

Wayne Woods Garden Club

In Bloom

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

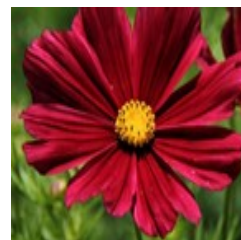
What a FUN NIGHT on January 6! Many thanks to **Karen Bruno** who dreamed up the idea! And a shout out to our prize patrol too! **Colleen Gassert and Kathy Liberato** planned and purchased cool WWGC-themed prizes and delivered them to our winners!

Almost 25 members joined our virtual Fun Night, and after chatting a bit about each other's holidays, the games began! Flower Trivia was up first as members identified 25 different flowers. The multiple-choice format was helpful, but members calling out the answers made it downright funny by the time we got to the end! **Nancy Bruhns, Nancy Cuttic, Cathy Siple, Sue Stevens & Sally Smith** all correctly identified the 25 flowers! After a few tiebreakers the "2 Nancys" were declared winners.

Remember this one?



And this one?



Next up was Bingo! The laughs continued --- and we definitely have some serious Bingo players among our members! Congratulations to our Bingo winners: **Kathy Liberato, Loretta Spadafora, Linda Mason & Libby Espey!** I can't help but think we might consider a Bingo Night as a possible new fundraiser? We could make floral arrangements for prizes! Hmm... might be an idea!



As this pandemic drags on, I hope you and your loved ones remain healthy and that each of us will soon be making appointments to receive the vaccine. In a few short months, it will be spring, a time of renewal and rebirth; and hopefully, we'll be much closer to gathering together and enjoying each other's company once again!

~ Anne ~

COMMITTEE UPDATES



Horticulture – **Myrtie Musetti** asks anyone with a Sweetgum tree and a little time on their hands to collect a bag or two of the sweetgum balls. She has plans for a horticulture workshop next fall and needs lots of them!

WINTER BIRDWATCHING

National Bird Day, which was January 5, was established by the Avian Welfare Coalition to raise awareness about eliminating bird trade and improving the welfare of birds kept in captivity.



Did you know that winter is one of the best times to go bird-watching? There are plenty of species that stay put in their areas year round, plus loads of varieties that you can see during their migration.

Clothing and Gear

- Choose muted colors to blend with your surroundings, as the trees and bushes are bare.
- Lightweight binoculars
- Field Guide for identification

Best Birds to See in Winter

In addition to the beautiful Northern Cardinal, American Robin and the Blue Jay, here are some other interesting species to watch:

Dark-Eyed Junco



Red-Breasted Nuthatch

White-Breasted Nuthatch



Black-Capped Chickadee

FROM OUR MEMBERS

Thanks to **Albert McCulla** for passing along this wonderful tribute to a lifelong gardener that she found on Facebook.

BE KIND TO ALL LIFE FORMS

- 1) Cover your plants with fine mesh at the start of spring to stop caterpillars developing without harming them
- 2) ANTS: Sprinkle chalk powder, cayenne pepper/black-pepper or cinnamon powder to stop ants (try to avoid directly on them) & they will stop coming without any need of harm
- 3) SHAKE UP... Before bringing indoors your own grown flowers & vegetables, turn them upside down & shake thoroughly & save 100s of tiny harmless lives they live on them
- 4) MICE/RATS/SNAKES: Kind live capture/release traps or white vinegar in empty bottle tops where mice/rats are will stop them kindly poison makes them suffer slowly in pain
- 5) MOTHS / FRUIT FLIES: Burn lavender oil in an oil burner & soak cotton balls in lavender oil and leave in cupboards. sticky traps are cruel.
- 6) Use garlic powder, bay leaves & lemon rind to stop cockroaches without harm
- 7) Aphids: hang ripe banana skins off branches to deter them kindly!
- 8) SNAILS & SLUGS: Lay pieces of copper mesh on soil around plants (BEST METHOD 100% WORKS!) also can make Sharp sand-paper borders and wrap around plant stems to stop them climbing up. Avoid beer and salt traps as new research shows slugs) snails feel a lot of suffering, use a mobile phone torch during nights to avoid stepping on them and move to safety using a leaf for good karma.
- 9) BUGS AWAY... 50/50 mix of powdered black pepper & flour on and around plants stops pests eating plants without harming them
- 10) Spiders, Wasps/ Hornets: Mix 50 drops of peppermint oil in 100ml of warm water and spray in areas where they come (but not on them) and they won't come back. It won't kill them either, so it's kind but must keep away from pets as can irritate them

"She (an elderly neighbor) had been a gardener all her life and before she passed away, she asked me to do whatever I could to share her top 10 tips that she had gathered over her lifetime on how to stop unwanted creatures coming into our homes and gardens without having to poison or hurt them ..."

