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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



THANK YOU to all the members who logged onto our March 3 meeting! We had 33 members on the call --- I think that's the most for a virtual meeting so far! Sharon Richardson took us on a wonderful walk through the seasons of Longwood Gardens and shared a few secrets on how Longwood Gardens achieves their unique, one-of-a-kind displays. Maybe this summer we can get a group together and visit Longwood to enjoy the fountains and Nightscape?

It has been quite an experience keeping garden club going during the pandemic. Your patience and participation is so very appreciated! This newsletter includes a few changes to our yearbook calendar so please read it carefully, and update your yearbooks and calendars. We've also included information on other activities and opportunities that might be of interest to you.

NOTICE
Important Calendar
Change

We need YOU! As we look to next year, we are excited to resume our usual calendar of events and activities **AND** we need **YOU** to make that happen! Start thinking about how you can contribute to the club next year. What committee would you like to be on? Can you lead/co-lead a committee? Specific needs are chairs for **Programs, Fundraising, and Special Event** committees. Please consider volunteering for one of these roles!

As we welcome spring later this month, I hope you and your loved ones are healthy and have received, or are close to receiving, the vaccine. Here's to the first blooms of spring! Best, ~ Anne ~



CIGAR BOX ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP - Sunday, March 21, 1 p.m., Zoom

Hopefully by now everyone who wanted to participate has signed up. Each kit will include: a cigar box filled with a liner and oasis; iris stems; ranunculus stems; green pompom button stems; pink wax flower stems. We ask that you add an accent to your arrangements; i.e., butterfly, bird, egg, etc.



We also ask that you take a photo of your arrangement to share with the club. You can send photos to **Colleen** (regan.colleen@gmail.com) so that she can post them on Instagram and Facebook. Please call **Nancy** (610-574-6062) or **Ellen** (610-306-2208) if you have any questions. Zoom link will be sent by Thursday, March 18.

Seed-Starting Date Calculator



Use this link to calculate when to start seeds indoors and then to transplant outside based on the frost-free date in your area.

<https://www.johnnyseeds.com/growers-library/seed-planting-schedule-calculator.html>

The Best Time to Plant Grass Seed



Your best time for planting grass seed depends on the type of lawn grass you grow

and where you live. Understanding your options and getting timing right helps you seize every opportunity for seeding success.

Cool-season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass and tall fescue, including Kentucky 31 tall fescue, grow most vigorously during the cool temperatures of **late summer and early fall**. These grasses flourish across cooler northern climates and into the challenging "transition zone," where cool and warm regions overlap.



The second best time to seed cool-season lawn grasses is in the spring, once soil and air temperatures warm back up to their optimal range. However, late-melting snows and early spring rains can keep soil cold and overly wet, giving early weeds an advantage. Grasses also have less time to settle in before higher temperatures inhibit germination and cool-season grass growth begins to slow.

For more tips for planting grass seed, check out

<https://www.pennington.com/all-products/grass-seed/resources/the-best-time-to-plant-grass-seed>

APRIL MEETING CHANGE



Our April 1st joint meeting with the Community Garden Club of Wayne **is cancelled!** Their club decided not to try a virtual meeting so they will plan to host us for an April, 2022 meeting.

With the April 1 joint meeting canceled, **we are planning a regular, 1st Wednesday April meeting on Zoom for our club on April 7 at 7:15 p.m.** We are reaching out to speaker Jenny Love to see if she is available to give her presentation. Details will be confirmed when we email the zoom link on April 4 or 5.

SUNDAY STROLLS

- **April 18** – Jenkins Arboretum. Come enjoy the azaleas! Meet in the parking lot at 1 p.m.
- **May 16** – McKaig Nature Center (**new location!**). Join us for a stroll through the woods on the Petty Trail! Meet in the Roberts Elementary School parking lot at 1 p.m. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the McKaig Trail Map.

A GARDEN CLUB TRIP!



