

# The Seeder

The Newsletter of the Garden Club of Johnstown, PA  
July 2022

Dear Members and Friends,



## It's Time for Our Picnic!

The Somerset Garden Club, our sister club, has invited the Garden Club of Johnstown to its July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and (under roof) picnic. It will be held at the Hayloft just outside of Somerset. Remember to call on our car-pool drivers (listed on page 4 of our Handbook) if you'd like a ride, or you may invite another friend/husband along to drive and share in the activities. I hope to see many of you there!

“Dear Garden Club of Johnstown Members,  
Please come to our annual joint meeting and picnic at the Hayloft at 887 West Mud Pike, in Rockwood, Pa, 15557.

- We will start at noon.
- There will be a brief program by Betty Lou Svonavec about the labyrinth garden/ceremony site she's created.
- We'll also have our own little **Horticulture Show**. Please bring something from your garden as we will have a small, unofficial show. Prepare your display "flower show" style, fill out a horticulture entry card with the scientific name of the plant if you can. The common name can be added in parenthesis, along with your name. You can use an 'official' garden club entry tag if you have one, or an index card or similar card would do.

We're excited to get to host you in Beautiful Somerset County!  
Andrea Falchek, President, Somerset Garden Club”

**PLEASE RESPOND:** Andrea would like an idea of how many of our members are planning to attend. Email or call Charlotte no later than July 6th.

### Directions:

887 West Mud Pike, in Rockwood, Pa, 15557

- Go south from Johnstown on Rt. 219
- At the Rockwood Exit, turn right onto Rt. 281 and go south.
- In 7.4 miles, (after passing The Country Cottage Restaurant and before getting to the blinking light in New Centerville), turn left onto West Mud Pike Road.
- Travel 2 miles to The Hayloft. Make a right turn into their lane and bear to the left toward the barn. Parking is in the rear of the barn.



# Flower Show Preparation Schedule

**This is an ALL-CALL for GCJ members.** Please come whenever you can to help set up and prepare the church for our Flower Show.

**Monday July 25, 1 PM-** Set up tables and Judges Room

**Tuesday July 26, 9 AM** -Adjust and continue the set up from previous day.

**Wednesday July 27, 9 AM** - Finalize the whole set up. Make sure all signs are in the right place. All committee members should check with Rani and/or Bridget with any questions at any time.

**Thursday July 28, 11 AM- 4 PM** - The big and finale set up. All Horticulture and Designs will be received between 11 AM and 4 PM or by special arrangement made prior to July 28. More detailed information will be sent by the week of July 5.

**Friday, July 29** - The church will be open a little after 8 am. Entrants may refresh any plant materials, if needed.

NOTE: All members must leave the show area by 9:15 AM, but may return at 2 PM when the show opens for the public.

Judges will be arriving by 9:30 AM. Judging begins at 10 AM.

ONLY flower show Judges and Judges' Clerks are allowed on the floor during judging. The General Chairs and Classification Chairs must remain available for possible consultations during the judging.

**Saturday, July 30, 3 PM** - Immediately after the show we will start dismantling.

All hands on deck !!!! Entrants are responsible for removing their entries or arranging for someone else to remove it for them. Horticulture bottles are to be emptied and returned. More details will follow in the next Seeder.

“Thank you for all your input and help and most of all have fun with whatever Hort and Design you bring in.” ~Rani and Bridget



## We Still Need Entries!

“A Patriotic Summer” flower show has a few openings left. In order for a Design and Botanical Arts Class to be judged, 4 entries must be present. If you haven't signed up yet, or if you'd like to enter more than one class, please do so now. We need your help. Thank you to all who have signed up, it is such a rewarding achievement to put together a thing of beauty!

Hopefully everyone got the message that the preregistration requirement has been lifted for Horticulture Section F and H, so if you think you've missed your chance, you haven't!

**We need entries for the following:**

**Design –**

Class 1: Line Design needs 2 entries (This is the easy one we practiced in April!)

Class 2: Illuminary Design needs 1 entry (You know you love those little lights!)

Class 6 Petite: Reflective needs 1 entry (Any design type with a bit of reflective material.)

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Class 7: Petite: Freedom of Style needs 2 entries (Easy – do whatever you like!)  
Call/text Sheri Lowry to enter.

### **Botanical Arts -**

Class 2 - "National Pride" pressed flowers needs 2 more entries

Class 3 - "Let Freedom Ring" jewelry (necklace, bracelet, earrings, pin) needs 2 more entries

Call/ text Darlene Wissinger to enter.

“I am pleased to report: Class 1 - "Yankee Doodle," a ladies hat, is filled and all photography classes are filled.”

~Darlene



## **Our Plant Sale was a great success!**

Thank you to all who *bought* and *brought* plants for our club sale. We had a \$173.00 profit which goes into the GCJ Club Account to support our club activities. A big thanks also to Jackie Johnson, Toni Callihan, Carole Schrum and Alice Wiedwald and all who helped for organizing and working the sale.



## **Planning for Welcome the Holidays**, our annual

fundraiser for supporting Community Activities, is off to a running start. Sheri Lowry is the show chairman. The theme this year will be “Candy Cane Wishes and Mistletoe Kisses.” Andy Fedore will be our speaker and will present fresh ideas on holiday decorating.

Speaking of decorating, a major part of our fundraising effort this year will be selling fresh holiday wreaths, so tell your family and friends that we will be taking orders. A few committee chairmen are still needed, so please call Sheri and volunteer to be a big helper in this always fun activity.

More details are in the June meeting minutes and more information will be presented at the August meeting.



