the earth this spring and vow to protect her!

## *Chickadees have much to teach about life ... by Bob Quarteroni*

Colored spots of fluff with the hearts of lions and the courage of giants. Brave, adventurous, curious, daring; small bodies and big attitudes; and simply delightful. What makes them truly unforgettable is their sheer daring, an ounce of feathers with the mindset of an amiable dinosaur and sheer fun: They are happy to be alive and proud of it.



I first became enamored of chickadees when, soon after I got my master's degree in journalism from Penn State, I made a giant leap backward on the normal career track and became a bartender at the Phyrst, one of State College's true cheap beer and peanut bars. I was living in a one-room cabin at Whipple's Dam State Park (\$45 a month) and installed a tray feeder outside one of my windows. I filled it with mixed seed and the usual suspects of titmice, juncos and sparrows showed up. When the chickadees found it they made their presence known: When they had eaten all the black oil sunflower seeds they started pecking on window to get my attention: Hey buddy, let's get the good stuff out here and now! To check this was the fact, I put a whole cup of sunflower seeds out and the pecking stopped.



Buying a house 0.7 mile from where I grew up, I had the free time and ability to crank up my love of nature and time spent afield trying to slightly lift nature's mysterious skirts. My center of operations became Francis Slocum State Park, as it apparently did for the local chickadees, so a rendezvous was inevitable. Some kind soul regularly patrolled the lake's perimeter and left a scoop of sunflower seeds on top of every other wooden guard rail and would do this regularly all winter long, bless his generous soul. I knew this regular feeding would saddle the banditry with a serious sunflower Jones, and an aching emptiness when the guard rails stood

barren, between visits. An emptiness I was only too happy to fill. So, armed with a Ziploc bag of sunflower seeds, I went to the first bramble patch filled my hand with seeds and stuck it out. A moment of silence. Then the aerial dance began as they started darting around, up, down, sideways, trying to figure out why the seeds weren't on the guard rail where they were supposed to be and instead were in what could be a pink trap. This went on for a couple of minutes and just as I was about to move, one brave little lad zoomed over, clasped one finger, grabbed a seed, let out a cry and took off.

It was magic. The strength of his little claws, the feeling of a living thing crossing an invisible barrier to accept my offer, the wonder of the moment. I was beyond moved. What a gift, what a treasure was handed me. After that, as they got more and more used to me, more would come rocketing over to me to get the seeds, at times two almost colliding in midair to get there first. Feeding time is just about here again. I might feed their little tummies, but they return that a thousand-fold by filling my soul with their priceless food of a gift magically offered and gratefully accepted ... a divine gift freely given. As Emily Dickinson said "I hope you love birds, too. It is economical. It saves going to heaven."



**Note: Bob is a PennLive contributor and a resident of Pennsylvania. I clipped this from the newspaper and have read it several times. It reminds me what is just outside our windows. These last few weeks I have enjoyed watching the birds, squirrels and a groundhog. Hopefully you will be visited by many creatures during this time of uncertainty. Take care, keep busy and keep in touch with your loved ones.**

Sue Kent – Birds, Bees and Wildflowers Chair

## *Floral Design Guild Workshop – Monday, June 22nd – "Tussie Mussies"*

The workshop previously scheduled for March will be held on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, if state guidelines permit. It will be at 10 a.m. at the Giant in Camp Hill. Terri Maclay and Susanna Reppert-Brill will instruct us in creating "Tussie Mussies," small handheld bouquets. Contact Judy McGinnis at 717-486-5315 with any questions. You will be informed by email if the workshop is cancelled.



# Annual Benefit Update



Even though we are sheltering in due to the "Stay at Home" mandate, details are being considered and beginning to move forward for our **November 30<sup>th</sup> Benefit**. Please mark your calendars for this important event. The Benefit location will continue to be at the Camp Hill Radisson Convention Center. We are hoping to sell tickets at our June meeting, if possible. The cost will remain the same at \$38 per ticket. Your attendance is an important part of the success of our Benefit. It is not too soon to put together your table of family and friends!

Within the next few months your opportunities for volunteering in regard to the Benefit will be shared with you. Your involvement is critical to the success of the Benefit. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and contribute to our successful Benefits.

A speaker has been contracted to do the program and it is entitled, "**Holiday Fresh Take**" by **Jeanne Ha**. Below is a short summary of Jeanne.

## Jeanne Ha - AIFD, CFD, AIFD Certified Judge/Evaluator

Jeanne has owned a successful retail floral design business, Park Florist, in Takoma Park, MD, for 17 years. She has been a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers since 2010, as well as a certified floral designer by AIFD. Jeanne has won many awards including the Capital Cup, Middle Atlantic Florists Association Competition, Potomac Floral Wholesale Design Competition and the Sylvia Cup. She also presents her design programs for industry groups or garden clubs at local and national levels. Jeanne co-authored a floral design book, "Asian Allure," published by Florists Review in 2018. Jeanne founded the Washington Flower School with David Shover, AIFD, in 2010. Since then it has provided quality career education in the Washington, D.C. Metro area through various hands-on workshops.

