



## Upcoming Events

Gardens on the Go  
Nearby Gardens  
July 11, 2022

Norristown Garden Contest  
Judging  
July 13, 2022  
Pavilion at the Norristown  
Farm Park

Time for Tea Flower Show and  
Craft Market  
September 10, 2022  
Central Schwenkfelder Church  
Lansdale, PA

## Garden Poem

Kind hearts are the gardens,  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the flowers.  
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden  
And keep out the weeds,  
Fill it with sunshine,  
Kind words and Kind deeds.

....H. W. Longfellow



Garden of Love at Chateau de Villandry,  
Villandry, France  
Photo from Love These Pics.

# Garden Clippings



Norristown Garden Club  
Newsletter

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## Message from Our President

Happy Summer! After two years of cancellations and coming up with creative ways to keep the club going due to the pandemic, it has been a fun year with the Norristown Garden Club.

Many people enjoyed the spectacular “Make Mine Music” Fall Flower Show, as well as the interesting, informative, and entertaining programs at each of our meetings and luncheons. We had “Show of the Month” entries that were beautiful to behold, and we were proud to recognize the winners of the 2019/2020 and 2021/2022 Jefferson Cups at our June meeting. Also at the June meeting, we were fortunate to be able to give out generous scholarships to deserving candidates who ‘wowed’ us with their enthusiasm and gratitude.

This year there were Gardening Projects, Flower Design Workshops, Horticulture Workshops, Horticultural Therapy Workshops, the Adopt-a-Plant program, which never faltered, and the Lunch ‘n’ Learn program for new members to gain a deeper understanding of our club. Thanks to Caren Puschak’s ability to “think outside of the box” as Chairman of Holiday House, our Covid-restricted tour was a resounding success. As always, it showcased the talents and creativity of our members, but in a different way than in the previous 71 years of our annual fund raiser!

It was so much fun to, once again, enjoy a “covered dish social” for our annual Plant Exchange where everyone went home with at least one plant to enhance their gardens! The much anticipated Garden Tour on June 25th was held on a beautiful sunny day! Thank you to Ana Hartman and her committee for organizing and re-organizing that very special event over the past two years. This fund raiser was well worth the wait!

I extend a great big **Thank You** to **all** of the Chair-people and their committees, as well as to everyone who participated in the all-important hostess duties! You all know that we can’t do what we do without you!!

As always, the 2022-2023 Yearbook will be mailed to everyone in August. Remember that only one copy is planned per club member. Please do not lose or discard your copy as replacements are expensive.

Enjoy the beauty that is nature!

NGC President,  
*Anita Lehman*

## NGC General Meeting

April 13, 2022

How wonderful it was to go to the Cedarbrook Country Club in April and enjoy the club's Spring Luncheon with so many NGC members! It was also wonderful to watch Valerie McLaughlin, a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD) and a teacher, prepare so many beautiful flower arrangements for us and explain her techniques. Members were excited about having the opportunity to take home one of her designs with the raffle that followed!



At the meeting, awards from the 2021 Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Convention were presented to the NGC members who earned them. In all, ten awards for our club were announced at the convention. Good job and congratulations to all those who won! Also at the meeting, new members were welcomed and received roses. Pictures of some of the award winners are from N. Hannum. Pictures of Valerie, her designs, NGC's new and present members courtesy of B. Andon.

## Horticultural Therapy

April 21, 2022

Residents of Providence Place Senior Living at the Collegeville Inn were happy to have NGC members come to their facility to make floral arrangements and corsages with them. Sandy Davis and Dottie MacDermott coordinate the workshops. We thank them and those NGC members who also took the time to work with the residents and brighten their day! Pictures by B. Bynum and H. Bawduniak.



