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

*WE ARE ... PENN-CUMBERLAND!*

## *President's Corner ..... Hear Ye, Hear Ye!*

It is with great pleasure that we announce our fantastic **Penn-Cumberland Garden Club fundraising Benefit** is moving full speed ahead! We have met with the folks at the Radisson and are extremely pleased with the safety measures they have in place. We are firmly limited to only 190 ticket sales for the huge ball room (which can normally hold up to 1400 people). We have confirmed with our delightful speaker, Jeanne Ha, and she is eager to share her tips, tricks and ideas with our members. While there will be COVID changes that you will notice such as masks required, no bar service permitted, less attendees permitted, fewer vendors allowed ..... Benefit Chair, Carol Hollis, states: "the integrity of this important event will remain intact."

### **Benefit FAQ's (Frequently asked questions)**

We are assigning 6 people per table unless you request 8 (normally 10). You can also request to be seated at a table for 4. Tables are all six feet apart.

**TO-GO lunches** are available – please request in advance through reservation chair, Betty Pisano. Pick up will be between 11 a.m. and Noon on November 30<sup>th</sup>, the day of the event.

Program will be available via **ZOOM** for anyone who purchased a ticket. Link will be emailed Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Baked Goods and Greens** can be dropped off on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m. Greens stay outside please.

Quality secondhand items for **Ways and Means** may be dropped off after November 1<sup>st</sup> at Susanna Reppert's "The Rosemary House" in Mechanicsburg, PA. They are stored in the back garage and the committee will price them in advance of the event.

*While we honor those who are uncomfortable attending a large event such as our Benefit we do respectfully remind you that this is our main fundraiser of the year and we request that you consider supporting the event by donating items for Ways and Means/Baked Goods/Greens/Silent Auction, purchasing raffle tickets, and/or making a cash donation.*

You will find all the activities you have come to know and love – the fabulous silent auction, the fresh and reasonably priced greens, a fun and unique white elephant sale, boxwood Christmas trees, clever pressed flower gifts, delicious baked goods, outside vendors plus fellowship, food and an informative program.

Don't delay! Reserve Today! Send a check for \$38 to Betty Pisano at 15 Wetherburn Road, Enola, PA 17025

*Susanna*



## October 19th – 60th Anniversary Celebration

Join us for a special program and celebration of our **60 years** as a **federated garden club**, part of National Garden Club, Incorporated and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. Our program is a presentation by a long time member, Terri Maclay. In her own words .....“I am Penn-Cumberland’s Historian and I’ll try to give you accurate information about our club history. But this is also **one woman’s remembrances of a 59 year “love affair with my garden club!”** Looking back at our roots will be fun and I am going to try to make this interactive so we can all feel a part of the program. I’m excited to share my memories!”

Terri’s presentation will be at **10 a.m.** followed by the business meeting. Plan to arrive early to bring plants, shop, sign in and mingle! Bring your lunch and beverages if you care to stay and socialize after the meeting. Masks and social distancing will be in practice, please. We are meeting outdoors again at the **Adventure Park at 1775 Lambs Gap Road in Mechanicsburg**. Bring a chair if you do not wish to sit at the picnic tables.

As part of October’s meeting we will also be having a ..... *Plant Sale!*

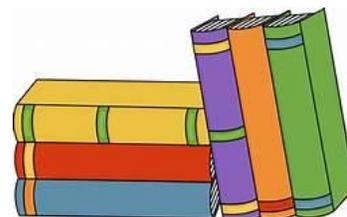
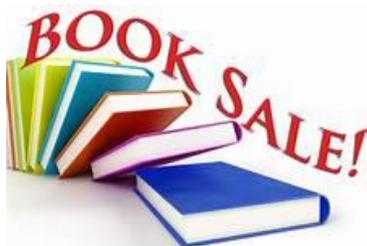
**DIVIDE TO SHARE** ..... your perennials, bulbs and house plants for this fundraiser and go home with new plants!

**BRING PLANTS** at **8:30 a.m.** to place on the tables marked with various dollar amounts. Please put some kind of labels on or in your plants to identify what they are.



AND ..... we will also be having a *Book Sale!*

A lovely selection of 50 or so current and read just once books will be available for sale as well. Titles by excellent authors such as Ken Follett, J.D. Robb, Kellerman, Robert Craig will be available for \$5.00 per book or 4/\$20.00. Bring Cash or checks. Thanks



*Sale begins at 9:00 a.m.*

Sale will suspend at 10 a.m. but any plants/books remaining will be available for sale after the meeting.

## Volunteer Opportunity



A new member to our club, Erika Compliment, works for Tri County Community Action, (TCCA), part of America's Poverty Fighting Network, which has been helping people and changing lives throughout Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Counties since 1966. As a private, nonprofit, social service agency, TCCA creates and connects resources for individuals and families to move from poverty and crisis situations to self-sufficiency. TCCA works to help clients break the cycle of poverty in a variety of ways.