## Finance Committee

The finance committee has met to create the 2020-2021 PCGC budget. Our busy club supports many service activities on the local, state and national level. Each of these activities needs a "slice of the pie" so to speak. Our club raises funds through the ways and means, raffles, plant sale, pressers sales table and also dues. Dues have not been raised to members since 2009, which means they have remained the same price for 11 years now. Don't panic! We aren't planning to raise dues! However, certainly, you do realize that over the last decade expenses have increased. SO, we are asking members to consider **optional additional donations** to PCGC. Please give this some thought and consider making a financial contribution to PCGC. Also note that the additional donations are **tax-deductible** and that PCGC now accepts **credit cards**. We had planned to make this announcement at our Regular March meeting which as you know was cancelled.



Susanna Reppert-Brill, PCGC President

# Allocations



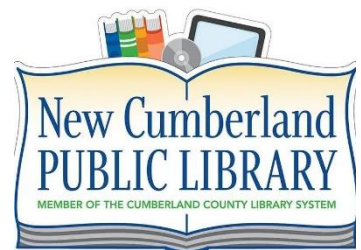
**American Chestnut Foundation - \$100** - The mission of The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation is to restore the American chestnut tree to its native range within the woodlands of eastern North America. The process is to develop blight-resistant American chestnut trees, to restore the American Chestnut to our eastern woodlands to benefit our environment, our wildlife, and society. Our support to ensure that this iconic species will grace the Appalachian Range once again. Our membership will ensure that future generations will see Chestnut in their lifetime. The mission will be accomplished working through Research (breeding/science; Outreach (education) and Operations (staff, budget and fundraising) Complete details of the project may be found at PA-TACF (PA Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation).

**Capital Area Greenbelt - \$125** - Originally conceived by landscape architect Warren Manning (a disciple of Frederick Law Olmsted), the Capital Area Greenbelt is a 20.9-mile ring of parks and trails circling Pennsylvania's capital city of Harrisburg, PA. Segments of the greenbelt were originally roughed in by volunteers, using grass and wood chips, and have now been converted to a crushed limestone surface or paved. This 20-mile loop around Pennsylvania's capital city provides visitors and tourists with opportunities to hike, ride bicycles, skate, jog, fish, walk their dogs, enjoy native flora and fauna, and appreciate nature. The Five-Senses Garden is in the loop.



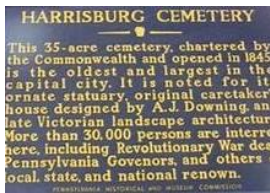
**Central Pennsylvania Conservancy - \$400** - Land protection program. The CPC's land protection committee directs the land protection activities of the organization within an 8-county service area. The organization has prioritized the protection of the Kittatinny Ridge (or Blue Mountain) and the South Mountain, targeting healthy forests, important ridgelines for bird migration and scenic value, watershed conservation and riparian protection, agricultural preservation, and culturally important areas with historical or recreational significance. The committee oversees the annual monitoring of over 3,000 acres of protected land. The Goddard Leadership Legacy Institute. The Goddard Leadership Legacy is a one-week, residential, conservation leadership program for youth ages 13 to 15 at the ironmaster's mansion. The program provides youth with opportunities to become immersed in the natural, scenic, historic, agricultural and recreational resources of the south mountain landscape while learning key lessons in leadership and citizenship from area teachers, practitioners, and community leaders. The Ironmaster's Mansion. In 2010, the CPC renovated and now manages the historic ironmaster's mansion at Pine Grove Furnace State Park. The organization seeks to provide effective stewardship of an important local historic landmark, support overnight stays by the Appalachian Trail hiking community and tourists visiting the region, provide a charming venue for special events, and host and provide environmental education programming.

**New Cumberland Library - \$400** - For years PCGC has lovingly cared for the gardens surrounding the new Cumberland Library. Sheri Goff is our head gardener through the Civic Beautification Committee. Over the years many necessities to maintain the Gardens have deteriorated. The Greenly Family Foundation has offered to fund the repair to the extensive plumbing problems. "While working we found the Fountain Garden, described through archival papers, that our club 'redid' in 1996. We are proposing providing the funds to purchase several long hoses to reach the Fountain Garden plus a hose reel or storage bin. A receptacle on wheels for transporting water to other spaces would be very welcome." We have dedicated members caring for the outside of the library but all their effort could be wiped out without water to keep the plants alive.



