

Gettysburg Garden Club News

March 2015



Gardener to Gardener

It's almost Spring! Some of us have seen our first robin, and we have set our clocks ahead one hour. We have more hours of daylight and therefore much is going on in the soil beneath our feet to prepare for the growing season. It is a time of promise and potential! Gettysburg Garden Club members can both look back with a sense of accomplishment and look forward to a new season of activity.

Looking back we have reason to be proud; first for the most successful Holiday Greens Sale and just last week to the District IV Flower Show in which two of our members had major roles. Barbara Brand was co-chair and Connie Holland chair of staging and horticulture. Both of them were crucial to the show's success and performed their duties masterfully under very challenging conditions. We are in awe of what they accomplished. Also, several of our members took home prizes in both design and horticulture. Bravo to each one of you.

Now it is time to look forward. We anticipate a most interesting program this month. You will see more about it below. Don't miss it! We shall be launching our Find It-Fix It contest for residents of the 17325 zip code in partnership with the *Gettysburg Times*. Check for the announcement about the contest in the paper soon. Our Memorandum of Understanding with the Elm Street Program for the watering of our baskets and planters in our Downtown Flower Project has been signed by them and we now await signature from our other partner, the Borough of Gettysburg. This will remove a huge financial burden from us, and we can again look forward to this much appreciated project.

The future is looking bright. As we go forward I am hoping that each of you will find joy in your membership and a sense of meaning in everything you do for your club.

Carol Heiser

The Executive Board will meet at 11:15 a.m. at the Gettysburg Fire Station.

CALENDAR

March 27-29, Hagerstown Garden Club hosts Art in Bloom at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown, MD; Preview Party on Friday, March 27. This is a ticketed event; however, there is no fee for participating in the Floral Design event. Garden Clubs, individuals and schools are invited to create a floral arrangement interpreting an assigned piece of art or sculpture.

This is a great outlet for creative expression without being judged and the floral designs will be displayed all weekend. For further information contact Julie Wright, Orientation Chair, 1149 The Terrace, Hagerstown, MD 21742, 301-991-6462, or JulieWright@myactv.net.

District IV Meeting, Thursday, April 9, at the Bent Creek Country Club, 620 Bent Creek Drive, Lititz, PA. Hosted by Town and Country Garden Club of Lancaster. Program is by Stephanie Cohen, "The Perennial Diva". \$35, Deadline March 26. Contact Janis Hohenwarter, janbhoh@comcast.net, 717-786-7501.

GCFP Convention - April 29-21 Erie PA. See *Keystone Gardener* for information.

BIRTHDAYS

March Birthdays: Peg Vasey (3-3), Caryl O’Gara (13), Regina Hollar (26), Eileen Holmes (30), Julie Davis (17), Jean Simpson (19), and Linda Spellman (31).

April birthdays: Judy Bugert (2), Kathy Gelner (4), Jane Scott (5), Joan Roberts (8), Sue Wilson (10), Crystal Groves (13), Martha Keckler (21), Barbara Spicer (20), Alice Boeshore (25), and Jo Rice (25).

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In case of inclement weather, if Adams County schools are closed, our meeting will be canceled. If the schools opening is delayed, the meeting will take place as planned.

Check email for notification and the phone chain will be activated for non-email members.

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 26 AT 1 P.M.

The March 26 meeting has two parts. The first is a short meeting at 1 pm at the Fire Station followed by refreshments. After the meeting, at 2-2:15 pm, we will car pool to Brent’s Hydroponic Greenhouses for a tour. Wear walking shoes (see note below) and dress casual. There will be standing during the tour.

Bill and Trish Brent grow a variety of hydroponic vegetables year round. Hydroponics is a method of growing plants using nutrient solutions in water without soil.

Their address is 138 Brent Road, Fairfield, 17320. Driving directions: Route 116 west into Fairfield. Turn left on McGinley -Tract Road (road to Willow Pond Farm). Go less than 1 mile to Brent Road on left. Turn left and they are near the end of the road on the left. NOTE: Their driveway is NOT paved and can be muddy.

Produce (lettuce and tomatoes) may be purchased at the farm. See www.brentsberrymfarm.com for details.

We hope you will find this outing informative and rejuvenating with spring on the way.

Jenny Waybright

HOSPITALITY

Thanks go to Kathy Gelner, Lorraine Farmer, and Connie Farabaugh for the February refreshments.

EDITOR’S NOTES AND IMPORTANT INFO

If you have information for the newsletter, you may send to me by email at ch78bmw@centurylink.net or by phone.

Special Note: Please be mindful of today’s very problematic identity theft and email hacking by shredding any discarded newsletters, and especially yearbooks, since they contain personal member information. Thanks.

Connie Holland

YORK FLOWER SHOW

The York Flower Show weather did not defeat District IV Club members! Luckily we set up the staging on Wednesday before the blizzard storm that canceled Thursday's registration. Final setup and registration took place early Friday morning before judging. Special thanks go to Horticulture team members Betty Holloway and Fran Koch of the Biglerville GC for braving elements on an early morning (6 am for Betty!) drive in hazardous road conditions to reach the Fairgrounds in York on Friday.

Despite the extreme cold, entrants brought 75 horticulture entries plus some 57 designs! Judging was slightly delayed with design judging starting while we finished staging the horticulture. Gettysburg GC members' entries all won awards in horticulture with our designers also winning ribbons.

Connie Holland

Tillandsia - Connie Holland



Geranium - Lynn Skopic



Maidenhair Fern - Connie



Cacti & Succulents - Connie





Goldfish Plant - Barbara Brand



Succulents - Connie



Robin & Terry - Club Competition 3rd



Cornelia - Bistro Table HM



Robin - Petite Class 3rd



Robin - Creative Design 1st



Caryl O'Gara - Creative Design (late entry unfortunately not judged)