One such way is through **community gardening**. The Neighborhood Revitalization program partners with local community members to promote food sustainability through educational programs, neighborhood gardens and the Allison Hill Farmers Market. There is a need for volunteers to help with these gardens and the Farmers Market so that children and adults living in Harrisburg may further their knowledge of gardening. Our club will be working with Erika to develop other volunteer opportunities in the Carlisle area as well. Contact Erika Compliment at [erikacompliment@gmail.com](mailto:erikacompliment@gmail.com) if you are interested for the next growing season.

## Civic Beautification - 3 Presidents' Trees added to Local Landscapes

PCGC honors Presidents at the completion of their terms with a tree. The outgoing president may choose the tree variety and the public location for the planting. The Civic Beautification Committee is responsible for making this happen. Black Landscaping and Nursery provided a nice discount to the club for these trees. Boy Scout Troop 190 planted each of these trees in conjunction with their 2020 Conservation Commitment.

Joyce Wallen chose a Blue Ice Cypress for the New Cumberland Library grounds. She is showing the Boy Scouts how to loosen the roots before planting.



Karen McAuliffe chose a Carolina Silverbell tree for the Simpson Library, Mechanicsburg, parking lot.

In 1985, Carolyn Dietrich chose a Red Jade Crabapple tree for the New Cumberland Library grounds. However, it became diseased and had to be replaced. The Highway Department of New Cumberland Borough kindly removed the diseased tree and planted the replacement.

Karen Schwarzbauer – Civic Beautification Chair



# Horticulture

What a beautiful autumn it has been. The weather has been perfect for readying our gardens for the upcoming winter season. Here are some “to do” tasks to consider for preparing your gardens:

- Remove weeds.
- Once the ground has frozen hard, cut perennials back to 3 inches and mulch them with a thick layer of leaves or straw.
- After the first frost, mulch rose plants with compost or leaves to just above the swollen point where the stem joins the rootstock.
- Protect small trees or shrubs from extreme cold by surrounding them with a cylinder of snow fencing and packing straw or shredded leaves inside the cylinder.
- Empty all of your outdoor containers to keep them from cracking during the winter. Store them upside down.
- Protect tender herbs by surrounding them with straw – rosemary and basil. Most other herbs are hardy – chives, sage and thyme.
- Berry plants tend to be hardy, but do require some fall pruning.



Although the horticulture committee has not had formal meetings, some special events have occurred and are upcoming. Plantscapes By Design held a workshop at the Trails and Trees pavilion on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ten members and some guests attended and created lovely succulent planters. It was a beautiful fall day and was a great way to have fun.

There was a fall tour of Morris Medley on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and it rained. However, about four members were able to tour the grounds before the rain started. Any members are welcome to stop by Morris Medley and tour the property at your convenience. On **December 8<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a **winter tour at Morris Medley from 10AM-1PM**. The goal is to enjoy this beautiful property through the changing seasons. There will be an upcoming spring **tour at the Harrisburg Cemetery** to enjoy the flowering trees on **May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10AM, 2021**.

I hope everyone is healthy and finding ways to keep in touch with loved ones and friends. There is no better way to relieve stress and stay physically fit than by working in our gardens.

Carol Hollis – Horticulture Chair



## Birthdays!

These are our club members celebrating from now until the end of the year ..... wish them a happy birthday at the meetings OR send a card or note via email or snail mail. Many of us are not going out much nor celebrating in person with our usual family and friends so being remembered is always nice!

**October** – Karen McAuliffe – 1<sup>st</sup>, Ann Markley – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Beth Harfmann – 4<sup>th</sup>, Lynn Garrett – 11<sup>th</sup>, Arlene Taylor – 16<sup>th</sup>, Nancy Toole – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kathy Hooper – 30<sup>th</sup>

**November** – Nancy Cartwright – 9<sup>th</sup>, Jan James – 11<sup>th</sup>, Nancy Rebilas – 12<sup>th</sup>, Dee Titus – 17<sup>th</sup>, Jane Earle – 20<sup>th</sup>

**December** – Rebecca Charles – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Betty Pisano – 15<sup>th</sup>

## Membership



Our current PCGC Membership stands at 125 members. The increase in membership is partly due to our exposure on Facebook. Our members also continue to be a viable source for increasing membership. So members please continue to invite prospective members to our regular meetings and our many activities. This is a great way to expose them to our organization.

Please welcome our two new members *Kathryn M. Bobb* and *Erika Compliment*.

