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## NINE'S NEWS

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## **DIRECTORS MESSAGE**

Happy Summer  
Everyone!!

Summer is my favorite time as a gardener. I have been planting all of my treasures I purchased at club plant sales. It has also been a time to replace shrubs and trees that were heavily damaged with the severe winter.

We had a very successful Spring Members Day Out. Everyone who attended enjoyed a delicious lunch, the great raffle items and the presentation by Cindy Miller our speaker. Many thanks to all who helped make the event a success.

I attended the GCFP convention in historic Gettysburg in April. There were about 370 garden club members in attendance. It was a fun and very informative convention. I will be attending the GCFP board meeting while this edition of the Nines News goes to press and will have lots of information to share when I return.

Butler Garden Club is finalizing the plans for our 2010 District IX Annual Meeting. It will be held September 28, 2010 at the Butler Country Club. The flier is included in this issue.

It is hard to believe in just three short months I will be finishing my term as your District Director. I have enjoyed every minute of the past two years and have met so many great members. Your clubs are doing amazing things and I have been so proud to represent you at the GCFP level. I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Meeting in September.

***Susan Semple,  
District IX Director***

## **GREYBROOKE GC**

Greybrooke Garden Club continues to have a wonderful year. Our July program will be touring the gardens at Parkwood Presbyterian Church, Orion Assisted Living and gardens of members and friends in the North Hills area. In August we have our popular 'Summer Wine Fest' and a very special program is planned for September presented by

the Allegheny Land Trust, 'The North Park Greenway Project'.

I want to thank Sally Zana, Plant Chairman and all of our members for our very successful Plant Sale. This sale allows the Greybrooke Garden Club to continue its commitments to the gardens at the entrance of the Greybrooke plan, Orion Assisted Living and UPMC Passavant, our civic projects and donations.

Submitted by:

Marty Chapman,  
President

### **SOUTHERN BUTLER GC**

The SBCGC has been busy so far this year. In March we had a speaker on Bluebirds, and April's speaker was on Container Gardening. April also brought a distinction to the club that was a welcomed surprise. We were awarded first place in the Small Club category for the Club Growth Award presented by the GCFP! In early May, some members took a day trip to Quailcrest Farm near Wooster, Ohio. All vehicles were jammed full of plants on the trip back! May's meeting was held at Beechwood Farms Nature

Reserve. This "Rain Garden" program was very educational and covered everything from why the need for these gardens to how to construct them in any type of area. We are now focusing on June 19, when we will be having our second Garden Tour. With six different gardens from last year's tour, we are hoping for an enjoyable, successful event.

## **Recycling UNUSED MEDICATIONS**

At the District IX Board Meeting in March, I mentioned that unused medications should not be flushed down the toilet. Drugs have been found in water supplies, so if you have any unused medications **PLEASE** dispose in its original container, black out label information, seal with duct tape and hide it with your normal garbage for pick-up. In May a drug recycling was held in Hampton Township and as of this time I have not heard of any additional recycling dates, but I will inform your president, via e-

mail if I hear of any date/time.

Submitted by:  
Mary Margaret Wright  
Greybrooke Garden Club  
District IX  
Environment/Litter/  
Endangered Species

### **INGOMAR GC**

Mark your calendars for an  
INGOMAR GARDEN CLUB  
presentation:

### **"PLANTASIA" {A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW}**

September 10, 2010  
1:00PM to 7:00PM

September 11, 2010  
9:00AM to 1:00PM

Place: **UPMC Passavant  
Hospital Assembly Hall**  
(across from the Chapel).

This Flower show consists of Horticulture, Design, and Special Educational Divisions exhibited by all Ingomar Garden Club members.

We were proud recipients of The National Award for a Flower show, presented by the National Garden Club Inc, for our last exhibition held in a public building.

Submitted by:  
Irene Rudy

Ingomar's sponsored Junior Garden Club, "Central's Greenhouse Gardeners" had their first Annual Plant Sale on Friday May 7, 2010. The students, involved parents and staff realized the fruits of their efforts, growing most of the plants sold from seed, as they earned a very nice profit.

Submitted by Chris Hawthorne and Pat Beall  
- IGC Members

### **AWARDS**

All district awards must be submitted to me by August 20. Presidents should email me the names for laurel and daffodil awards.

Clubs may also submit yearbooks to be judged at the District level. Civic projects and Distinguished Garden Club need to have a book of evidence, just as you would do for the GCFP.

All District IX awards should be sent to me:

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by mail: 603 Westview Drive, Beaver, PA 15009-1460.

Any questions, please phone or email me and I'll do my best to find the answers.

Thanks, Ann Niemann  
724-728-7908

### **LEETSDALE GC**

Leetsdale Garden Club was busy planting flowers in the garden this past Saturday. It was our annual planting day.

We will be preparing the children's garden in Henle Park for the Summer Park Program. The Three Sisters Garden is our theme for this year.

We added perennials to the butterfly garden, plus an arbor. We worked with the Recreation Board April 30th when trees were planted in Henle Park to replace those that were removed last year. It was a cooperative project including QV Middle School kids. I am presently looking for stakes to identify plants in the butterfly garden.

We will start our Garden of the Month program in a few weeks. A committee identifies gardens we feel worthy of note, then present the owner with a yard sign, framed photo

and certificate. This year we are sending certificates to other garden owners recognizing their efforts.

We're working with the boro to select a new sign for Henle Park.

The club is also working with our Habitat House owner this year to add to her garden in some way.

Our fundraiser/community event is Saturday, September 25th, rain or shine; 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

We'll be selling seasonal fall decorations; pumpkins, mums, gourds, etc., plus we are lining up some crafters, vendors and flea market people.

