



# THE FLOWER PRESS

**PENN-CUMBERLAND GARDEN CLUB September – October 2020**  
**Member of District IV, GCFP, CAR & National Garden Clubs, Inc.**

*We Are ..... Penn-Cumberland!*

## *President's Corner ...*

My Dear PCGC Friends,

What a rollercoaster of a year! I have screamed "off" several times now, yet it just doesn't let up! What a wild ride! The health and vibrancy of any business or club will be reflected throughout this year by their ability to carry on in the face of this pandemic and I am pleased to say PCGC is a vibrant organization! The club will gently phase into our regular meetings in the coming months. Much consideration has been given to whether we should meet, where we should meet, should food be served, and what safety measures need to be in place to have a healthy meeting environment. None of these decisions were made lightly.



The membership survey determined that the majority would be comfortable meeting outdoors under a pavilion. We have found a pavilion large enough where we can seat 3 masked members per six foot table. This area also has plenty of level parking and a lovely large restroom with sinks for hand washing. We plan to have our September and October meetings outdoors but under a pavilion with a portable microphone in place. Additionally, we will host the business meeting and the program via zoom so that if a member is uncomfortable attending in person they can still participate through this online platform, from the safety of home, utilizing either a smart phone or computer. For our first two fall outdoor meetings, no food will be served but members are invited to pack a lunch to enjoy and socialize after the meeting, if they choose.

All PCGC events will require the use of mask as per the Department of Health and Governor Wolf's guidelines. While we recognize this is uncomfortable for some it keeps us all safer. If you must unmask for a moment, we ask that you please step a minimum of 10 feet away from any people and this large park has the space to do so. Much thought is being given to health safety – whether it be physical distancing, masks, wearing gloves or sanitizing shared pens between use – committee members are determined to keep each of us safe while we phase into our 2020-2021 garden club year.

Read this newsletter carefully as you will find many committees have exciting walks, workshops and informative meetings. However, I certainly respect your decision to not attend at this time. Do know, PCGC will be here when you are ready to come back, because we are a vibrant organization!

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*Susanna*

**Adventure Park Pavilion  
1775 Lambs Gap Road  
Mechanicsburg**



## *Herb Tea to be Rescheduled*

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions put into effect by the Governor on July 16 limiting indoor activities to a maximum of 25 people, the **Hawaiian Luau Herb Tea** has been **postponed** until **April 26, 2021**. As we get closer to that date we will validate if those who signed up to bring food and ingredients wish to bring the same items, provide the recipes and validate the sign-up sheets. To those who already provided decorations or serving platters - if you would like me to hold them until April's event, I can do that or I can return them to you.

Leah Hornung, Herb Tea Chair - 717-385-1327 or via e-mail at [hornungleah@gmail.com](mailto:hornungleah@gmail.com).

## *September 21st – Metamorphosis of Butterflies – 10 a.m.*



Club member Ann Markley is passionate about Monarch and Black Swallowtail Butterflies. She will relate to us her adventures with the process of raising and releasing them. After Ann's presentation will be the business meeting. Following that will be a social time for anyone who chooses to remain with their own lunch and drinks to catch up with club friends they have not seen for months! Meeting to be held at **Adventure Park Pavilion, 1775 Lambs Gap Road, Mechanicsburg**.

## *October 19th – 60th Birthday Celebration – 10 a.m.*

Join us as our club celebrates 60 years! Club member Terri Maclay, as Club Historian, will share Historical Events and some Crafts of Days Gone By. We will have a plant sale prior to the meeting (see below) at 8:30. The speaker will be at 10 with the business meeting to follow and anyone who wishes to may bring a lunch to stay and socialize. Meeting to be held at Adventure Park Pavilion.

## *Plant Sale – October 19th – 8:30 a.m.*



Due to COVID-19 the annual May sale was cancelled but a smaller version of the sale will be held at our October meeting. There will be no bake sale or garden treasures. We will only be selling plants. Both **house plants** and **outdoor plants** are welcomed. Bring plants at 8:30 a.m. Sale begins at 8:30 a.m.