Kathryn signed up for the following committees: Floral Design Guild and Pressed Flower Design Guild. She can be reached at 1439 Earlys Mill Rd., Palmyra, PA. 17078-8919, PH #717-533-4079, Email: kbobb@wwbobb.com



Erika signed up for the following committees: Civic Beautification, Community Gardens, Floral Design Guild and Garden Tour. She can be reached at 3825 Sullivan Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-2176, PH # 717-585-5773, Email: erikacompliment@gmail.com

*If you have not picked up your 2020-2021 PCGC Yearbook they will be available for pickup at our PCGC regular scheduled meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Adventure Park Pavilion, 1775 Lambs Gap Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA. Or you can pick it up at the Rosemary House, 120 S. Market Street, Mechanicsburg from 10am to 4pm Tuesday thru Saturday.*

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

## Floral Design Guild

The Floral Design Guild will offer a **workshop on October 26th at 10 AM** on making a wreath on a straw form. The class will be presented by Terri Maclay and all supplies will be provided. However, attendees are invited to bring dried flowers, weeds, and grasses to add to the collection. Everyone needs to bring a scissors or clippers. The location of the workshop is the **Trails and Trees Pavilion at 1731 York Street, Mechanicsburg**. If you have not signed up and wish to do so, please contact Judy McGinnis at 717-486-5315 or judyamcginnis@aol.com. Cost is \$15.



Date to put on your calendar is **November 29<sup>th</sup>** to help make **table designs for the Benefit**. This will be done at the Radisson at 2 or 3 PM depending on their schedule. Let's plan to make the room especially beautiful!

Judy McGinnis, Chair

## *Library Liaison – New Cumberland Library Acquisitions*

Our club recently was thanked by Kate Pursel, Director of the New Cumberland Library, for our donation. These are the purchases made for the library. Any of these are available to you from any library in the county-wide system.



*Floriography* by Jessica Roux  
*Grow Your Own Tea* by Christine Parks  
*Growing Under Cover* by Niki Jabbour  
*The Complete Gardener* by Monty Don  
*Secrets of Small Gardens* by Juliet Nicholas  
*Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Eastern and Central North America*  
*How to Grow Native Orchids in Gardens Large and Small* by Wilson Wall  
*Garden Gate Magazine*

Darlene Palanti – Library Liaison

## *Garden Therapy Update*

Claremont Retirement Home is not open for outsiders; therefore, club members may not enter to lead projects. However, we would like all of you to save cleaned one pound plastic peanut butter jars and their lids for a future project. We are very anxious to start this club year's program!! Bring jars to our meetings and give to Kathy Brenneman or Kay Rowe.

Kathy Brenneman – Chair, Kay Rowe – Co-chair



## *Fairies in the Fall*



Crab-apples, Crab-apples, out in the wood,

Little and bitter, yet little and good!

The apples in orchards, so rosy and fine,

Are children of wild little apples like mine.

The branches are laden, and droop to the ground;

The fairy-fruit falls in a circle around;

Now all you good children, come gather them up:

They'll make you sweet jelly to spread when you sup.

One little apple I'll catch for myself;

I'll stew it, and strain it, to store on a shelf

In four or five acorn-cups, locked with a key

In a cupboard of mine at the root of the tree!

## *December 21st – Traveling for Garden Inspiration – Heather Andrews*



Our December program will be presented by photographer and author of “The Thoughtful Gardener” Blog on Facebook, Heather Andrews. Heather lives locally and is an avid gardener and has a Monarch Way Station on her property. She can be heard regularly on Bob Carey’s Sunday Morning gardening radio program. She will be talking about “tips and tricks to maximize your dollars and time” when traveling to visit famous gardens.

The **Fifth Annual Cookie Exchange** will be held at this meeting. Each member is asked to bring two dozen or more cookies, prepackaged in plastic bags with two cookies per bag and labeled. You can bring your own container or paper bags will be provided to take home your collection of cookies. Great opportunity to get a variety of cookies without having to make a whole batch.



**Location for this meeting will be: Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church, 1050 South York Street, Mechanicsburg. This is a very LARGE venue with lots of space for “social distancing.” More details will be in the next newsletter.**

## *Conservation/Birds, Butterflies and Wildflowers – October 22nd*



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 fall meetings in outdoor settings. On **Thursday, October 22, 2020**, we are planning to meet at **10:00 a.m. at Trails and Trees Environmental Center** in Mechanicsburg for our joint Conservation/Birds, Butterflies, Wildflowers Meeting. 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.

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 birds. We will begin our meeting outside at 10:00 a.m. We hope the weather will allow us to conclude our meeting and have time for a walk on some of the trails and leave for home about 12:00 noon. Wear comfortable walking shoes for this walk.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, we had our Conservation/BBW meeting on Anne Miller’s scenic property. We had our meeting outside by the barn and had time for a nice walk with Anne before heading home. We are trying to capture some of these beautiful fall days to get outside in the fresh air and enjoy the beauty.

Please let me know if you are able to attend the meeting on October 22 so we can properly plan. Trails and Trees Environmental Center is located at **1731 S. York Street in Mechanicsburg**. [swilders@verizon.net](mailto:swilders@verizon.net)

Susan Wilder – Conservation and BBW Chair

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