

Wayne Woods Garden Club

In Bloom

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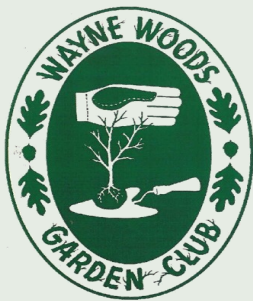
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an unimaginable summer this is! I hope you continue to be healthy and safe and able to enjoy time with family and friends despite all the social distancing and quarantines. Perhaps you've been able to spend more time in your garden, practice flower arranging, or visit some of the many public gardens in our area!

I think we're all wondering what the coming year will bring. With so much uncertainty, garden club planning has been quite the challenge. The Board met on August 5 on Zoom and made the difficult (and unanimous) decision to "go virtual" this year. For 2020-2021, our monthly meetings will be on Zoom to ensure the safety of our members and their families. Because we'll be virtual, we also voted to reduce membership dues to \$25 per member for 2020 - 2021.

This rest of this newsletter gives you some of the highlights for the coming year. Please read it carefully so you don't miss anything! We're still working out a few program details and welcome your suggestions. Please reach out to one of the officers! **Colleen, Mary Ann, Patti, Kathy and I** are happy to hear your ideas and answer questions.

And, did you notice our newsletter has a name? Thank you Marilyn Small for suggesting we name the newsletter and sharing several clever suggestions with the board. "In Bloom" is the perfect choice! (We also loved the second choice --- "Here's the Dirt!")

See you on **September 2** on Zoom --- that meeting is back on the calendar, and we'll email everyone the Zoom link and instructions on August 30! ~ Anne ~

DUES FOR 2020 - 2021

Dues for 2020 - 2021 will be \$25 per person (reduced from our usual \$50). Checks are payable to "Wayne Woods Garden Club." Please mail your check to:

Mary Ann McGowan
2204 Locust Drive
Lansdale, PA 19446

Checks are due on Saturday, September 5. Everyone who gets their check to **Mary Ann** by that date will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift card to the William Penn Inn. We'll draw the winner at the October 7 meeting.



HOMEMADE APHID TRAP



Place a **YELLOW** Solo cup upside down on a wooden stake. Attach with a pin or nail. Cover the outside of the cup with a thin layer of Vaseline. Aphids are drawn to the yellow, stick to the cup and die. The trap is easy to make and will save your plants from aphid damage.

GROW DILL TO SAVE TOMATO PLANTS FROM HORNWORMS



Offer a trap crop that the pest loves more than your main crop, something you can sacrifice for the greater good. Planting the herb dill near tomatoes is a good example, because tomato hornworms will attack the dill over the tomatoes.

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MEETINGS

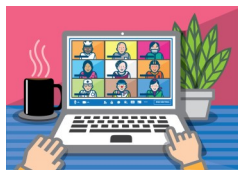
We will have eight meetings this year, on the first Wednesday of each month. The meetings will be from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. on Zoom (see more Zoom details below).



Here's the meeting schedule:

- September 2** Welcome Back! Officer Installation & New Member Induction
- October 7** Fall Container Demonstration
- November 4** Guest Speaker TBD
- December 2** Holiday Arrangement Demonstration
- February 3** PHS Speaker: Best Trees for the Home Landscape
- March 3** Guest Speaker TBD
- April 1 (Thurs.)** Jennie Love: Backyard Bouquet, w/Community Garden Club of Wayne
- May 5** Tulip Arrangement Demonstration
- June 2** June Dinner at Jenkins (We're hoping we'll be able to gather together again!)

HOW TO ZOOM -- It's Easier than you Think!



Does the thought of Zoom make you anxious? Please don't let that stop you from participating in our meetings this year! We can help you! Members who want to practice Zoom can log in at 7 p.m. on the night of the monthly meeting and other members will be there to help you.

Here's how Zoom meetings work --- a few days prior to each meeting, you'll receive an email with a link, a meeting ID, a password and step-by-step instructions too.