There will be tables labeled \$2 through \$5 dollars. Members will decide the price of their plant and place them on the appropriate tables. Plants worth more than \$5 dollars will be placed on a separate table to be priced individually. The committee would appreciate labels on the pots or on markers in the plants that indicate what the plants are that you are donating.

Fall is a great time to plant. If you are like us your perennial beds are overflowing. Fall is the time to thin them out and pot some for our sale. Or divide those house plants that have been outside all summer before you take them back inside. Root cuttings of coleus and other plants now and they'll be ready by October.

Looking forward to seeing you and your plants on October 19th at Adventure Park Pavilion!

Randi Lorah, Plant Sale Chairman Nancy Rebilas, Co-chair

# MEMBERSHIP



Our PCGC Membership remains strong at 123 members. This year was a bit of a challenge collecting membership dues since we were not holding our regular meetings due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. But thanks to the help of Sandy Green and Jan James we got the job done.

This year our members were asked to consider *optional additional donations* to PCGC. Thank you to all our members who so generously donated to our organization. Listed are the results of the donations received.

<i>PCGC General Fund</i>	<i>\$595</i>
<i>PCGC Civic Beautification</i>	<i>\$ 93</i>
<i>PCGC Scholarship</i>	<i>\$140</i>
<i>Garden Therapy: Youth and seniors</i>	<i>\$ 25</i>
<i>Plant American (National/State)</i>	<i>\$ 35</i>
<i>Penny Pines (National)</i>	<i>\$ 60</i>
<i>National Disaster USA</i>	<i>\$ 35</i>
<b><i>Total Optional Donations</i></b>	<b><i>\$983</i></b>



Welcome to new member Gary Neubaum. Gary has signed up for the following committees: Civic Beautification, Floral Design Guild and Plant Faire. His special interests are fundraising and public speaking. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Gary and welcome him into our organization.

If you have any changes for our records, contact me at [betpisano@aol.com](mailto:betpisano@aol.com) or call 717-732-4631.

Betty Pisano, Membership Chair, Sandy Green, Co-Chair

## Ways and Means

As we begin this program year under very different conditions I still plan on having a Ways and Means Raffle at our monthly meetings. We also may do some 50/50 cash drawing since we have not had enough members sign up to donate items. If you are willing to bring a raffle item please contact me. I'm asking for new garden-related items or gift cards since they seem to work best for our club members.



Lisa Garrison, Ways and Means Chair



# Summer Tours Of Members' Gardens



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## *Conservation/Birds, Butterflies and Wildflowers Fall Meetings*

The Conservation Committee is trying to find ways to safely meet. Summer member garden tours were such a success that we decided to try to have our next two fall meetings in outdoor settings. On **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, Anne Miller has invited us to have our Conservation/BBW meeting on her scenic property to see the beautiful trees and wildlife there. Anne has agreed for us to have our meeting outside, followed by a walk around (on our own) to view the trees and birds. Please remember to wear your mask, bring a lawn chair and any drinks/snacks you wish for yourself, and binoculars if you want to spot the many birds that are at home there. We will begin our meeting outside at **10:00 a.m.** and leave for home at 12:00 noon. **108 Gilbert Road, Dillsburg, 17019.** ALL club members are invited to these meetings.



On **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we are planning to meet at **10:00 a.m.** at **Trails and Trees Environmental Center** in Mechanicsburg for our Conservation/BBW meeting. Again, wear a mask and bring a lawn chair to ensure we are able to properly distance. We will be meeting in the picnic pavilion, but space may require extra chairs. **1731 South York, Mechanicsburg 17055**

Please let me know if you are able to attend either of these meetings so we can properly plan. **swilders@verizon.net**

Susan Wilder, Conservation/Birds, Butterflies and Wildflowers Chair

## *Floral Design Guild – October 26<sup>th</sup> Workshop*

At the June workshop Terri Maclay and Susanna Reppert-Brill presented a program on the history of tussie-mussies. Each attendee made their own tussie-mussie from the wonderful herbs and flowers provided by our “instructors.” Beautiful results were achieved and taken home by all. It was a fabulous workshop. Special thanks to Terri and Susanna.

