

Gettysburg Garden Club News

September 2015



Gardener to Gardener

[NOTE: The Executive Board will be meeting at 11 am before the regular meeting.](#)

Warmest greetings to each and every one of you!

I hope all of you had an enjoyable summer and that this first newsletter of the 2015-2016 Club year finds you well and enthusiastic about the exciting months to come. Though our first meeting is not until September 24, I want you to know that our executive board met to plan for this coming year and have continued doing their important jobs despite the fact that we did not have club meetings in July and August. My deepest thanks to this great team!

Several of our important committees also have been working hard and accomplishing much in preparation for the year ahead. Kudos to all of you who have taken turns working on Lincoln Square. Under Linda Golembieski's excellent leadership, both the Square and our Downtown Flower Project continue to make a significant contribution to the atmosphere in our town's center. I recently wrote a letter to the editor of the *Gettysburg Times* thanking our partners in the Downtown Flower Project for their vital contributions to our efforts. I hope you had a chance to see it. The pots around the Fire Department are also a lovely reflection of our gratitude to that organization for their generosity in allowing us to hold our meetings in their community room.

Lorraine Farmer and the Yard of the Month Committee have done an outstanding job in choosing monthly winners and writing about their choices for the paper. Thanks to Karen Szoke, the publicity in the *Gettysburg Times* about them has been remarkable, too. Connie Holland has written articles of great interest for that publication as well, and we are very proud of her ability to educate the public on horticultural topics that are of great interest to many. Congratulations and thanks to Connie.

Sue Wilson has taken over the preparation of our yearbook and she has those ready to go for us for our first meeting. Jenny Waybright spent many hours planning our programs for the upcoming year and Rita Bennett has been organizing for our Ways and Means projects. Many of our members have been assisting Barbara Brand in preparations for the CAR conference that will be held in Gettysburg in late October. Whew! We are not a lazy bunch, are we?

I hope you continue finding great value in being a part of Gettysburg Garden Club. We all look for ways to give back for all of the blessing and privileges we enjoy, and this Club is certainly a wonderful place to do so. I look forward to seeing you on September 24.

Carol Heiser

BIRTHDAYS

September birthdays are: Barb Gilliam (4), Peggy Reynolds (6), Donald Smith (8), Nancy Esterly (11), Sue Williams (12), Ruth Bream (18), Darlene Lyons (19), Roy Thomas (22), and Gloria Yohe (22).

October birthdays are: Pat Harrison (20), Cindy Wilcox (19), and Cornelia Saltzman (22).

HOSPITALITY

Each of the Club's meetings is always of interest and a happy gathering of members and friends. Of course the hospitality committees always enhance our getting together. I wish to thank in advance the "chairs" for each month and their helpers. Also, may I urge you all to have FUN creating the hospitality tables and to make such as SIMPLE (or lavish if you will) as you would prefer. Please refer to the Yearbook for each month's hospitality committee listing and for an outline of the specific duties (also shown below). Please call me if there are any questions.

The following information from our yearbook serves to refresh our understanding of tasks and the responsibilities for the monthly hospitality. All members of the monthly group share in 'setting the table'. Setting the table is a group responsibility and should not fall solely to the monthly Chair.

The Hospitality Chair for each month coordinates with her committee of four or five members to provide simple refreshments plus beverage, paper napkins, plates, cups, serving plates and utensils, and a centerpiece for the buffet table. The Club owns two washable tablecloths for each committee to use as it wishes. When one of the tablecloths is used, the Chair of that month is responsible for washing it, if needed, then delivering it to the next month's Chair (may bring to the meeting or deliver ahead of the meeting). The Hospitality Chair retains the second tablecloth.

An important aspect to remember is that if you are a monthly-designated hostess and cannot serve when listed, you are responsible to alert your monthly Chair, and you are responsible to find a substitute or switch with someone else.

Cornelia Saltzman

DAHLIA SHOW

The Dahlia Society Show was held recently at the library in Biglerville. Our Robin Bleckwehl won two awards: first on her creative arrangement and a second on her miniature design that was less than 6 inches tall.



Congratulations to Robin!

CALENDAR

\$\$\$\$\$ GGC Membership dues should have been paid by now. If not, please see Caryl O’Gara or mail to her at 220 Kingsgate Court, Gettysburg.

“A Floral Explosion!” 2015 Central Atlantic Region (CAR) Annual Conference - October 25-27, 2015, Wyndham Gettysburg Conference Center, Gettysburg, PA. Hosted by the Garden Club Federation of PA. More info and registration: www.ngcar.org or www.pagardenclubs.org. DEADLINE for registration is September 25. Our Barbara Brand is chair for this event so let’s show our support and attend.

Plus, immediately following the CAR Conference, the 2015 Regional Flower Show Judge’s Symposium will be held at the same location listed above. A separate registration is needed for that event and can be found at the noted websites.

OUR NEXT MEETING – September 24

Our next meeting is “Bring Out the Garlic”. “Let food be thy medicine, and medicine be thy food.” Words from Hippocrates often called the father of western medicine.

Fabio Carella, a talented up and coming young chef, will be presenting our September meeting. He is passionate about using local ingredients and incorporating the freshest ones available. Fabio’s presentation will cover the history of garlic, interesting gardening facts about garlic, its positive health effects, different garlic types and how to prepare them to bring out the best flavors. This month’s program will be a tasteful one not to miss.

Jenny Waybright

WAYS AND MEANS

Hello from the newly installed Ways and Means Committee. There are "some REALLY big shoes" to fill as Robin Bleckwehl and her associates did an incredible job for so many years and set the standard high. Our goal will be to follow in their footsteps as we plan the 2015-2016 year.

There will be a "Fall Members Only Yard Sale" at the October 22 meeting. This will be a good time to check your garage, tool shed, attic for garden items you no longer need but would be useful to other garden club members. This could also be a good time to check your Christmas storage areas for materials that would be appropriate for the December 5 Christmas Greens and Gourmet Gifts Sale.

For this most important fundraiser, members can start to dry important plants, especially yellow yarrow, that works so well in our wreaths and arrangements. Creative holiday-themed arts and crafts are needed to increase our product base for the Christmas sale. Please be on the lookout for seasonal mugs, sleighs, containers for live plants and arrangements, and more that will be used during the weeklong workshops Monday, November 30 to December 4.

We look forward to working with you as we have another successful, fun-filled year.

Rita Bennett, Chair, Ways and Means Committee
Robin Kendlehart and Linda Spellman, Co-chairs, Christmas Greens Sale
Connie Holland and Charlotte Melchiorre, Gourmet Gifts Sale
Kathleen Murphy, Spring Perennial Plant Sale

EDITOR’S NOTES AND OTHER INFORMATION

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