

The Seeder

Newsletter of the Garden Club of Johnstown
October 2022

Dear Garden Club Members and Friends,

Our October Meeting will be October 17 at 10AM a week later than usual due to a conflict with GCFP's Board Meeting. The location and time are the same: Westmont Presbyterian Church at 10:00 AM. Our guest speaker will be Deb Stumpf who will teach us how to make a lighted Christmas ball yard decoration. We welcome Deb who also our new District VI Director.



Saturday, November 12, 2022

Have you gotten your tickets for the Welcome the Holidays fund-raising luncheon? We need every member to do all they can to make this fund raiser a success.

Tickets are \$45 each and include a delicious lunch served in the beautiful Sunnehanna Country Club dining room, a Christmas decorating demonstration with new and trendy ideas by Andy Fedore, a fabulous fashion show as well as opportunities to win raffles and door prizes and pre-order a fresh pine wreath for your front door.

Call your friends, co-workers and family members and fill a table to support the work we do in the community. The deadline to turn in ticket money is the October 17th.



Glamour Galore

The Glamour Galore tickets will again be on sale at the October meeting. Each member is asked to participate by purchasing and selling tickets which are \$5 apiece or 5 for \$20. Please turn in your ticket stubs and money you have collected promptly. If taking tickets to resell, they can be paid for after you collect the money.

Please note that more gift certificates are needed from merchants for the "Around the Town" raffle. Please help by asking the proprietors at places you frequent if they would be willing to donate a certificate in any amount.



Gather Your Greens!

First, Welcome the Holidays speaker, Andy Fedore, will need our help in supplying greens for garlands he'll be using in his presentation. He's looking for soft evergreens that are not needed such as juniper and holly and the new growth tassels of arborvitae. (continued)

He is also looking for mistletoe or an artificial mistletoe kissing ball and volunteer bow makers. Please see Andy before or after the meeting or give him a call if you can help.

Second, the Centerpiece Committee (that translates to “all club members”) will need all kinds of greens and red berries for the centerpieces. Bring them on Friday, November 16 when we set up the tables at Sunnehanna.



Wreath Sale

Along with our annual fundraising efforts of Welcome the Holidays, we are going to sell fresh Holiday Wreaths. These will be pre-ordered and pick-up will be at the church shortly after Thanksgiving.

A call for all hands on deck is being made to help with this production. Order forms will be handed out at the October meeting. All members should help with getting pre-paid orders for the wreaths. There will also be order forms in the WTH programs at each guest’s seat.

We will have a workshop after Welcome the Holidays to add the cones and ribbon to the pre-made fresh wreaths.

We have enough pine cones now and will do more wiring during the October business meeting. A bow making workshop will be held immediately following the October meeting at the church. Stay a while and learn how to make a variety of beautiful bows.



Website Proposal for GCJ

At the September meeting the Website Committee presented a proposal for a GCJ website. A motion was made to create it and was unanimously passed. The team of Karlice Makuchan, Gloria LaMonica and Nancy Jo Block are already busy at work.



CAR-SCG Conference – November 1-4, 2022

There probably won’t be snow for skiing, but there will be great programs and speakers at the Central Atlantic Region and National Capitol Garden clubs 2022 conference at Seven Springs. All GCG garden club members are eligible and encouraged to attend this informative and fun-filled event. More information is available on the GCFP website. Pre-registration is needed and can be made at: <https://pagardenclubs.org/2022-car-sgc-conference>.



Civic Development Wrapping Up

Watch your email for announcements requesting help winterizing some of our larger gardens. Also, the Civic Development wrap-up meeting date and place will be announced via email.



Be a Mentor

If you would like to be a Mentor for a new member please let the Membership Committee or the club president know. Welcoming our new members and helping them become involved in our club's many activities is both helpful and rewarding.



Hospitality is Going to the Birds

The October Hospitality Committee is trying something new. Each member of the committee was given a similar set of materials to use to make the centerpieces by Faith Thomas, the committee chairman. This included a bird feeder and artificial flowers.

In the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, p78, there is a design type called a "Challenge Design" where exhibitors are each given a set of identical components to create their design. It will be interesting to see what our hospitality committee comes up with this month! Creative and fun idea, Faith!

Committee members are Sue Konvolinka, Jean Livingston, Cindy Vatauvuk, Charlotte Crissey, Nancy Rovansek, and Tiffany Taha along with Faith Thomas.

We will not have hospitality in November because of WTH. Duties will resume at our December 12th meeting when we will have our Club Pot-Luck Holiday Luncheon. The December committee members are: Chairman - Toni Callihan, Donna Adams, Mary Ann Efron, Jane Hagerich, Gertrude Maurer, and Janet Renner. (Remember to take the tablecloths with you after the October meeting.)

Finally, please help yourself to refreshments at meetings whenever the committee says they are ready.

Thank you all for all you do!
Charlotte Crissey, President GCJ



Four ew members receive a daffodil bulb from the GCJ president, right.

~SCROLL DOWN FOR MORE PICTURES~



Members toured Meadowbrook Bed and Breakfast after our September meeting and learned about inter-planting of plants for all season beauty with less work.



Members enjoyed an afternoon luncheon and entertainment with our sister garden club, Somerset Garden Club, in July in Somerset.



The “fine art” of drying artichokes is practiced by club members to sell at Welcome the Holidays.