Due to the postponement of our Herb Tea/Luau members who were planning to make table centerpieces for it may keep the containers and plan to make one for the tea next May.

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> will be the first workshop of the year and our talented designer Terri Maclay will demonstrate the making of a **fall wreath with dried flowers**. Kathy Brenneman and Susanna will provide the dried flowers and all other supplies will be provided as well so members only need to bring a scissors. Everyone who paid for the June workshop but was unable to attend will be signed up for this workshop or refunded their money. Please notify Judy McGinnis at **judyamcginnis@aol.com** if you wish a refund.



Judy McGinnis, Floral Design Guild Chair

# Horticulture Committee

What an exciting summer it has been! The month of July was filled with members' weekly tours. Such a fun way to socialize and learn additional information about our gardening passion! Our tours began with the meadows and pond of Ann Markley's Morris Medley estate and ended with Nancy Rebilas' country garden and woodland habitat. In between were the gardens of Kathleen Jacobs, Kay Rowe, Carol Dillon, Kathy Brenneman, Karen McAuliffe, Nancy Stupp, Anne Miller, Louise Bianco, Robyn Collins, Joyce Wallen, Judy McGinnis and Carol Hollis. Pictures on Facebook provided memories for attendees and a pictorial tour for those who could not be present. A very big "Thank You" to Sheri Goff for scheduling and arranging the visits and to the members who shared their gardens with us.

Here are additional **scheduled activities for the upcoming year.**

Please **mark your calendars** for these upcoming events:

**September 23** – 10:30AM – 12 noon – **Plantscapes By Design Succulent Fall Workshop** at The Mechanicsburg Trails and Trees pavilion. The cost will be \$25.  
Please email or call Carol – [mommaacatt@aol.com](mailto:mommaacatt@aol.com) or 717-697-8719 to register

**September 29** – 10AM-1PM – Morris Medley Fall Garden Tour

**December 8** – 10AM – 1PM – Morris Medley Winter Garden Tour

**May 20, 2021** – 10AM – Harrisburg Cemetery Spring Flowering Trees Tour

Carol Hollis, Horticulture Chair

## Civic Beautification

PCGC applied to The Garden Club Federation of PA (GCFP) for a **Seed Money Grant** to help finance Civic Beautification's project at the **Frankenberger Tavern** in Mechanicsburg. GCFP awarded us \$75. The Federation received 49 applications. PCGC was one of 9 recipients in District IV.



The Frankenberger Tavern Project involves creating a 1800's garden on a lot beside the Tavern where a house burned down. Plus, we will be moving a Herb Garden that PCGC members have maintained for years to the new garden site. Currently, The Village Restorations and Consulting Company is working on the Tavern building. A small "log cabin" building has been built that that will contain an employee rest room and a tool shed. Once the ground has been graded and soil prepared, the Civic Beautification Committee will work with the Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority to design and plant the garden.

Karen Schwarzbauer, Civic Beautification Chair

# *PCGC's 51st Scholarship and Community Projects Benefit*

## *Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – doors open at 9 a.m.*



It is my pleasure to inform the membership that we are on track with preparations for our Benefit. The utmost consideration is being taken into account to provide a safe environment at the Radisson and yet keep the integrity of our event intact. The Radisson is very accommodating and will provide for our needs to insure a successful event. We are monitoring Governor Wolf's current mandates and are hopeful that by November 30<sup>th</sup> restrictions will be eased to allow for an event the size of our Benefit. That being said, we will begin to sell tickets in September. We are offering flexibility to choose the number of individuals you will feel comfortable having at your table. Therefore, you may request to be seated at a table of 4, 6, or 8. All attendees will be required to wear a mask while in the ballroom. However, when seated at your table, they may be removed.

