

Wayne Woods Garden Club

In Bloom

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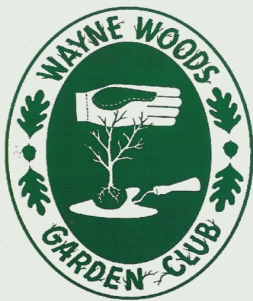
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What beautiful fall weather this week! A bit early, but I certainly am enjoying the cooler days and nights!



Our first Garden Club Zoom meeting took place on September 2, and we had 27 members attend! What a great turnout! During the hour-long meeting, we expressed our sincere (and overdue) appreciation to Nancy Cuttic for her outstanding leadership as our President over the past two years, we installed our new officers, and we welcomed and inducted our newest members: Alberta McCulla, Bonnie Keen, and Marilyn Small. Maryann DeSanto, our new District I Director, shared her experiences with GCFP's annual Trash to Treasure competition and shared the very creative entries she submitted over the past few years. This year's theme will be announced in the Winter Keystone Gardener, and entries are submitted in mid-March. Any member can submit an entry, or several members can create a team and submit an entry for the club. Might be a fun winter project ...?

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on **October 7 at 7:15 p.m.** We'll email the zoom link to everyone on Sunday, October 4! If you aren't sure about using Zoom, please let me know. I'd be happy to do whatever I can to help you log on and participate in our meetings. Best, ~ Anne ~

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

CHEERS to our garden club members who were recognized during the September 10 District I meeting for their outstanding contributions during the 2019-2020 season:



Libby Espey received a District Laurel for co-chairing the Floral Design and Hospitality Committees just one year after joining the club, lead a tour of her rose and butterfly garden and gave away pollinators to members. -- Thank you, Libby!

Ellen McGarrigle received a District Laurel for serving as Chair of the 2019 District I Annual Luncheon, assuming responsibility for planning and executing ideas, making the *Christmas At The White House* event an overwhelming success. -- Thank you, Ellen!

Mary Ann McGowan received a District Laurel for her work as our treasurer and the additional duties as treasurer and registrar for last September's 2019 District I luncheon. -- Thank you, Mary Ann!

Sally Smith, a 31-year member of WWGC, was honored with the District I "Forget Me Not" Award recognizing her many years of contributions and leadership to our club. This award was scheduled to be presented in April, 2020, during the state convention which was unfortunately cancelled. Sally, we truly appreciate all the wonderful work you have done for WWGC. -- Thank you!





Squash Bugs! Who Knew?

Squash bugs are pests that can wreak havoc on your vegetables, especially winter squash and pumpkin. Their attacks are not limited to gourds, they also target cucumbers and melons.

When they feed, squash bugs pierce the tissue of the vegetable and drain the nutrients of the plant. They feast on vines, leaves, and fruit. Because they pierce plants in many places, it leads to the collapse of leaves and vines as they consume the sap inside.



How to Control Squash Bugs

- Regularly inspect leaves. If you find eggs, remove them immediately.
- Use companion planting strategies. Pairing squash plants with another crop can keep the bugs away from your vegetables without introducing chemicals.
- Keep your gardens clean of all old cucurbit vines and leaf debris. Squash bugs rarely survive the cold, so it cuts down on invasions next season.
- Tilling the soil well after harvest also helps to eliminate these pests
- Mulch provides a hiding place for the squash bugs, especially during the colder months.
- Insecticides can also be effective, check with a pest control professional or your local garden center for guidance on formulas and application procedures.

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CONGRATULATIONS Continued

And **Nancy Cuttic** and **Marilyn Small** received the District I Director's Award. Nancy, for her assistance to District I Directors Sharon Richardson and Maryann Desanto in planning and coordinating the District I Zoom meeting; and Marilyn, for jumping right in as a new member and sharing her creativity with lovely slideshows for the meeting. -- Thank you, Nancy and Marilyn!



SUNDAY STROLL



What a glorious day for our first Sunday Stroll! **Colleen, Loretta, Mary Ann, Maureen, Patti and I** met at Washington's Chapel in Valley Forge National Park on September 20 and enjoyed what ended up being a 3-mile walk! It certainly didn't seem that far as we walked and talked in pairs. It was so good to get together and catch up on events in each other's lives. Our next Sunday Stroll is at Stoneleigh: a Natural Garden in Villanova. Join us on October 18 at 1 p.m.

2020-2021 YEARBOOKS

The yearbooks are coming! The yearbooks are coming! We'll be mailing them to your home address at the end of September. Much appreciation to **Nancy Cuttic and Marilyn Small** for all the time spent gathering details and organizing the pages. It is such an essential reference for all of us! Thank you!

