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PENN-CUMBERLAND GARDEN CLUB MARCH – APRIL 2021
Member of District IV, GCFP, CAR & National Garden Clubs, Inc.

WE ARE ... PENN-CUMBERLAND!

President's Corner ... 2021 is off to quite a start. I am so proud of the way Penn-Cumberland Garden Club continues to move forward in these difficult times. We held our January meeting both in person and online via zoom. We had 25 members attend in person and 25 members attend online and we installed two new members. **Our February meeting will be ZOOM only due to a scheduling conflict with Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church (McBIC).** I look forward to your participation in some capacity. Spring is coming, so are the seed catalogs; my amaryllis and paperwhites are both in full bloom and it reminds me of all the things that gardeners do! What do you do on this list or what would you add?



You know you are a Gardening Enthusiast if:

There is a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter.

A sale at the nursery is more exciting than a sale at the department store

You prefer gardening to watching television and when you watch TV it is about gardening

You plan vacation trips to arboretums and public parks.

Dirt under your fingernails and calloused palms are matters of pride.

When every container becomes a planter

When you have more photos of plants than people on your phone.

You consider well-aged manure a thoughtful gift.

When you see someone trimming trees, you wonder if you could use a cutting of that.

You have taken bags of leaves (i.e. other people's trash) off the street to use as mulch or compost.

You have saved pits or seeds from fruit you liked, in your purse or pocket, to sprout at home.

You hoard yogurt containers, plastic bottles and egg cartons because they are useful in the garden.



You drive by any lawn and think, that could be a garden.

You have more pairs of gloves than earrings.

Your garden books rival those at Barnes and Nobles



And finally Dirt! Everywhere! In the house, in the car, Dirt! In your house, in the trunk of your car, under your fingernails and on your shoes, even the good ones.



Susanna

February 22nd – Beautiful Bluebirds with Dan Hinnebusch



Our meeting will be held on the **4th Monday** this month due to the Presidents' Day holiday. We will meet at **10 a.m. via ZOOM only**. We will have the speaker first followed by the business meeting. The link to the meeting will be sent to all members prior to Monday, the 22nd. We will be back at the McBIC church for our March meeting. Please tune in 5 minutes early so we can get everyone on ZOOM signed in. Please use your mute button the entire time unless you are speaking to the club.

In the **Beautiful Bluebirds Seminar** we will learn about the lives and habits of the **Eastern Bluebird**, one of our most charismatic birds. We will take a look at how Bluebirds are related to other birds, where you can find them, how they live throughout the year, and how you can attract them to your own yard.

Dan Hinnebusch is the store **Ornithologist for Wild Birds Unlimited**. His passion for birds is built on more than two decades of recreational birding experience and a strong interest in the natural world. Dan earned his Bachelors in Wildlife Science at Penn State and his Masters in Wildlife Science at the University of Tennessee. He has more than 8 years of experience as a professional wildlife biologist and environmental scientist, including four years with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. Dan teaches classes about birds and ecology for Hawk Mountain and Cedar Crest College. He also participates locally in the Breeding Bird Survey, an annual international count of birds at selected points to monitor changes in bird populations. Dan is also the Store Manager for the Lancaster, Mechanicsburg, and York stores. He provides his staff with extensive training and testing to complete the Wild Birds Unlimited Bird Feeding Specialist Certification. Dan continually works with each staff member to ensure they are equipped to answer all your backyard bird feeding questions.

Bonita Lewis – Program Chair

Looking Ahead ... March 15th – Native Plants for Nesting Birds

The March meeting will be our usual **3rd Monday** of the month. Location is the **McBIC Church** and the time is **10 a.m.** Speaker will be **Derek Stoner from the Pennsylvania Game Commission**. He is an Outreach Manager who shares his knowledge of the outdoors through programs focusing on wildlife and conservation. Derek has a deep passion for connecting people with nature. During his 15-year career with the Delaware Nature Society he managed and led environmental education programs ranging from summer camps to major international ecotours while also managing the 860 acre Middle Run Natural Area and overseeing the planting of 25,000 trees for habitat improvement. The award-winning Middle Run Birding Trail in Delaware is his creation and is regarded as a premier spot for experiencing the spectacle of songbird migration.

