

Trumpet Vine

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania District VII



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Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.



FLOWER OF THE MONTH:
JANUARY: CARNATION, SNOWDROP
FEBRUARY: VIOLET, PRIMROSE
MARCH: DAFFODIL, JONQUIL



BIRTHSTONES:
JANUARY: GARNET
FEBRUARY: AMETHYST
MARCH: AQUAMARINE,



Capricorn – Dec 22-Jan 19



Aquarius – Jan 20-Feb 18



Pisces – Feb 19-March 20



Aries – March 21-April 19

February 2	Monday	Groundhog Day 2015
February 12	Thursday	Lincoln's Birthday 2015
February 14	Saturday	Valentine's Day 2015
February 16	Monday	Presidents Day and Washington's Birthday 2015
February 17	Tuesday	Mardi Gras Carnival (New Orleans) 2015
March 8	Sunday	Daylight Saving (Start) 2015
March 17	Tuesday	St. Patrick's Day 2015





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



DID NOT RECEIVE ONE
Thank you to all the presidents that sent a
message to start the year.



***GCJP 2015 CONVENTION:
APRIL 19-21, 2015 - ERIE, PA
"LAKE EFFECTS"***

Bayfront Convention Center & Bayfront Sheraton Hotel, 55 W Bay Dr, Erie, PA 16507

ALSO



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA

**PROGRAM: "POT DE FLEUR" BY MARY JANE MARTUCCI
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 10 A.M.**

**SAMPSON'S MILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WHITE OAK
COST FOR LUNCH AND PROGRAM: \$5.00
RSVP BY MARCH 13 TO HADDIE WEBER**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO VAL MARAK
MEMBER OF GARDEN CLUB OF MONROEVILLE**

SHE WILL BE "100" ON FEBRUARY 8TH



**VAL HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CLUB FOR 58-YEARS
SHE IS VERY ACTIVE AND DEPENDABLE.
"HOPE YOUR BIRTHDAY IS AS AWESOME AS YOU ARE"**



Burrelton Garden Club

The year began with installation of officers. At the board meeting, it was decided to again have the annual May Market. The first meeting in February will be "Back to Basics", reviewing by-laws and committee duties.

Irene Karris, President

Garden Club of Forest Hills



Dear Friends,

For our club, 2014 was a wonderful year, filled with great activities and interesting programs. This year looks to be equally fun. We'll enjoy garden tours, learn about new plants and sponsor a Flower Show.

It took me several years before I got involved in a club Flower Show. Now I'm looking forward to this year's. Flower shows are important aspects of a garden club. Each time we participate, we learn something. Winning is nice, but the important thing is to learn, and, if we don't participate, we don't learn.

The same goes for working together, whether it be in our Hillside Garden, helping at the Plant Sale or Plant Auction, attending meetings or bringing in new members. When we work, we communicate. We get to know more about each other and about the plants, trees and shrubs we're caring for.

I am proud that last year we had more workers in the Hillside Garden and at our fundraisers than we've had in a long time. I pray that 2015 continues in the same way, and that we all learn and grow and bloom just like our gardens.

Kathy Koroskenyi
President, Garden Club of Forest Hills



Garden Club of McKeesport

We are the Keeper's of this garden. The Garden Club of McKeesport has given a legacy of beauty to all those that have passed through the garden and all those who will. Let us be proud of our work and keep that legacy going for the community to enjoy.

Jane Miller, President

March 16 – tour of Mid-Atlantic Gardens with Bonnie and Arthur Bishop

April 11 – pruning in the Rose Garden (rain date April 18)



Garden Club of Monroeville

The purpose of the Garden Club of Monroeville is to stimulate and promote the interest and love of gardening, to encourage civic planting, and to create public interest in the conservation of natural resources.

Their theme for this year is "Backyard Visions"

After a very successful year cosponsoring 3 programs with the Monroeville Public Library as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2014, we will continue to do so in 2015. The Library has asked them to sponsor a speaker quarterly this year. First program is March 24 at 7 p.m. title "An Intervention to the Colony Collapse: The Plight of the Humble Bee". The clubs conservation and civic projects are the two entrance gardens to University Park at College Park Drive, which they build and maintained for the last 55 years. The club also sponsors the charitable group "Building New Hope" in

Nicaragua.

Shirley Brody, President



Gardens Limited of Pittsburgh

No response

Greensburg Garden Club



Greensburg Garden Center will sponsor a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Departure from the GGC will be at 6:30am and we should return around 11:30pm. Cost is \$115 for members and \$125 for non-members. Please phone the Garden Center office (724-837-0245) to reserve your seat!

