



# THE FLOWER PRESS

PENN-CUMBERLAND GARDEN CLUB SUMMER - 2020

Member of District IV, GCFP, CAR & National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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

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

Dear PCGC Friends,

Safety of our members is a priority of Penn-Cumberland Garden Club. We illustrate this in several ways large and small. Greeters are provided at the door, not only so you are welcomed by a cheery face but so that there is an extra pair of hands to open the door and to help you in. The hospitality committee requests ingredients be listed on foods served so that allergens can be noted. This fall several of the PCGC nurse members were trained on the AED (automated external defibrillator) machine on the off chance we would need to utilize that during a meeting.

The PCGC board cares about our wonderful members. The Sunshine Chairman is always at hand to send a get well, thinking of you or as needed, a sympathy card. Penn-Cumberland Garden Club is a unique club – a club where "every member is indeed a working member", a club that is not merely a social club but an active and involved well-intentioned club that cares not only for the environment, the community but for each other.

Recently, we have added another other new safety measure. All member information has been removed from the Penn-Cumberland Garden Club website. Membership information is provided to you in the fall in the club yearbook and that "old-school" method has proven to be the most secure way to do so. You will also note that when emails are sent, we are now consciously using the BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) email feature. This will eliminate long chains of email addresses which are a target to spammers and computer viruses.

During this global pandemic we again must evaluate and measure the safety of our dear members against the risk of illness especially as we begin to reopen club activities. We will be following CDC guidelines for assembly when our county is "green" and we are permitted to meet again. We are also encouraging members to do what YOU feel comfortable doing. If, at this time, you are uncomfortable attending a PCGC activity, we understand and respect your position.

We have planned safe summer visits to member gardens. These outdoor visits provide a fun opportunity to visit gardens. Masks are encouraged and social distancing requested. Personally, it is giving me something to look forward to each week!

Health, Safety and Well-being of our PCGC members is a prime concern. It always been that way and it will continue to be so moving forward. I miss seeing all of you!

*Susanna*



## *Summer Tours of Members' Gardens*

The Horticulture Committee has put together a **series of tours** for your summer enjoyment. Thank you to our members for generously opening their gardens! Below is the **tour schedule**. The gardens will be open for you to drop in between the hours of **10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** on the scheduled days. Please observe these hours and plan to see each garden in half an hour or so to allow other members to enter the properties and maintain social distancing. **Masks are required** at all gardens, please. (Even if the governor's guidelines indicate otherwise, we would like to use the 6 feet or more social distancing and masks for these gatherings)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>** – KATHLEEN JACOBS, 100 WINDRUSH LANE, MECHANICSBURG 17055 (look for green and pink flag by mailbox) and THE ROSEMARY HOUSE, 120 SOUTH MARKET STREET, MECHANICSBURG 17055 (this garden is behind the business and home of our President, Susanna Reppert-Brill. There is parking in the alleyway behind the store) **FOR THIS TOUR ONLY:** A boxed "tea party" is being offered by **ADVANCE ORDER ONLY**. Cost is \$15 and includes a choice of beverage. The menu is: tea sandwiches, scone with cream, fruit cup, cookie and muffin. Call 717-697-5111 to order by Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Seating will be available in garden.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>** – KAY ROWE, 814 MEADOW LANE, CAMP HILL 17011 – 717-856-4685 – please call Kay to let her know you are coming.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>** – KATHY BRENNEMAN, 559 MOORES MOUNTAIN ROAD, MECHANICSBURG 17055 – 717-433-7493. This garden has 2 ponds complete with fish and frogs! **ALSO**, we are invited to Black's Landscaping for a tour a 25% discount on any purchases. Erica Shafer will be there to greet us. 1360 LISBURN ROAD, MECHANICSBURG 17055. These stops are within 2 miles of each other.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>** – KAREN McAULIFFE, 50 LONGWOOD DRIVE, MECHANICSBURG 17050 – 717-506-0354

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>** – ANNE MILLER, 108 GILBERT ROAD, DILLSBURG 17019 – 717-766-0671 – enjoy a relaxing walk in this arboretum. Anne is a long time member with a magnificent property!

