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President's Message

Happy Fall! My favorite season!!!



As the pandemic continues to drag on and disrupt our lives, we are closely monitoring the current surge. At the September meeting we took a poll of members and learned that almost all of us are vaccinated and a majority wanted to keep the October meeting "in person." Remember: it will be at the Upper Merion Community Center. Directions are found on next the page.

The Board met earlier this week (thank you, **Patti Drueding** for hosting us!). We had a fun meeting and, among other things, discussed whether we should return to virtual monthly meetings. We agreed to take it month by month and will decide at the October meeting whether the November meeting will be virtual or "in person." Please be sure to read the monthly newsletters so you have the most current info!

And, a truly heartfelt thank you to the members and friends of Fran O'Neill for their generous memorial gifts to the club. I am deeply touched and grateful for the kindness shown to honor her memory. We miss you, Fran. Best, ~ Aune ~

Welcome Back Social

What a fun September meeting! Despite the threat of thunderstorms, 28 members gathered outside the historic Roberts Schoolhouse on September 8 to celebrate the start of a new year. Mary Ann McGowan and Sally Smith quizzed us on "Bee" facts.

Congrats to Susan Dearden Bryan for the most correct answers, and to our runners-up Patti Dreuding and Colleen Gassert. Our sincere thanks to Mary Ann, Sally, and your crew for the beautiful decorations, delicious themed food, and all you did to make the evening such a







October Meeting



Culinary and Medicinal Mushrooms Join us on October 6 to meet Tina Ellor from Phillips Mushroom Farm and learn about Culinary & Medicinal Mushrooms. She will have displays and handouts for us, too. This will be an "in-person"

meeting at the Upper Merion Community Center, just 10 minutes from Roberts Elementary School. It is where the old ice rink used to be. We'll have someone at the front door to greet you and direct you to the classroom where our meeting will be.

Directions to the Upper Merion Community Center 431 W. Valley Forge Rd, King of Prussia:

- 1. From Roberts parking lot, turn right onto Croton Road, turn left onto Brooks Road, turn left onto South Gulph Road.
- 2. From South Gulph Road, turn right onto 202 North.
- 3. Turn left onto Allendale Road (Bassett Furniture will be on the right) and continue over the turnpike and past Mother of Divine Providence Church.
- 4. Turn right onto Keebler Road
- 5. Turn left at the 3 way stop onto General Steuben Road.
- 6. At light turn right onto West Valley Forge Road, the Community Center will be the first right turn. There is parking in front of the building and up by the swimming pool.

October Trip to Scott Arboretum!

We have a trip planned to Scott Arboretum on Saturday, October 9. We will meet at Roberts School at 9 a.m. Please e-mail Ginny Studebaker (gstude99@msn.com) by October 1 if you are interested in going.



October Workshop - *NEW DATE* Sweet Gumball Trees!

Myrtie Musetti is hosting a workshop on Monday, October 25 (please note the new date), from 1 - 3 p.m. at her home, 379 Heritage Lane, King of Prussia. Cost: \$5. Please email Myrtie (myrtie m@yahoo.com) if you



are interested in attending or if you signed up in September but cannot make it on the new date.

Holiday Village Planning Meeting

ALL members are invited to join a Zoom meeting on October 20 at 7 p.m. We will finalize plans for our table at the Upper Merion Holiday Village (on December 4) and start working out the details. The board has a new idea to share which could replace the arrangement idea described in our yearbooks. Please mark your calendar and call in! More details and the zoom link will be emailed on October 17.

Do You Have Extra Plants?

We are looking for donations that can be transplanted to the gardens we maintain around the Old Roberts Schoolhouse and/or in the barrels at the entrance to McKaig



Nature Center. Please contact Myrtie Musetti and/or Laura Furman who will be happy to use any plants you no longer want (shade-loving & deer-resistant would be best). AND, during our meeting in May 2022 we will have a Plant Sale so start thinking now about what you can dig up in the spring and donate to the May 2022 meeting.

A Few Yearbook Corrections ...

- 1. The September Garden Tour at Libby Espey's House will be rescheduled for Spring.
- 2. The April joint meeting with the Community Garden Club of Wayne is cancelled. Plan to attend the GCFP Convention, April 3, 4 & 5, instead!
- The NGC Environmental School listed for October 6 & 7 is May 28 & 29, 2022.

Congratulations to Myrtie Musetti

Our own Myrtie was awarded the prestigious District I Exceptional Horticulturist Award at the District I Luncheon held on September 15 at the Downingtown Country Club.

She received a certificate and a beautiful mum, and her name will be placed in the GCFP Book of Exceptional Horticulturists and on the GCFP website.



There were six Wayne Woods Garden Club members in attendance, including Anne McCrary, Nancy Cuttic, Ellen McGarrigle, Ginny Studebaker, Martha Jones and Myrtie.



🙇 Oct. 7: History & Hiking 10 a.m.

Oct. 10: 5th Anniversary Trail Race and Monkey Rock Miler

Oct. 22: Ghost Stories - Smores & Bonfire, 6:30 p.m.

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Stroll through the <u>Meadow Garden</u>; have family fun in the <u>Garden Railway</u> (opens October 2) and <u>Pumpkin Playground</u> (opens October 9). Celebrate fall's trademark flower inside with the <u>Chrysanthemum Festival</u> (opens October 16).

Main Fountain Garden Performances daily through October 31. Illuminated Fountain Performances are Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings through October 30.

GCFP October Zoom Program



Log onto Zoom on Wednesday, October 13, for an Awards Program by District VII.

Zoom link will be sent closer to the date.

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UPCOMING DATES:

- October 6 October meeting at Upper Merion Community Center
 - 9 Trip to Scott Arboretum, leaving at 9 a.m. from the Roberts parking lot
 - 13 GCFP Zoom Awards Program, 7 p.m., District VII presenting
 - 20 Holiday Village Planning Meeting on Zoom
 - 25 Sweet Gumball Tree Workshop at Myrtie's, 1-3 p.m. (this is a new date)