

The Seeder



The Newsletter of the Garden Club of Johnstown
November 2022



Welcome the Holidays Schedule

The GCJ's annual fundraiser is upon us. It is always great fun and camaraderie setting up and enjoying the event. Your support has been wonderful and we look forward to a great two days. Below is the schedule.

Friday, NOV. 11, 9:00 AM: Set up raffles and assemble centerpieces (bring clippers and gloves).

Saturday, NOV. 12, 11:00 AM: Volunteers are needed to sell tickets for Glamour Galore and the Raffles.

After the Event, ABOUT 2:30: Volunteers are needed to help remove and transport props.

*** HOPE TO BE FINISHED BEFORE 3:00 PM***



Evergreens Needed

We need lots of evergreen branches: arborvitae, holly (evergreen and deciduous) and cedars, whatever you have. We will use them in the centerpieces and for the speaker's demonstration. Bring them Friday, Nov. 11 to the main dining room of Sunnehanna Country Club.



Fresh Douglas Fir Wreath Sale

Wreaths will be ordered and prepaid at Welcome the Holidays. If they do not sell out, we will ask members to then sell the remainder. We are going to order 90 wreaths. The cost is \$25 each. Mary Ann Efron, chairman, received a sample wreath and they are beautiful and full and promised to last until March!

If you signed up to buy/sell them, you will need to order and pay for them at WTH. If you paid for yours at the meeting, it will be reserved for you.

The wreaths will be available for pick-up on the Monday after Thanksgiving on the church portico 12:00-5:00 PM. We will begin assembling them with cones and ribbons at 11:00 AM, volunteers are needed to help.



Art Silent Auction

Another effort to raise money to support our club's community service projects is a silent auction of paintings donated to the club. If you have something to share, contact Mary Jo Gardill, and don't forget to bid!

Our Website Logo

Yes! We have a website and it is awesome! The address is www.gcjpa.org. Enter this in your browser and, it will take you to the site. You'll find The Seeder, The Keystone Gardener, links to GCFP, our clubs activities and events, club forms and programs as well as lots and lots of pictures of club members and gardening tips. What it will not have is personal information (ie addresses and phone numbers.) To open some areas a password is needed. To keep it secure, it is only to be passed orally. It will be given at the December meeting or by calling a committee member. Thanks to our fabulous website committee, Karlice Makuchan chairman, Toni Callahan, Gloria La Monica and Nancy Jo Block.



Gallery on Gazebo Tree Decorating Contest

Our club will again be entering the Gallery on Gazebo Tree Decorating Contest. The tree trimming will be on the 18th of Nov. at 10 AM. in the Ameriserve Bank lobby on the corner of Franklin and Main Streets. Civic Development co-chair, Andy Fedore, is chairing this and will have the tree ready for us to decorate. You'll want to bring your gardening gloves, clippers and creativity. Two years ago we took first place, so we are challenged to do it again!

members only

Change in Membership Dues?

The Executive Committee (EC) met on October 27, 2022 to discuss an opportunity to restructure the club dues for 2023-24.

The EC voted to make the following motion to the club for approval:

“All members shall pay \$25 annual dues instead of the current \$30 Active, \$20 Honorary, and \$35 Sustaining.”

Explanation: At the current time the Club can sustain this change based on income, expenses, and the reserve held in the Club treasury account. Current membership is at 79 members. 48 are Active, 16 are Honorary, and 15 are Sustaining. This notice serves as the written notification of the intent to each voting member as listed in the bylaws listed below. A vote will occur at the December 12, 2022 meeting.

The Club Bylaws Article VIII Section 1: Each active, sustaining, and honorary member shall pay annual dues as determined by the club. The amount of dues may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at any regular meeting with previous written notification of the intent to each voting member.

According to our bylaws, all members must receive notice of any motion to change our bylaws, whether they are a voting member (Active or Honorary) or a non-voting member (Sustaining). This posting serves as that notification. Those members who do not receive email have been sent the above notice via USPS.



Hospitality Committee

At the October 17th meeting a motion was passed to retain the current Hospitality Committee guidelines with the following additions:

The President of the Garden Club of Johnstown is excused from hospitality duty during their term of office.

The Executive Committee is excused from serving as Chairmen of the Hospitality Committee during their terms of office but will continue to serve as members on the Hospitality Committees.

Our October hospitality featured creative designs based on Nyjer thistle seed bird feeders donated by chairman, Faith Thomas and Agway Garden Center & Plant Center. The feeders were raffled at the end of the meeting. The designs were unique and very creative and the treats were delicious! Thank you!



