



# Wayne Woods Garden Club

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## MAY GREETINGS!

It's almost time to plant our gardens! I can hardly wait to load up my flower beds and planters with all of my favorites and save some room to try a few new ones! So many colors, shapes and textures. I think that this, not Christmas, is the most wonderful time of the year!

### MAY 1 MEETING

Our May meeting will feature Sylvia Stottlemire from "Of the Woods" Hydrangea and Peony Farm. There are so many varieties, colors, bloom times and other factors to consider when choosing the right peony to plant. Tree peony vs. herbaceous peony? Come learn all about the gorgeous varieties.



We are also bringing back the **plant swap**. Here is your chance to buy some wonderful perennials for your garden from the gardens of our members. **Remember to label your plants and indicate if they like sun or shade.** Please bring small bills as prices will be very affordable. Come early. The plant swap begins at 6:30!

*Coming Up Soon*

### EARTH DAY AT MCKAIG - APRIL 28



We treasure the Mckaig Nature Center and show our appreciation by volunteering on Earth Day. WWGC will have a table where children can make a seed-filled pinecone to place on the trail. Please consider helping to clean up the children's garden or manning our table with garden club info, even for an hour, anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Contact Karen Bruno for more information.

### MAY TRIPS

**Saturday, May 4**, Briar Rose Greenhouse. Fabulous selection and prices.  
**Tuesday, May 21**, PHS Meadowbrook. Tour the gardens and former Pennock House.

Contact Ginny Studebaker. Sign up at the May Meeting.  
Meet at KOP Wegman's outside the Pub entrance at 9 a.m.



## *Tips for Preparing your Garden for Spring!*

- \* Order summer-flowering bulbs and seeds
- \* Tidy up flower beds and borders
- \* Clean out and wash your greenhouse
- \* Sow any seeds that need a longer season
- \* Hunt down and remove garden pests
- \* Install water butts and start collecting rainwater
- \* Move deciduous shrubs
- \* Maintain fences, gates and trellis
- \* Clean and sharpen garden tools
- \* Create a composting area



### **HYPERTUFA AND GAZING BALL WORKSHOP**

Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m., at Gwen Puglisi's house. Come join the fun and learn how to make beautiful, organic custom pots and gazing balls. You will need a pot to use as a form, a smaller pot to fit into it for making a pot. For the gazing ball, you will need a children's bouncy ball. Bring rubber latex gloves for both. Sign up at the May meeting. Contact Gwen.

### **JUNE DINNER**

The Tropical Luau dinner is on June 5! Invitations have been sent and the response has been great! Please remember to send your \$40 check to Mary Ann McGowan by May 29. Contact Paige Ryan or Anne McCrary.

## *WWGC Has Been Busy This Spring*



### **BLUE STAR MARKER UPDATE**

It's almost finished and looks fabulous! The landscaper reduced the size of the area so that we can better maintain the garden. An EP Henry border was installed to define the flower bed. The landscaper transplanted 4 of the rose bushes closer to the marker and planted the other four at Roberts Elementary.

He added topsoil, mulch and prepared and seeded the perimeter of the original large bed. The board agrees that it was money well spent so that we will have an easier time keeping up with our responsibility to keep the marker in a condition that honors our armed forces.

### **THE CITRUS FLORAL WORKSHOP**

was held at the end of March. We made arrangements that had us all in the mood for summer and lemonade! What a unique arrangement to take to a host or hostess this summer.



Anne McCrary, Colleen Gassert,  
Loretta Spadafora and Martha Jones



## *Pollinators in our Gardens*

Birds, Bees, Butterflies,  
Bats, Beetles and more!!



For healthy pollination population to survive, it requires food, moisture and shelter:

**Food** is the nectar or pollen of the plant.

**Water** can be found as rainwater, damp stones or gravel after watering, damp leaves from dew, bird baths and fountains along with natural streams and ponds.

**Shelter** from storms and predators comes from nearby shrubs and bushy perennials.

## PHILLIPS MUSHROOM FARM TRIP

What a fascinating trip to the world of mushrooms, complete with sample tasting. If you missed it, Karen Bruno has info on taking the tour on your own.



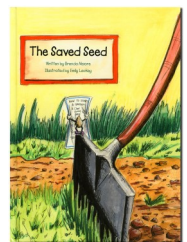
Cheryl Henderson, Pat Kerr, Myrtie Musetti,  
Karen Bruno, Doris Petty, Gwen Puglisi

## MEALS ON WHEELS

The committee did not disappoint as they prepared cheerful Easter arrangements for the meal trays of those who are home bound. The committee will continue with floral arrangements in the fall.

## THE SAVED SEED PROJECT

The second grade students at Roberts Elementary School have planted their pumpkin seeds in peat pots and are waiting for them to germinate. Once the plants are a few inches tall, they will plant them in the pumpkin patch that is being prepared by the Upper Merion School District grounds crew. The students will be assisted by Nancy Cutt, Gwen Puglisi and Anne McCrary.



## **PLANNING AHEAD**

May 4 & 5 Jenkins Arboretum Plant Sale

<http://rhodyman.net/2019VFARSPlantSale4-page.pdf>

May 18 Master Gardener's Plant Sale

<https://extension.psu.edu/montgomery-county-master-gardener-plant-sale>

May 24 Deadline for Keystone Kalendar photo submissions (info on GCFP website -- password is firefly)

<https://phsonline.org/events/annual-public-plant-sale-at-jenkins-arboretum-gardens-may2019>

June 2-8 National Garden Week

June 5 Tropical Luau Dinner at Jenkins Arboretum, 6:30 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner.

June 19 Board Meeting at Libby Espey's House, 7:15 p.m.

June 21 District I Presidents' Luncheon. All members are welcome. Mt. Cuba. Info forthcoming.