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>** – LOUISE BIANCO, 37 SPRINGERS LANE, NEW CUMBERLAND 17070 – 717-774-7101 and ROBYN COLLINS, 95 BYRON NELSON CIRCLE, ETTERS, PA 17319 – 717-487-0220

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>** – JOYCE WALLEN, 1113 GREGOR COURT, MECHANICSBURG 17055 – 717-329-5083. This garden is off Grantham Road just before you reach Ashcombe's.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>** – CAROL HOLLIS, 1 W SCHOOLSIDE DRIVE, MECHANICSBURG 17055 – 717-697-8719

An email will be sent out prior to each week's tour with additional details. In all cases, plan to wear good walking shoes, your MASK and bring your own water. **Rain dates will be the day following the scheduled tour.**



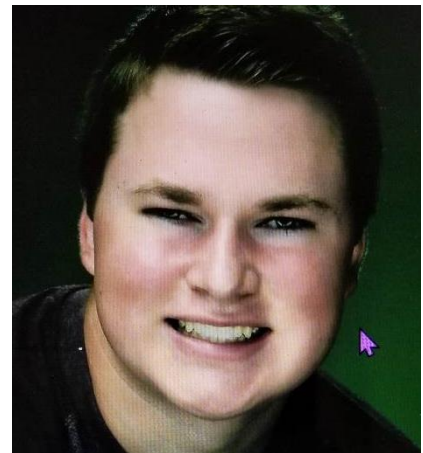
## *Scholarship Winners for 2020-2021*

The Penn-Cumberland Garden Club is proud to announce the two winners of our scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. The recipients are **Nicole Guise** of Spring Grove, PA and **Kaden Robinson** of New Bloomfield, PA.

Nicole will be a junior at Penn State University, State College, PA in the Fall. She has a major in Agriculture Education and a minor in Environmental Resource Management. She won the \$500 scholarship last year and we are so glad she applied again this year and this time received the \$1,000 award.

Kaden Robinson is a graduating senior at West Perry High School. He will be attending Penn State University at Mont Alto. His major will be Forest Ecosystem Management. His intended career is Forester. He has also received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Sue Greenly – Scholarship Chair



## *56th Annual Bertha P. Reppert Herb Tea*



The 2020 Herb Tea this year will be a Hawaiian Luau and will be held at the **September 21st meeting**. What a unique way to start off the new Penn Central Garden Club year! Even better ..... the Bloom and Grow display feature will be in the form of flower leis that will be worn by members who choose to try their hand at making one. What a wonderful and colorful idea!! (instructions for lei-making will be made available closer to the time) While the majority of recipes required for the Luau have been selected, we are still looking for 11 volunteers to prepare some of the menu items. Recipes and herbs will be provided and herbs will be sent to you via the postal service in late August. Other volunteers are needed to provide decorations, serving

pieces and tropical plants for ambiance. Please put address labels or name on bottom or back of items you are willing to lend and bring them early the morning of the Tea. Of course, as with any undertaking of this nature, there is always help needed for the kitchen to include clean-up and set-up.



Contact Leah at [hornungleah@gmail.com](mailto:hornungleah@gmail.com) OR 717-385-1327 to obtain a recipe. There will be further details in the September/October Newsletter and in the bi-weekly TO DO lists as we head into fall. Reservations will be requested for all members for this event closer to the time. Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5. Plan to wear your hula skirts!



# *The Love of Community Gardening*



re: but we could not hide our disappointment. We later offered possibilities for schedules that would allow for safe gardening later in the season, asking folks to bring their own tools and water - hoping that the **129 families** that have plots there would be able to plant some vegetables to feed their families and to counter the food shortages. But it was not to be – the gardens were not allowed to open at all for the 2020 season.

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 has provided 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 and is locked overnight.

The 129 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**. Last season, over **1000 pounds of vegetables** were donated.

This is a great project for Penn-Cumberland Garden Club to help serve our communities and to spread the seeds of goodwill. We have been here assisting with the gardens since the beginning when we were offered the opportunity by Duane Greenly – then CEO of Ames, who had the vision to create this valuable community asset. Our roots are deep with these gardens.