Annual Spring Tea - Saturday, March 21, 2015 - "A Gem of a Tea"

Make your reservations early by calling the GGC office, 724-837-0245.

Tickets are \$25.00. Doors open at 11:30 for table viewing and tea will be served at noon.



Highland Garden Club

Elisabeth has been ill and had family issue thus getting started late. Sent her regrets for not having anything at this time.

Home Gardeners



The theme this year is "Waiting on Seeds". These tiny gifts from God are so important to have if we want to see something happen. The meetings each month are to put into action and reaching out to bring joy to approximately 20 residents of St. Angelos Manor in McKeesport, providing flowers, crafts, parties and love in this personal care home. I am looking forward to increasing knowledge and membership with the seeds that are planted and nourished.

Nancy Price, President.



Joyful Bloomers

No message:

Theme for 2015 is "BEE in your Garden" and planned related events.

Feb 4: "BEE My Valentine" – making Valentine gift boxes filled with goodies for residents of Kane Regional Hospital Iris Cisarik will give a passionate presentation on honey bees.

March 4: "BEE Crafty" – making craft items for fundraiser – participate in GCFP Trash to Treasure contest "Lake Effects Creatures, Real or Imagined".

Junior activities are under the supervision of JoAnne Welch.

Feb 28: Angora Gardens – juniors will make birdhouses and "Slinky Feeder"

March 21: Field trip to Phipp's Conservatory

Landscape Design Society of Western Pennsylvania



Hello, Garden Club Members, lovers of Nature and beautiful plants.

Come and join the Members of Landscape Design Society of Western Pennsylvania, as we visit gardens and beautiful attractions and learn about interesting horticulture and how to improve our own gardens. It's rewarding and fun....and we grow great friendships!

Angie Raitano, LDS of W.PA President

(Landscape Design Society continued)

Wednesday, May 27 - travel to Meadville Cemetery , Meadville, PA...and possibly a garden in Oil City, PA. We are hoping to see the Rhododendrons, at peak, as we did the last time we visited Meadville. Magnificent!! (More dates/info in next issue)



Murrysville Garden Club

During 2014, the Murrysville Garden Club held their bi-annual garden tour, featuring gardens in Murrysville, Delmont, and Export. This year, we will have a flower show in late summer. We will also hold our annual plant sale this year in May, but it will be held at a different location. Since the State Convention was in Monroeville, our club handled the hospitality for the convention, and a number of our members attended many of the Convention workshops and events.

Barb Cseh, President



Pucketos Garden Club

Happy New Year to all of you from Pucketos garden Club! We are looking forward to working with youth, seniors, veterans, gardens and the community in general, with our many programs and projects for 2015! Stay tuned.....!

"Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall, is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with the dream". Josephine Nuese

It has been a pleasure to serve Pucketos Garden Club and I look forward to our next year together. To nurture continues to be the theme. May we be the ones who nurture and build. May we look for the best in people and the world. The programs and projects that we have established are witness to our nurturing the people, flora and fauna of this area. May our mission continue in 2014.

Our true nature by Ilan Shamir offers words of inspiration from the natural world.

"Advice from a Wildflower"

"Show your true colors

Delight in simple pleasures

Celebrate your natural beauty

Open up

Spread seeds of joy

It's OK to be a late bloomer

Be wild and wonderful"

"May your life be like a wildflower, growing freely in beauty and joy of each day"

Marsha Ewing, President



Rockledge Garden Club – no response



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PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW: MARCH 1-8, 2015

The Flower Show is an extraordinary experience for groups of all sizes. Make the most of your visit by participating in these special attractions.

Make & Take

DIY terrariums and artsy "take home" wearables for visitors of all ages.

The Butterfly Experience

Be amazed by the variety and color of thousands of live butterflies. Learn how to create your own pollinator garden.

Garden Tea

A delicious way to spend an afternoon in a serene and elegant setting. Must be reserved in advance.



Philadelphia International Flower Show Trip by Haddie Weber

Friday March 7 and Saturday March 8, 2015

Theme: "Celebrate the Movies"

Departure: Friday March 6, 2015

7:00 AM Doubletree in Monroeville

Arrive: Philadelphia approx: at 1:30 PM

Friday The afternoon will be devoted to attend the Philadelphia International

Flower Show at the Philadelphia Convention Center

Will leave the Convention Center at 4:30 PM

Dinner at the " Sotto Varalli"

Saturday March 7, 2015

Attend the Flower Show or whatever????

