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OCTOBER UPDATE!

What can be more uplifting than a sunny autumn day with cool, crisp air, the sight of colorful mums and the vibrant splendor of fall foliage? My winterberry and serviceberry are laden with treats for the birds, and the various grasses and pods are prepared to sustain them during the cold months. What do you have in your garden for our feathered friends? ~ Nancy ~

OCTOBER MEETING RECAP



Members were captivated by the presentation on Grave Gardening at the October meeting. We learned so much about the history of this type of gardening and the research about the deceased that takes place by team members prior to planting.

Gwen Puglisi created a beautiful, fitting arrangement for our hospitality table!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 2, 2020**, for the trip to the Woodlands Grave Gardens in Philadelphia.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN TOUR

Libby's Butterfly and Rose Garden Tour on Saturday, September 28, was a real crowd pleaser. Guests were treated to wine and small bites while everyone immersed themselves in the sights and smells of the roses, herbs and pollinators. Butterflies flitted around us, unbothered that we were interrupting their dinner! Many thanks to **Libby and Todd Espey**.



A History of the Jack-o'-Lantern

The Halloween tradition of carving "jack-o'-lanterns" originated in the 19th century in Ireland. It is based on an ancient Celtic holiday known as Samhain, which means "summer's end." Turnips or potatoes were hollowed out to act as lanterns and often carved with grotesque faces.

The lanterns were used to ward off evil, and were sometimes set on windowsills to keep harmful spirits out of one's home.



There are many folktales as to how it got its name, one being a term used in 17th century Britain that referred to a night watchman with a lantern. The British often called men whose names they didn't know by a common name like Jack. Thus an unknown man carrying a lantern was sometimes called "Jack with the lantern" or "Jack of the lantern."

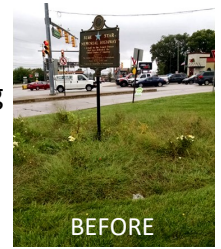
It wasn't until Irish immigrants arrived in America and discovered the pumpkin that a new Halloween ritual was born.

www.merriam-webster.com
www.wikipedia.org

BLUE STAR MARKER



After a long year, we have finally restored our Blue Star Marker to a beautiful and manageable garden for all to enjoy on busy Rte. 202. Thank you to **Laura Furman and Myrtie Musetti and their team** for their efforts in providing a proper memorial to our armed forces. What a fabulous transformation!



BEFORE

MCKAIG NATURE CENTER FALL EVENTS



Shout out to **Myrtie and Laura and their Horticulture/Community Gardening Committee** for bringing autumn to the barrels at the McKaig Nature trail.

The ever popular **Ghost Stories, S'mores and Bonfire** will be held on **Saturday, October 19**, from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the Old Roberts Schoolhouse. Registration is required. More info on their web page. www.enjoymckaig.org Search for Ghost Stories.



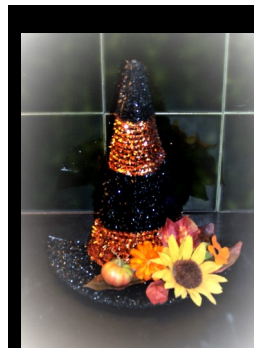
Upper Merion Township Fall Tree Planting is on **Saturday, October 26**, from 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Heuser Park. All of the township ash trees are gone due to the emerald ash borer. Please consider coming out to help plant 100 new trees. Check out their web page for more details.

https://www.enjoymckaig.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=383980&item_id=1076461

UPPER MERION FARMERS MARKET

Stop by to see **Myrtie Musetti and Mary Ann McGowan** representing our club this **Saturday, October 19**, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Since we gained a prospective member from the last one, we are hoping to let more people know about us and that we welcome new members.

MEALS ON WHEELS



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WORKSHOP AT LEE CARSON'S
OCTOBER 27, 2019

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How to Recycle Halloween Pumpkins for Wildlife

Compost Your Pumpkins

If you've carved a jack-o-lantern, it may already be decomposing. Pumpkins are 90% water, which means they quickly break down. This makes them a great addition to your compost pile. Prevent unwanted pumpkin plants by removing the seeds first (set seeds aside for other uses).

Make a Snack-o'-Lantern

It's fairly easy to make, and the squirrels and birds will love it. Just make sure to only use fresh pumpkins (if they've begun to mold, composting them is a better idea) and to only fill them with enough seed for the wildlife to eat within a few days to prevent the seed from becoming moldy.



Leave Seeds for Wildlife

Many birds and small mammals will eat pumpkin seeds if you offer them in your yard. Collect seeds from your pumpkins before composting them, and let the seeds dry. Please don't add salt or seasoning. Place seeds on a flat surface, tray, shallow bowl, or mix in with existing bird seed in your garden.