This year's speaker is **Jeanne Ha** presenting a floral design demonstration entitled "**Holiday Fresh Take.**" We will have the **Holiday Market** as usual from 9 a.m. to Noon with Vendors, Greens, Bakery Items, Ways and Means Table plus our many unique raffle items. The luncheon and speaker are at Noon by reservation only. Tickets are \$38. Send checks payable to PCGC with self-addressed, stamped envelope to Betty Pisano, 15 Wetherburn Road, Enola, PA 17025. Questions? Contact Betty at [betpisano@aol.com](mailto:betpisano@aol.com) or 717-732-4631. Reserve your tables now for your special group of friends or family!

This year's menu will be: salad, roasted top sirloin, chef's choice of starch and vegetable and assorted freshly baked rolls. Iced tea and coffee are included. Cheesecake with a raspberry drizzle is the dessert. A cash bar will be available.

Vendors have begun to reserve spaces and we have had requests to purchase tickets. The utmost safety of our members is a priority. If you choose to not attend the benefit, please consider volunteering in another capacity to help to make the benefit a success. Some suggestions for this are: purchase a "donation" ticket, create a basket or donate a gift card for the raffle, purchase raffle tickets, donate goods for the Ways and Means table, provide baked goods or other homemade "goodies," assist with the creation of the table centerpieces the day before, etc. We need "all hands on deck" this year more than ever to make our Benefit a success. I'm confident that all members will contribute in some individual way. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthwhile endeavor that enables us to award scholarships.



Carol Hollis, Benefit Chair

## *Club fundraiser – WOOD – Kathy Brenneman*



Kathy and Dave Brenneman have WOOD ..... lots of WOOD. If you would like to purchase hollow log pieces to do creative things in your gardens they are a donation of \$10 each. Here it is shown as a planter. Solid log pieces can be used under pots in your garden or as steps to create a path. They are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. All proceeds go to our Ways and Means efforts. Contact Kathy at 717.433.7493.



# *Bloom and Grow Mini-Shows*

Remember our fun mini-shows from last season? Wreaths, house plants, petite floral designs and more. Monthly mini-show displays for the remaining months of 2020 will be part of the Botanical Arts Division of official flower shows. These mini-shows are great practice for entering formal flower shows and a way to learn new skills with floral design.

**September 21** – Our Pressed Flower Designers will have a display on how to press flowers. Stop by the table and take a look and consider joining this group when they are able to reconvene their workshops.

**October 19** – Floral Photography Display. Contact is Carol Hollis, 717 697-8719, mommacatt@aol.com for how to participate in this show.

**December 21** - Artistic Craft: Decorated Packages Display. Decorate one or three packages including fresh or dried plant material. No artificial plant material is allowed. Contact is Joyce Wallen, 717 329-5083, wallenj7@gmail.com.

## *Memories of 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' home 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, please read her obituary ...

[www.Buhrig.com/obituary/Phyllis-Hershey](http://www.Buhrig.com/obituary/Phyllis-Hershey)

Karen Schwarzbauer

Phyllis Hershey (L) and Marian Mundorff (R)  
with some of their pressed flower  
artwork





## *Garden Therapy at Claremont Nursing Home in Carlisle*

Chair Kathy Brenneman and Co-chair Kay Cox have assembled many club members who want to help with enlightening the residents of Claremont Nursing Home in Carlisle. However, due to Covid 19 it is unknown when we will be permitted to enter the building to lead projects.

Kathy has been pressing Queen Anne's Lace blooms in preparation for one project. Please save your clean empty (plastic) 1-pound peanut butter jars for a seashell display project and give the jars (with their lids) to Kathy or Kay. Another potential need is different colors of dried beans for a mosaic design.