December Meeting is at 12:00 Noon

The December meeting will be our Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon and will begin at 12:00 Noon. Members whose last name begins with A-L are asked to bring deserts: M-Z are asked to bring salads or vegetables. The program will be “Christmas in Williamsburg” presented by Jan Davis. A short business meeting will follow.

The December Hospitality Committee is Toni Callahan, Chairman, Donna Adams, Mary Ann Efron, Jane Hagerich, Gertrude Maurer and Janet Renner. Remember, if you are unable to be at the meeting it is your responsibility to arrange for someone to replace you.



With Sadness

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our member and former president, Rose Price. Rose was a member of GCJ for over 20 years and served as president 2007-08. Rose had a real gift for both horticulture and design. She will be remembered for her dedication to our club, her award winning African violets as well as many other beautiful plants and her pristine petite designs. You might remember her presentations on Flower Pounding where the color imprint of a flower is transferred to cloth. She was a mentor and friend to many and will be greatly missed.

A graveside service will be held at Grandview Cemetery on November 12 at 2:00 PM. If you would like to send a card of sympathy to her family, contact Charlotte Crissey for the address.

**we can
help**

The Women’s Help Center Shelter Wish List

It is GCJ’s tradition to give a little extra this time of year to help WHC. Following is their Wish List. We will collect items in the foyer of the church at the December 12th meeting. Volunteers are needed to transport the items after the meeting to the center.

*Due to COVID-19, WHC is only accepting new donations. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Please consider using The Women’s Help Center, Inc. as your charitable organization on smile.amazon.com for a portion of all your Amazon purchases to benefit WHC. The products, prices, and features are the same. (Women’s Help Center and Shelter 809 Napoleon Street, Johnstown, PA 15901, (814) 536-5361.)

Immediate Needs

Women’s size large tops/bottoms
Dehumidifier
Summer Clothing (children and adult sizes)
Boy 6-9 Month Clothes
Girl and Boy size 12month
Boy Clothes: Sizes 6/7, 8/10, 14/16
Maternity clothes
Men clothing (All Sizes)
Air Mattresses/Pumps
Dish Sets (Plates, Bowls, Cups, Silverware)
Pots and Pans
Bath, Hand and Face Towels
Pillows
Sheets Sets Queen and Full
Bus Tokens/Bus Passes
Strollers (Umbrella, Double, and single)

Cleaning supplies
Non-perishable food items
Laundry Detergent Pods
Dryer Sheets
Plastic Storage Bins
Bath Poufs
Combs/brushes
Paper Products
Toilet Paper
Facial Tissues
Sanitizing Wipes
Hand Soap
Food Wrap (foil & saran wrap)
Freezer Bags (gallon & sandwich)
Napkins
Paper Plates

Paper Towels

Household Items

Potholders
Kitchen Towels and Dish Cloths
Silverware
Glasses
Skillets
Cooking Utensils
Hand Mixers
Cookie Sheets
Crock Pots
Microwaves (small)
Coffee Pots
Can Openers
Toasters
Laundry Baskets
Shower Curtains, Liners & Hangers
Hair Dryers
Bedroom Lamps
Vacuum Cleaners
Umbrellas
Cleaning products

Adult Items

Non-Aspirin, Pain Reliever, Neosporin, Zyrtec, Cough Syrup, Tums
Sweatpants/Sweatshirts (all sizes)
Women's Shoes (All sizes and types)
Sleepwear (all Sizes)
Leggings (all Sizes)
Underwear (all Sizes)
Yoga Pants (all Sizes)
Lotions, Bodywash, Creams
Shampoo & Conditioner

Children's Items

Children's Non-Aspirin Pain Reliever
Rash Cream
Baby Onesies
Boys Clothing (Sizes 2-10)
Girl's Clothing (Sizes 4-7)
Sweat Suits (Sizes 11-18)
Sleepwear (All Sizes)
T-Shirts (Boys & Girl -all sizes)
Teething Rings
Binkies
Baby Monitors
Crib Sheets
Baby Bottles
Sippy Cups /bottles and nipples
Pull Ups (all sizes)
Tween and Teen Games
Markers/Colored Pencils
School Supplies
Sketch Books
Digital Cameras
Pack 'n Plays

Gift Cards:

Giant Eagle
Aldi
Market Basket
Dollar stores
Sheetz
Wal-Mart
Grocery
Pharmacy



*“Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received.
Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling.
Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.”*

~ Henry Van Dyke



Wishing you all a blessed and grateful Thanksgiving,
Charlotte Crissey
GCJ President