

Wayne Woods Garden Club

In Bloom

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Members and Happy (almost) Spring!

"Spring is the time of plans and projects." ~ Tolstoy

It can also be said that spring is the time of celebrations and new beginnings. Looking at our calendar, we have it all -- plans, projects, celebrations, and new beginnings. It should be a great spring!

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday WWGC, 68 years! Thank you all for being part of this amazing club.

Congratulations to **Gwen Puglisi** on her success at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Gwen and her daughter Morgan won third place in the Small Niche Spark category.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Lee Carson & Nancy Morris have decided to step down from the Community Service Committee. We thank them for the many years of hard work and time that they have dedicated to the Meals on Wheels program. We could not have done it with out them, but now they leave very big shoes to fill. Please think about volunteering to be the one of the two new co-chairs. Lee said that she has materials that she would like to donate to the club.

We have invited Covered Bridge Garden Club to our April Jenny Rose Carey meeting to welcome them to District I. If you are a Hospitality Committee member, please be on the lookout for additional emails as we may need to plan for additional refreshments. "I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship." ~ Casablanca

PLANS AND PROJECTS

Plans and projects include our April meeting, the trip to the Shofuso Japanese House & Garden Tour, community service project for Ryan's Case for Smiles, a spring design workshop, and much more. See the following pages for info and details.

I look forward to seeing you all at the April 5 meeting! ~ *Colleen*

MARCH MEETING RECAP

Thank you to our Floral Design Chair, Gwen Puglisi, for the lesson on the harmful effects that oasis has on the environment and the alternative solutions for floral designs.

At the meeting we learned that though floral foam has been around for decades, recent scientific studies have found that the product can be harmful to the environment. Specifically, it breaks down into microplastics that can contaminate water supplies and hurt aquatic life. Plus, the foam's dust may cause respiratory issues for people.

Members made arrangements using sand instead of oasis, and many have reported that they are still looking great!



Longwood Gardens

On View Now—March 26, 2023

Winter Wonder

[Explore the Season Here](#)

UPPER MERION FARMERS MARKET

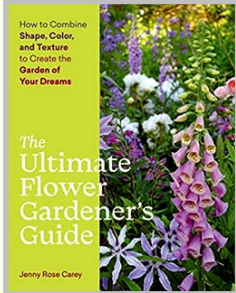
WE'RE MOVING!

STARTING MAY 13TH, UMFM WILL BE AT NORVIEW FARMS!

NORVIEW FARMS (Next to Petrucci's)
 686 N Henderson Rd,
 King of Prussia, PA 19406
 ** More Info to Come **

APRIL 5 MEETING

Get ready for the Wednesday, April 5 meeting to see Jenny Rose Carey present on “Flower Gardening Throughout the Seasons.”



Using images from her new book and from her garden, Jenny will divide the year into its naturally occurring flower gardening seasons and give examples of the flowers that are in bloom and how to grow and combine them.

The newly joined to District I Covered Bridge Garden Club has been invited to attend, so we may see some new faces in attendance.

LET YOUR GARDEN SLEEP IN

Wait to tidy up your garden for spring until we have a week of temps in the 50s or above. This year's pollinators are still sleeping in your plant stems and leaves until then.



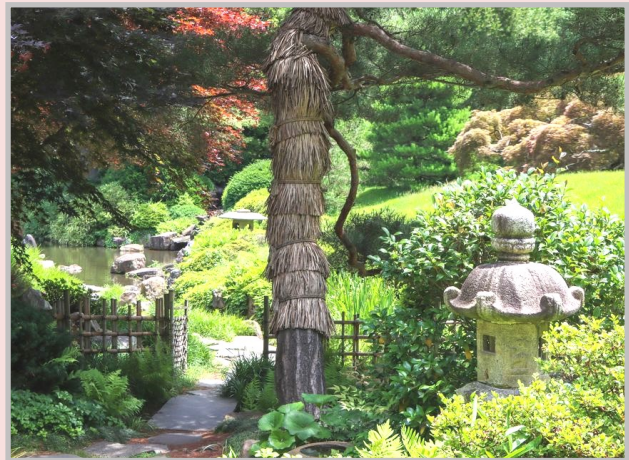
Our Community Service Project for Ryan's Case for Smiles is in progress. Designers Gwen Puglisi and Ellen McGarrigle have been meeting with the organization and plans are under way for the event on April 27.

For 15 years, this non-profit group has helped children with the stress and emotional impact of their illnesses by giving them whimsical pillowcases for an emotional boost. They have also provided other resources to families to cope with the experience.