Nancy Cutt wanted to complete the seasons shared in the October flower box presentation with her winter flower box arrangement.



Balsam Fir, Blue Atlas Cedar, Magnolia Leaves, White Pine, Winterberry and Red Twig Dogwood



SPRING



SUMMER



FALL

MCKAIG NATURE CENTER

In addition to making changes to comply with Covid safety, the nature center endured several setbacks in 2020, including near tornado-strength winds and rain which toppled many trees and caused erosion damage; later several oaks and a large red maple fell, blocking a trail; and in July more than five inches of rain fell, causing severe trail erosion and damaging two bridges and destroying another.

With the great support from donors, volunteers and staff, the park's damage was repaired and rebuilt. The Events Committee will soon announce a lineup of fun, healthy and educational events for 2021.

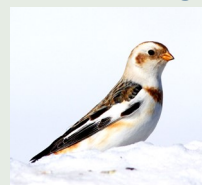


Check out photos of the damage at <https://enjoymckaig.org>

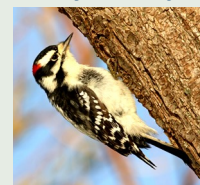
Tufted Titmouse



Snow Bunting



Downy Woodpecker



<https://rvshare.com>

For a list of other North American winter birds, go to www.thespruce.com

How to Attract Orioles



To attract any bird to your backyard, you must meet its survival needs. Fortunately, it is easy to do so for the different species of orioles.

Food: Feeding orioles is easy, whether you offer orange halves, dishes of grape jelly, or specialized



nectar. Late March is the best time to start attracting orioles.

Planting berry-producing bushes, fruit trees, and orange-colored nectar-producing flowers are also ways to offer orioles natural food sources. Feeders should be clean and conspicuous, and keep the food fresh to attract the most birds.

Water: All birds need water for cleaning and bathing, and orioles are especially attracted to shallow bird baths and moving water. A bird bath with orange decorations or terra cotta basin can also catch orioles' attention.



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LONGWOOD GARDENS

Check out some of the excellent online classes and work-shops (free and nominal fee) offered right now and in February at Longwood:

The World of Plants: Exploring Horticulture	Everything About Aquatics
Everything About Orchids Essentials	Floral Design Basics
Valentine's Day Arrangements	Gardening from the Ground Up

There are also many free online music and theater performances as well as displays and exhibitions. <https://longwoodgardens.org/>



PHS also has many interesting workshops and webinars in January and February: <https://phsonline.org/events>

Tree Tenders Basic Training	Vaux-le-Vicomte, France's Best Kept Secret
PHS McLean Library Book Group	Houseplant Parenting 101
Nature as Gardener for Beauty	Yes, You Can Grow Vegetables in Containers

And don't forget about the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, June 5 - 13

DISTRICT I MEETING - Friday January 22, 10 a.m.

Earlier this week you received an email with the invitation and Zoom link to our next District I Meeting. The program is a virtual tour of Portugal's gardens with Claire Sawyers, Director of Scott Arboretum. Take a break from our reality, and escape to Portugal for this hour of beauty and serenity. Business meeting to follow.

District I Meeting and Virtual Tour of the *Gardens of Portugal*



Friday

January 22, 2021

10 a.m. on Zoom



presented by The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College

<https://swarthmore.zoom.us/j/88694195895> Meeting ID: 886 9419 5895

WWGC CALENDAR

January	22	District I Meeting: Gardens of Portugal, 10 a.m. on Zoom
February	3	Club Meeting on Zoom, 7:15 p.m., PHS Speaker: Andrew Bunting, Best Trees for the Home Landscape
	18	Board Meeting on Zoom, 7:15 p.m.
March	3	Club Meeting on Zoom, 7:15 p.m., Sharon Richardson, Longwood Gardens
	21	Hands-On Workshop, Cigar Box Arrangement

