



# Wayne Woods Garden Club

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## November Greetings

The days are shorter, our gardens have been put to rest and winter will soon grace us with snowy splendor! The holidays are on the horizon; I am looking forward to recreating the arrangement from our November meeting for a unique Thanksgiving centerpiece. As we prepare for the holidays, let me take this opportunity to tell you how grateful I am for each one of you and for what you bring to WWGC that makes us such a fabulous garden club!

*Happy Thanksgiving! ~ Nancy ~*

## MEALS ON WHEELS



Pat Holden, Loretta Spadafora, Donna Brody, Sue Stevens, Paige Ryan, Joan Keator, Cathy Siple, Debbie Woodbury, Nancy Morris. Missing from photo Lee Carson.

Our MOW group created some whimsical and colorful Halloween-themed arrangements to brighten the day for some local folks in need of cheering up. **Lee Carson** and **Nancy Morris** never disappoint with their clever seasonal arrangements and the members always have an enjoyable afternoon creating them.

The next MOW (date TBD) is again at **Lee Carson's** where our garden club elves will make holiday arrangements to spread some seasonal joy.

## NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

Thirty-five members attended the November hands-on fall arrangement meeting. We had three prospective members join our club, and we welcomed three guests. Chrissy Bennett of Studio Flora in Berwyn showed us how to include mini pumpkins, fruits and kale with our flowers to create a professional-looking seasonal arrangement. The trendy metal container that she offered for sale proved to be a versatile vessel that was a crowd pleaser.



## It's Birdfeeder Season

### More than a hundred bird species

supplement their natural diets with foods offered at feeders. They often rely most heavily on feeders in winter, when food is scarce.



### The most common winter birds

include finches, sparrows, titmice, jays, woodpeckers, chickadees, and cardinals, though there are always other birds that may appear at full, enticing feeders.



**Begin feeding** the birds again when there is frost on the ground.

**Keep birds coming back** with three essential ingredients: the right mix of quality seed and other foods, a source of fresh water for drinking and bathing, and ample cover from native plants.



**Most birds that visit backyards** in snowy weather thrive on seeds since insects and fruit are harder to find naturally during the winter. The best foods to offer birds in colder weather have a high fat or oil content that will provide abundant energy for winter survival: **black oil sunflower seed, thistle, suet, peanut butter and white millet seed.**

[www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)   [www.thespruce.com](http://www.thespruce.com)  
[www.exploringnature.org](http://www.exploringnature.org)  
[www.awaytogarden.com](http://www.awaytogarden.com)

**Sally Smith** created the beautiful, seasonal centerpiece for the meeting.

**Susan Bryan** brought the amaryllis bulb order and did an informative tutorial on planting and caring for the bulb. Now we wait patiently for it to flower. I bought one to enjoy myself and two for gifts!



## BIRD-FRIENDLY WREATH WORKSHOP

**Lee Carson** once again graciously opened her workroom for members to make bird-friendly wreaths. The materials were prepared by **Libby Espey** who researched, gathered, purchased and made bird food items to adorn the wreaths. The balsam and dried material wreaths were laden with artfully displayed delicacies for the birds to enjoy and sustain them through the cold weather. As we encourage pollinators for warm months, we should promote cold weather practices that provide food, water and shelter for the birds.



Sue Stevens, Joan Keator, Nancy Cuttic, Kathy Liberato



Nancy, Sue, Joan, Kathy

## DECEMBER GREENS SALE



Our one and only annual fund raiser is scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7, at Gwen Puglisi's House.** **Gwen and Maureen Innes** will once again be in charge, but it's your helping hands and orders that continue to make it a success!

Order not only for yourself, but offer our wares to neighbors, coworkers, friends and relatives.

Please support our club so that we can continue to provide you with the caliber of interesting speakers, activities, projects and giveaways that we have enjoyed. Soup, cookies, snacks, refreshments and carols will be provided! Bring your clippers and your Christmas spirit, and join the fun!

December 3 - 6: Drop off cut greens

Friday, December 6: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 7: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pick up orders after 2 p.m.

Check your yearbook for event details, location, and contact information.



## Add Garden Décor to Thanksgiving

### Fall Flowers



The fall garden is a great place to start for Thanksgiving décor.

Create fresh flower arrangements by snipping mums, asters and ornamental grasses. Grab branches of fall leaves, berries or evergreens for dimension. Create one large centerpiece or utilize mini vases at each place setting.

