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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Members!

I hope that you had a wonderful summer and are enjoying every bit of it.

Thanks to our amazing board, we have a great lineup of speakers, designs, trips, and workshops that we hope you will enjoy. Our **Welcome Back** meeting is **September 6** at the Trinity Episcopal Church. The hospitality committee has arranged a *French Country Capple* themed event with fun facts and trivia.

This year will be special for me after the loss of my mother and WWGC member, Maureen. We joined the club together, and we enjoyed it so much. I would like to make this year the best to honor her. If you have new ideas or suggestions, please let me know. I want to make it a wonderful year, not just for her but for all of you amazing members!

With this new year we would like to focus on community involvement and new member recruitment. To start that, we will be participating in the Upper Merion Farmers Market on Saturday, September 9, and Saturday, September 30. We will need some volunteers, so mark your calendars and be on the look out for additional information. Also, remember to feel free to bring a friend, neighbor, colleague or relative to a meeting this year and show them why we are the best kept secret in town!

The District I Meeting and Luncheon is on **September 13**, hosted by The Spade and Trowel Garden Club. It will be at the Kennett Square Golf & Country Club. There will be an interesting speaker, and there are always great raffle items. Rumor has it there is an award for the club with the most attendance, so if you are free please consider joining me. Registration is due by **September 1**, so don't delay.

I look forward to a fabulous **2023-2024** year with you!

~ Colleen

JUNE DINNER RECAP

Our June Dinner was a great success with meeting info, committee reports, awards, delicious food and enjoyable social time.

Congratulations are due to a few members who received outstanding awards this year.

- Nancy Bruhns, who was honored as the District I Perennial Bloom Awardee!
- **Gwen Puglisi** for her NGC top award in Floral Design for her Fall Centerpiece Workshop, which also earned the club a \$100 prize.
- **Donna Brody** for winning our Spring Challenge, visiting 16 of the American Garden Capital gardens.

Thank you to Ellen McGarrigle and her Social Events Committee for a lovely event.













DISTRICT I ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON AND AWARDS

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Kennett Square Country Club



Hosted by: Spade and Trowel Club Presenter: Claire Agre, RLA, ASLA

Landscape Architect

Topic: "Microcosms: Gardens and

Landscapes of Unknown

Studio Landscape Architecture

& Urban Design LLC"

DISTRICT I AWARDS TO BE ANNOUNCED:

Forget Me Not
Exceptional Horticulturists
District I Director Special Recognition
Perennial Bloom
Laurels

Look for registration form and info in your email.





UPPER MERION FARMERS MARKET Nor-View Farm Park

670 N Henderson Road, King of Prussia

Saturday, September 9 Saturday, September 30

Contact Colleen Gassert to Volunteer regan.colleen@gmail.com



Upper Merion
FARMERS MARKET

King of Prussia

WWGC's FIRST TRIP Friday, September 22

Bus Trip to:

Grounds for Sculpture

9 a.m.

UM Community Center Pool

Parking Lot

\$25 for Senior Center Members \$30 for non Members

Includes bus and admission.

Lunch is on your own.

Sign up at the UM Community Center
Senior Center area and/or contact
Pat Holden pat_holden@hotmail.com

www.groundsforsculpture.org

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WHAT'S NEW AT McKAIG

<u>Adopt a Tree Program</u> <u>Girl</u> and <u>Boy</u> Scout Badge Programs

Aug. 30 Once in a Blue Moon Hike - 7:45 - 9:15 pm

Sept. 28 <u>History Hike 1</u> Oct. 1 <u>Guided "Walk in Penn's Woods"</u>

Oct. 8 8th Annual Trail Race, Monkey Rock Miler, Cook-off and Fun 2023

27 Deer Resistant Perennial Plants For Your Garden

Thinking of adding some perennials to your garden, but live in a place where deer roam freely? Fear not! There are actually a number of different perennials that deer will avoid. In this article, Certified Master Gardener Laura Elsner shares her favorite deer-resistant perennials that you can add to your garden!



HOW TO CARE FOR HYDRANGEAS AFTER THEY BLOOM IN SUMMER

Fertilizing hydrangeas in the early spring before they flower can help create stronger and more vibrant bloom sets. Avoid fertilizing hydrangeas after they finish blooming.



Welcome Back Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 - 7 PM
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

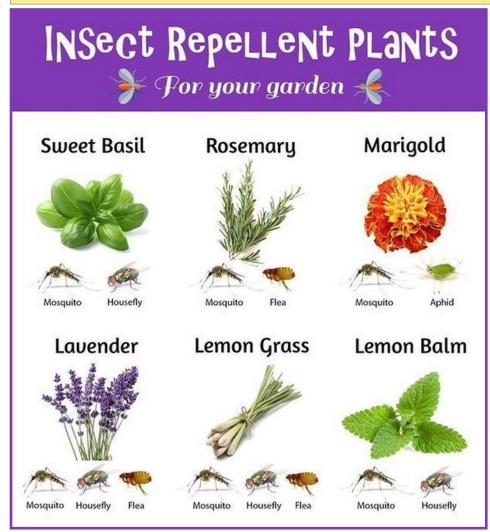
French Country Apple

Enjoy a fun meeting with apple fun facts and trivia.

After the meeting and social,
Committee Chairs will break out with their committee members and review responsibilities.



Hosted by the Hospitality, Membership & Social Events Committee









GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYSLVANIA

Congratulations to our new GCFP President Leeanna Ryba. Her theme for her tenure is "Plant America, While Keeping PA Beautiful," with emphasis on recycling, reusing, and litter clean-up projects.

Keystone Gardener - Catch up on all the GCFP news and info with the online newsletter.



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WATCH THIS AMAZING VIDEO OF A BLUEBIRD BUILDING A NEST!



The Bluebird usually nests fairly low (2-20' above the ground). Nests, built mostly be females, is loosely constructed cub of weeds, twigs, and dry grass, lined with finer grass, sometimes with animal hair or feathers.

See Video HERE

don't forget to pay your ANNUAL DUES

\$60 payable at the first meeting on September 6

UPCOMING DATES:

- Sept. 6 Welcome Back Meeting and Social Trinity Episcopal Church
 - 9 UM Farmers Market
 - 13 District I Annual Meeting & Luncheon Kennett Square Golf & Country Club
 - 20 Club Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. hosted by Libby and Susan at Susan's house
 - 22 Trip# 1 Grounds for Sculpture
 - 30 UM Farmers Market
 - Oct. 4 Business Meeting and Presentation: "Pruning Like the Pros"
 - 7 UM Community Fair & Fall Festival