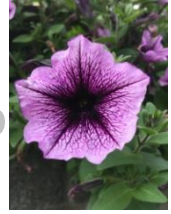




The Seeder



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The April 10th Meeting

This meeting will be held at 10:00AM at the Westmont Presbyterian Church, 601 Luzerne St., Johnstown.

The installation of new officers will take place promptly at 10 with the business meeting to follow. Our District Director, Deb Stumpf, is also installing new members at the Somerset GC and needs to leave directly afterward.

Welcome to our new and returning officers: President Mary Jo Gardill, Vice President Sue Konvolinka, Treasurers Sherry Lowry and Linda McCaulley, Secretaries Nancy Rovansek and Jackie Johnson, Membership Secretaries Sharon Davidhizer and Lana Custer, Historian Toni Callihan and Parliamentarian Jean Livingston.



Ticked About Tics!

They look so innocent; they bite and you never feel a thing, but the bite can be life threatening! Prevention and treatments of bites will be discussed at the April 10 meeting.



Are Plants Defenseless?

We all know roses have thorns and nettles can sting, but is that their only defense? Such physical defenses are definitely helpful, but do you know they have another defense system that is targeted to injuries? The Horticulture Committee will talk about a temporal type of defense that many plants have at the April meeting.



“Show and Tell” Table

Do you have an interesting or unusual plant? Would you like to show off a design or get some tips on a design you’ve created? Bring it to the “Show and Tell” table at the April meeting and share it with the club.

This month Rani Murali is bringing her curry tree: Rutaceae (family), *Murraya* (Genus), *M.koeniggi*. (Species) and will have starts to share.



May 8th Club Plant Sale & Sedum Swap

Every May club members are asked to bring in plants they've divided from their gardens and house plants. When you start your spring clean-up keep an eye out for anything you can share. Pot it, label it and bring it to the meeting. The committee will price the plants. The profit from this sale goes into our club account which supports our in-club activities. The sale is conducted by the Horticulture Committee and volunteers. (Volunteers needed)

We especially need succulents and sedum for centerpieces for Welcome the Holidays. We will be making pumpkin succulent gardens. We need to be growing these succulents now so we won't have to buy them in November. Please bring in anything you can share and we'll grow them for WTH.



April 21, 22, 23~ 2023 GCFP Annual Convention

The 2023 Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania will be held in Monroeville, PA on April 21, 22, 23. All garden club members and guests are welcome to attend. More details at GCFP website www.pagardenclubs.org.



PHS Philadelphia Flower Show

District VI sent six flower show judges to help judge the show on March 3-4: Margie Bucci- Indiana GC, Carol Hite and Claire Leichliter Bedford GC and Mary Jo Gardill, Charlotte Crissey and Rani Murali all of GC Johnstown.

The show, entitled "The Garden Electric" lit the whole of the convention center with neon lights and fragrant flowers dazzling over 250,000 visitors!



Club By-laws and Budget

The proposed changes were voted upon at the March meeting and were passed. See the March *Seeder* for the changes in the by-laws. You'll find the budget in our 2023-24 yearbooks available in May.



Dear Garden Club of Johnstown members and friends,

It has been an honor to be your president this past year and write the monthly newsletter, *The Seeder*. I look forward to more opportunities to serve our GCJ and the Johnstown community. Thank you all for your friendship, assistance and kindness.

Yours from the garden,

Charlotte Crissey

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies. ~ Gertrude Jekyll