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# January Greetings

When we think of January, snow comes to mind. However, we haven't had much of it this month, and the long-range forecast doesn't seem to indicate any coming our way. Our gardens are at rest, but the birds are actively seeking food, water and shelter. Let's try to hang a bird feeder or even a suet cake for them. Winter is hard enough for us to get through, yet alone for our feathered friends fending for themselves in the cold! \* \* \*Nancy\*\*

#### **WINTER SOCIAL**

The annual Winter Social was held on Sunday, January 12, in a private room at Peppers Restaurant in King of Prussia. Twenty-two members attended and left well fed! Since we are often rushed to begin our monthly business meetings, it was so nice to mingle and chat over appetizers and a meal.

**Sally Smith** inducted new member **Barbara Boyle** into the club and presented her with a pot of spring flowers that brightened the day.

Thanks to chairs **Anne McCrary** and **Paige Ryan** and their committee for putting together such an enjoyable event. **Patti Drueding** provided the centerpieces in keeping with the "Winterberry" theme. There were three fabulous raffle baskets with items donated by members and a \$50 gift card to the William Penn Inn. **Susan Bryan** won the Gardening Basket, **Colleen Gassert** won the Chocolate Lovers Basket, **Mary Lord** won the Wine Basket and **Nancy Cuttic** won the Gift Card.

The committee will soon be planning our June dinner!





Sally Smith, Barbara Boyle, Nancy Cuttic



## January Gardening To-Do List

#### **Dream Big**



Plan or rework our garden design. Pin your inspirations, flip

through gardening magazines and daydream ways to make your garden even better. Illustrate your garden plan to visualize the entire space

#### **Plant Early**

Make a list of flower seeds to grow. Get the most of seed



starting by growing unique varieties and heirloom plants. Research which seeds to start indoors and when to plant.

#### Listen to the Songbirds



Nothing livens up a dreary, wintry day like a flock of

fluttering birds. Fill bird feeders with tasty seeds this winter. And don't forget non-frozen water for the birds also!

### Take a Look

Walk around your home and garden with a notebook. Brainstorm how you could reduce water usage, recycle more, compost or conserve.

#### Clean it Up



Gather your trusty garden tools, and give them a good scrub. Rinse off the

dirt, sharpen the blades, and rub vegetable oil on the metal.



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On the subject of the June Dinner, the theme is "Visions of Violet." Please be on the lookout for any floral or gardening interests that are in the purple family. Snap a photo of your hellebore now, pansies and crocus soon, and a plethora of violet after April, and send to Karen Bruno for a slide show to be enjoyed in June.

#### **FEBRUARY MEETING**

Our next scheduled meeting is on February 5. Nicole Juday Rhoads from PHS will be speaking about Gold Medal Gardens. Nicole has lectured for our club before and is an excellent speaker. Social time begins at 7:15 p.m.

#### 2020 PHS gold medal plants









1) Aronia Melanocarpa "Viking" Black Chokeberry; 2) Carpinus Caroliniana Americana Hornbeam; 3) Coreopsis Vereticillata "Zagreb" Threadleaf Coreopsis; 4) Geranium X Cantabrigiense "Biokovo" Cranesbill Geranium; 5) Hydrangea Arborescens "Haas' Halo" Smooth Hydrangea; 6) Perovskia Atriplicifolia "Little Spire" Russian Sage

#### PHS SPECIAL INVITATION



PHS has extended an invitation for three of our members to participate in a behind-the-scenes, hard-hat tour of the Philadelphia Flower Show: Riviera Holiday, on Thursday, February 27, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Setup will be almost complete. Guests can speak to vendors and exhibitors in an attempt to demystify the process of entering in the show. If you would like to attend, please notify Nancy by Feb. 15.

### MCKAIG HAPPENINGS



You might be interested in checking out the McKaig "Gift a Tree for a Loved One" offer.

www.enjoymckaig.org

#### **JENKINS ARBORETUM**

There are many interesting opportunities in February at Jenkins. Check out their website for a listing of events.

www.jenkinsarboretum.org



Here is a shot of my amaryllis from the bulb sale. I kept it in the garage for a while to hold off the blooms until the end of January when the winter doldrums set in.

#### **PLANNING AHEAD**

Feb 5 Business Meeting and PHS Speaker (Snow Date February 6)

19 Board Meeting at Roberts Elementary School, hosted by Kathy Liberato

29 Through March 8 -- Philadelphia Flower Show: Riviera Holiday

TBD Meals on Wheels Workshop