Cancellation - April 26th Herb Tea

We will have our monthly meeting on April 26th at McBIC Church at 10 am. with the speaker scheduled for the Tea. **Robin Reynolds, Floral Designer and Owner/Operator of Garden Bouquet** in Mechanicsburg will demonstrate basic elements of design with various shapes and styles using Tropical Flowers in the arrangements. **The Herb Tea will now be held at our June meeting location and format yet to be determined.**

Zoom Etiquette

Just a friendly **ZOOM** reminder: Whenever you press the **UN-MUTE** button we **ALL** can hear your dog bark, your phone ring, music playing & any other household noises during our PCGC meeting and your face comes front and center instead of whomever is speaking during the meeting! Please keep yourself on **mute** unless you are speaking to the club. Thanks!



Membership



Organizations such as ours have seen a pretty steady decline in membership over recent years. There are a variety of reasons given for this phenomenon. However, we have been very fortunate. We ended our year with a total membership of 127. There are eleven clubs and one affiliate in District IV, PCGC is second in membership. This is not by accident. We have a good mix of membership strategies for increasing growth. We work very hard at adding to our membership through advertising, Facebook, Website, PCGG Scholarship & Community Projects Benefit and our Plant Sale.

Our members also play a key role. In 2019 we signed up eight new members, seven were from member referrals. But signing them up is only the beginning; we need to retain them. One of the major rules for retaining members is to get them involved early. So whose responsibility is this? *We are all responsible.* A new member needs to feel that they are a valued part of our organization. Invite them to get involved on committees or special projects.

In spite of COVID, our PCGC continues to grow. A special thank you to the members who reached out and sponsored new members. As we plan our gardens for 2021, let's also plan on growing our membership. Invite friends to our meetings. This is a great way to introduce them to our club; we have so much to offer. *We are Penn-Cumberland!!!!*

Please make the following change in the PCGC Yearbook: Kathryn Yniguez (Kay): Phone number 717-652-2866
If you have any changes for our records, contact me at betpisano@aol.com or call 717-732-4631.

Betty Pisano, Membership Chair

Sandy Green, Co-Chair

Allocations Applications Due March 1st

The Penn-Cumberland Garden Club Allocations Committee will begin meeting shortly. The Committee members are Carol Dillon, Carol Hollis, Nancy Rebilas, Susanna Reppert-Brill, Joyce Wallen and Susan Wilder. The Club is fortunate to be able to return \$2,000 (total) to efforts or organizations whose goals dovetail with PCGC's mission, a part of which is to participate in the conservation of trees, plants, birds, wildlife and all-natural resources. In addition, consideration is given to the objectives of the National Garden Club and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. Club members are encouraged to offer their suggestions in writing to the Allocations Chair for the committee's consideration by March 1st. Email suggestions with information about the group/organization to amarkley103@gmail.com.

Ann Markley – Allocations Chair

Floral Design Guild Workshop – March 22nd



The Floral Design Guild is having a workshop on **March 22, 10 AM to noon at the McBIC Church** in Mechanicsburg where we are presently having our meetings. Our instructor is the super talented Terri Maclay, a longtime member with outstanding skills. We will be decorating **grapevine wreaths** for the spring. We will ask each participant to bring items to put on their wreath: bunny, bird nest, silk flowers, pussy willows, etc. and a bow (if you want to make a bow bring 3 yards of ribbon) or anything they want to include. We will provide wreaths and wire for attaching items. Please bring a glue gun if you have one. Sign up with me via email at judyamcginnis@aol.com or call 717-486-5315. **Fee is \$10.**

Judy McGinnis, Chair

Getting Through Winter!



Winter is a difficult time for everyone. Days are windy and cold and nights are long and even colder. This year is especially challenging for humans as we continue to be somewhat isolated by Covid. Observing wildlife is a pleasant way to cope and to remind us that life goes on.

Coats, hats and gloves keep us warm on chilly days – many mammals – deer, mice, foxes, squirrels and rabbits adjust by growing thicker coats. This allows them to stay active through winter days. Animals like chipmunks, raccoons and skunks reduce their activity and slow their metabolisms. They may sleep for long periods – days or weeks - to emerge for food during unusually warm winter days. Unlike mammals, birds don't use body fat for insulation – their feathers do that job quite well, and they can't afford the extra weight of a thick layer of fat while flying. Instead, birds use fat as the most efficient way to store the energy they need to keep their fast metabolisms running through our long cold nights, when they are unable to find food. Vegetation is gone and most insects have died. Finding food can be challenging for birds on extremely cold days.