Learn more about this organization and all it has to offer [HERE](#).

APRIL 14 CLUB TRIP

SHOFUSO JAPANESE HOUSE AND GARDEN



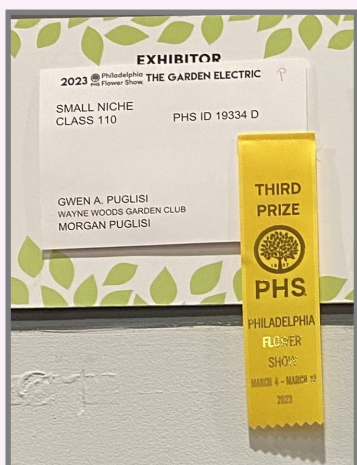
\$10 per person payable to Pat Holden
Please email Pat with your intent to attend.
 Also, she needs at least 2 more drivers.
pat_holden1@hotmail.com

No shoes allowed in house; please wear socks.
 Meet at Roberts School Carpool at 10 a.m.
 (School is in Session) Bring a packed lunch.

<https://japanphilly.org/shofuso/>



JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY
 OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA



Our own Floral Design Chair, **Gwen Puglisi**, entered this year with her daughter Morgan. They won 3rd Place in the Class 110 Small Niche—Spark category.

This was a nostalgic time for Gwen to share with her daughter as she reflected on her first entry in the Philadelphia Flower Show with her mother, the late Doris Petty.

Hands-On Workshop



See actual sample at the April 5 meeting.

Assorted Herb Planter
Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m.

Ellen McGarrigle's House
1390 Eaves Spring Road, Malvern

Sign up at the April 5 meeting or email Ellen.
ellenmcgarrigle@gmail.com

Cut-off date to register will be at the club's April 5 meeting.

Limit: 13 people Cost: \$20
Make check payable to WWGC and
mail to her home or give at the April meeting.

Stoneleigh  Natural Lands
a natural garden

HOME & GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, April 8, 2023
10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

At Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden
Cost: \$15 (non member)

natlands.org/event/gardentour-stoneleigh-2023-0408/

Check out other events such as
volunteer days, Yoga in the
Garden, Plant Sales and more.

stoneleighgarden.org/garden/events/





WHAT'S NEW AT MCKAIG

Friday, March 17, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. [REGISTER HERE](#)

McKaig Pot-of-Gold Search, S'mores & Bonfire

Search for the pot of McKaig GOLD on St. Patrick's Day. Start anytime between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday March 17. You will receive your first clue and treasure map via email, follow the clue directions to get to the second location where you'll find the clue for the next location and so on.

Your search shouldn't last more than an hour or so. After you've found your Pot of McKaig Gold, meet us at the Beach (map marker White 21) for s'mores and bonfire. McKaig will provide s'more fixings to make 4 gooey, yummy treats, along with roasting sticks and wet-wipes.



SUMMER NATURE CAMP - Full-Day, Week-Long Summer Camps - July 10 - August 4

More info [HERE](#).

MCKAIG DONATION PROGRAMS - View them all and donate [HERE](#)

- Old Roberts School Preservation Fund
- Rebuild McKaig Park Fund
- Gift a Tree and Help the Environment
- And many more worthy causes

HOW TO FERTILIZE PEONY PLANTS IN SPRING FOR BIG BLOOMS

Check out Blooming Back Yard 's [short guide](#) on best practices to fertilize peonies in spring for bigger, showstopping blooms.



bloomingbackyard.com



GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

- [Flower Show Course III](#), April 13 - 16, Doubletree, Plymouth Meeting, PA
- [GCFP Convention](#), April 21 - 23, Monroeville, PA
- [Keystone Gardener](#) - Catch up on all the GCFP news and info with the online newsletter.



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MINI PURPLE HILL IRIS BULB

Sally Smith has shared that her mini purple iris bulb from our fall bulb giveaway has bloomed!



SAVE THE DATE

Please note date change.

DISTRICT I

Presidents' Luncheon

Friday, June 9, 2023 at 11 a.m.
Meeting | Lunch | Presentation | Tour

STROUD 902 Spencer Road
Avondale
WATER RESEARCH CENTER

All District I Garden Club Members
are invited to attend.
Presidents are guests of District I.

UPCOMING DATES:

- APRIL 5 Business Meeting and Speaker: Jenny Rose Carey
- 14 Club Trip: Shofuso Japanese House Garden
- 19 Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Gwen Puglisi's House
- 21-23 GCFP Convention, Monroeville, PA
- 22 Earth Day
- 28 Arbor Day
- 27 Ryan's Case for Smiles