Growing vegetables is a way for many families to reconnect with the earth – it provides not only food, but helps foster relationship with the earth and with the human community. We have been able to provide **education** by offering **evening outdoor programs** led by local garden experts. We have also provided special plantings for pollinators to illustrate how to do it. It is our hope that when the next garden season begins in spring of 2021, we will be allowed in to the gardens again. We all hope for answers as we learn more about the challenges we face – and we continue to hope that folks in need will again have something fresh to eat from their gardens.



Susan Wilder, Community Gardens Chair

## *Remembering Phyllis Hershey...*

I did not get to spend much time with Phyllis Hershey, one of our Master Pressers, but what time I did spend was very special. She is one of the few people that I have met that received a ribbon at the Philadelphia Flower Show in the Pressed Flower Division. Plus, she was a contributor to the famous "Presser Quilt". She loved to press dandelions especially. I think every one of her designs included a dandelion.



She and her friend Marian Mundorff would come to workshops with their hats on and carrying these huge Lands' End tote bags full of their tools and several phone books stuffed with pressed plant material. Marian once told me that before Phyllis was admitted to the Nursing Home she would go to Phyllis' house every Saturday night. Marian would take a sub that they would share and they would sit and laugh at all of the PBS Saturday night comedies. We should all hope that all of our PCGC friendships endure with such loving kindness and fun companionship that these two ladies shared. If you would like to read the story of a sweet lady's well lived life and perhaps share a memory of her, please read her obituary [www.Buhrig.com/obituary/Phyllis-Hershey](http://www.Buhrig.com/obituary/Phyllis-Hershey)

Karen Schwarzbauer, Pressed Flower Designers Chair

# Back to School ?

There are opportunities for continuing education for all club members. There are “schools” we can attend throughout the year offered at various times and at various places in the state and in nearby states. **Flower Show School** is one of the offerings that is coming up this fall. Our club reimburses members for some of the costs associated with attending. Schools have 4 sessions of 3 days each. The next one being held in our area is in **October** and is Flower Show School. It is designed to train you to be a Flower Show Judge but ALL are welcome to attend without committing to becoming a Judge.

## 10 Reasons to Attend Flower Show School # 1

*Support and help plan PCGC flower shows*

*Improve floral design skills*

*Win horticulture blue ribbons*

*Win ribbons for floral design*

*Become a Flower Show Judge*

*Encounter awesome instructors*

*Network with talented horticulturists*

*Meet experienced floral designers*

*Learn new skills and knowledge*

*Have fun!*



**WHEN: October 16, 17, 18 2020**

**WHERE: Plymouth Meeting, PA**

*For this school Course #1 must be taken first so this fall is the time to start a new learning adventure! Tests are optional if you are not going to pursue becoming a Flower Show Judge. (other schools can be taken out of order)*

The flyer and registration information are on the GCFP website: [www.pagardenclubs.org](http://www.pagardenclubs.org). Click on Education/Awards, then click on C1 – Flower Show School 1 - Oct 2020.

## Floral Design Workshop – Monday, June 22nd



We are still hoping to have this workshop! It will either be at the Giant in Camp Hill or outside in a pavilion at Adams Ricci Park. The time is 9:00 a.m. We are still waiting to hear if the Giant is going to open their Community Rooms by that date. The workshop is full at this point. If you did not sign up for it earlier you may contact Judy McGinnis to be placed on a waiting list. If you signed up and paid and now find that you are not able to attend, please contact Judy for a refund. The theme of the workshop is “Tussie Mussies” which are small hand-held bouquets that can be created easily with lots of variety of flowers and greens. The instructors are Susanna Reppert-Brill and Terri Maclay. Masks and Social Distancing will be part of this workshop.

Watch for an email from Judy regarding the final decision on the venue for this event. Contact Judy with any questions at [judyamcginnis@aol.com](mailto:judyamcginnis@aol.com) or 717-486-5315

Judy McGinnis, Floral Design Guild Co-Chair

# Flower Fun for the Luau – Monday, September 21st

One of our new monthly features this past year has been the Bloom and Grow Mini Show. For the September Luau we are suggesting that anyone who is interested make a lei of fresh flowers to wear that day. Here is a link to a website that gives detailed instructions as how to put a lei together. Make one for a friend if you have extra flowers – we can't wait to see your creations! Grocery store carnations would be a great way to practice this "skill."