Depart from the Convention Center approximately 3:30 PM

This package includes: EITE Motorcoach, Overnight Accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express at the Philadelphia Penns Landing, Breakfast at the Hotel on Saturday Morning, 2 day Flower Show Ticket, Dinner Friday evening, Elite Travel Coach (33 passenger bus)

There **MUST BE 20** to attend this show. If there is not 20 the TRIP COULD BE CANCELLED. **ALSO MUST HAVE RESERVATION BY FEBRUARY 5th, 2015** to get the GROUP RATE.

Cost: _____ 300.00 Double _____ 290.00 Triple _____ 280.00 Quad
_____ 375.00 Single

Haddie Weber at 412 655 3469 or haddie.weber@verizon.net

A \$ 50.00 deposit is needed for reservation NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 5, 2015.

Thanks and looking forward to a wonderful trip. Please let me know if you are going to take the trip ASAP.

Haddie Weber

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Judy's Jottings

"Picking Paw paws"



As I was entering 4th grade, my family moved to Allegheny Township in the Kiski Area School District. Coming from a school where music was not an elementary focus, I was at an immediate disadvantage at my new school located in Weinels Crossroads. Music was stressed here everyday and I was way behind in singing on key. One of the first songs I tried to sing in my music class was "Way Down Yonder in the Pawpaw Patch". Since I could not sing well (and still can't), that song has stuck in my memory.

What was a pawpaw?

Recently I came across an article written in a local newspaper about pawpaws and it brought back memories. I finally could visualize and understand the words from my old Appalachian folk song

—
“Picking up paw-paws; put ‘em in a basket.”

A pawpaw is a tropical-like fruit tree native to a large part of the eastern United States and was savored by the American Indians (Creeks, Cherows, and Catawbas). Indian banana, American Custard Apple or Banango are all nicknames for the tree which is a cousin of the laurel. It is also eaten by animals such as raccoons, opossums, bears and turkeys.

The tree needs the winter chill to break it’s dormancy in the spring, humid summers and 30 inches or more of rain a year, most falling during growing season. It also needs cold winters and is hardy to -30 degrees F in zones 5 through 9. The tree likes well-drained soil, full sun and can grow from 15 to 30 feet high. Mulch it thickly with leaves or straw to keep the roots cool and to cushion the falling fruit.

It has big, drooping, oval, light green deciduous leaves which sway easily in the wind. The short, stubby brown pod-like fruit grows 2 to 4 inches long. The yield is 1 bushel per tree. Plant 15 feet apart and note it needs a second tree for pollination. Seedlings bear fruit in 6 years. The fruit is ripe when the outer skin is black and wrinkled. The creamy, light orange, custard-like pulp tastes similar to apple, banana, mango or melon.

Did you know that chilled pawpaws were George Washington’s favorite dessert?
Or that the Lewis and Clark Expedition fed on pawpaws and nuts in the fall of 1810 in Missouri to avoid starvation.

Today Chris Chmiel, owner of Integration Acres, a 50 acre farm in Ohio has created renewed interest in this native fruit. He started the Ohio Pawpaw Festival in Albany, Ohio in 1999. By 2009 pawpaws were named Ohio’s state native fruit.

Does Pennsylvania have a state native fruit?

At the three day Festival attendees can sample pawpaw ice cream, drink pawpaw beer, enter a pawpaw cook-off, purchase seedlings, and attend cultivation workshops. Here is the 2015 Festival information----

September 11-13, 2015 at Lake Showden
5900 Old U.S. Highway 50
Albany, Ohio 45710

Interested in purchasing a pawpaw for your yard! Attend the Festival or try a nursery to deliver one to you. The Nature Hills Nursery in Omaha, NE sells 5 to 6 foot tall plants for a normal price of \$99.90. They do offer sale prices at special times of the year. Contact them at 1-888-864-7663

Pawpaws can be processed into jams, chutney, relish and other products even into puddings. I found a recipe for making a marmalade.

Pawpaw Pineapple Marmalade

Ingredients: 6 cups pawpaw pulp (no substitutes)
2 Tablespoons pineapple juice
5 cups honey
½ cup lime juice

Directions: Sieve the pawpaw pulp and mix well with the lime, pineapple juice and honey.

Thicken over a slow, slow heat and then seal in heated jars.

Since pawpaw fruit is highly perishable and difficult to transport fresh to market, you will have to find a source of the product. **GROWING YOUR OWN FRUIT** is the solution.

As you plan your 2015 yard and garden, try adding this native tree and soon you will be heard singing ---

“I am picking up pawpaws and putting them in my basket!”

Submitted by Judy Schaffer
Pucketos Garden Club

