



Garden Clippings

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Holiday House Kickoff Party for “Arts for the Holidays” Wednesday, July 24 at Fairview Village Church

Caren Puschak, Chair, and **Ana Maria Hartman**, Co-chair, hosted a fun time for all who wanted a “first look” at the homes we’ll be offering this year on our **70th Holiday House Tour**, plus a **“Festival of Trees”** at the Highlands Mansion! (I couldn’t make it due to an unscheduled ER visit and three-day hospital stay; so **Barbara Stoebenau** graciously snapped a few pictures for me to present to you below and on next page.) You’ll be hearing LOTS more very soon about **Holiday House**, of course.



Chairs of the individual houses are **Pat Wolanski** and **Flossie Narducci**; **Honey Bawduniak** and **Sandy Davis**; **Gwen Bihn** mentored by **Amy Coughlin**; **Beth Bynon** and **Ginger Hunsicker** mentored by **Barbara Stoebenau**; **Jean Phalan** and **Gwen Bryant**; **Ana Hartman**, **Nancy Sliner**, **JoAnne Tornambe** and **Caren Puschak**. Tree competition teams: **Mary Watson** and **Judy Harp**; **Lynn O’Dowd** and **Anita Lehman**; **Traudl Wareheim** and **Karin Young**. Questions now? Please contact **Caren** or **Ana** or any of the individual chairs.





Variety Club Camp Visit

Tuesday, July 30 at the Club on Potshop Road in Worcester

The Chief Executive Officer of the facility, **Dominique Bernardo**, hosted the tour for about 20 **NGC** members who went early enough this summer to see the campers in action! **Ellin Hlebig** organized a **Chick-fil-a** donation of lunch for those attending. Don't forget: **Cheryl Brumbaugh** can re-use any pots and/or containers for her work there, so continue to drop them off anytime you are in the area.



Barbara Stoebenau, President of the **Norristown Garden Club** is shown, left, with **Dominique Bernardo**, Chief Executive Officer of the **Variety Club** in Worcester, **Cheryl Brumbaugh**, **NGC** member and “**Queen of the Gardens**” (volunteer), and **Harry Giordano**, Director of Development of the **Club**. The **Norristown Garden Club** presented **Variety Club** with a check ear-marked for the greenhouses. After hearing the history of **Variety Clubs** and, in particular, the **Philadelphia Variety Club**’s origin, the **NGC** members toured the gardens, greenhouses and kitchens, meeting campers of the **Club** in various stages of learning in the many areas of the camp. **Honey Bawduniak** snapped these pictures for us since I couldn’t attend despite the fact that I did show up in the parking lot and interacted with **Sandy Davis** to drop off some pots for **Cheryl**.



As a little “aside,” the following day one of our newer members, **Trish Russell**, emailed **Barbara** who shared **Trish**’s words with the folks at **Variety**:

“What a wonderful visit to the **Variety Club Camp** on Tuesday! The garden tour was delightful. A good learning experience for us gardeners. Who knew that the zoo animals had a dietitian? Or that they ate zinnias?”

“Hats off to the dedicated, creative, resourceful, and talented leadership, staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to help the children learn, grow and enjoy life in a beautiful, natural environment.”

“I am impressed and inspired by their great work and the accomplishments of the children.”

BUSTED!

(...unscheduled) Friday, August 9, Germantown Pike, East Norriton
.....in the HEAT of the day!



You just never know who you'll see when driving home from volunteering at Suburban Community Hospital west on Germantown Pike on a very hot August day! I spotted **Honey Bawduniak** weeding in **NGC's** flower bed, so I drove up to Einstein and turned around and went back to help and snap this photo of her! (Thank goodness she had finished all that work before I got there! Perfect timing, huh? Whoops!) AND she had been at Einstein earlier picking up "stuff" that **Variety Club** sells there on Fridays, too! **Honey**, one of our many "unsung **NGC** heroes" is truly a garden angel, don't you think?

General Meeting

Wednesday, September 11 – 1:00 p.m.