*Just a few of the members who received GCFP awards.*



*Welcome new NGC members!*



*NGC members enjoying their lunch!*



*Providence Place residents wearing the wrist corsages prepared with NGC members.*

## Garden Joke



....Chris Madden Cartoon



*A traditional mass design is a design using plant material in a closed silhouette, with a fully developed focal area, yet defined linear pattern. The design is primarily symmetrical in the form of a sphere, oval, or pyramid. Picture from Beverley Hills Garden Club.*



*Landscape designing tools and garden plan. Both are key to a successful garden!*

## Ronald McDonald House

June 2022

In June, NGC members Nancy Sliner and Barbara Leiby organized the Club's donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. NGC donated six sunflower arrangements and six potted kalanchoe plants to help brighten the spirits of the families residing at the house while their child is in the hospital. Nancy and Barbara thank those who helped and Anita Lehman for providing transportation. Photo by N. Sliner.



## Flower Design Workshop

April 26, 2022

Two Traditional Mass Designs

Barbara Leiby, workshop chair, and Nancy Sliner, NGC member, both prepared a Traditional Mass design using the same set of flowers. These two women are marvelous designers but have very different styles. Following their demonstration, workshop attendees had fun preparing their own Traditional Mass designs. Unfortunately, there are no pictures of any of the designs!

## NGC General Meeting

May 11, 2022

The May meeting was held at the Fairview Village Church. Members enjoyed the lecture given by William Cullina, the F. Otto Haas Executive Director of the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania since 2019. Bill spoke about "The Botany of Design." Bill's beautiful photos and interesting talk revealed his admiration and advocacy for design and excellent use of texture, color, and contrast in the landscape. One key takeaway message from his lecture is that to ensure a successful garden, it is important to first develop a garden plan before purchasing plants or planting the garden!



In May, there also was a Show of the Month entitled, "Spring, Glorious Spring." Members were dazzled by the cascade designs that were entered. Congratulations to all the winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Caren Puschak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rosemarie Hardy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Nemeth, and an Honorable Mention for Rita Conley. Judges for the floral designs were Pat Wolanski and Sue Irwin.



*Blue ribbon winning cascade design.*

Horticulture was not judged, per the Yearbook, but members were wowed by the beauty and variety of the glorious spring exhibits! Pictures are courtesy of A. Lehman.



## Plant Exchange and Covered Dish Social

May 19, 2022



*NGC members surveying the plants offered for exchange prior to making their selection.*



home and gardens for the event!

Long-time friends and chairs of the Plant Exchange and Covered Dish Social, Sandy Davis and Marge Eberz, give each other a hug in front of all the plants brought to the exchange by club members. It was a fun day and there were many beautiful plants to choose from. Thank you Sandy and Marge for coordinating this activity. And thank you Amy Coughlin for providing your lovely

## Paul Fly Elementary School

May 26, 2022



Thank you to those who volunteered to help the Paul Fly Elementary School students create potted plants and to Dottie MacDermott for coordinating the activity. Each student who participated in the activity got to take home the potted plant that they prepared!



## NGC General Meeting

June 8, 2022



*Members enjoying Amy's lovely gardens and helping themselves to the covered dishes made by those who attended the Plant Exchange.*

The June meeting was held at the Variety Club on Potshop Road in Worcester, PA. At the meeting, Portia Potts and Pat McDonnell had the pleasure of introducing two of our three scholarship recipients for 2022. The recipients in attendance were Tara Spears and Calvin Keeys. The third recipient, Daniel Fried-Peterson, was unable to attend the meeting. Both Tara and Calvin described in detail how they became interested in biology and horticulture and what factors led them to decide to become



*Caren Puschak and Lisa Giuffrida (pictured below) helped to create planters in May at The Highlands Mansion, a past Holiday House.*



## Garden Quote

You can lose yourself in a garden and you can find yourself in a garden.

.... YourDictionary



*Garden Contemplation by Sally Rosenbaum.*

professionals in the field. In addition, they spoke very highly of their fathers and how their fathers were instrumental in fostering their interests in biology and in encouraging their educational pursuits. Tara and Calvin are pictured to the right along with their fathers who were also in attendance to celebrate with their children. NGC congratulates these two recipients (and their fathers!) and wishes them the very best in all their future endeavors! Photo courtesy of G. Hunsicker.