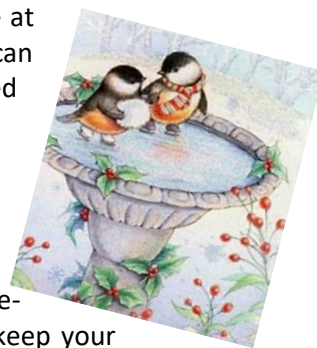
If you have created a bird habitat in your yard, you are probably enjoying a flurry of activity this winter. If not, setting up a backyard feeder makes life easier for birds and more enjoyable for us. During spring and summer, most songbirds eat insects and spiders, which are highly nutritious, abundant, and, for the most part, easily captured. During fall and winter, nonmigratory songbirds shift their diets to fruits and seeds to survive. This is when it is best to roll out the welcome mat and set the table. To attract a diversity of birds, provide a variety of food types.

Sunflower seeds attract the greatest number of species. These seeds have a high meat-to-shell ratio, they are nutritious and high in fat, and their small size and thin shells make them easy for small birds to handle and crack. Sunflower hearts



or meats provide nutritious food without the shells to be cleaned up later. Cardinals especially appreciate safflower seed which has limited appeal for starlings and house sparrows and squirrels. Dried, whole-kernel corn is favored by jays, doves and pheasants but cracked corn is easier for finches and sparrows to eat. Niger or thistle seed is a delicacy for small finches such as goldfinches, siskins and redpolls. Many backyard birds (and squirrels) enjoy peanuts. Suet and suet cakes are excellent high-energy food favored by the many kinds of woodpeckers in our area. Bluebirds can be tempted to feeders containing dried mealworms – available at

most feed stores. Hosting bluebirds on a sunny winter day will lift anyone's spirits! You can sometimes tempt robins, thrushes, bluebirds and waxwings by offering fruit such as softened dried raisins and currents, sliced apples, oranges and other fresh fruit or frozen berries. Berry bushes, such as holly, winterberry and pyracantha that you planted in your habitat may also be feeding these winter visitors.



Unfrozen water can be as hard for birds to find in winter as food. A dependable supply of fresh water will attract many birds to your yard. A shallow, easy-to-clean birdbath is best – an upside-down garbage can lid or large metal pan works well. An immersion-style water heater can keep your birdbath unfrozen in the winter. Clean your birdbath often and keep it filled with fresh water.

Our next two meeting programs will help us learn more about birds. Dan Hinnebusch, Manager at Wild Birds Unlimited will present a program on "Beautiful Bluebirds" in February and in March, Derek Stoner from the PA Game Commission will present "Native Plants for Nesting Birds". Meanwhile, take a cue from the wildlife in your yard. Bundle up, stay warm inside, take a nap or go outside on sunny days – and remember, spring and better days are just around the corner!

Susan Wilder - Birds, Butterflies and Wildflower Co-chair



Ten Essential Spring Gardening Tips

Spring is just around the corner and a great time to ready gardens by cleaning out and preparing them for new growth. Gardening is a great way to exercise and relieve stress of which this past year has made challenging. Best wishes for a fun and invigorating gardening season!

1. **Conduct an inspection of your garden beds.**

On an upcoming warm day, survey your beds to notate what has happened over the winter. Take notice of any cold, ice or snow damage to plants. Clean out any old or dead matter. Notice any hardscaping issues with walls, fences, benches and trellises that might have shifted, bowed or rotted. Look for indications of new animal burrows from moles, groundhogs or rabbits. Check for deer or rodent damage on woody plants.



2. **Address hardscape issues first.**

Before the ground is ready to be worked, repair any damage to retaining walls, stepping stones, fences, benches etc. This is more easily accomplished while plants are still dormant. This is a good time to plan for additional raised gardens and getting edging done.

3. **Do a thorough spring cleanup.**

Before spring bulbs start to emerge, clean plant debris out of the garden – fallen branches, matted down leaves, and old perennial foliage. If you have a pond, birdbath and containers now is a good time to scrub and sterilize them. It is important to maintain good hygiene in your garden beds and additional features.

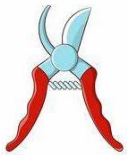
4. **Test garden soil.**

Experts recommend doing this every 3-5 years to assess what nutrients or organic materials are needed.

5. **Feed your soil.**

Once you determine what is needed, consult with a local garden center to find the specific products to use. Use of compost, humus, and manure before bulbs emerge is a good practice.

