



Garden Clippings

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“Wedding Blossoms” -- Flower Design Workshop

Tuesday, March 26 – 10:00 a.m.

Wissahickon Valley Public Library, 650 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell

Chairs **Barbara Leiby** and **Barbara Andon** centered on our upcoming flower show, “Wedding Blossoms,” in May. At least three dozen members attended and absorbed the educational content presented so well by **Barb Leiby**. Everyone went home with a lovely arrangement!



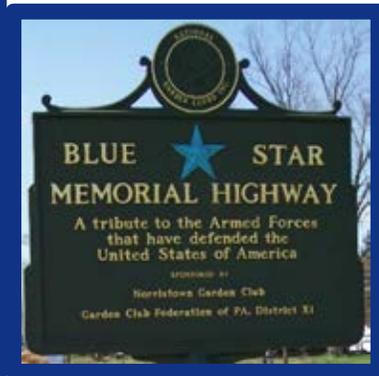
Pictured are **Lynn O'Dowd**, **Barbara Leiby**, **Anita Lehman** and **Barbara Andon**. **Lynn** and **Anita** are the May Show Chairs; the two **Barbaras** chaired the March workshop. But you know all that, right? Below are some of the attendees. (It's hard to get them to stand still for a picture – but they are always smiling!) If you miss our workshops, you miss a lot of fun, learning and all the camaraderie! Our workshops are always well-attended and give us a chance to make friends-with-fun-attached while learning and growing!



YOU know who you are!

Blue Star Memorial

April 3, 2019 – Germantown Pike in East Norriton



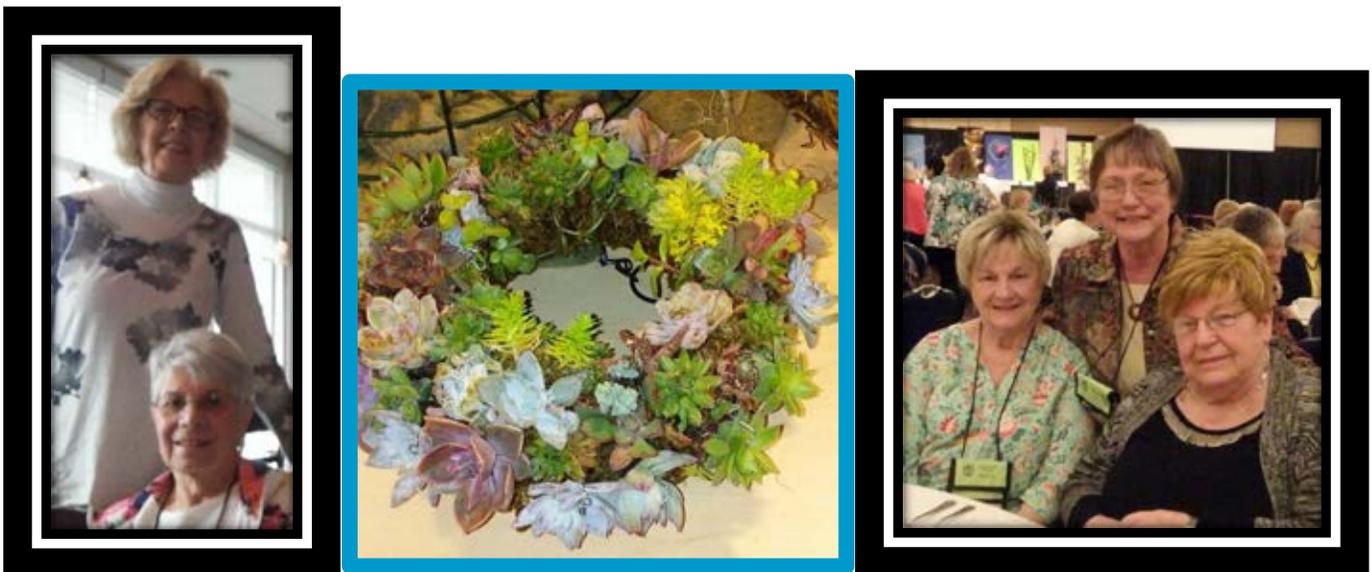
It must have been the windiest day ever anywhere when Honey decided to clean up The Blue Star Memorial on Germantown Pike. Shovels, water, gloves, pruners, mulch, and more were

carted to the spot. **Cheryl** brought a couple of flats of winter pansies and **Joan** brought some of her coreopsis roots and in we started. BUT it was decided that bushes that had been moved by "someone unknown to us" first had to be dug up and replanted in spots more appropriate and pruned before the new fun began! **Joan Lenhardt, Cherl Brumbaugh, Judy Vuotto** and **Honey Bawduniak** got into it. The other picture, when we were about finished, was taken by **Cheryl** to prove that I was there and helped (**Ruth Silver**)! Yes, I did more than take pictures! Honest! **Mother Nature** did her version of our new hair styles! Oh, yeah, we got lots of beeps from passing traffic! It will soon be time for geraniums and summer annuals, so let **Honey** know if you want to be noticed on Germantown Pike! **You** can be included on the next dig!