At the June meeting, Diane Powell presented the Jefferson Cups for Horticulture and Design for the club's "Show-of-the-Month" annual winners for the years 2019-2020 and 2021-2022. Congratulations ladies!

### 2019-2020

Jefferson Cup #1—Horticulture: Elaine Watters

Jefferson Cup #2—Design: Beth Bynon

Jefferson Cup #3—Design: Ginger Hunsicker

### 2021-2022

Jefferson Cup #4—Horticulture: Rita Conley

Jefferson Cup #5—Design: Karen Nemeth



*Jefferson Cup Winners with Show-of-the-Month Chair, Diane Powell.*

## Philadelphia Flower Show – Ribbon Winners

### June 2022

For many years, the members of the NGC have wowed flower show attendees with their spectacular flower designs and horticulture entries. This year was no exception. Congratulations to the NGC members who won ribbons in this year's Philadelphia Flower Show. Your designs are so beautiful; it is no surprise that you all won ribbons! Keep in mind that it is not too early for you and other NGC members to start thinking about entries for the 2023 Philadelphia Flower Show next March!



Red Ribbon, "Tangled" Miniature Class by S Irwin



Yellow Ribbon, "Tangled" Miniature Class by D. Powell



Blue Ribbon, "Tangled" Miniature Class by B. Stobenau



Yellow Ribbon, "Festive Fronds" by B. Leiby and J. Price



Blue Ribbon, "Chrysalis" Miniature Class by C. Nobil



Yellow Ribbon, "Cufflinks" by M. Bullitt



Yellow Ribbon, "Buzz" Miniature Class by M. Bullitt



## GARDEN TOUR "Blooming in the Country"

June 25, 2022

Gardens were definitely blooming in Norristown and Worcester on June 25 for the club's "Blooming in Country" garden tour. All five gardens included in the tour were enjoyed by all who attended. Ana Maria Hartman and JoAnne Tornambe, the tour's chairs, would like to thank all the NGC members who helped make this tour possible. In addition, they thank the homeowners who volunteered to include their gardens in the tour and all those who attended. Photos of the gardens below and to the left are by B. Bynum and A. M. Hartman.

## Norristown Garden Club



The Norristown Garden Club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.; Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.; and a Charter Member of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (GCFP), District XI. NGC is the largest federated garden club in the state of Pennsylvania.

### Club Membership

Do you know someone who would like to join the NGC? If you do, please consider being their sponsor and contact the club's New Member Chairperson, Ginger Hunsicker, by email at [ginger3131@verizon.net](mailto:ginger3131@verizon.net) or invite them to visit the club's website at [www.norristowngardenclub.org](http://www.norristowngardenclub.org).

### Newsletter Contributions

If you would like to contribute news, photographs, or helpful hints for possible inclusion in the quarterly NGC *Garden Clippings* Newsletter, please contact the editor, Barbara Andon, via email at [barbaraandon@verizon.net](mailto:barbaraandon@verizon.net).



## Horticulture Tips from Marge

### July and August

- Keep flowers deadheaded.
- Water flower beds, container plants, and gardens in early morning.
- Weed gardens and flower beds and apply more mulch, if necessary.
- Water trees by placing a hose close to the trunk of a tree. Allow the water to seep slowly into the ground around the trunk, and water to a depth of one or two inches.
- Keep bird baths filled.
- If you get a rash from poison ivy, apply cider vinegar to the affected area with a cotton ball. It will dry up the rash.
- Evaluate your flower beds. If hot weather was a problem for them, consider planting these heat resistant plants next year: marigolds, dusty miller, geraniums, sedums, cone flowers, black eyed Susan, zinnias, lantanas.
- Start making a list of perennials to buy for the fall.

### September

- Continue weeding, watering, and deadheading flowers.
- Clean up all flower beds.
- Replenish mulch in beds.
- Plant lettuce and radishes. These plants also do well in containers.
- Plant Spring flowering bulbs and summer blooming perennials.
- Cut back iris and daylilies.