6. **Make use of sharp pruners.**



This is a great time to prune some kinds of woody shrubs and trees. Prune out anything that has been broken or damaged from winter weather. This year's new growth on flowering shrubs can be trimmed on such plants as: butterfly bush, smooth hydrangeas and rose of Sharon. Shear evergreens such as boxwood and arborvitae once their new growth has finished emerging.

7. **Divide perennials and transplant shrubs.**

Once perennials begin to pop up, divide them. Divide and move perennials in the opposite season of when they bloom.

8. **Put out necessary supports.**

Now is the time to set out trellises and stakes. Make necessary repairs and revitalize them with paint.

9. **Plant spring containers and borders.**

Cool weather plants like pansies, nemesia and osteospermum daisies like cool weather. Sweet alyssum, lobelia and supertunia petunias do well in containers. It is best to wait until the threat of frost has passed before putting the containers outside.



10. **Protect delicate plants.**

Be prepared to protect tender plants in case of late frosts. Old sheets and towels are good options. Do not cover tender plants with plastic sheeting or tarps. The plastic will magnify the cold's effect, rather than lessen it.

Carol Hollis – Horticulture Chair



American Conservation – A Lesson in Soil Health



The January/February 2021 issue of *Smithsonian* magazine has an article about peanuts and how America has embraced the crop ... and especially peanut butter. We Americans love peanut butter – and It even figured in the nation's response to Covid-19 in a smell test devised at Yale University to identify asymptomatic carriers in a three-month study of health care workers. No American is more closely associated with peanuts than George Washington Carver. And though he developed hundreds of uses for peanuts, his greatest agricultural achievement was helping black farmers prosper, free of the tyranny of cotton.

Born enslaved in Missouri in the mid-1800s, Carver was trained in Iowa as a botanist. He took over the agriculture department at the Tuskegee Institute in

Alabama in 1896. His hope was to help black farmers, most of whom were cotton sharecroppers trapped in perpetual debt to white plantation owners. He found that cotton had stripped the nutrients from the soil. Carver began experimenting with plants like peanuts and sweet potatoes, which help replenish the nitrogen back into the soil and could also provide food for the farm families. Carver showed farmers how to raise these crops in classes, conferences and county fairs.

Many of the practices Carver advocated – organic fertilizer, reusing food waste and crop rotation have become crucial to sustainable agriculture. Well before there was an environmental justice movement, thinkers like George Washington Carver realized there was a connection between land exploitation and racial exploitation and that a holistic approach to farming yields success.

February is Black History Month – and it is also the month that many gardeners begin ordering and planting seeds for their gardens. The environmental justice movement, the conservation movement – and we as gardeners - owe a huge debt of gratitude to pioneers like George Washington Carver who showed us that nature usually has a better way, if only we are willing to see it.



Susan Wilder – Conservation Co-Chair

Scholarships for 2021-2022



Our club is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior planning to attend a four year college in the 2021-2022 academic year with a major in horticulture, floriculture, Landscape Architecture, Conservation, Forestry, Urban or Regional Planning, Environmental Science, Botany, or plant or ecology related studies. PCGC is awarding a second \$1,000 scholarship to a current college student enrolled in a bachelor or graduate program in 2021-2022 with a major in these same fields.

Applications are available on our website: www.penncumberlandgardenclub.org. Please forward completed applications to: Sue Greenly, PCGC Scholarship Chairman, 20 Gunpowder Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2021.

Sue Greenly – Scholarship Chair

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has met and has recruited the following slate of officers for the 2021-2022 club year. This slate will be voted on at the April meeting. These officers serve for a 2 year term.

President: Kay Yniguez (pronounced Yin - e - gez)

First Vice President: Membership - Wanda Godar

Second Vice President: Program - Betty Pisano

Treasurer: Nancy Rebilas Assistant Treasurer: Barbara Fenwick

Recording Secretary: Darlene Palanti Corresponding Secretary: Jan James

About Kay Yniguez ... in her own words



I have been a member of Linglestown Community Garden Club for over 25 years. During that time I chaired flower shows, worked on many projects and served as Treasurer, as well as Vice President and President. I also joined Garden Club of Harrisburg, because I felt I would have more opportunities to learn about design. I have always been the "dig in the dirt" girl, definitely not a floral designer. Currently, I serve that club as parliamentarian, a non-voting board member. I recently rejoined the board of the Harrisburg Area Civic Garden Center as Treasurer. Previously, I had served as Second and First Vice President for the organization. Also, I am a member of the Susquehanna Hosta Society and have served as President. Years ago I was a certified Master Gardener and worked with children's programs. My particular favorite was presenting a six-week, in-school, plant science lesson. It was truly on my top five list of volunteer projects. Working with children, in any volunteer capacity, has always been my favorite thing to do. When I joined the Garden Club of Harrisburg, I immediately started attending District IV meetings, participating in the District IV Flower Shows, attending leadership workshops, and attending every GCFP State Convention since then.

