



# Wayne Woods Garden Club

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## JUNE GREETINGS!

The nurseries are stocked at this time of year with a plethora of colorful flowers and plants. I love to take pictures of my flower pots and beds now and compare them to what they look like later in the summer. Does anyone else plant flower pots, then over the next week, change around the flowers a few times until you get the right combination?

### JUNE DINNER

The June Dinner is just two weeks away when we will celebrate another year of garden club experiences and enjoy dinner in a tropical paradise at Jenkins Arboretum. Cocktails begin at 6:30, dinner at 7:00. This Sunday, May 26 is the last call for anyone wishing to attend. Please RSVP to Anne McCrary and send your \$40 check right away to Mary Ann McGowan.



### DISTRICT I PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

The District I Presidents' Luncheon is open to all members. This year it will be held at Mt. Cuba on June 21. The schedule begins at noon with an independent tour of the beautiful gardens, followed by a business meeting at 12:45 and a buffet lunch at 1:15. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor and thank our club presidents. Checks for \$27 should be payable to GCFP District 1, mailed no later than June 5 to Martha Jones, 1106 Morgan Drive, Royersford, PA 19468.

### FALL DISTRICT I LUNCHEON

Look for your invitation to be emailed to you in June. Ellen and her committee have planned a fabulous event. We are hoping for 100% club participation, so save the date Tuesday, September 24.

### SUMMER WATERING/WEEDING SCHEDULE



Volunteers are needed to water and weed as necessary at the Old School House. Please contact Charlene Bird to be put on the list.

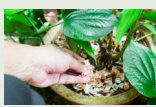
## Recycling Garden Ideas

### Self-Made Compost

Rotting leaves are actually high in nutrients, as are other organic items like tomatoes, cucumbers, eggshells, and various other byproducts of your kitchen.

Mix up all these items in a container and watch them biodegrade before your eyes. Once they're at a mushed-up state, you can spread them around your garden and nourish your plants without spending a single cent.

### Eggshells



Gather up your used eggshells, pound them into a fine powder, and then mix them in with your soil. You might be wondering what you could possibly achieve with all this violent pounding. The answer lies in nutrition. Eggshells have a very high calcium content. Much like humans, plants and flowers also need calcium to grow healthily.

### Paper Potting

Recycle cardboard toilet paper rolls and egg cartons by using them as starter pots for seeds.



### Rain Barrel



Always have a rain barrel on hand so that you can store water during the wet season and keep your plants alive during the dry season.

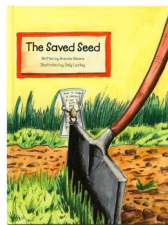
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## ROADWAY BEAUTIFICATION

The pots have been filled with colorful summer annuals and perennials at the off-ramp intersection of Rt. 422 and Swedesford Road. Kudos to Anne McCrary and Nancy Cuttic for all their work. Drive by and take a look!



## THE SAVED SEED PROJECT



*The Saved Seed* pumpkin project entered the planting phase in May. After utilizing the six varieties of pumpkins and the seeds for lessons in math, writing and science, the second grade students at Roberts Elementary sowed their 'Saved Seeds' in peat pots and later planted their seedlings, along with the help of the Upper Merion Area School District grounds crew, in 20 five-gallon buckets.

This project was a collaborative effort involving WWGC, administrators, second grade teachers, facilities manager, grounds crew and students. In the Fall, the pumpkins will be harvested, completing the cycle. The new cycle will then begin again with the new second graders.



## June To-Do List

### Stake the Veggie Garden

Add stakes to every plant in the vegetable garden that might need them, including tomatoes, peppers and Brussels sprouts.

### Get Rid of Caterpillars



If tent worm caterpillar nests appear, cut them down and bury them or stash them in a trash bag to put out with the trash.

### Clean the Birdbath

Cleaning the birdbath is a dirty job that needs to be done weekly. Use the "jet" setting on the hose nozzle to remove the dirty water and any goo.

### Fertilize Container Flowers

Start watering with bloom booster fertilizer in mid-June, using it every other week.



### Check Plant Leaves

Look for signs of insects, disease or nutrient deficiency.

### Switch Out Annuals

Remove leggy pansies from spring containers and replace with warm-weather favorites.

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## CALENDARS



NGC Vision of Beauty calendar (\$6) and the new GCFP Keystone Calendar (\$8) orders are due by Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day). Contact Nancy Cuttic. Payment is due in September when they are delivered.

## PHS MEADOWBROOK

The trip to PHS Meadowbrook on May 21 was wonderful. The day was sunny, and the gardens were in bloom with allium as tall as Myrtie Musetti! The docent tour of the house and gardens gave a glimpse into the history and vision of J. Liddon Pennock and a taste of being on the social registry.



Happy 80th Birthday, Myrtie!



Nancy Cuttic, Ellen McGarrigle,  
Ginny Studebaker, Myrtie Musetti

## HOSPITALITY SIGN-UPS

Volunteers are needed for refreshments and especially for floral arrangements for next year's meetings. Please contact Libby Espey to sign up.

## UPPER MERION FARMER'S MARKET

We need two volunteers to "man" our garden club table and supervise a gardening craft for kids at the open-air market on the following Saturdays: **August 24, September 21, October 19**. Please contact Colleen Gassert to participate.

*I wish you all a happy and safe summer. Enjoy your garden!*

## PLANNING AHEAD

- June 2-8 National garden Week
- June 5 WWGC June Dinner at Jenkins Arboretum
- June 19 Board Meeting at Libby Espey's House, 7:15 p.m.
- June 21 District I Presidents' Luncheon at Mt. Cuba, Hockessin, DE