Please give your ideas for other projects to Kathy. If you were not contacted for potential membership on this committee you are still welcome to join us in working with these very appreciative women and men.

Kathy Brenneman, Garden Therapy Chair

## *Pressed Flower Designers*

Due to COVID 19, the monthly Pressers Workshop has been unable to meet. Hopefully, all of you have continued to diligently gather and press the beautiful and colorful blooms, greenery, and seasonal foliage, so abundant in our summer gardens. As the new committee chairman of Pressers, I'm very excited to begin the Workshop again, as soon as health concerns make it feasible. There will be multiple new and standard projects that we will be able to work on, e.g., floral embellished disposable masks, holiday related cards, notepads, and ornaments, as well as calendars, and placements. Please look for notification of future Pressers Workshops in the PCGC Newsletter, or Bimonthly email **To-Do List**.

Lynn Garrett, Pressed Flower Designers Chair



## *NEW – Birthday List of PCGC Members*

Thanks to Robyn Collins' nice idea we will now be able to remember our club friends on their birthdays! Watch for a printable list via email for the entire year of birthdays. Below are the names and dates for September and October.

September: 6 Renee Swartz, 9 Doris Crider, 12 Sue Kent, 13 Patricia Conrad, 14 Sheri Goff, 16 Doris Smith, 16 Brenda White

October: 1 Karen McAuliffe, 3 Ann Markley, 4 Beth Harfmann, 11 Lynn Garrett, 16 Arlene Taylor, 22 Nancy Toole, 30 Kathy Hooper

## *Dr. Carole D. Spahr*

March 26, 1938 – July 06, 2020



It was our great good fortune that upon her retirement as Superintendent of Perkiomen Valley School District in Montgomery County, Carole was ready to pursue her interest in gardening in 2002. Our Central Area Landscape Design Council was holding Landscape Design School classes at Lycoming College in Williamsport in July of that year. Carole read the article we had placed in the local newspaper advertising the course for those who might be interested and she called to enroll. From that time on, she became an active member of Penn-Cumberland. Never one to shy away from a challenge, Carole went on to attend not only all of the National Garden Club schools, but to achieve Master status in each - making her one of the first 5 Star Members – quite an accomplishment!

Never one to take the “easy” path, Carole began her college education after having 4 children. Her husband, Bill, was her biggest fan and encouraged her to attend HACC where she earned her Associate Degree. From there she continued her education at York College earning her BS with Valedictorian honors. She then earned her Master’s degree at Millersville and her Doctorate degree at University of Pennsylvania. With young children, Carole was involved with their education, serving as teacher’s aide and reading assistant, then as an elementary teacher and Reading Specialist with West Shore School District. As she continued her education, she became Principal and Assistant Superintendent at Columbia School District. When she received her Doctorate, she became Superintendent at Annville-Cleona School District and later retired as Superintendent of Perkiomen Valley School District.

After retirement, she pursued her interest in gardening and took the classes and steps to become a Master Gardener. She was also an accomplished artist and pursued her passion for painting. As a member of Penn-Cumberland, Carole served in many leadership capacities – chairing flower shows, Civic Development Committee and Central PA Landscape Design Council, among others. She helped with the work of several committees. Until Bill began to have serious health issues, Carole was an active participant in the workings of PCGC. After Bill’s passing, Carole began to have health issues, but still made efforts to attend meetings when she was able, with help from a kind friend – Andrea Campbell. Parkinson’s Disease took Carole much too soon.

Carole’s family was very important to her and she supported her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren with love and enthusiasm. Her interests were wide and varied, and she enjoyed traveling, sailing, art exhibits and gardening. Carole was a unique and talented woman who was willing to share her talents. How fortunate we were that she chose to join our club and share those talents with us. We remember Dr. Carole Spahr with admiration and deep appreciation.