I live in Harrisburg, have been married to Ray for 51 years and we have one son, Chris. He and wife, Linda, and their two children live near us. Most of my "spare" time is spent either having fun with or taking care of the grandchildren, including being responsible for my granddaughter's remote learning days since the pandemic started.

Bloom and Grow Mini-Shows

The Bloom and Grow Mini-Show feature for our club meetings is back! **We will combine two months of shows together in March.** Please consider trying your hand at "**pot-a-fleur**," which is a category in the official garden club **Handbook for Flower Shows** and one that may be in future competitive flower shows in our area. Here is the official criteria for such a design: (a) Design with an emphasis on a combination of 2 or more flowering and/or foliage plants with roots growing in soil or other medium for our "show" this month **1 plant** will be acceptable, (b) **Fresh cut flowers** MUST be included easily purchased at the grocery store, (c) Other fresh and/or dried plant material and/or components may be added for **embellishment**; examples include fruits, vegetables, nuts, leaves and branches. If you are planning to create a design, please email or phone me to let me know so I can have the appropriate table space ready when you arrive. mommacatt@aol.com or 717-697-8719

OR, we invite any and all members to bring their framed (preferred) or unframed pressed flower pictures of any design or size for display. These kinds of designs align with the Botanical Design category for a judged flower show. **No artificial plant materials will be allowed.** A card listing the plants in the design would be a desirable addition, as it would be required in an official show. **Please bring an appropriately sized stand or easel to support your framed art, if possible.** We welcome you to actively participate in this picture display, as it provides an excellent platform to exhibit our PCGC members' extensive pressed flower creativity. You may message or call Lynn Garrett with any questions at garrett@epix.net, or (717) 979- 0336.

Spring Show at Middle Creek



Through the month of March, great flocks of north-bound snow geese and Tundra swans stop at the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area in northern Lancaster County, creating a spectacular natural event and one of the largest concentrations of these migrations in the middle Atlantic states. Thousands of Tundra swans and snow geese migrate through Lancaster County and stop to rest at Middle Creek every year. Through much of the day, both species are on the move between Middle Creek's lake and nearby fields where they feed on waste corn and the shoots of winter rye and wheat. Steady streams of flocks go out to the fields, while others come back to the lake in an almost continuous circle.

Each species flies in its own company, has its own aerial highways and its own flight pattern when taking off. Each species has its own plumage pattern and vocal characteristics that make identification easy. Both are white, but the swans are larger and have longer necks. Only the snows have black wing tips.

The music of these two species of arctic-bound waterfowl is always a joy to hear. The current flocks are small compared to the accumulations that will gather later in the winter through early March and usually peak toward the end of February. Both geese and swans will be there for only a few weeks. Then their urges to migrate will take them through Canada to the Arctic tundra to their breeding grounds following the spring thaw. The best viewing times to see snow geese on the lake are sunrise, before they leave to feed in neighboring fields, or sunset as they return to roost. Note that the Visitors Center is closed due to Covid restrictions and that safe viewing practices and social distancing are urged.

There are two ways to get to Middle Creek:

Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike east to Exit 21. Take Route 272 north for three miles and at the traffic light, turn left on Route 897. Follow route 897 north for about 14 miles into the village of Kleinfeltersville. In Kleinfeltersville, make the first left after the stop sign and watch for the entrance to Middle Creek.

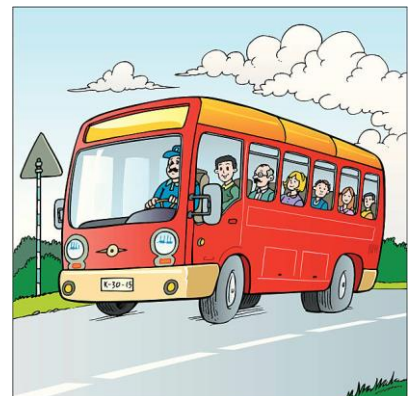
OR get on 322 East (toward Hershey.) Stay on 322 past Hershey – east toward Ephrata – through Campbelltown and finally left to get onto 419 (towards Cornwall.) Stay on 419N as it turns. Go through Schaefferstown – the road turns into 897. Stay on 897 to Kleinfeltersville – watch for sign on left which points to Middlecreek.