<https://merrylavender.com/2013/06/17/pretty-carnation-leis-for-the-graduates/amp/>



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Also at the Luau we will have table centerpieces with a tropical theme if possible. Judy McGinnis will have containers available at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> workshop for anyone wishing to make an arrangement. Any club member can create a lei or a centerpiece or both. You need not be a member of the Floral Design Guild to participate in this.

Joyce Wallen, Floral Design Guild Co-Chair

## Civic Beautification

The 23 members of this committee have been out and about in our communities this Spring. We work in teams and have "head gardeners" for each of our projects. We did an early Spring planting and are now finishing our Summer planting. Each team selects plants they feel work well for their situation. Our locations are as follows: Camp Hill Borough containers, Lemoyne Market Street Rain Barrel containers, Shade Demonstration Garden at Adams Ricci Park and Labyrinth Garden at Unity Church in Enola, four gardens at New Cumberland Library (Slope, Fountain, Entrance, Ruth Greiner) and 5 gardens in Mechanicsburg (Welcome Sign, New Hope Ministry containers, Frankenberger Tavern, Trinity Lutheran Church, Train Station Museum). Need to get out of the house? Take a drive around the county and visit these public spaces we care for!

Below are random photos from all of our locations ..... see if you can find them and enjoy the *Scavenger Hunt!*





## *How Does Our Garden Grow?*

2020 has been a landmark year for many events that had to be cancelled. One that is particularly ironic is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. Our president, Susanna, was the Mechanicsburg Earth Day organizer. Not surprisingly, Susanna took a creative spin to save the spirit of the event by offering an online charity auction of rain barrels that were to be on display at the annual street event.

Fifty years ago, on April 22, 1970, 20 million people gathered in the United States for the first Earth Day. It helped build the modern environmental movement by connecting issues that people had treated separately. Today we have an even broader set of issues – species loss, climate change and pandemics such as COVID-19. This pandemic may seem disconnected from environmental problems, but it is related. Health experts and biologists have warned for years about our lack of immunity to innumerable viruses circulating in the wild. Destroying ecosystems increases our exposure to animals carrying these viruses and globalization helps to spread them around the world. Habitat and species loss, forest destruction, air pollution and poor nutrition add to the burdens of our world. We all can see connections among diverse conditions such as climate change and habitat and land degradation with severe droughts, wildfires and violent storms.



We, as gardeners and people who value the blessings of nature recognize the problems and we need to work together to try to correct them. We can demand responses from our elected officials and from the companies where we shop. We need efforts from government agencies, corporations and other institutions to build a broad culture of preparedness, protections, monitoring and care and make our systems better able to respond when harmful events do occur.



During these past few months, we have seen our communities, our friends and our businesses give time, talent, food and money to help ease the pain so many have suffered. Nurses, doctors, first responders, police officers, mail carriers, sanitation workers, grocery store workers – all who labored on despite the lockdowns have made it possible for us to try to stay safe. We have quarantined, donned masks and washed our hands and done our best to keep the virus from spreading. We have tried to support local businesses to honor the creative ways many have adapted and done their best to follow protocols. We have also had more time to notice the beauty of nature in our gardens and in the return of the birds, butterflies and flowers that have brightened

our days.

We are all hoping for conditions to allow for life to return to a more familiar routine. We don't know how long that will take. But we should not forget the grace that has been shown and we need to show it to others as we hopefully move forward through these puzzling times. We can share our enthusiasm with others and have an impact on what happens in our communities. And we can continue to celebrate the earth – and work to protect her.