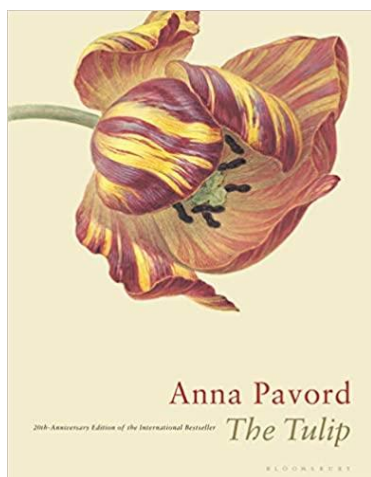
Susan Wilder

## *Philadelphia Flower Show 2021 – New Date and New Location*

The big news is that the Flower Show will be moving to a new location and at a new time of year, in early summer of 2021. Planning for the Flower Show is normally a years’ long effort, but given the truly monumental challenges of 2020, staff and board members made an early decision that will change the date and the locale for the 2021 presentation to offer a safe, breathtaking experience for all. PHS is in discussions with individuals including partners, sponsors, volunteers, exhibitors, contractors, vendors and new partners to determine where and when the Show will take place with an eye on hosting the Show outdoors in early summer. Philadelphia is our home and offers a number of locations where the Show will benefit from “borrowed scenery,” space for safe distancing and access to mass transit, parking and major highways.



## Library Liaison Book Review



Anna Pavord's internationally bestselling sensation, *The Tulip*, is the story of a flower that has driven men mad. Greed, desire, anguish, and devotion have all played their part in the development of the tulip into a worldwide phenomenon. Today, the United States alone imports three thousand million tulip bulbs each year. No other flower has ever carried so much consequence; it charts political upheavals, illuminates social behavior, mirrors economic booms and busts, plots the ebb and flow of religious persecution.

Why did the tulip dominate so many lives through so many centuries in so many countries? Anna Pavord, a self-confessed tulipomaniac, spent six years looking for answers, roaming through Asia, India, and the Ottoman Empire to tell how a humble wildflower of the Asian steppes made its way to Turkey and from there took the whole of Western Europe by storm.

Sumptuously illustrated from a wide range of sources, this irresistible volume has become a bible, a unique source book, a universal gift book, and a joy to all who possess it. This beautifully redesigned edition features a new Preface by the author, a completely revised listing of the best varieties of this incomparable flower to choose for your garden, and a reorganized listing of tulip species, to reflect the latest thinking by taxonomists.

Darlene Palanti, Library Liaison Chair

## Bloomin' Bucks

Penn-Cumberland Garden Club has partnered with **Brent and Becky's Bulbs "Bloomin' Bucks" program**. You can support Penn-Cumberland Garden Club when ordering through the **[www.bloominbucks.com](http://www.bloominbucks.com)** website, when ordering **by phone** or when using the **order form** in their catalog. By doing this, we will earn 25% of all sales that identify PCGC, payable twice a year. All products are available to PCGC supporters: books, perennials, tools, home accessories and a HUGE selection of bulbs. You can order a catalog at <https://brentandbeckysbulbs.com/Request-Catalogue>.



There are three ways to support PCGC when ordering:

**Scroll down and select** the organization that you'd like to support.. 2) Hit "Go". 3) You will go to a special REMINDER page. Read it and click YES to continue. 4) You will be taken to the Brent and Becky's Bulbs website where a portion of every dollar you spend goes to support the organization you chose.

**OR** - Order by phone and say you want to support Penn-Cumberland Garden Club. Remember to tell them.

**ALSO** – You can use the order form in the Brent and Becky's Bulbs catalog by "writing in" Penn-Cumberland Garden Club at the bottom, under "if you are participating in a BloominBucks.com fundraiser, please indicate the organization you wish to support."

Please consider adding to your gardens this fall some of the beautiful bulbs this company offers ..... and pass the information to your family and friends and/or purchase some bulbs as gifts. It's an easy way for you to contribute to our club's efforts to meet our scholarship fund needs and other donations we regularly make in the community.

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