We'll have the concession stand open with food and drink. We so appreciate everyone who attends!

## **Another Migration!**

On May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> this year, I became aware of many Red Admirals flying in my garden. I assumed there had been a significant hatching of their chrysalides somewhere nearby. My husband asked me if the butterflies wintered over as a chrysalis or a caterpillar. I was not sure, so to satisfy our curiosity I checked out the life cycle of Red Admiral butterflies in "Butterflies through Binoculars-- the East," by Jeffrey Glassberg. (Jeff Glassberg is President of the North American Butterfly Assoc. and an expert on North American butterflies.)

To my delight, I learned of their northern migration. They are all year residents in central Florida and south Georgia, their permanent range extending west to

east Texas. The emigrants move out mainly in April, to repopulate northward. This northern movement is very rapid with butterflies appearing in New York in mid April only a week or two after they have appeared in North Carolina.

The caterpillars major host plant is nettles, hops and pellitory.

As with Monarchs, individuals from the late summer broods migrate southward in September and October to Georgia, Florida and west into Texas.

The Red Admiral is another species like the Monarch that is conspicuously migratory. Jeff reports that tens of thousands of Red Admirals streamed through the New York area in the spring and summer of 1990. Keep an eye out in your garden and parks for another strong

migration this year.

Norma Rees, Chair:  
Birds, Butterflies  
and Wildflowers.

### **SHALER GC**

**The Shaler Garden Club and Shaler North Hills Library present "Art and Flowers" 2nd annual local gardens tour and art show on Sunday, July 11, 2010. Pre-purchase your tickets for \$15 at the Shaler North Hills Library and present them at SNHL, 1822 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, on July 11 between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to receive your map to the five (5) beautiful local gardens. Or, you may purchase your tickets on the day of the tour. After your leisurely tour (gardens are open from 11 to 3), view artwork of local area artists and flowers from local gardens, create "art for your garden", learn the top 5 winners of the Great Local Area Gardens Contest, and taste wonderful refreshments at the library. Can't attend the garden tour? Visit the art show for just**

**\$5. All ages are welcome to exhibit and sell their artwork. Ask at the library for details (412-486-0211). Parking is limited at certain gardens, so carpooling is a great idea! Wear your comfortable walking shoes. Rain or shine! Thank you for your support!**

**Judy Schiffbauer and Peg Ainey**

**412-487-2049 - Judy**

**SAVE-THE-DATE:**

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

The ***Guyasuta Garden Club*** presents: **"PRELUDE TO THE HOLIDAYS"** featuring a lecture-demonstration by Libbey Hodges Oliver, formal floral designer of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and author of Williamsburg Christmas and Flowers Are Almost Forever. Doors open at 10 AM for Raffle and Teacup Auction, lecture-demonstration at 11 AM and lunch at 12 Noon. Proceeds to benefit local landscaping programs for Pittsburgh Habitat for Humanity. Individual invitations will be sent to members of all clubs who

forward or mail a list of its membership with addresses to:

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**WANTED: NINE'S NEWS EDITOR.** Judy will no longer be doing the newsletter after October. If interested, please contact Sue Semple or Joann Wilson.

**WORLD FLOWER SHOW - BOSTON - JUNE 15-19, 2011**

**AGENDA AND RESERVATION FORM**

**(MOST MEALS ON YOUR OWN - A FEW WILL BE PROVIDED)**

**TRIP INCLUDES: 3-DAY ADMISSION TICKETS**

**MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION**

**TOUR OF ARNOLD ARBORETUM**

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS FIRST AND LAST DAY**

**TAX AND GRATUITY**

**BAGGAGE AND HANDLING**

**PRICE PP: \$866 (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUP)**

**SINGLE: \$1,306.00**

**TRIPLE: \$675 PER PERSON District IX**

We have several members from the clubs in our district that want to go and would like to fill a bus - we can make arrangements for pick-up in other areas. It would also be so nice to meet and chat with other clubs/groups along the way. The trip includes some side trips in Boston as well.

At this time, I would just like to know if anyone would be interested so I know if I should continue to hold the block of rooms we booked. The details above are the max and we are hoping, depending on

reservations, it will come down a little. In investigating the prices and package, everyone I have found has priced this trip at over \$1,000 to start with nothing included. If there is interest, I will send more detailed details and some other information.

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## **Annual Meeting Program**

**September 28,  
2010**

## **The Profile of Rick Mikula**

Rick has written many books on butterflies including the award winning *"The Family Butterfly Book"*, *"The Butterfly Fandex"* and *"Garden Butterflies of North America"*. He has also written regular columns for the award winning *'Environment Pennsylvania'* and *'People, Places, and Plants'* magazines. Rick

has been personally featured in over 4 dozen magazines and hundreds of newspapers worldwide. He also supplies both live and mounted butterflies for movies, TV commercials, magazines, newspapers, and photographers both professional and private.

He is also the pioneer and inventor of the releasing butterflies at weddings and funerals and has helped to make it a global phenomenon.

Rick is an internationally recognized lecturer and in the last 28 years has conducted thousands of high energy and fast paced presentations for all types of groups from Pre-k day care to college, and from incarcerated youth programs to assisted care facilities and garden clubs. His *"Spread Your Wings and Fly"* seminars have trained hundreds of people world wide to become professional butterfly producers. He also teaches a semi-annual landscaping workshop at Rutgers University, conducts writing courses, and

trains park naturalist and interrupters in the art of presenting 'unforgettable' programs throughout North America and Canada.

The flyer with a form for reservations, as well as, directions follows on pages 8 & 9.

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