Travel Committee – Philadelphia Flower Show!

Tuesday, June 8th

The Travel committee is looking into offering a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower show on **Tuesday, June 8th**. The show is in an outdoor venue this year and is being held later in the season. We would leave at **8:30 am** and depart the show around 5 pm arriving home at **7:30 p.m.** The cost is **\$95.00 including bus trip and ticket to the show which is \$45.00**; lunch will be on your own. We are asking who would commit to going before booking the bus. After we hear from members we may be able to open it up to spouses/guests. Let Judy McGinnis know if you plan to go by calling 717-486-5315, text 817-479-0214, or email judyamcginnis@aol.com.

Judy McGinnis - Travel Chair



Our Gardening Journey by Sheri Goff



First apartment **Lancaster** community garden plot w/lots of veggies no house plants baby
Another apartment no place to grow anything no house plants, no veggies transferred!

Apartment, then house, rental **Fulton, NY** one scraggly rosebush with one pink rose nope, not an omen, second baby was NOT a girl no house plants, no veggies



First house to own a few blocks away canna lilies and foxglove already there B's veggie garden first try at house plants finally ... planted sunflowers with boys transferred back to Lancaster!

House in the 'burbs **Lancaster** rock garden, veggie garden, house plants had their own room, discovered Stauffer's.



Moved to 18 acres **Conestoga** ... gigantic garden first asparagus and strawberries, wild black raspberries, watercress another rock garden (ground bees) persimmon tree learning to can and freeze grew corn for the fire company - some for us dumped on the lawn chickens transferred to southern California!

California ... postage stamp yard split leaf philodendron in yard Australian trees, geranium shrubs, bougainvillea, hibiscus container gardening with cacti transferred back to Lancaster!



Townhouse **Lancaster** no houseplants, no veggies consumed with building new house planted potatoes in the topsoil piles at new property

2-acre lot and new house in **Lititz** developer planted 22 trees did our own landscaping sides and back K-mart azaleas and columbines veggie garden all new houseplants **joined first garden club**

Downsized to a townhome nearby landscaping already in silk houseplants lots of traveling

Second home (duplex) in mountains of **Colorado** received edelweiss as a gift pots on balcony natural aspen, spruce and wildflowers

Retired to 3 acre lot and built new house in mountains of **Colorado** lots of natural trees and plants landscaper placed giant boulders, potentillas and wildflowers we built raised bed gardens with rocks on the property Planted 50 trees from CSU extension lots of poppies, lupines, pansies salad garden **found a garden club** amazing what grows at 9,700 feet above sea level moved for health reasons



And now back in **Pennsylvania** 60's rancher.... inherited trees, shrubs and flowers ground cover everywhere we ripped out 50+ azaleas huge magnolia tree wall of rhododendrons dogwood trees veggie garden at home and at Ames asparagus perennials annuals 20+ containers and much more
thanks to my wonderful friends in Penn-Cumberland Garden Club!



State Convention – You're Invited!



The Garden Club Federation of PA (GCFP) annual convention, “Zooming into Spring,” is being hosted by District IV and is a 100% online convention this year. The most recent Keystone Gardener, which was mailed to you, had the full schedule printed or you can find details at PAGardenClubs.org. This is an amazing opportunity for us to learn more about how the state organization operates and to enjoy speakers on a wide variety of gardening topics. It is truly a bargain to be enjoyed from the comfort of your home. If you read the information in the Keystone Gardener you will see that some of the sessions can be enjoyed for FREE even! You still must register by mailing in the form in order to receive the Zoom links. The best option is to go online and locate the form there, fill it out online, print it out and then mail it with your choices.

