

Wayne Woods Garden Club

In Bloom

April 2021

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Spring! What a gorgeous day on Saturday! I hope you were able to be outside and enjoy the sun and warm air! I spent the day weeding the garden in my backyard. I enjoyed being outside but my legs/knees are SO sore today. And my cactus was not kind to my arms either. Ugh! *(But, the yellow blooms will be so pretty in June!)*

As we look to May, our **May 5** meeting will be a demonstration by our Floral Design co-chairs. **Nancy Cuttic** and **Ellen McGarrigle** will show us how to arrange with tulips -- one of my favorite spring flowers, but they are challenging to use in arrangements, so these tips will be very useful! We'll email the Zoom link on Sunday, May 2. I hope you can join us!



March was a good month for vaccines, and many members are now vaccinated. If you are still waiting for the vaccine, 15toknow.com has vaccines available at their site in King of Prussia as of this writing. Skippack Pharmacy also has vaccine clinics.

We are also planning an "in person" June 2nd social event -- details will be shared at the May meeting.

I hope you and your loved ones continue to be safe and healthy. Keep on wearing your masks and social distancing! Best, ~ *Anne* ~

APRIL MEETING RECAP

THANK YOU to all the members who logged on to our April 7 meeting! Your comments and ideas are so very much appreciated! For those not able to join the call, here is a quick recap of survey results and some of the discussion (the numbers reflect the responses of the 28 members who completed the survey):

- **Winter Social** – 64% think it is important to continue this event on a Sunday in January. The meeting discussion confirmed this and agreed that the cost (\$35) is reasonable.
- **June Dinner** – 85% think it is important to continue this event! Those on the call agreed that the cost (\$40) is reasonable and that the club should contribute funds to cover room rental, beverage, and decoration costs. Members shared ideas for other locations, including in a member's home. We did this a few years ago: the member provided her home, and the Social Events Committee took care of all the rest. If you might be interested in hosting the June 2022 Dinner in your home, please let Anne McCrary know! We usually have 32-35 members attend.
- **Donations** – 92% think it is important for the club to make donations to PHS, McKaig, and Jenkins. We will continue to do that!



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.

THESE 9 PLANTS WILL ATTRACT DRAGONFLIES FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL

**Black-Eyed
Susan**



Joe-Pye Weed

**Swamp
Milkweed**



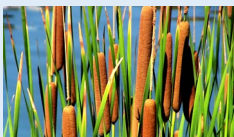
White Yarrow

Arrowhead



Wild Celery

Cattail



Water Horsetail

Water Lily



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- **Bulbs** – 70% think it is important for the club to purchase bulbs for members each year. We will continue to provide bulbs!
- **Fundraising** - 81% think it is important to continue the Greens Sale, and we discussed whether we should charge more for the items and different ways we might sell to the public possibly by using the Old Roberts Schoolhouse or the Upper Merion Christmas Village. We also discussed other fundraising ideas including a fall mum sale and a spring plant sale possibly Mother's Day weekend. We agreed that the club needs to raise \$1,000 each year to keep a balanced budget.
- **Committee Chairs** – 50% are interested in being a committee chair, which is good news! We talked about how committee responsibilities have been shifted in recent years to balance the work a bit more evenly. If you are interested in being a committee chair next year, please let Anne McCrary know. Our greatest needs are: 1 or 2 people to arrange for 2 guest speakers for next year (Programs); and 2 people to plan/organize fundraising with the goal of raising around \$1,000. If you are the fundraising co-chairs, you can decide what the fundraiser(s) will be.



CIGAR BOX WORKSHOP

THANK YOU to **Nancy Cuttic & Ellen McGarrigle** who led a hands-on, virtual workshop on March 21 for 12 members. Here are a few arrangements: we used a technique of grouping similar flowers together to create a natural arrangement. Visit the photo gallery on our website to see more!

<https://waynewoodsgardenclub.info/photo-gallery/>



JOIN US FOR A SUNDAY STROLL!



April 18 – Jenkins Arboretum. Come enjoy the azaleas! Meet in the parking lot at 1 p.m. For more info on Jenkins -- <https://www.jenkinsarboretum.org/>

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. For more info on McKaig, and their upcoming events or to print a trail map -- <https://enjoymckaig.org/>

4 REASONS TO WEAR GARDEN GLOVES



Decrease Risk of Legionnaires' Disease

Legionnaires' disease (a kind of pneumonia) is caused by a bacteria called legionella, which thrives in moist conditions. So always wear gloves when you are handling bagged potting mix, mulches and compost. It's also a good idea to wear a dust mask when opening bags of potting mix or similar to avoid inhaling any dust.

Minimize the Risk of Tetanus

Great soil is rich with all sorts of organisms, but they can include the Bacterium Clostridium Tetani, which can cause a tetanus infection if it passes through broken skin or puncture wounds.

To Avoid Being Bitten by a Spider

Wear gloves, especially if lifting rocks or logs and keep an eye out for spiders' silken white webs.

Because of Cats

Cats think the world is their litter box, and infected cat feces can carry bacteria that cause the disease toxoplasmosis.

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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 mainly 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.**



The Woodlands Grave Gardeners have been featured on CBS Sunday Morning. Click the link below to learn more about Grave Gardeners and to watch the full Grave Gardener segment, titled "How Does Your Garden Grow?"

<https://www.gravegardeners.org/>

DISTRICT I NEWS



District I has a need 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.

2021 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW -- JUNE 5 - 13

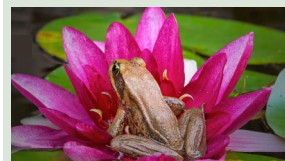


The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) announced that tickets to the 2021 Philadelphia Flower Show are available for purchase at

PHOnline.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.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS SCHOOLS



Leap into Action!

National Garden Clubs Schools provide an opportunity for attendees to increase their knowledge of the environment, expand interest in gardening, embrace creativity in floral design and beautify homes and communities using landscape design principles. Check out the NGC Schools at <https://gardenclub.org/our-schools>



WWGC CALENDAR

April	18	Cleanup at Roberts 10 a.m.	May	5	Meeting: Arranging with Tulips
	18	Sunday Stroll, Jenkins Arboretum, 1 p.m.		16	Sunday Stroll at McKaig
	18-20	GCFP Convention, Zoom into Spring		22	Trip to The Woodlands Grave Gardens
	21	Board Meeting on Zoom, 7:15 p.m.			
	25	Rain Date Jenkins Sunday Stroll, 1 p.m.	June	2	Social Event, 6 p.m.
	30	RSVP to Ginny for Woodlands Trip		16	Board Meeting on Zoom, 7:15 p.m.