

Gettysburg Garden Club News

May 2019



Gardener to Gardener

Greeting friends!

Spring has finally arrived and I don't know about you, but I can hardly catch my breath with all the work to be done in my flower gardens. This is what we live for, right? RIGHT! Enjoy yourselves but make plans to attend our upcoming events.

This is a busy time, but it is really my favorite time for Garden Club because I get to work side by side with all of you. And for me, that is the best part of being a member of our Club; getting to know you better as we make our fair town beautiful.

We will be planting Lincoln Square on May 16, our Spring Perennial Plant Sale is May 18th, and our May 23 meeting will be rolling around soon. Be sure to get signed up for the June 27 Installation of Officers Luncheon, which is sure to be delicious and fun.

Linda Spellman has planned a very timely program on invasive plants. Bring your burning questions about 'what are' and 'how to' deal with these troublesome plants. We will vote on the slate of officers that was presented in April at our May meeting and the Scholarship Committee will present the scholarship winners for 2019. I am so proud that our club is able to fund three \$1,000 scholarships. I believe that here in south central Pennsylvania, we are the only club giving this much towards youth education.

And one last reminder: Please consider helping the Gleaning Project (717-884-8373) as you harvest your vegetable garden this summer. If you find yourself with excess, please give them a call and pass it on to our local food bank.

I believe that just about covers it! I will see you soon.

Karen Szoke

Executive Board will meet at 11:15.

CALENDAR

Spring Sale - May 18 at the Fire Station Parking lot. [All members needed for helping with the sale.](#) Setup starts at 7 am. Sale starts at 8 am. Contact Betsy Meyer to volunteer and for additional information.

Installation Luncheon - June 27, from noon until 2 pm at the Gettysburg Hotel. All members are invited to attend the installation of newly elected GGC officers. The Club is underwriting a portion of the luncheon so the cost to members is only \$15. Park for free at the Fire Department parking lot or pay to use the hotel garage.

GCFP Board Meeting - June 3 & 4 at State College.

OUR NEXT MEETING – May 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Penn State Extension Master Gardener Margaret Stoddard will present a program on invasive plants. Learn what plants to avoid and why.

HORTICULTURE

It's Sawfly larvae time - Do you see your Columbine leaves (*Aquilegia*) disappearing, leaving only stems? The culprit may be the larvae of the Sawfly. These incredibly tiny green worms are feeding machines that can defoliate a plant in no time! Don't be fooled into thinking a rabbit is nibbling at your plants.

You will probably never see the adult Sawfly. I have looked for this very tiny wasp-like critter and have never seen one (see photo). If you have only a few plants, wear gloves or be brave barehanded and just squish the tiny larvae. Otherwise, a spray of a contact or chewing insecticide will get rid of them. **BE SURE** to read the insecticide label and follow directions and use proper personal protection. Apply at dusk to avoid harming valuable pollinators.

The photos below show just how tiny the larvae appear and the type of damage they inflict. If not stopped, an entire plant's leaves can be consumed in short time. If that happens, wait out the larvae's development cycle and then severely cut back the plants. They will regrow foliage nicely to keep the plant developing, but will not re-bloom this year.



Damage

Tiny larvae are eating machines!



You may never see the tiny wasp. If you had larvae last year, you WILL get them again this year!

Connie Holland

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May birthdays are: Ali Paluzzi (5), Beth Hoffman (9), Kay Hoch (11), Michael Geiner (27), Mary Deignan (28), and Dorothy Long (30).

HOSPITALITY

Thanks go to Pat Hinkle (chair) and Donna Almquist, Linda Golembieski, Rita Bennett, and Kathy Murphy for the refreshments. Unfortunately there is no photo this month.

WAYS & MEANS

SPRING PLANT SALE

Friday, May 17

Load plants into members' vehicles.

Saturday, May 18 at 7 am - Sale set up and working the sale

- Set up Fire Station parking lot for sale, organize plant sale tables.
- WORK THE SALE, 8 am - 2 pm.
 - \$ Cashiers.
 - Assist customers to select plants.
 - Tidy up plants and sale area.
 - Clean up Fire Station after the sale.
 - Organize left over plants for distribution to community service groups.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee announced the three 2019 GGC Scholarship awardees:

Fritz Meixner - Will graduate from Bermudian Springs High School in June, and is the President of the Class of 2019. He will attend University of Montana in the fall and major in Environmental Engineering. Fritz is the son of Rebecca Meixner.

Samantha Schulteis - Will graduate from Biglerville High School in June, and is the President of the Class of 2019. Samantha will attend Penn State and major in Environmental Science. Samantha is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Winn Schulteis.

Cody Smith - Graduated from New Oxford High School in June of 2018 having earned Distinguished Honors and Perfect Attendance throughout high school. He will return to Penn State at University Park as a sophomore this fall majoring in Plant Sciences. Cody is the son of Jesse and Julie Smith.

Scholarship Committee
Gloria Yohe, Rita Bennett, Deb Steckler, Patricia Richardson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Over 40 members have not renewed dues.

***** Changes to our liability insurance provided by the Garden Club Federation of PA (GCFP) are such that if we have an incident leading to liability, and have any unpaid members, we are not covered by the insurance.**

With this change, if dues are unpaid, we cannot list you in the yearbook as a member. Deadline for paying dues is now May 30. Please submit your dues payment if you have not done so.

Please submit dues using the form on page 5.

Connie Holland

You're Invited to Celebrate the Installation of
New Gettysburg Garden Club Officers

Thursday, June 27, 2019

12:00 – 2:00 PM Cost: \$15.00

The Gettysburg Hotel

RSVP to Linda Spellman **before June 15, 2019** at
middourl@yahoo.com with lunch choice

- #1. Gorgonzola Salad (spinach, romaine & radicchio with dried cranberries, candied pecans & gorgonzola cheese with poppyseed dressing)
- #2. Chef's Salad (mixed greens with capicola ham, marinated chicken, salami, cheddar & provolone cheese, tomato, cucumbers & chopped egg with choice of dressing)
- #3. Grilled Salmon Salad (mixed greens, grilled salmon, green beans, fingerling potatoes, diced tomato & cucumber, feta cheese dressing)



Renew your membership by May 30

Dues are due!
Active members dues are \$25. Sustaining dues are \$30.

PLEASE FILL OUT EVERY LINE

CURRENT INFO IS NEEDED FOR YEARBOOK

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Birthday: Day and Month only _____

Please print Email: _____

Circle One: Active Member - \$25 Sustaining Member - \$30

[Bring to the May 23 meeting or return with payment to:](#)

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