GCFP Annual Convention

April 7-9, 2019 – Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA

MJ Rees, Nancy Wismer, Pat Wolanski, Flossie Narducci, Susan Irwin, Nancy Hannum, Pam Davis, Connie Burnley, Honey Bawduniak and **Barbara Stoebenau** attended. (Hope I didn't miss anyone.)



Nancy Wismer and **Nancy Hannum** provided a few snaps to share! The wreath (center) was done by **Mary Jane Rees** made at the workshop taught by **Tonya Young**. Pictured left are **Barbara Stoebenau** and **Honey Bawduniak** and right are **Nancy Hannum** behind **MJ Rees** and **Nancy Wismer**. (Anyone saying **ELVIS** was present?)

General Meeting and Luncheon

April 10, 2019 – Talamore Country Club, 723 Talamore Drive, Ambler, 19002

Chaired by **Jean Phalan** with lots of assistance by **Jo Vasta** (both pictured below); about **150 members** were greeted by **Nancy Collier** and **Dottie MacDermott** at this "gala." (With so many

attending, we were "greeted" by many others, too, I know! What loving relationships we build through **NGC!**) Registration began at 11:00 a.m. but most attendees were there well before that time. Did you realize the huge arrangement at the entrance table was made by **Nancy Sliner**? Whew, such talent! "A Childhood Grace" was said by **Ruth Silver** before the delicious meal was served. President **Honey Bawduniak** led the group in the Pledge of the Allegiance to our flag which was followed by a unanimous motion which carried to dispense with the formal business meeting. A presentation by **Honey** to **Joan Lenhardt** on her 50 years of active service with **NGC** and also awarded a **Blue Star Memorial** pin. **Honey** also presented **Joan** with the state-wide Member of Honor award from GCFP. (**Joan** was surprised earlier by the presence of her daughter, **Laura Spoeri**, for the occasion.) **Dorothy Markley** was also honored in absentia for being a 50 year member. New members were formally inducted into the **Club**. **Twenty-one new members** were officially installed into the organization, a few of whom could not attend the luncheon. You have their names in your list provided through **Arlene Hummel** recently and can pick them out in the snapshot which follows. Many of them have already jumped right into our activities and I'm sure all of them feel very welcomed and accepted by our membership! The program presented by **Renee Tucci** (please refer to your Yearbook for more about her) was totally appropriate with many creative ideas for the "**Tea for Two or Twelve**" theme and was thoroughly enjoyed. (Pictures taken by **Sue Stehman** and **Nancy Hannum** and me.)



Above left, here's our Chair, **Jean**, wearing one of her own silk flower creations! (Maybe she'll have some for sale on May 4?) Center is the gorgeous welcoming arrangement by **Nancy Sliner**. And, right, who doesn't know our **Jo**, always ready to help!





What a surprise for **Joan** to have their daughter, **Laura**, included in **Joan's** honor. See above and also **Beth's** Minutes for the "why" she was so honored!!!!!!



Most of our **New Members!** (You'll see individual pictures of them all in our next Yearbook!)

WELCOME



Renee kept the large group mesmerized with her lovely Victorian creations! About 20 were taken home by the lucky winners of their "chances"!



Horticulture Workshop

Tuesday, April 16 – 10:00 a.m.

Stoneleigh Gardens, 1829 County Line Road, Villanova 19085

Chairs **Trina Bayne** or **Caren Puschak** remind us that you need to sign up if you haven't already! Check your Yearbook for the details of this tour which promises to be outstanding.

Flower Design Workshop

Tuesday, April 23 – 10:00 a.m.

Wissahickon Valley Public Library, 650 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell

Barbara Leiby will be “Challenging us to a Design,” I hear! Are you up for it? Of course! Sign up with her or her co-chair, **Barbara Andon!** Do it NOW!

“Party for the Planet” – Earth Day Celebration in North America

April 27 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Elmwood Park Zoo, Norristown 19401

Honey agreed to participate as an opportunity to showcase **NGC** to share with the public all our community activities including our **“Wedding Blossoms” Flower Show** in May and the **Norristown Garden Contest** in July. She'll be needing some **NGC helpers!** **Raise your hand!**

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention

April 30 to May 5, 2019

Biloxi, Mississippi



District XI Meeting

Wednesday, May 1 – 9:30 a.m.

Willow Grove Giant, Community Room, 315 York Road, Willow Grove 19090

“Wedding Blossoms” (NGC Flower Show and Craft Fair)

Friday, May 3 – Entries placed 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; Judging at 1:00 p.m.

Norristown State Hospital, 1001 Sterigere Street, Gate #2, Multi-Purpose Building

Chaired by **Anita Lehman** and **Lynn O’Dowd**. You **all** are working in many areas on this and have your “Wedding Blossoms” schedules so be sure to “talk it up” to your family and friends and neighbors. This is ALWAYS a GREAT weekend!