Fairview Village Church, 3044 W. Germantown Pike, Eagleville, 19403

Olga Mercurio and **Joann Dietrich** are looking forward to greeting you all! Light refreshments begin at 12:30 p.m. (Please don't rush the hostesses: **Susan Burrell, Linda Day, Priscilla Myers, Rosemarie Randall** and **Sharon Thoryk**). **Honey Bawduniak** and **Beth Bynon** will make presentations to the **Norristown Garden Contest** winners who will be our guests. Our own member, **Elizabeth Nutt**, a Penn State Master Gardener, will talk with us about planting spring bulbs and will TRY to give us a lesson in patience! You will NOT want to miss this!

NGC's Small Standard Flower Show and Craft Market

"A CHILD'S GARDEN OF BOOKS"

Saturday, September 14 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fairview Village Church, 3044 W. Germantown Pike, Eagleville, 19403

Chairs **Lynn O'Dowd** and **Karen Nemeth** emailed an electronic version of the show schedule previously to all members. Printed booklets were mailed to committee members. If you still need/want a "hard copy," contact **Lynn**. It is time NOW to peruse the schedule and get your thoughts together as to what you'll be entering. Members should **bring entries** for the Flower Show on **Friday, September 13, between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Judging is at 1:00 p.m.** You will need to **remove your items on Saturday between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.** As of early August, there was still a need for several design entries and other assistance. So please contact **Lynn** or **Karen** or check your past emails again for specifics.

Horticulture Workshop

Tuesday, September 17 – 10:00 a.m.

John James Audubon Center for Art and Conservation

1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, 19403

For details, see your yearbook which will be mailed soon. **Trina Bayne** is chairing this event with **Caren Puschak** and **Jessica Milleo** as co-chairs. There's a \$15 fee, some moderate walking, carpooling and a bag lunch involved. So be sure to attend our September meeting for all the details or contact them now.



Flower Design Workshop

Tuesday, September 24 – 10:00 a.m.

Wissahickon Valley Public Library, 650 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, 19442

We all know **Mei-Huey Lin**! This Ikebana design workshop will be special! There is a \$15 fee for the hands-on workshop. Non-participating observers are welcomed free of charge. Sign up with **Barbara Leiby** or **Barbara Andon**, chairs of the event, ASAP or at the September meeting.

GCFP District XI ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 25

Registration 9:00 a.m.; Program 10:00 a.m.; Lunch

Cedarbrook Country Club, 180 Penllyn Pike, Blue Bell, 19422

Support our Laurel Award Winners!!!!!! You have gotten the form for this several times. If you misplaced yours, please contact **Pam Davis**. She's in your **NGC** yearbook, of course. **Reservations must be received by September 16.** MAKE \$35 check payable to "DISTRICT XI – GCFP" and send to: **Pam Davis**, 7 Melissa Way, Plymouth Meeting, PA. 19462.

September "Hort Tips from Marge" (Eberz)

1. Keep beds weeded.
2. Keep flowers deadheaded to keep blooms coming.
3. Keep annuals and perennials watered (especially container plants) by watering in early morning.
4. Pick herbs in middle of the day when they are driest and flavor is strongest.
5. Time to evaluate perennials and shrubs. Make a list of plants to be thinned out and areas where plants need to be moved and/or replanted for fall.
6. Time to look at catalogs and order spring-blooming bulbs (after hearing **Betsy Nutt's** talk at our September meeting!).

"Garden Clippings" Notes

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**. **Teresa McFarland** continues to keep us all involved through emails approved by **Barbara**; so, if you don't get **Teresa's** email attachments in the format written or sent – or you aren't getting them at all, be sure to let **Teresa** know. However, if you want something sent to the membership via email, you MUST send to **Barbara Stoebenau** first who will approve and THEN **Barbara** will forward them to **Teresa**. Do NOT send your email directly to **Teresa**. Also, do NOT respond to emails directly to **Teresa**. Respond to the person mentioned in the email. BTW, you should have 6 numbered and formatted pages with this newsletter. Special THANKS to **Barbara Stoebenau** who "proofs my goofs and more" for each newsletter.



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