## **Flower Shows are Back!**

Let alone is the G.C. Johnstown having a flower show this summer, but many other area clubs are as well. It's always fun to visit other clubs and see their gorgeous shows and visit with like-minded gardeners. All shows are free and open to the public and are Standard Shows unless otherwise noted below. Here's the schedule so far:

July 16 - Greensburg G.C. Flower Show, Greensburg Garden and Civic Center, 951 Old Salem Rd., Greensburg, PA

July 18 – Patton Garden Club, “Childhood Memories,” 6-8 PM, Le Ferme Rough, 246 Marina Rd. Patton, PA

July 26 –Laurel Highland and Pittsburgh Area Judge's Councils, “Nature's Wonder's” 1-2PM, The Greensburg Garden and Civic Center, 951 Old Salem Rd. Greensburg, PA

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July 29-30 –G.C. Johnstown – “A Patriotic Summer,” 2-5 PM and 9 AM -3 PM, 601 Luzerne St, Johnstown.

August 3 - Bedford County Garden Club, Horticulture Specialty Flower Show, “Posies on Parade,” 115 East Penn St., Bedford.

September 23- Martha Washington G.C. (more information to come)

October 11 – GCFP, State Judges Council, a Petite Design Specialty Show, “Rock and Roll,” 4:15-6:30, 310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA.



## Play with Flowers at Designers Guild

The Designer’s Guild is a group who meet 4 times a year to make and discuss creative design techniques, and you are invited! You may come to one meeting (\$5 donation) or join the group (\$20 annually) and learn techniques from some of the area’s best designers. It is hands on (bring a design if you wish) and group discussion. You do not have to be a flower show judge or even a garden club member to attend. Meetings are held at 10:00 AM at The Greensburg Garden and Civic Center, 951 Old Salem Rd., Greensburg, PA. The following are the meeting dates and topics for the remainder of 2022:

August 19, Leaf Manipulation and Midollino spirial & wrapping

October 25, Mono-botanic designs (all plant components from one plant family)



## Go in Peace

We have lost one of our long-time members. **Beverly Sanders** passed away on June 15, 2022. She had been a member since 1999. She had been living at Bethany Place Residential Care Center, Indiana, PA to be near her daughter. She was born in Pittsburgh on September 13, 1931, the daughter of Frank and Eleanor (Cummings) Howard and was preceded in death by parents and husband William Sanders, Jr. in 1977. She is survived by daughter Beth Webb, Indiana, PA and her sister, Diane Phillips, AZ. Beverly was a former office manager at the Tribune Democrat and a member of Westmont Presbyterian Church as well as the Garden Club of Johnstown. We’ll miss you Beverly. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Beth Webb. Contact Charlotte Crissey for the address.



**Johnstown Magazine** is again featuring GCJ in its July issue.

This time the focus will be our flower show, A Patriotic Summer. Make sure to pick up a copy and tell your friends and family. There will be photos from our previous flower shows. The May issue cover, shown here, is our own GCJ member Alice Wiedwald.

Thanks JM for getting word out about us. We’re always happy to welcome new members.



## The Secret is in the Washer

If you have signed up for the underwater design, “From Sea to shining Sea,” in our flower show (page 19 of the Schedule) and are wondering how to anchor plants underwater you might want to try this idea if a needle point holder isn’t working for you. Try wiring the bottom of the stem to a washer or two. These can be hidden in the base of your container with decorative pebbles or glass beads.



## How could it be?

Congratulations to our newest Honorary Member, Carole Schrum! Carole is celebrating her 25<sup>th</sup> year as a Garden Club of Johnstown member this year. She is a very active member of our club and a member of The Johnstown Symphony Auxiliary. She has served on many of our committees over the years and is presently the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. It’s true, time flies when you’re having fun! Thank you for all you do, Carole!



## Civic Development Projects

Karlice Makuchen and Barb Russian recently helped plant at Lower Yoder Township’s welcome sign. The sign is at the bottom of D Street. Al Grandinetti, Lower Yoder supervisor, and two workers helped. Also helping was Kathy Leggit who donated the funds to beautify the area, so no funding from the club was needed. Way to go!

**The CD team** continues to water and maintain our many sites the flowers and vegetables are maturing and looking good.

We are grateful for the watering help from Joe Slis at Johnstown Public Works (533-2089, ext. 2) at the Central Park Gazebo and Main Street Planters.

Note from Sue Konvolinka to Site leaders: Help is also available from the YMCA Youth Corps if your site needs extensive weeding, etc.

You can text the leader: Imil Britt (814-241-5345) to schedule a need for their help. They work Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-2 pm



## Eating Well and Enjoying Beautiful Flowers!

Thank you May Hospitality Committee! The muffins, tea and coffee were just the thing for a Monday morning refreshment, and the lovely table décor brightened up the whole room! Thanks go to Coralie Krisco-chairman and members Mary Kay Butterfield, Cozette Hupkovitch, Carole Schrum and Darlene Wissinger.

Our next home meeting will be Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. The Hospitality Committee will be Sheri Lowry- Chairman and members Marilyn Alberter, Donna De Marco, Rani Murali, Karen Rizzo and Alice Wiedwald.

Don't forget to reserve your seats for the July picnic! See you there.

Fondly,  
Charlotte Crissey  
GCJ President

I'm making a belt decorated with  
herbs from my garden  
My friends tell me it's a waist of  
thyme.

Why couldn't the gardener plant  
any flowers?  
He hadn't botany!

My wife told me I planted the  
wrong flowers...  
oopsie daisy!

Note: Submissions for the *Seeder* Newsletters are welcome and are due within ten days after our monthly meeting.

(CC 5-22)