### Centerpieces

Cacti, orchids and aglaonemas make for show-stopping centerpieces. Mix and match plants into one long dish garden to sit on your table. Houseplants can work well, too.



### Container Artwork



While plants impress guests all on their own, many new, unique containers take displays to the next level. Find colors that accent your table décor and theme.

### Choose Supporting Accents

Look no further than your own backyard for fall accents. Carve a pumpkin or gourd and fill with flowers to add flair to Thanksgiving tables. Orange mums, pine cones and branches all add a natural theme to your table.



### Give Plants as Favors



Thank guests for attending your dinner by using small succulents or houseplants that double as table décor and favors.

[www.gardenclub.homedepot.com](http://www.gardenclub.homedepot.com)

## DISTRICT I MEETING



The newly renovated John James Audubon Center was the site of the November District I meeting on Friday, November 15. Attendees were able to enjoy a free tour and participate in the interactive exhibits after the meeting. If you haven't been, it is worth the time.

L to R: Sharon Richardson, District I Director; Nancy Cuttic; "John James Audubon;" MaryAnn DeSanto, District I Assistant Director; Ellen McGarrigle

## WINTER SOCIAL

Evites have been sent to your email address, and paper invitations were available at the November meeting. Please respond to **Anne McCrary** as soon as possible. There will be a Gardening Raffle Basket put together by **Colleen Gassert** and a Wine Raffle Basket assembled by **Cathy Koffs**. Please consider donating an item. It's always an enjoyable event!

**Wayne Woods Garden Club**  
610-688-7945

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCH!**

Sunday, January 12, 2020  
1 to 3 p.m.

Peppers Italian Restaurant  
175 Town Center Road, King of Prussia, PA

*Dear Members,*

*Please let us know if you are coming!*

*Say "yes" to the Evite & mail a check for **\$30** to:*

*Mary Ann McGowan, 2204 Locust Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446 (or just mail a check!). We'll need to know by Sunday, **January 5, 2020**.*

*Lunch includes a choice of 1 of 3 entrees, salad, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and coffee/tea; cash bar. If you have questions, please let us know!*

*Paige Ryan & Anne McCrary  
Social Events Committee Co-Chairs*



## Garden Herbs for Your Thanksgiving Feast

Could we ever forget the old  
Simon and Garfunkle song  
*Scarborough Fair*?



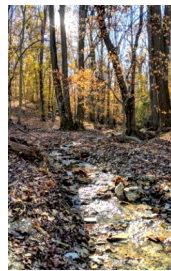
**Parsley, Sage, Rosemary  
and Thyme?**

It might be getting a bit chilly outside, but that doesn't mean you can't harvest fresh herbs for your Thanksgiving feast this year. These four herbs are super hearty and last long in the garden.

You can also try potting some herbs from your garden, or see if there are any end-of-season sales happening at your local plant nursery. Keeping herbs around the house freshens the air and keeps your spirits bright. The right herbs can spruce up your Thanksgiving feast, no matter what's on the menu.

[www.davesgarden.com](http://www.davesgarden.com)  
[www.theprudentgarden.com](http://www.theprudentgarden.com)

## MCKAIG NATURE CENTER



On November 29, opt "outside" on Black Friday: skip the stores and hike with friends from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Or take advantage of the free Orienteering Beginner Course from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The December 8 Birding Adventure is with Tour Leader Jeff Dale from 8:30 - 10 a.m. See website for details and other activities.

[www.enjoymckaig.org](http://www.enjoymckaig.org)

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## THE SAVED SEED PROJECT UPDATE



In October, **Gwen and Morgan Puglisi** read the book to the 2nd grade classes at Roberts Elementary. In November, the children cut open their pumpkins and scooped out the seeds to save. They counted the seeds, and used the pumpkins for various activities across the curriculum.

They even made a bird feeder to hang outside their classrooms. The children wrote thank you letters to send to Farmer Brent to show their gratitude to him for donating the pumpkins!



## PLANNING AHEAD

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| Nov | 20    | Board Meeting hosted by Colleen Gassert, 7:15 p.m.                       |
| Dec | 6 - 7 | Greens Sale at Gwen Puglisi's House                                      |
|     | 17    | Design Workshop: Holiday Box Centerpiece, 7 p.m. at Gwen Puglisi's house |
|     | TBD   | Meals on Wheels Workshop   |
| Jan | 12    | "Winterberry" Winter Social Holiday Lunch                                |