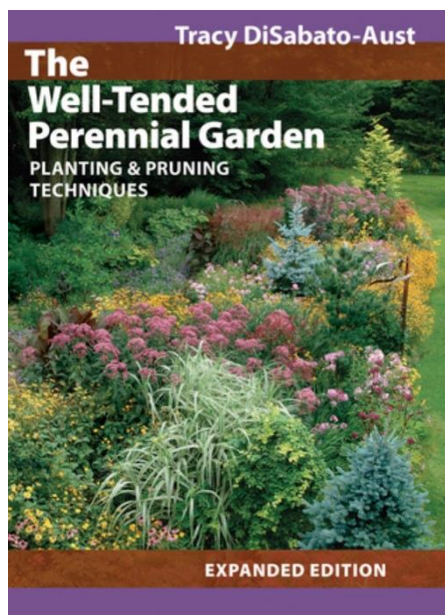
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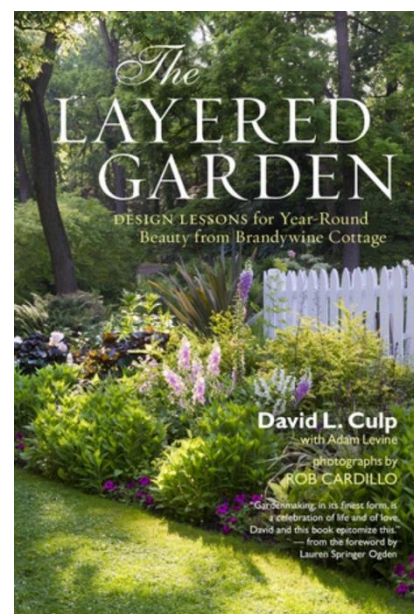
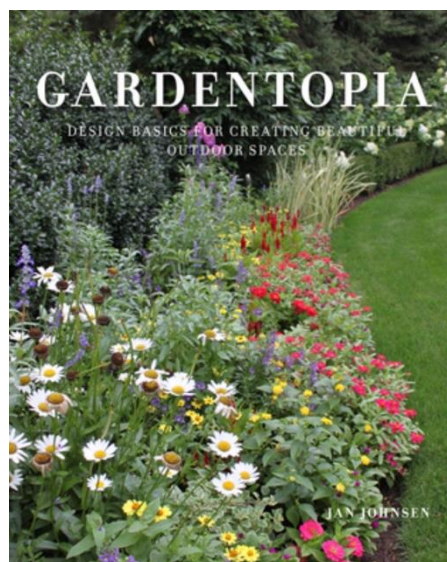
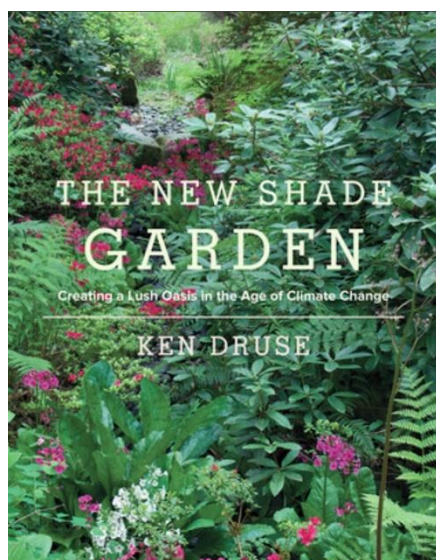
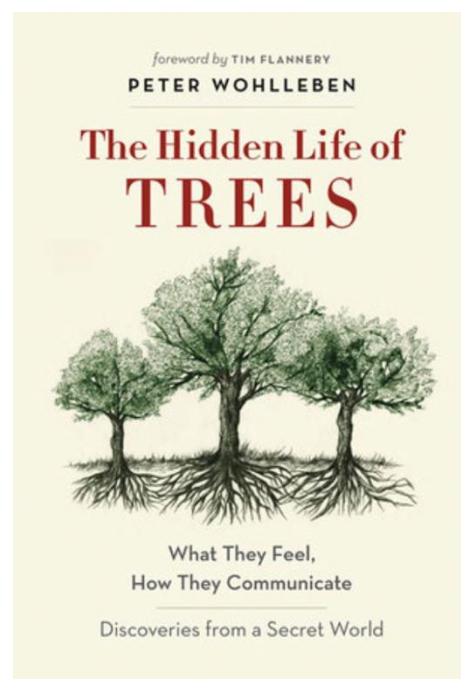
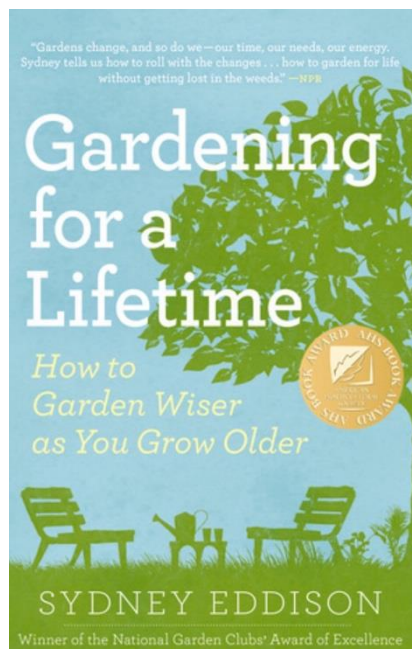
*More Scavenger Hunt!*



