

Wayne Woods Garden Club In Bloom

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Belated Mother's Day wishes to you All! Whether you have children or not, we all fill a nurturing role for so many others in many different ways, and I hope you enjoyed a relaxing day and felt the love from your loved ones!

June is coming up quickly, and the COVID restrictions are rapidly changing, too. I am so pleased to share that we are getting together on June 2 at Jenkins Arboretum! See details below. Be sure to click the link to RSVP Yes or No, and let us know what you can bring.

I hope you are all feeling the warmth of the sun and the anticipation of returning to life as we knew it before COVID. Please continue to be safe and stay healthy!

Best, ~ Anne ~



We're having a PARTY!
Wednesday, June 2, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Jenkins Arboretum



Join us as we celebrate the end of a very usual year! Instead of our usual catered dinner, we will serve appetizers, desserts and beverages. This is a casual, outside event on the deck, and there will be access to bathrooms from outside. Refreshments will be set up in the meeting room, and we'll have limited, distanced seating in the meeting room, too.



Please wear a mask. You will be required to wear a mask when you are in the meeting room.

For outside, we realize the requirements are changing, and as long as Jenkins does not require outdoor mask wearing, fully vaccinated people on the deck will not be required wear a mask. We encourage you to do so and to maintain social distancing.

COST: \$15 to cover the room rental fee; please send a check to **Mary Ann McGowan**

BRING: We are asking members to bring an appetizer, dessert, bottle of wine or contribute \$10. Please see the **What To Bring List** (in the Evite) and sign up! Remember that all food must be individual servings that do not need utensils!

RSVP: Please RSVP by Monday, May 24.

Click on the Evite link below to RSVP and sign up for what to bring.

Evite link: <http://evite.me/VGwSAC2a5u>

Please send a check for \$15 payable to "WWGC" to:

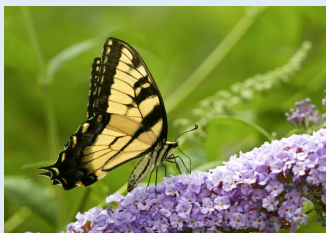
Mary Ann McGowan, 2204 Locust Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446.

For more information, please contact: Mary Ann McGowan or Anne McCrary

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.

To Butterfly Bush or Not to Butterfly Bush. That is the Question!



Gardeners who want to attract butterflies to their gardens often plant a butterfly bush (genus *Buddleia*), a fast growing shrub that blooms prolifically. While butterfly bush is easy to grow, inexpensive to buy, and a good attractant for butterflies, some argue it's one of the worst choices for a butterfly garden.

Why Ecologists Hate The Butterfly Bush

Unfortunately, a plant that produces such a bumper crop of flowers also produces a bumper crop of seeds. *Buddleia* is not native to North America; butterfly bush is an exotic plant from Asia. Ecologists deemed the shrub a threat to native ecosystems, as butterfly bush seeds escaped backyard gardens and invaded forests and meadows. Some states banned the sale of *Buddleia* and listed it as a noxious, invasive weed.

Buddleia Breeders to the Rescue

Just when you were getting ready to compost your butterfly bushes for good, horticulturalists found a solution to the problem. *Buddleia* breeders produced cultivars that are, in effect, sterile. These hybrids produce so little seed (less than 2% of traditional bushes), they are considered non-invasive varieties. Seems you can have your butterfly bush and plant it, too.

For more info on the butterfly bush, and a list of non-invasive cultivars, click <https://www.thoughtco.com/why-you-shouldnt-plant-butterfly-bush-1968210>

MAY MEETING RECAP

THANK YOU to **Ellen McGarrigle** and **Nancy Cuttic** for the wonderful tulip design demonstration! We appreciate you for sharing your endless creativity and encouraging us to try new things. It was fascinating to learn that tulips continue to grow in arrangements.



The picture on the left is the first day in the water and the picture on the right is 3 days in the water. Notice how the tulips are opening, and they will continue to open!



SUNDAY STROLL - MAY 16 AT 1 PM



Connecting with nature is an essential part of life. Research has found that experiencing nature makes all people happier, healthier and smarter. Our last Sunday Stroll is at the **McKaig Nature Center**. Meet in the parking lot. Hope to see you there!

A GARDEN CLUB TRIP!



We have about 10 members going on the trip to **The Woodlands** next **Saturday, May 22!** Thank you, **Ginny**, for putting this together! For those who are going, we are meeting at the Roberts Elementary School parking lot at 8:45 a.m. Bring a sandwich if you want; Ginny will provide beverages. It is so exciting to be able to do something together with garden club friends!

JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will be in late June/early July following the June board meeting. We look forward to planning our schedule for next year and are excited to share the news with you. If you would like join the Board and help us plan garden club meetings and activities, please contact **Anne McCrary**. We'd love to have you!

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO DECOMPOSE?

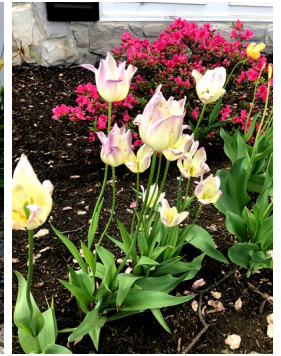
- Paper Towel 2-4 weeks
- Banana Peel..... 3-4 weeks
- Paper Bag 1 month
- Newspaper.....1.5 months
- Apple Core..... 2 months
- Cardboard..... 2 months
- Cotton Glove..... 3 months
- Orange Peels 6 months
- Plywood..... 1-3 years
- Wool Sock..... 1-5 years
- Milk Carton..... 5 years
- Cigarette Butts..... 10-12 years
- Leather Shoes 25-40 years
- Tin/Steel Can 50 years
- Foam Plastic Cups 50 years
- Rubber Boot Sole.....50-80 years
- Plastic Containers50-80 years
- Batteries100 years
- Aluminum cans200-500 yrs
- Plastic Bottles.....450 years
- Disposable Diapers...550 years
- Fishing Line.....600 years
- Plastic Bags..... 200-1000 yrs



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DAFFODILS AND TULIPS IN BLOOM

Below are some pictures of members' blooming bulbs from last year's bulb giveaway. Hope your bulbs bloomed as well!!



Libby Espey's Sir Winston Churchill Daffodils

Nancy Bruhn's Choice: Elegant Lady Tulips

2021 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW -- JUNE 5 - 13



Tickets to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) 2021 Philadelphia Flower Show 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.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK - JUNE 6 - 12

National Garden Week was founded by National Garden Clubs Inc. as an opportunity to encourage community pride and promote the NGC objectives of beautification, environmental education and gardening.

It acknowledges the passion for nurturing earth's resources through planting of seeds, plant care for beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition in people's lives and the respect for the hard work it involves.

Check out incoming President Mary Warshauer's Proclamation <https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/ngw->



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS SCHOOLS

National Garden Clubs Schools provide members and non-members with a range of educational opportunities on the art and science of the environment, gardening, floral design and landscape design.

Check out the NGC Schools at <https://gardenclub.org/our-schools>

WWGC CALENDAR

- May** 16 Sunday Stroll - McKaig, 1 p.m.
- 22 Trip to The Woodlands Grave Gardens, meet at Roberts Elementary at 8:45 a.m.
- 24 Peony Workshop at Eleanor Tickner's peony farm (reservations are closed)
- June** 2 June Gathering, Jenkins Arboretum, 6 - 8 p.m.
- 5-13 Philadelphia Flower Show
- 6-12 National Garden Week
- 9 Board Meeting on Zoom, 7:15 p.m.
- 17 District I Meeting on Zoom