Cut into Pieces for Animals



Many backyard animals will eat pieces of pumpkin flesh. You can cut it into pieces and leave it out. This squirrel doesn't even need it cut into pieces! Don't do this if large animals such as bears might be attracted to your yard.

www.https://blog.nwf.org

DAFFODIL BULB SALE



The Delaware Valley Daffodil Society is selling daffodil bulbs this **Saturday, October 19**, at 9 a.m., at the Phoenixville Farmers Market. Some unusual and difficult-to-find varieties will be available for sale.

NOVEMBER MEETING

We are fortunate to have a professional floral designer for our hands-on activity next month. Chrissy Palumbo Bennett, designer/owner of Studio Flora in Berwyn, will lead us in a fall arrangement. Please note the following:



- You will be provided with a plastic container liner for your arrangement to take home
- The liner fits into a round container 7.5" in diameter by 4" high. Perhaps you have one at home that you would like to use
- Should you wish to purchase Chrissy's metal container, the cost will be \$8 cash
- You will need to bring clippers and two fruit items such as grapes and a tiny pear

You **MUST** sign up by October 31 by contacting **Ellen or Libby**. If you are not registered, Chrissy will not have enough materials for you to participate. Guest fee is \$5. If you plan to bring a guest, they must be registered also.

BIRD-FRIENDLY WREATH WORKSHOP

The Bird-Friendly Wreath Workshop takes place on **November 10, 1 p.m., at Lee Carson's studio**. You will be provided with a wire wreath frame, arborvitae greens, pods, berries and ornaments. You will need to bring:



- gloves
- clippers
- additional greens and dried materials of your choosing to enhance your wreath.

The cost is \$10 and we are limited to 10 participants. Contact **Libby Espey** by October 31 if interested.

THE SAVED SEED PROJECT



Roberts second grade teachers are gearing up for the second year of the President's Project, **The Saved Seed**. Nancy's sister, Marilyn Small, secured a donation of 15 pumpkins from a farm in Chambersburg, PA. The teachers will once again use the pumpkins and the book to teach lessons across the curriculum. The book will be read to the three classes by **Gwen, Nancy, and Gwen's daughter Morgan**, who is a Roberts alumnus and a member of the high school garden club.

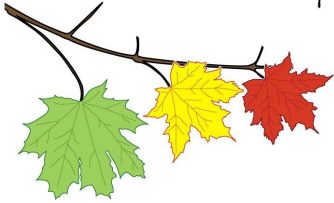


Why Leaves Change Color in Autumn

Changing colors

Weather plays a minor role in fall foliage. Lack of light is the main reason leaves change.

What happens:
Example shown
is a maple tree:



1. Chlorophyll makes leaves green, absorbs sunlight and water to feed trees glucose.
2. Trees stop producing chlorophyll as days shorten, exposing yellow and orange pigments.
3. Veins connecting leaves to trees start to close, trapping sugar in some leaves and creating brilliant reds.

The optimal time to see fall foliage in the northeastern states is the second through fourth weeks in October.

www.pinterest.com

DISTRICT I MEETING

The next District I Meeting will be held on **Friday, November 15** at the newly remodeled John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon. The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. and the museum tour follows at 11.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see the numerous new attractions and interactive displays at this multimillion dollar facility. It draws visitors from around the world, and it's practically in our backyard. <https://johnjames.audubon.org/>



If you are interested in attending, please contact **Nancy Cuttic**.

PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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PHS GARDEN CLUB and PLANT SOCIETY ROUNDTABLE

Friday, November 22, 2019 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Fairmount Park Horticulture Center

PHS President Matt Rader cordially invites you to a round table discussion brainstorming ways that PHS can support and uplift the work of horticultural organizations in our region as we all work together to garden for the greater good.

A light breakfast and coffee will be served, and parking will be available. Up to 3 members of your club or plant society are invited to attend. Contact **Nancy Cuttic** if you are interested in participating.



PLANNING AHEAD

- Oct 19 Upper Merion Farmers Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., UM Township Building, K of P
- 19 McKaig Ghost Stories
- 26 McKaig Tree Planting
- 27 Meals on Wheels Workshop, 1 p.m. at Lee Carson's
- Nov 6 Business Meeting and hands-on fall arrangement
- 10 Bird-Friendly Wreath Workshop, 1 p.m. at Lee Carson's
- 15 District I Meeting at John James Audubon Center
- 22 PHS Garden Club and Plant Society Roundtable