## Summer Reading Suggestions from Joyce Wallen



*The Well-Tended Perennial Garden* details essential practices of perennial care including deadheading, pinching, cutting back, thinning, disbudding and dead leaving.



In addition to plant and garden information and stunning photos, *The Layered Garden* is special because I toured Brandywine Cottage garden two times, when the helleborus slope was in full bloom and again during May. I totally relate to David's inspiring quote about horticulture: "what I love about horticulture is that there is no possibility of knowing it all, there is always more to learn, and there are always more people to learn from."



Penn-Cumberland Garden Club Presents:  
**51st PCGC Scholarship & Community Projects Benefit**  
 Monday, November 30, 2020  
 Radisson Hotel Harrisburg  
 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011

**Holiday Fresh Take**

**Jeannie Ha**  
 AIFD, CTD, AIFD Certified Judge/Referee  
 Jeannie has owned a successful retail florist, Park Florist, 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. Jeannie has won many awards including the Capital Cup, Middle Atlantic Florists Association Competition, Potomac Floral Wholesale Design Competition and Sylvia Cup. She also presents her design programs for industry groups or garden clubs in local and national levels. Jeannie served various leadership positions in the industry such as Teleflora unit president.

**HOLIDAY MARKET**  
 Open to the Public!  
 9 am - Noon  
 25+ Vendors, Greens, Bakery Items, Unique Gifts, Garden Items and More!  
 Silent Auction & Raffle of 25+ items, many handmade

**12 Noon Luncheon & Floral Demonstration**  
 by Reservation only  
 Tickets \$38 Donation  
 Deadline for Purchase - November 25th

Please send check payable to PCGC with self-addressed, stamped envelope to:  
 Betty Pisano, 15 Wetherburn Road  
 Enola, PA 17025  
 betpisan@aol.com 717-732-4631

Flyers courtesy of **Black's Landscape Contracting Inc.**

## 51st PCGC Scholarship Benefit

The Benefit will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> as scheduled. The Radisson is open for business with a comprehensive plan for patrons' safety. Your Benefit committee chairs are proceeding with plans for the success of our benefit. Printing of tickets and flyers is completed. Businesses are being contacted for donations. Letters and applications are being sent out to perspective vendors. Tickets can be purchased in September. You can reserve tables by contacting Betty Pisano at [betpisan@aol.com](mailto:betpisan@aol.com) or calling her at 717-732-4631. Committee chairs will need volunteers. Please contact them if you would like to help. Below is a list of the committee chairs:

Chairman & Co-Chairman	Carol Hollis & Betty Pisano
Baked Goods	Betty Golob & Josephine McAnulty
Business Donations	Kay Rowe
Communications	Karen Schwarzbauer
Floral Centerpieces	Judy McGinnis & Joyce Wallen
Greens	Arlene Taylor
Pressed Flowers	Karen Schwarzbauer
Photography	Sheri Goff
Properties	Dee Titus
Publicity	Lynn Garrett
Raffle Tickets	Fern Oram
Raffle Donations	Nancy Toole
Reservations	Betty Pisano
Treasurer	Jennifer Hooper
Vendors	Sue Kent
Ways and Means	Lisa Garrison
Technology	Lois Kriens

The success of our benefit depends on your involvement. Hope you will find a way to volunteer and please start thinking now about putting your table together with family and friends. See you all there!

Carol Hollis, Benefit Chairman



*Scavenger hunt still on!*



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*Have a great summer! Please take advantage of our weekly tours of member gardens as a way to keep in touch with each other safely and .....*

*See you in September!*