**PCGC PAVER for the Hoyt Reading Garden at the Fredricksen Library - \$175**





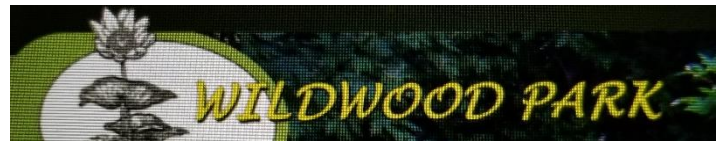
**Harrisburg Cemetery Arboretum - \$400** - The Harrisburg Cemetery Association was chartered by act of the State Legislature in 1845 and is listed in the national register of historic places. In the first 100 years of its existence it became the resting place of four of our commonwealth governors; most of the mayors of Harrisburg; three United States Senators; 10 members the US House of Representatives; two ministers to foreign countries; and many members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. It also includes 52 veterans of the Revolution, 43 from the War

of 1812 and 155 casualties from the Civil War including 15 Confederate prisoners of war. There are also women veterans, including one who landed on Normandy's beaches hours after they were secured.

Mira Lloyd Dock, botanist, conservationist and instrumental to Harrisburg's City Beautiful Movement is in the Dock Family plot along with her three sisters. One of most distinguished interred here is Maj Gen Andrew Porter - the great grandfather of Mary Todd Lincoln. George Washington wrote in a letter, "many times the outlook was dark, the cause of Liberty appeared lost. I was sorely tried and in desperate need of help and advice...sought aid and guidance from others...among those most noteworthy upon whom I could rely, Andrew Porter stood first." The founder of the American Rose Society and National Park Service, J. Horace McFarland died when I (Ann Markley) was 8 years old and was a friend of our family. The Dauphin Co Master Gardeners have undertaken the guidance of the task of preserving the cemetery's historical, horticultural, and natural environment assets, and educate the public regarding this unique asset in an urban environment. They are welcoming our participation to help in their effort to confirm identity of all trees for the tree walk and become involved to the extent we are willing.

#### **Wildwood Park and Benjamin Olewine III Nature Center -**

**\$400** - It's nature up close and personal...and it's all here for you! Enjoy the rambling trails around the lake that abounds with wild life in a truly natural setting. Stroll along the boardwalks and breathe the fresh air as the sun sparkles through the trees. Bring your camera to capture the picture-perfect opportunities. Bird watchers find Wildwood Park to be a true haven to come and watch our feathered friends. Wildwood even has bird blinds! Programs and special events held at the Nature Center are wonderful ways to have fun and learn something new...perfect home schooling opportunities.



## *Annual Herb Tea – September 21st*

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Herb Tea, which will be in the form of a Hawaiian Luau, is now scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>, kicking off our new club season. The menu will include Tossed Salad with Papaya Seed Dressing, Hawaiian Pasta Salad and Kalua Pig with Hawaiian Sweet Rolls. Pork toppings will include Hawaiian BBQ Sauce or Coleslaw. Other sandwich choices include Hawaiian Tuna Salad, Hawaiian Chicken Salad and Veggie. There will be Orange Scones, Banana Bread, Hawaiian Wedding Cake, Hawaiian Cheesecake Salad, Orange Fluff Salad and of course a fresh Fruit Tray for your sweet or not so sweet tooth. For your drinking pleasure there will be Mai Tai Mocktail Punch, Pina Colada Herb Tea and Island Party Tea.



We are still looking for 11 volunteers to prepare some of the menu selections (recipes and herbs provided - herbs will be sent via the postal service) as well as volunteers to provide decorations, serving pieces and tropical plants for ambiance. (Please put address labels or name on bottom or back of items you loan for the event) Of course, as with any undertaking like this, there is always help requested for the kitchen to include clean-up and set-up. Additionally, we will need to have a list of attendees and guests so we have a good count to assure we have enough food and programs. Please contact Fern Oram to select your recipe or to volunteer for other jobs and/or donations to lend.

Leah Hornung and Jan James, Herb Tea Co-Chairs

Penn-Cumberland Garden Club – The Flower Press  
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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 20 – Regular meeting of PCGC – **CANCELLED**  
April 22 – Earth Day – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary worldwide - being celebrated online this year  
April 24 – Arbor Day  
April 30 – Conservation Meeting – **CANCELLED**  
May 4 – Pressed Flower Designers – **CANCELLED**  
May 11 – Board meeting – 9:00 a.m. - **WILL BE HELD ONLINE**  
May 16 – PLANT SALE – **CANCELLED** – mini-sales to be held in June and/or October at regular meetings  
May 18 – Regular meeting of PCGC – state guidelines will be followed to determine if meeting is held  
**Annual Bertha Reppert Herb Tea to be held in September**  
May 28 – Conservation meeting – **CANCELLED**  
May 29-30 – District IV Flower Show in York – **CANCELLED**

**ALL JUNE MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE ON HOLD FOR NOW AWAITING STATE GUIDELINES**