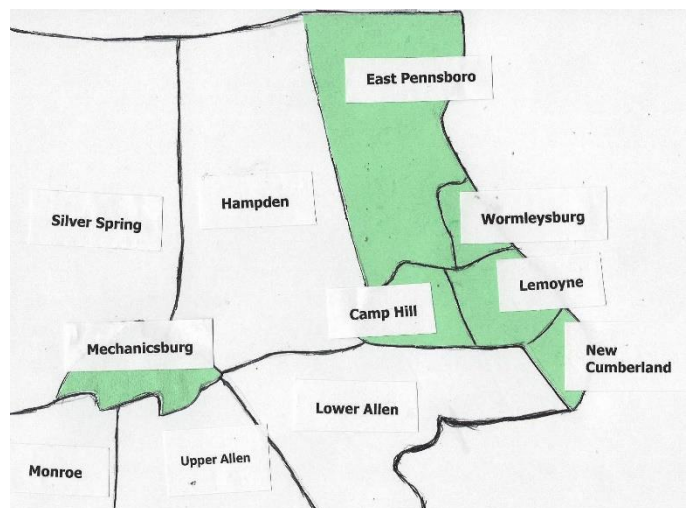
All PCGC members are invited and encouraged to attend to support our District's efforts to host this year. PCGC annually budgets money for the President and a Delegate to attend the convention. Since the convention is online, and there is no housing nor travel expenses we are able to extend the invitation to all members interested in attending the online convention for the full program or for a workshop or two. **PCGC will pay for half of the member's fee.** For example, if you choose to attend the full program for \$75 -- your club will reimburse you \$37.50. (Excluded from this offer are the two "make and take" workshops where supplies are sent to you but any other events are eligible) **This is available on a first come first serve basis for PCGC members to submit their proof of registration until our \$1,000 budgeted amount is depleted.** Make a copy of your registration form and/or your check BEFORE mailing it and send to President, Susanna Reppert, OhSusanna1@aol.com, or mail to 116 S Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Hint: you can take a photo of your form and/or your check and email to Susanna.

Susanna Reppert-Brill – PCGC President

Civic Beautification – Spring Planting

The Civic Beautification Committee is in the process of choosing plants for our **Spring Planting**. We will be removing all signs of winter and planting in the landscapes/containers at **17 sites** located in the green areas on the map. You don't have to be a committee member to help. Just choose one or more sites where you can work and contact the **Head Gardeners** listed. They will notify you of their planting schedules. The list of sites is on the next page. Thank you for volunteering to help our club with these projects!

Karen Schwarzbauer – Civic Beautification Chair



Adams Ricci Demonstration Garden-Garden
100 E Penn Dr, Enola
Betty Pisano, 732-4631, betpisano@aol.com

Camp Hill Boro --4 Containers
2145 Walnut St. Camp Hill
Betty Jordan, 761-3182, proxy2310@aol.com

Frankenberger Tavern-Colonial.Herb Gardens
217 E Main St, Mechanicsburg
FernOram, 737-3512, rforam@comcast.net
Carol Hollis, 697-8719, mommacatt@aol.com



Keefer Memorial Garden
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 132 E Main St, Mechanicsburg
Carol Hollis, 697-8719, mommacatt@aol.com

Lemoyne Boro--20 Containers
Market Street, Lemoyne
Donna Royal, 761-4990, droyal41@aol.com

Mechanicsburg Brethern in Christ Church
1050 South York Street, Mechanicsburg
Susan Zalesky, 717-443-3493, susanzalesky@gmail.com



Mechanicsburg Welcome Sign-Flower Bed
Kathleen Jacobs, 410-893-1979, kjacobsbair@gmail.com



Mechanicsburg Train Museum/Station--2 Containers
2 W Strawberry Alley, Mechanicsburg
Susan Wilder, 697-9626, swilders@verion.net

Mechanicsburg Train Museum/Station & Welcome Sign--Flower Beds
Karen McAuliffe, 448-3500 (Cell), karenzmcauliffe@yahoo.com

Mechanicsburg Master's House/Old Rail Car—Flower Bed, 2 containers
Gloria Basehore, 717-972-0440, Basehoreg@gmail.com



New Cumberland Library--Entrance, Fountain, 3 Containers
1 Benjamin Plaza, New Cumberland
Sheri Goff, 761-3026, sgoff24261@aol.com

New Cumberland Library – Children's Garden
Robyn Collins, 717-487-0220, ladybugdsgn@aol.com

New Cumberland Library—Slope
Kathy Brenneman, 697-9509, djbrenneman46@gmail.com

New Cumberland Library – Ruth's Garden, 2 containers
Karen Schwarzbauer, 761-4108, german47@verizon.net

New Hope Ministries--4 Containers
5228 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg
Kay Rowe, 737-4100, rowe814@verizon.net

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