



Wayne Woods Garden Club

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SEPTEMBER GREETINGS!

Although autumn and everything pumpkin spice is upon us, our Indian summer is hanging on to the warmth with a solid grip. I reluctantly removed my summer flowers from my garden, but its time to let the mums, asters and kale shine for the season. ~ Nancy ~

WELCOME BACK MEETING

Kudos to the Special Events Committee for another wonderful Welcome Back meeting in the treasured Old Schoolhouse. We Incorporated the direction and goals of NGC by starting off the year with a focus on bees, butterflies, birds and gardens as many of our programs, projects and activities will reflect this year.

We had 40 members attend the meeting where we honored **Ginny Studebaker** for 50 years of WWGC membership. Sally and Ginny were featured in the *Main Line Times*.



UPPER MERION FARMERS MARKET

We had another beautiful day for our table at the market. Kids were able to make a Cheerios bird feeder, and we had a couple of prospective members inquire about us.

Come out and see **Mary Ann McGowan** and **Myrtie Musetti** on Saturday, October 19, as they represent our club.



Nancy Cuttic and Libby Espey
Floral Design by Colleen Gassert

September Gardening Tips

Water:

Don't let up on irrigating your landscaping.



Harvest summer crops like tomatoes zucchini and squash. Remember to dry and preserve fresh herbs for future use

Plant Trees and Shrubs:



The cool, moist weather is ideal for getting them off to a great start.

Divide Perennials: Fall is a great time to divide spring and early summer perennials to relocate or share.

Weeding: Get to the weeds before they produce seeds.



Lawn Care: Fall is a great time to reseed or patch your lawn. Warm days and cool nights are perfect for growing new grass.

Mulch around your plants provides a layer of insulation during cold winter months and reduces water loss during draughts.



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DISTRICT I LUNCHEON

Our club was well represented as we hosted the Annual District I Luncheon on September 24 led by Luncheon Chair **Ellen McGarrigle**. We had a record 130 guests in attendance. Our guest speaker was the renowned Coleen Christian Burke, who has decorated the White House for Christmas with several first ladies. Ellen and her team carried out a Christmas theme and addressed every detail.

The centerpieces from the District I Clubs represented the 12 Days of Christmas. **Gwen Puglisi** presented GCFP Joyce Milberg with her beautiful Partridge in a Pear Tree design, and **Myrtie Musetti** and **Colleen Gassert** were presented with laurels for all of their contributions to our club. Congratulations!

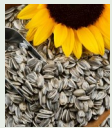


Tips to Attract More Birds to Your Yard this Autumn

Double the number of seed and suet feeders around your yard, as birds are currently flocking and there are many more mouths to feed.



Switch to hopper-style feeders, which are more practical than tray feeders at times when the moisture from rain and snow can ruin food. Tube feeders work well in inclement weather, too.



Stockpile all types of sunflower seeds. These offer the greatest amount of energy for the birds of fall and winter.

In the North, switch exclusively to suet and a few types of birdseed, as the birds that enjoy fruit and insects have gone south for the winter.

After the last of the orioles and hummingbirds have passed through your area, remove and clean all sugar-water feeders.



Birds that are migrating south need water to both refresh themselves and keep their feathers in good shape for smoother flying.

Take down most birdhouses. To remove parasites and insects, clean with a solution of soap, water and 10 percent bleach.



Leave up a couple of birdhouses to serve as weatherproof roosting sites for chickadees, bluebirds and woodpeckers.

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BUTTERFLY AND ROSE GARDEN TOUR

On Saturday, September 28, at 3:00, **Libby Espey** is hosting a tour of her garden full of pollinators, roses and dahlias among others. Her garden is certified as a natural habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

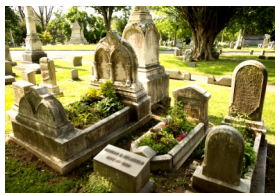


This is a not-to-miss event. Please park tightly in her driveway. Rain date is Sunday, September 29.

UPPER MERION COMMUNITY FAIR

Once again, WWGC plans to have a community presence in an effort to attract new members. We will have a table at the fair on October 5 and are looking to fill two shifts. Please consider joining **Maureen Innes** who will do the 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. time slot and Anne McCrary who will do the 1 - 3 p.m. shift. Contact **Colleen Gassert** to sign up.

OCTOBER MEETING



Our next meeting is on October 2 and will feature Robin Rick, Facilities and Landscape Manager at the National Historic Woodlands Grave Gardens with a presentation on the intriguing topic of Grave Gardeners. A tour of the Grave Gardens for WWGC is scheduled for May 2, 2020.

NOVEMBER MEETING

We are fortunate to have Chrissy Bennett, owner of Studio Flora in Berwyn, demonstrate a small fall arrangement. This is a hands-on activity, so please bring your clippers.



At the October meeting, we will have an example of the container that will be used. You can purchase one from Chrissy for \$8 or bring your own of the same size (7 1/2" diameter). We will need to know if you plan to come so that Chrissy can provide the correct amount of materials. Please bring some fruit items such as grapes and a small pear.

Sign ups will be available at the October meeting. If you can't make the October meeting, it is IMPERATIVE that you contact **Libby** or **Ellen** by October 31 to let them know that you will be participating. If we don't have you listed, there will not be enough materials, and you won't be able to join the fun. Guest fee is \$5.

Fall Tips for Birds and Bees

Stay-at-Home Birds and Bees:

If you have a garden, do not deadhead plants like zinnias, coneflowers, sunflowers and other plants producing seeds. Many birds will eat these seeds.

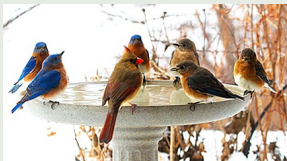


Never feed waterfowl bread.



They can develop angel wing syndrome, which can ultimately kill them.

Consider adding a source of water for birds.



Provide shelter for bees and other pollinators for the winter. Build a pollinator house (or purchase one). They give pollinators a safe place to winter over in your yard.



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MCKAIG NATURE CENTER UPDATES

September 29, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Birding Adventure with Tour Leader Jeff Dale

October 6, 9:30 a.m.

Trail Race, Monkey Rock Miler & Kids Fun Run

October 19, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Ghost Stories, S'mores and Bonfire

See website for details: www.enjoymckaig.org

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JENKINS ARBORETUM

Wednesday Walkabouts are back for the season! September 25 thru November 6, 1 - 2 p.m. For other garden and family-friendly activities, please go to the Jenkins Arboretum website.

www.jenkinsarboretum.org/events/

 Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens



PLANNING AHEAD

Sept 28 Rose and Butterfly Garden Tour: The Libby Espey Residence, 3 p.m.
Rain Date September 29

Oct 2 Business Meeting and Speaker: Robin Rick, Woodlands Grave Gardens
5 Community Fair, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Heuser Park, 694 Beidler Road, K of P
19 Upper Merion Farmers Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., UM Township Building
TBD Meals on Wheels Workshop