

When: MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2024 Where: WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Hospitality Committee: Co-chairs Linda Orlidge & Diane Taylor, along with Donna Adams, Helen Melnik, Nancy Myers & Marlene Roberts

Dear GCJ Friends,

Are you enjoying winter! Oh, you may be saying Bah-humbug! According to Webster, winter is defined as a cold season, but wait, think about it. There are cozy fireplaces, piping soups & stews, hot chocolate, turtleneck sweaters, & the beautiful pristine snow, along with all of those phenomenal seed catalogs! Cherish the time!

Our meeting will cover: surveys & dues; GCFP Convention 2024, "Petals & Patchwork", in April, along with chances for a quilt; programing for next year; & "Show & Tell" (please bring any horticulture &/or design to share with the members & in preparation for our Flower Show), future plans for GCJ including out of the box ideas.

The Flower Show committee, under the capable direction of Andy Fedore, has begun planning the event. We are all active members of a service club that has flower shows to educate & entertain us & the public. The more you put into anything, the more you get out of it. Challenge yourself, get out of your comfort zone & help GCJ's have a successful Flower Show.

In March, we will begin SPRINGING INTO HOME GARDEN LANDSCAPING with Ron McIntosh, Johnstown's Green Gardener. The hospitality committee co-chairs are Janet Renner & Susan Thomas, along with Marilyn Alberter, Toni Callihan & Jean Livingston.

Fondly, Mary Jo

PS According to Henry Beard & Roy McKie in their book "Gardening: A Gardener's Dictionary, a weed is any plant that will survive at least one week without being watered, fertilized, pruned, sprayed, staked, mulched, misted, dusted, or wrapped in burlap, paper, or plastic. And I see, as the snow melts, they're already rearing their heads!!!!! How is that possible?