

Gettysburg Garden Club News

January 2019



Gardener to Gardener

Dear friends,

First of all, I would like to extend my wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year to each of you! Can you believe that we are almost twenty years out from the caution and concern of Y2K? Wow, where has the time gone? Next, I would like to say once more what an outstanding sale we had in December! A heartfelt "thank you" goes to Robin Kendlehart, Betty Pue, Pam Haze, Connie Holland, Charlotte Melchiorre and all our wonderful volunteers! You are awesome!

I also must thank the executive board for their creativity in hosting our annual membership Christmas Tea. We had scrumptious refreshments, beautiful table arrangements and warm fellowship. It was a delightful afternoon and hopefully a just reward for the dazzling work that went into the Christmas Greens and Gourmet Gift sale!

Our programs are changing this winter and spring to accommodate the rescheduling of Claire Jones's original presentation "A White House Christmas." Claire's program now will be presented at our April meeting. Our January program is by Club member and Master Gardener, Connie Holland, and is all about "Bugs, The Good, The Bad and Unusual." Bring your questions about your troublesome pests.

I have flower show schedules for the District IV Flower Show in York on March 1, 2, 3, 2019. Please contact me (717-337-9030) as soon as possible if you would like one before our meeting and I will get one to you. I apologize that these were not distributed sooner. Remember, you do not need to pre-register if you are entering the horticulture competition. Pre-registration is required for designs.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 24th and until then stay warm and enjoy planning your spring projects.

Happy gardening!

The executive board will meet at 11:15 am.

Karen Szoke

OUR NEXT MEETING – January 24 at 1 pm

Happy New Year Fellow Garden Club members! Due to our weather cancellation back in last November, we have made some adjustments to the program calendar for the remainder of the Club year.

The original January program about birdhouses is cancelled. Originally scheduled for April, our January program is "Bugs, The Good, The Bad and Unusual," presented by member Connie Holland. April's program will be presented by Claire Jones, returning to tell us more about her experiences decorating the White House.

Also, please note that our March 2019 meeting will be a week earlier than usual – on March 21. This is due to the Fire Department needing our meeting space.

Linda Spellman

HORTICULTURE - YORK FLOWER SHOW

The District IV Flower Show is coming March 1-3 at the York Fairgrounds. There are eleven garden clubs in our district entering this judged show. As staging and horticulture chair, I encourage GGC members to enter horticulture at this show. There are over fifty horticulture classes to consider entering: potted blooming plants such as orchid, amaryllis, cyclamen or violet, potted foliage-only plants such as fern, ivy, cactus and succulents, arboreal cut stems that includes needled and broad leaf evergreens, and spring bulb cut flower specimens, to name just a few.

Registration is Thursday, February 28, from 2 - 6 pm at Memorial Hall located in the York Fairgrounds. Enter from the Market Street gate (Route 462). The hall building is on the immediate right. This show receives thousands of visitors each year who look forward to seeing the horticulture and floral design entries. Full entry information and show schedules will be will be at the January meeting for those who are interested.

Connie Holland

BIRTHDAYS

January: Ann Gilbert (2), Charlotte Melchiorre (2), Rita Bennett (6), Chris Stoken (19), Pat Hinkle (20), and Betty Schulteis (24).

February: Dotty Fidler (8), Betsy Meyer (9), Terry Cabana (13), Robin Bleckwehl (15), Jean Holder (21), and Grace Zaveckas (23)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Welcome to new member Lynne Hershey. Please add her info to your yearbook: address, 30 Ridgewood Trail, Gettysburg, phone, 551-427-5248, emai, lshershey@gmail.com. Caryl O'Gara has a new phone number, 717-398-2202.

In this unfortunate era of hacking and identity theft, please protect the personal membership information contained in yearbooks. Email, address and phone numbers provide useful information to hackers.

Sadly, a long time former member, Pat Harrison, passed away last fall. Rita Bennett learned this information from Facebook.

WAYS AND MEANS

Success!

Success is the only word that can describe our 2018 Christmas Green and Gourmet Gift sale! The Club earned a new record profit of **\$9158**. The positive energy and willingness of those who volunteered to work as a cohesive team prevailed from start to finish. Experienced members shared knowledge and supported new members in designing and creating many amazing arrangements and wreaths. New members provided fresh ideas and methods. It truly was a wonderful week capped off by another profitable fundraiser for our Club. Thanks to all who contributed greens, mugs, supplies, time, food and fun! What a wonderful kick off to the Holiday Season.

Appreciatively,
Robin Kendlehart, Ways & Means Chair
Betty Pue and Pam Haze, Sale Co-chairs

Gourmet Gifts Record Profit

At the beginning of the greens sale, we were swamped with buyers of the gourmet gifts and greens items. Before 11 am we had some bare tables! We were done earlier than ever before with almost nothing left unsold. Thanks to everyone who came through with wonderfully wrapped goodies and especially the fudge! It was our best seller. We even took back orders on catnip stockings.

Overall we sold a new fantastic new record **\$1311 in Gourmet Gifts only**. Congratulations to all the members who so wonderfully contributed to this fantastic success. We could not have done this without your contributions.

Connie Holland and Charlotte Melchiorre
Gourmet Gifts Co-chairs

CALENDAR

District IV Flower Show "Imagination" - Part of the **PA Garden Show of York**, to be held at Memorial Hall, York Fairgrounds, March 1-3. Hours are 10 am- 8 pm Friday and Saturday, and 10-5 pm Sunday. Advance discount tickets will be available at GGC's January and meetings.

Philadelphia Flower Show - Takes place in March. Visit their website for information.

Annual Hagerstown MD Garden Show - The Hagerstown Community College Alumni Association will present their annual gardening event on Saturday, March 16, and Sunday, March 17, at the College's Community Center. The event will be held on Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. A variety of gardening vendors take part in the show. Numerous plant vendors attend this show. Entry fee is \$5.00.

District IV Meeting Thursday, April 17 - Hosted by Penn-Cumberland Garden Club at The Lodge at Liberty Forge, 3804 Lisburn Road, Mechanicsburg PA, 17955. Program information will be available at a later date.

Daffodil Flower Show, April 27-28 - From 2- 6 pm at the First Lutheran Church, 43 West Washington St., Chambersburg PA, presented by the Chambersburg GC and Tuscarora Daffodil Society.

EDITOR'S NOTES AND OTHER INFO

Inclement Weather Policy - We meet if the schools are open. If there is a school opening delay we meet at the usual time of 1 pm. No school, no meeting. Also check email for updates.

Connie Holland