The best way to Zoom is with a computer, laptop, or tablet --- you'll need internet access, too. You'll click the link we email to you, and log in with the meeting ID and password also in the email. Then you're in! You'll be able to see and hear everyone. If your computer has a camera, we'll be able to see you (but you can turn your camera off if you want). If your computer has a microphone, we'll be able to hear you talk (you can also mute yourself).

You can also use your phone to call in -- no computer or internet required. The instructions will include a phone number, then you'll be prompted to enter the meeting ID and password. Of course, you won't be able to see anything which won't be as much fun, but you can hear us and talk to us like any normal phone call.

The link and instructions for the September 2 meeting will be emailed to you on Sunday, August 30.

NEW THIS YEAR -- SUNDAY STROLLS!

Garden Club is about being together! Since our meetings are going virtual, we planned four Sunday Strolls this year so those who want to can gather and walk together (with masks and 6' apart) through a local park or garden.

- September 20** Valley Forge National Park, (Washington Chapel parking lot)
- October 18** Stoneleigh, Villanova
- April 18** Jenkins Arboretum, Berwyn
- May 16** The Woodlands Grave Gardens, Philadelphia



For each stroll, we'll meet in the location's parking lot at 1 p.m. Rain dates will be the following Sunday.



AUGUST GARDENTING TIPS

Maintenance and Prep.

- Level low spots in your lawn
- Remove weeds
- Choose and order your autumn flower seeds
- Fertilize and fortify your lawn
- Plant fall veggie starts or transplants
- Remove fallen fruit from fruit trees

Mind the Flowers

- Divide and transplant spring and summer flowering perennials after they bloom
- Spray water onto plants to evict seasonal pests
- Remove diseased foliage before leaves drop
- Deadhead summer-flowering perennials and lightly shear
- Move houseplants back indoors to acclimate to limited sun exposure

Water, Water, Water

- Water plants deeply
- Water before 9 a.m. Avoid letting water sit all night as it can cause mildew and disease

Looking Ahead

- Select and order spring-flowering bulbs

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THE 2020 - 2021 YEARBOOK

This year, the WWGC Yearbook will be mailed to your home address on October 1. If your address has changed, or you have other information you'd like updated in the yearbook, please contact **Nancy Cuttic** before September 11, 2020. ncuttic@comcast.net



DISTRICT I LUNCHEON

There will be no luncheon this year, but there will be a meeting on Zoom on September 10, with an interesting program planned. Invitation is attached. Please RSVP to **Anne McCrary** (aem623@verizon.net) if you intend to join in the Zoom meeting.

FREE THINGS TO DO

Jenkins Arboretum is open daily, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the Plant Shop will open August 28. Consider supporting Jenkins as a member --- you'll get 10% off in the Plant Shop! <https://www.jenkinsarboretum.org/>

Longwood Gardens offers many online courses and some are free! Follow this link for more information <https://longwoodgardens.org/education/online-learning>.

Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. <https://stoneleighgarden.org/garden/home/> Volunteer gardeners are also needed at Stoneleigh. (1st and 2nd Tuesdays and 3rd and 4th Thursdays of every month.) No experience necessary. Call Debbie at 610-353-5587 ext. 266 for more info.

McKaig Nature Center



Birding Adventure with Tour Leader Jeff Dale, Sunday, September 13, from 7 to 9 a.m. For more info: https://www.enjoymckaig.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=383980&item_id=1214800

McKaig reports that the park has suffered during recent storms. Three of the four bridges have sustained damage, and there is much trail erosion as well. Please use caution while visiting the park.



BEE SAFE!

WWGC CALENDAR

September	2	Welcome Back Meeting! 7:15 p.m. on Zoom
September	5	Membership dues (\$25) due to Mary Ann McGowan
September	10	District I Annual Meeting, 10 a.m. on Zoom
September	11	Yearbook information due to Nancy Cuttic
September	20	1 st Sunday Stroll, Valley Forge Park, 1 p.m., meet at Chapel parking lot
September	23	Board Meeting, 7:15 p.m. on Zoom
October	1	Yearbooks mailed to members
October	7	Meeting & Fall Container Demonstration, 7:15 p.m. on Zoom