NGC Flower Show and Craft Fair

Saturday, May 4 -- Open to the public 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Removal at 3:00 p.m.

(See above for location at Norristown State Hospital)



Youth Gardeners at Marshall Street School

Tuesday, May 7 – 9:45 a.m.

Trina Bayne welcomes all **NGC** members who would like to be a “**Garden Club Grandma**” to the children in four classrooms teaching floral arranging and creating a take-home container to a loved one in honor of “Mothers’ Day” so just show up with some greens and your apron and clippers and plan to join in the fun. We’ll be meeting in the school’s lobby. If you aren’t already cleared with the **Norristown Area School District**, be sure to arrive a bit early to sign in and be put into their identity system.



And did you know: The **NGC** also maintains the **Marshall School Courtyard** which **Trina** announces we will begin to cultivate very soon. Helping hands to prune existing perennials, plant new flowers and weed are always welcomed and greatly appreciated. If you have the time and would like to be part of this endeavor, please let **Trina** know. Some of us have no “home gardens” to attend and this is a WONDERFUL opportunity to get “down and dirty.”

General Meeting

Wednesday, May 8 – 1:00 p.m.

Fairview Village Church, 3044 W. Germantown Pike, Fairview Village, 19409

Greeted by **Jan Zimmerman** and **Ruthmarie Silver**, light refreshments (yeah, right!) will be available at 12:30 p.m. as prepared by **Nancy Collier**, **Rita Conley**, **Kathy Costello**, **Traudl Wareheim** and ever-faithful **Patrice Hagerty**. Check out your Yearbook for all the “happenings.”

Horticultural Therapy

Thursday, May 9 – 10:30 a.m.

SAAC, Senior Adult Activities Center, Montgomery County

George and West Airy Streets, Norristown 19401

Chaired by **Sandy Davis** and **Dottie MacDermott**, these are such FUN functions! If you haven’t participated previously, give it a try. You will DEFINITELY be back again! Those with whom we share are so welcoming and appreciative! BE THERE!

Horticulture Workshop

Tuesday, May 14 – 10:00 a.m.

The Gardens at Mill Fleurs, 27 Cafferty Road, Point Pleasant, PA 18950

Chaired by **Trina Bayne** and **Caren Puschak**. Check out your Yearbook for this event or call **Trina** or **Caren** for details or if you have questions. Fee of \$20 in advance and carpooling is suggested.

Plant Exchange and Covered-Dish Social

Thursday, May 16 – 11:00 a.m.

Home of Michele Libor, 1240 Kriebel Mill Road, Collegetown, PA 19426

This is chaired by **Marge Eberz** and **Michele Libor**. You know the deal! Take home as many plants as the number you brought after enjoying the dishes each person brings to share. LOTS of fun! It's not too early to get those sharing-plants started! We don't want sad, limpy little things to be crying to be taken home by a fellow gardener.



May "Hort Tips from Marge" (Eberz)

1. Spring is here BUT we can still have some frost-filled nights so be careful when planting any tender annuals or perennials.
2. Now is a good time to plant cool-season crops. Try planting lettuce or other greens in a hanging basket (rabbits can't reach it).
3. Pansies in planters and hanging baskets and containers add color to your yard.
4. Need some interesting plants? Want some native plants? Go to these local plant sales for locally grown plants and knowledgeable staff.
 - a. Churchville Nature Center
501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA
Plant sale April 28-May 5
Very well organized with large selection
 - b. Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Native Plant Nursery
Started April 15 and ongoing into June from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
All native plants (trees, shrubs, perennials)
Shop early for best selections

- c. Penn State Master Gardeners of Bucks County
Almshouse Road and Route #611 (3 miles south of Doylestown)
May 4 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Annuals, perennials, vegetables, native plants
Go early for best selection

- d. Penn State Master Gardeners Montgomery County
Route #113, Creamery, PA
Plant sale May 18, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Press Book

You know what **Jo Vasta** needs for **NGC**'s Press Book, so please keep her supplied with THE WHOLE PAGES from newspaper clippings from anywhere you see something about **NGC**. Yes, if the same article appears in a different publication, she needs them!

Youth Team

Trina Bayne reminds us when we're going through our cupboards, set mugs aside for her to use with our projects with the children at the **Marshall Street School** in Norristown. (You know you are on overload with those mugs!) Yes, pressing flowers and leaves is ongoing, too! We do this with our children and the children at "our school" in Norristown annually for the **Flower Show** each March. So we ALWAYS need your gatherings and pressings! THANKS

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"Garden Clippings" Note

Teresa McFarland continues to keep us all involved through emails approved by **Honey** via the world of technology; so if you don't get her email attachments in the format written or sent – or you aren't getting them at all, be sure to let **Teresa** know. You should have 10 numbered pages with this newsletter.



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THANKS to **Barbara Stobenau** who "proofs my goofs."