



Wayne Woods Garden Club

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March Greetings

What a whirlwind we are experiencing! March came in like a lion but not in the way that the phrase has always meant! I am hoping that this finds you and your loved ones well. We are in uncharted territory with the coronavirus, so may you all survive our new norm of social distancing! Now that spring has arrived, it will be therapeutic for us to get into our gardens, or even just cut a few flowers to bring inside. Keep an eye out for your Leucojum bulbs that the club gave you in the fall. With the mild winter, they may be blooming earlier than usual. Stay well! *Nancy*

MARCH MEETING

Happy Birthday to WWGC! How pretty was the cake that we had for our birthday party? Thanks to **Maureen Innes** for arranging for that. **Gwen Puglisi** used her talents to create a spectacular floral arrangement to get us excited for Spring! We had 37 members sign up to make the floral cupcake arrangements. Special thanks to **Libby Espey**, **Ellen McGarrigle** and the Floral Design Committee for providing us with the necessary supplies. With Ellen's instruction, everyone made an adorable cupcake arrangement that can be recreated to take to a birthday party in the future.

We also welcomed a guest who joined us after reading about WWGC on a Neighborhood news social media that Colleen uses to spread the word about our fantastic club.



MAY MEETING

Our May meeting and in-house flower show is in question as events surrounding COVID-19 change daily. Please check your email for any updates.

Who Doesn't Love Pansies?

Pansies symbolize "thinking" or "thoughts." The word "pansy" itself comes from French *pensée*, meaning "thought." Find out more [flower meanings here](#).

Pansies are one of several edible garden flowers! They have a mild minty flavor and make for a lovely edible flourish on a salad or dessert.



A cool-weather favorite, pansies are great for both spring and fall gardens. They are a go-to flower good for containers, borders and ground cover.

When to Plant Pansies

Can be planted in early spring or the fall. They can be finicky to start from seed; it's a lot easier to buy established plants. Pansies grow best when soil temps are between 45 - 65°F.

Where to Plant Pansies

Plant in moist, humus-rich, well drained soil. Pansies like full or partial sun, but need cooler temps to thrive. Space plants about 7-12 inches apart.



Pansies are great for containers; just use a good potting soil.

Recommended Varieties

Jolly Joker - blooms in spring and summer and has orange flowers with deep purple upper petals
Princess Series - offers a variety of colors

Fama Series - flowers in winter and spring with a wide variety of colors

<https://www.almanac.com/plant/pansies#>

SLATE OF OFFICERS

It will soon be time for the "changing of the guard!" The slate of officers was presented at the March meeting and unanimously accepted by the quorum.

President - Anne McCrary

Recording Secretary - Patti Drueding

Vice President - Colleen Gassert

Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Liberato

Treasurer - MaryAnn McGowan

Thank you to these five women for volunteering so that we can all enjoy two more years of wonderful garden club activities! The new officers will be installed at our June dinner, that we are hopeful will still take place.

SEND PHOTOS PLEASE



In addition to sending photos of "anything violet" to **Karen Bruno** for the June dinner, **Ellen McGarrigle** thought that we could bring some gardening joy to one another with pictures of nature that we encounter. **Sally Smith** came across a lonely daffodil and sent the picture to **Colleen Gassert**. Colleen posted it on the WWGC Instagram account. Please snap pictures and submit them to Colleen to post on Instagram and our website to bring all of us some much needed joy while being isolated.

Sally wrote..... "Among all the turmoil, I saw this lonely daffodil all by itself showing us hope and strength no matter what the circumstances. Stay strong! "

EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED

Unfortunately, our **April joint meeting** will not take place, however, we are hoping to reschedule the speaker for next April.

The **Spring Trellis Floral Arrangement Workshop**, along with the **Repurposed Bird House Workshop**, will also be considered for next year.

The **District I Meeting** scheduled for March 31 has been cancelled. We feel badly for the clubs in District IX who have been working tirelessly to put together the **State Convention** scheduled for April 17-19, as they have had to cancel everything.

Jenkins Arboretum is closed at this time. Group events at **McKaig Nature Center** are cancelled, but the park remains open using standard precautions.

HORTICULTURE/COMMUNITY GARDENING

The committee took advantage of some recent mild weather as they cleared out weeds and debris from the old schoolhouse and spruced up the entrance to the McKaig Nature Trail with some spring flowers. Thanks to **Myrtie Musetti, Laura Furman, Patti Drueding, Kathy Liberato, Pat Ross and Debbie Woodbury**.