OCTOBER MEETING

Join us for our October meeting "Fall Planters 3 Ways: Flower Box, Planter, Basket" where **Ellen McGarrigle and Nancy Cuttic** will demonstrate several ways to transition your summer pots and baskets to fall and then winter arrangements. We'll have a drawing at the end of the meeting, and one arrangement will be given away to a lucky meeting attendee!

Date: Wednesday, October 7

Time: 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Zoom (Link will be emailed on Sunday, 10/4)



DUES



If you have not yet paid your dues, you can mail your reduced amount of \$25 to **Mary Ann McGowan**, 2204 Locust Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446.

WEEDING AT OLD ROBERTS SCHOOLHOUSE

Laura Furman and Myrtie Musetti, along with Horticulture Committee members met at Roberts several times over the summer to maintain the gardens around the old schoolhouse AND had fun! It's very easy to stay socially distanced AND chat with other members. The Horticulture Committee will be meeting again at the Old Roberts Schoolhouse on **Friday, September 25 at 10 a.m.** to weed, plant bulbs, and edge. Remember to dress for the weather, bring proper personal protective equipment, gloves, and any useful garden tools. Feel free to join in ... you don't have to be on the committee to help!

JENKINGS, LONGWOOD, STONELEIGH AND MCKAIG

Jenkins Arboretum is open daily, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., with some visitor guidelines.

The Plant Shop is open, but the John J. Willaman Education Center is closed. All in-person programs have been suspended, although they do offer some "At Home" activities. You can check them out at

<https://www.jenkinsarboretum.org/jenkins-at-home/>

GOT VOLES??

Voies are small, stocky rodents similar to field mice. In fact, a vole might look like a mouse at first glance. Voies have small, rounded ears that are often hidden by their fur, small eyes, and short tails. Their fur is generally thick and light brown to gray.



Vole Diet: Plants!



Voies, have a mainly vegetarian diet. Voies primarily eat stems and blades of lawn grass—so it's usually vole tunnels that you'll see near the surface of the yard. They will eat your garden vegetables, flower bulbs and can tunnel through any root system, causing damage to trees and shrubs.

Identification

You'll know voies by the shallow, snake-like tunnels that you'll see all over your lawn and in the snow. The tunnels are about two inches wide and very near the surface so they can eat their favorite food, grass stems and blades.



How to Get Rid of Voies

For more information on this topic, check out <https://www.almanac.com/pest/voies>



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Longwood Gardens

Online Courses: <https://longwoodgardens.org/education/online-learning>.

Fountain Events: Open Air Theatre and Main Fountain Garden shows are offered daily. Main Fountain Illuminated Fountain Performances are offered on Fridays and Saturdays. <https://longwoodgardens.org/events-performances/fountains>

Classes & Workshops: <https://longwoodgardens.org/events-performances/classes-lectures>

Displays & Exhibitions: <https://longwoodgardens.org/events-performances/exhibits>

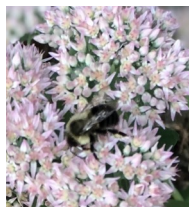
Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

<https://stoneleighgarden.org/garden/home/> Volunteer gardeners are still needed to help with plantings, weeding, mulching, and other projects. (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

Although there are no upcoming events, the park continues to be open despite the storm damage suffered in August. Many trails, footbridges and other renovations have been completed, but there is still much more to do. Caution is still advised when exploring the park. <https://www.enjoymckaig.org/>

BEES ARE POLLINATING



New member **Marilyn Small** reports that she has seen as many as seven bumblebees at one time this week on her Sedum plant. This certainly gives us hope for the plight of the bumblebee! You can read more about "Sedum and the Bees" at <https://www.drought-smart-plants.com/sedum-and-the-bees.html> along with more information about North America's bumblebees <https://www.nature.com/articles/news.2010.614>

ARE MUMS ANNUALS OR PERENNIALS? www.bhg.com



The answer is, they're both! Mums generally come in two types: florist mums (also known as cutting mums) and hardy mums (also known as garden mums). Both types come from the same original parent, a golden-yellow daisy-like mum from China.

Florist mums have many possible bloom forms, including quilled, pompon, spider, and more. Grown in greenhouses and used only as indoor plants, florist mums produce few, if any, underground runners, which mums need to survive cold weather.

Garden mums, on the other hand, can survive cold better. Most garden mums are perennials in Zones 5-9 and much tougher than florist types. Some cultivars are less hardy than others and can be killed by an early spring frost.

WWGC CALENDAR

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| September 25 | Old Roberts Schoolhouse maintenance |
| October 7 | Meeting & Fall Container Demonstration, 7:15 p.m. on Zoom |
| 18 | Sunday Stroll, Stoneleigh, Villanova, 1 p.m. |
| 25 | Rain Date for Sunday Stroll |
| 25 | Pick up bulbs at Libby Espey's (more details to follow) |



Wayne Woods Garden Club is a member of

National Garden Clubs, Inc., Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania—District I.