We are thrilled to announce a real trip on **Saturday, May 22!** **The Woodlands Grave Gardens** is open and can give us a tour at 10 a.m.! The tour will focus mostly on the grounds and exterior of the Mansion with a brief exploration of the Mansion interior. We'll wear masks and practice social distancing. We will coordinate carpools from the Roberts Elementary School parking lot or you can meet us at The Woodlands. More details to follow in April! To save your spot, **RSVP to Ginny Studebaker by email (gstude99@msn.com) or phone (610-296-0281) by April 30.**

DISTRICT I NEWS

The next District I meeting is **Thursday, March 18 at 7 p.m.** on Zoom. Topic is, "The Basics of Applying for Awards." We will email the link to the club a few days prior to the meeting.



District I has an opening for a secretary. As a member of the Executive Board, the position would require taking minutes at the four District and two Board meetings each year. If you are interested, please contact Maryann DeSanto, District I Director, at maryanndesanto@hotmail.com.

OTHER FUN GARDENING NEWS

GCFP Convention is April 18, 19 & 20!



"Zoom into Spring" and join the Garden Club Federation of PA for the 2021 Convention! This year's convention is entirely on Zoom. You can register for the full convention for \$75 or sign up for individual sessions at \$18 each. For information and the convention schedule visit pagardenclubs.org.

Good News! The deadline to register for the convention has been extended! The new deadline is **March 26, 2021**. Register at pagardenclubs.org. Complete the form online, print and mail to Betsy Smith with your check. Make check out to 2021 GCFP Convention. Registration for the two workshops is closed. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Smith at moxiezmom@gmail.com, or Joyce Crider at jcrider@616@gmail.com.

Five Vegetables to Plant in Spring to Kickstart your Garden

The early spring can make for a good time to jumpstart your spring garden, especially for plants that can withstand lingering shots of cold air.

Cold-hardy plants can handle a few frosts, and you can start the seeds either indoors or outdoors, depending on where you live. The United States Department of Agriculture [Plant Hardiness Zone Map](#) provides detailed information about which plants are most likely to thrive in your location.

These five salad standards can be planted directly in the ground during spring:



Lettuce Family

Arugula



Carrots

Beets

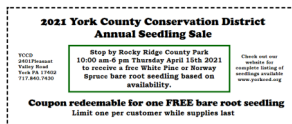


Radishes

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/10-vegetables-to-plant-in-spring-to-kickstart-your-garden-2/433025>

Seedling Sale (in York, PA)

Support conservation and improve wildlife habitat in your backyard! Sponsored by the York County Conservation District & hosted by the York County Parks. It's a bit of a drive to pick up your purchases, but this is an excellent bargain if you need young trees, bushes, or ground cover.



Order online at <https://www.yorkccd.org/events/2021-seedling-sale>. Order deadline is **March 15**. Pickup date: **Thursday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** at Rocky Ridge County Park. Order early to ensure availability of selections!

Click on the picture above to print your free bare-root seedling coupon.

Great Grow Along



A three-day online event, March 19-21, 2021. This program offers an incredible learning experience! The event will feature over 40 speakers in the following tracks: Edible Gardening, Pollinators and Plants, DIY Landscaping, Urban Gardening, Houseplants and Dig Deeper.

AND, you are eligible to attend the **Great Grow Along** at an amazing discount! We are being offered a group discount of 50% off the registration! Use code: **PA Gardeners** at greatgrowalong.com. All the speakers will be recorded, so if you are not able to attend, NO WORRIES - - you will be able to listen to these programs for 6 MONTHS! **See attached flyer** for details ... if you register, remember to use the code to get 50% off!

2021 Philadelphia Flower Show



The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) announced that tickets to the 2021 Philadelphia Flower Show, June 5 – 13, are available for purchase at PHSonline.org/the-flower-show. The show will be held outdoors for the first time in its history at the historic Franklin Delano Roosevelt Park in South Philadelphia.



WWGC CALENDAR

- March 15 York Seedling Sale Deadline
- 18 District I Meeting at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Topic: Basics of Applying for Awards
- 19-21 Great Grow Along
- 21 Hands-On Workshop, Cigar Box Arrangement, 1 p.m. on Zoom
- April 7 Tentative Regular 1st Wednesday Meeting, Jenny Love on Zoom, 7:15 p.m.
- 15 York Seedling Sale Pickup
- 18 Sunday Stroll, Jenkins Arboretum, 1 p.m.
- 25 Rain Date Sunday Stroll, Jenkins Arboretum, 1 p.m.
- 18-20 GCFP Convention, Zoom into Spring

