



The Seeder



Newsletter of the Garden Club of Johnstown
September 2022

Dear Garden Club Members and Friends,

Our September 12th meeting will convene at the Westmont Presbyterian Church at 10:00 AM. Our guest speaker will be Andy Fedore who will share some of the gardening adventures he and his wife, Mary-Lou Astorino-Fedore, have enjoyed at their beautifully gardened bed and breakfast, Meadowbrook.

After the meeting we are invited to tour his gardens.



Calling All Members

There will be an organizational meeting for Welcome the Holidays on September 8 at 10 AM at Perkins Restaurant, Galleria Drive, Johnstown.

ALL members are invited and encouraged to attend.



Step Right Up!

It's time to buy your tickets for the Welcome the Holidays fund-raising luncheon. They will be on sale at the September and October meetings (\$45 each). Grab your friends and fill a table to support the work we do in the community.

The Glamour Galore tickets will also be on sale. Each member is asked to participate by purchasing and selling tickets which are \$5 apiece or 5 for \$20. If taking tickets to resell, they can be paid for after you collect the money.

We need a chairperson for the Glamour Galore Committee as well as donations from merchants of gift certificates and jewelry packages.

We also need a chairman for the General Raffle. This entails making the money and lottery ticket trees and setting up the display. We have most raffle items and will only need to add greenery to some. The club reimburses for the costs.

If you have not yet signed up to chair or help on a committee for WTH, please do so now. We need everyone's involvement for this to be successful. If you are unable to attend the September 8th meeting you can contact Sheri Lowry. Her number is in our Yearbook.



Evergreens Will be Needed

Welcome the Holidays speaker, Andy Fedore, will need our help in supplying greens for garlands. He's looking for soft greens that are not needled like juniper and holly and the new growth tassels of arborvitae. If anyone has a source for mistletoe or an artificial mistletoe kissing ball, he could use those as well. He will also be looking for helpers to make bows. Please see Andy before or after the meeting if you can help.



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 sometime soon after Welcome the Holidays to add the decorations to the pre-made fresh wreaths.)

Pine cones are still needed to embellish the wreaths. Please bring cones (1"- 3" long) to the church prior to the September and October meetings and leave them on the patio.



Welcome to Our Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Garden Club of Johnstown: Nancy Wojno and Maggie Harteis. Both ladies participated in our July Flower Show and took home ribbons! We look forward to getting to know and working with you both. New members contact information will be given at the meeting.



Fair Thee Well

It is with great sadness that we accept the resignation of our First Vice President, Bridget Sarosi. Bridget has been a great asset to our club since she joined in 2018 and will be missed; thank you Bridget for your outstanding service.

Mary Jo Gardill, Second Vice President, has agreed to become the First VP for the remainder of Bridget's term. This leaves the club with an opening for Second Vice President. The Nominating Committee is hard at work accepting applications. If you would like to explore the possibility of serving in this capacity, please contact Maureen Kimlin or Mary Jo Gardill.

We also learned that Darlene Wissinger will be moving from the area. September will be her last meeting with us. Darlene has been an invaluable member of GCJ for the last 8 years. She has served and chaired many committees, was our President for 2 years and

has always been there to lend a hand and lead our club. She will be hugely missed, and we wish her and Bruce all the best as they relocate.

Andrea Vargo, our previous Corresponding Secretary has agreed to fill the rest of Darlene's term as C.S. with help from Barb Rushin. Andy Fedore will be working with Sue Konvolinka to fill Darlene's remaining time as Civic Development co-chair. Thank you all for stepping up to help out.



Website Proposal for GCJ

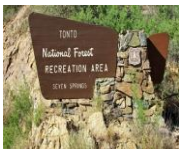
At the September meeting the Website Committee will present their findings on GCJ having our own website. The purpose of having a website would be to promote the club, keep members informed and up to date, reduce emails, and provide scholarship information among many others. We will discuss and vote on this after the presentation.



District VI Annual Meeting

The District VI Annual Meeting will be held on **September 9** at The Heritage, 3487 Copper Kettle Hwy, Rockwood, PA. The program will be presented by Ron McIntosh on "Amazing and New Houseplants."

Reservations are needed by August 30. The cost is \$23, make checks payable to the host, Somerset GC, and mail to Nerita Brant. A picnic style buffet will be served. All club members are invited to attend.



CAR-SCG Conference – November 1-4, 2022

The Central Atlantic Region and National Capitol Garden clubs are holding the 2022 conference at Seven Springs. All garden club members are eligible and encouraged to attend this informative and fun-filled event. More information is available on the GCFP website.



Simplify Hospitality?

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, reevaluating and simplifying the Hospitality Committee Guidelines were discussed. Suggestions include doing the food, drink and décor for just 2 meetings a year - installation of officers and the December meeting.

For our regular meetings, the committee could provide a beverage but not food, tablecloths or centerpieces. The rationale is that this hour before regular meetings could be better used for committee meetings, workshops and other planning that now requires separate meetings.

Bring your ideas and input to the September meeting where it will be presented in New Business. Any changes will require a motion and vote.



Rain, Rain, Go Away!

The tour planned for touring our Civic Development sites on August 22 was cancelled due to copious amounts of rain that day. We certainly needed the rain, but it's disappointing when we have had to cancel 2 events this summer because of it. Whether or not to reschedule can be discussed at the September meeting.



Civic Development Wrapping Up

It's been a challenging season for our gardens with heavy rains interspersed with heat waves and near drought conditions. September brings the first signs of fall and the closing of the gardens we plant and maintain around the city. CD chairmen will soon be announcing dates for the fall clean-ups and the wrap-up meeting to conclude our gardening season. Look for "all-calls" to help with the larger gardens and offer your help if you can



Centerpieces for Gallery on Gazebo

Bright and early Saturday morning, August 13 found GCJ members busily toting and arranging centerpiece bouquets for the Farm to Table dinner for Gallery on Gazebo. Mary Jo Gardill, Linda McCaulley, Rani Murali, Mary Ann Efron, Charlotte Crissey, Nancy Wojno, Sue Konvolinka and event chairman and GCJ member, Andy Fedore all pitched in with flowers from their gardens and a lot of creativity to make arrangements for tables for 100 guests! It was a fun flurry of flowers! The GOG is a non-profit organization promoting arts in our local community.



Be a Mentor

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

Thank you all for your support,
Charlotte Crissey, President GCJ

WEATHER

Whether the weather be sunny, or whether the weather be not,
Whether the weather be cold or whether the weather be hot,
We'll weather the weather, no matter the weather
Whether we like it or not!
Happy fall, y'all!