

Gettysburg Garden Club News

March 2016

Gardener to Gardener



For those of you who missed the District IV Flower Show earlier this month I want to tell you how impressed you can be with Gettysburg Garden Club's role in that event. As you know Connie Holland was in charge of all horticulture and overall show staging. The entries in horticulture made a beautiful, informative, and motivating display for all who attended. In addition to bringing home ribbons in that area, Club members also distinguished themselves and won ribbons for some beautiful floral designs.

Caryl O'Gara, who shares her talents as a judge and floral designer so graciously with others, was richly rewarded for her "show-stopper" entry with several award ribbons, the Peggy Reynolds award and lots of praise from people who viewed the show. We did our part as hostesses too. Last, but definitely not least, the nesting balls that we made at our last meeting went like proverbial "hotcakes", all for the benefit of District IV's treasury. We thank all of our members who participated. We are so very proud of you.

Thankfully, the sun has been shining for the last two days and it reminds us of the wonderful season ahead. For our Club it means that there will be many fun and worthwhile events and projects in which we can all find a place to be involved. Whether it is finding something to contribute to our member's only yard sale, joining the committee or providing plants for our Spring plant sale, becoming a "rider" with our Yard of the Month committee or answering the 'call' when Linda Golembieski sends out the word that our activity on Lincoln Square is ready to begin, your involvement is crucial to our success. We look forward to each and every one of you finding ways to enjoy working alongside your garden club friends to do fun and meaningful work for the benefit of our mission: to stimulate interest in gardening and kindred subjects in ourselves and our community.

Reminder: The Executive Board will meet at 11:15 before our meeting on March 24.

Carol Heiser

CALENDAR

District IV Meeting, Thursday, April 7, at Harmony Hall/Karen's Catering, 1400 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown PA 17057. Hosted by the Garden Club of Harrisburg. Cost is \$30. Deadline is March 23. Program is George Weigel "Gardening in PA is not for Wimps". Contact Sally Bowen, 22 Harrise Drive, Harrisburg, PA. 17112-1822. Phone 717-545-1805, E-mail: sbowen22@comcast.net.

GCFP Convention See *Keystone Gardener* for information.

Memorial Service for member Betty Fulmer, is at 11 am, Saturday April 9, at St. James Lutheran Church. Reception will follow.

BIRTHDAYS

March Birthdays: Peg Vasey (3-3), Caryl O'Gara (13), Regina Hollar (26), 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), Linda Kane-Taylor (16), Connie Wehler (17), Martha Keckler Caudill (21), Barbara Spicer (20), Alice Boeshore (25), and Jo Rice (25).

**NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 24 AT 1 P.M.
“In Search of the Perfect Perennial”**

Now that we feel spring is in the air, and the warmth of the sun has melted the snow, we turn our attention to being outdoors, and for me, it is being in the yard. For many a gardener there is the constant quest for the next perfect perennial to enhance our landscape around our home. Ashcombe Farm and Greenhouse in Mechanicsburg will be sending a representative to share information and provide some new suggestions and ideas for our spring gardens. They will touch on what is new, what is trending this year, and will be available to answer questions. Looking forward to seeing you.

Jenny Waybright

HOSPITALITY

Thanks go to Linda Golembieski, Chair, and her committee Connie Farabaugh, Crystal Groves, and Charlotte Melchiorre for delicious treats with a butterfly theme.



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.

Connie Holland

YORK FLOWER SHOW

The weather cooperated this year for a great flower show (last year we braved a blizzard). We had 188 horticulture entries and 60 designs. Every GGC member won awards. Congratulations to those who participated.

Photos of award winners follow.

Caryl O' Gara won the top Design Excellence awards and the Peggy Reynolds Creative Design Award for her very creative tubular design.

In a tubular design, the emphasis is to be the tubes with the flowers secondary. Caryl nailed it!



Linda Spellman won second on her creative design.





Rita Bennett won Honorable Mention on her Bistro Table design.

Donna Almquist won third in the Novice design class. >>>



Kay Hoch won first place on her miniature design.

Kay also won second place on her underwater design. >>>>>





Connie Holland won the Growers Choice Award and first place on her cacti terrarium.

She also won several first and second awards on her other horticulture entires.



Connie also won a Special Award on her Educational Exhibit about *Tillandsia* air plants.



Barbara Brand won first on her cyclamen.



Caryl O' Gara won first on her African Violet.



Kay Hoch won second on her Rex Begonia.

Barbara Brand won second on her fern. >>>>>



WAYS AND MEANS

Spring Members Only Yard Sale - Thursday, March 24, in the Fire Department lobby, from 12 noon to 1pm.

Members should deliver their contributed items before the sale and take home what does not sell.

****IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION******Spring Perennial Plant Sale UPDATE for your Yearbook**

New Date: Saturday, May 21
New Time: 8 am to 2 pm
New Location: Parking lot of Gettysburg Fire Station
35 N. Stratton Avenue

Dates for potting workshop are weather dependent.

Location: Edie Reinhart's barn, 480 Table Rock Road

Monday, May 9

9:00 am to 2:00 pm - Setup in the morning, members bring plants, potting begins.

Tuesday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 11

Continue potting if necessary.

Friday, May 20

9 am - Price and prepare plants for sale.

1 pm - Load members' vehicles with plants for sale.

Sale morning, May 21

7 am - Deliver plants to Fire Station and set up for sale.

Monday, May 23

9 am - Clean up and move out of Edie's barn.

Rita Bennett
Ways & Means Chair