



Trumpet Vine

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania District VII

April/May/June, 2010

Jackie Stempfer, Editor

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Congratulations are in order! After all, you do everything right ...

For instance, you apply for GCFP/C.A.R./NGC awards. You support GCFP/NGC projects by participating in fund raisers, by planting daffodils, by installing/dedicating Blue Star Markers, by participating in community plantings and clean up. You contribute to Natural Disasters. You award scholarships, hold auctions, take part in or hold your own Arbor Day programs, participate in Art in Bloom at the Carnegie and the May Market at Phipps. You plan yearbooks, programs, plant sales and budgets. You are involved with YOUTH either thru a Junior Gardening Program or thru contests. You care deeply about conservation - about energy, about climate change, about the disappearance of Pennsylvania's native plants.

District VII is to be congratulated as well. The Board met in November 2009 and January of 2010 and on March 17th held their annual President's/Member's Tea, donating sandwiches, cookies, cakes, colored eggs, chicken dip, veggies, fruit and raffle baskets. DVII members approved on March 17th a budget and a dues increase to \$.50/member, effective immediately. Thru the GCFP, District VII has provided an Awards Manual, Club Programs Material and information for the new club president and the new club treasurer as well as material about NGC projects, District VII Contact Information and a calendar of NGC/GCFP/District VII events.

District VII wishes to continue to support you and with this in mind, wants to remind you that: the Garden Club of McKeesport continues to ask for your vote in the America's Best Rose Garden Competition. Cast your vote between April 1st and July 1, 2010 at www.rose.org/votenow. Should the Garden Club of McKeesport win the contest, they will receive a \$2,500 donation and National Recognition.

What would you like to see District VII do for you? Please contact either District VII's Director (Nancy Davis Pryce) at 224 Maple Avenue, Edgewood, PA 15218-1524, 412-378-3226 or District VII's Assistant Director (Ann Stromberg) at 716 Shaw Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132-2333, 412-672-8933 with the answer to this question.

Nancy Davis Pryce, Director, District VII.

Please submit your clubs information to me at: jstempfer@comcast.net or by mail to:

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WEB SITES

GCFP
www.pagardenclubs.org

NGC, INC
www.gardenclub.org

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April 27-29	<u>Landscape Design School, Course III, Kings Gap, Carlisle, PA</u>
April 30	Arbor Day
May 4-6	<u>Flower Show School, Course III, Ft. Washington, PA</u>
May 14-16	<u>NGC Convention, Omni Hotel, Atlanta, GA</u>
May 23-25	Flower Show Symposium 2010--Everyone is welcome to attend
June 6-12	National Garden Week
June 7-8	GCFP Board Meeting, Location to be announced

TRAVEL

Pucketos Garden Club is offering a "Christmas at the Biltmore" trip. Date: Nov. 15-18, 2010 – Price \$499 pp dbl occup. Please call Jan Gamer at 412-977-2285 for details.

GREENSBURG GARDEN CENTER

GARDEN SERIES 2010

The first program was held March 2. The next program is April 6. Angela McDonnell, Penn State Master Gardener, will describe "The Many Faces of a Garden". May 4 will be Bob Palmer, Penn State Master Gardener, who is scheduled to give a 2-hour presentation on "Organic Vegetable Gardening". June will be Mary Lawrence, Penn State Master Gardener who will tell us what we need to know before we buy a greenhouse. The programs will be open to the public, free, and will be at 1:00 Don't forget to

pre-register – call the office at 724-837-0245

May Mart is May 1; 9AM to 2 PM.
Evening pre-sale is April 30th from 3-7 PM.

A Garden Tour is scheduled for
Saturday, June 26. Call the office at
724-837-0245 for details.

Greensburg Garden Club wants
members to be aware that membership
dues are now due.

Hopefully all clubs have been notified
that the Website provided to us through
GCFP/Miracle Gro will be shut down
effective March 31. Please let me know
if any clubs who had their Websites
through this avenue are planning on
obtaining a substitute site and what
your address will be. Murrysville
Garden Club has set up its own and the
site is murrysvillegardenclub.com

Rockledge Garden Club
May 7 & 8th members will be at
the May Market at Phipps
Conservatory. Club president
Mary Lindsey said the club will be
selling chocolate covered
strawberries as they have for the
past 70 years. Their strawberries
are famous.

June 3rd Penn Hebron Garden
Club will install their new officers.

Garden Club of Forest Hill is
having their annual perennial sale
May 1st in the Forest Hills Boro

parking lot (on Ardmore Blvd)
from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Also their annual plant related
auction is May 6 at Hope Lutheran
Church (353 Ridge Avenue in
Forest Hills starting at 12:00 noon.
Every is welcome and there will be
plenty of great bargains.

**Pucketos Garden Club, the
Garden Club of Forest Hills and
McKeesport Garden Club** are
participating in Carnegie Museum
of Art In Bloom competition
Friday, April 9, 2010.

May 3, 2010 the **Pucketos Garden
Club** will meet at Penn State, New
Kensington Campus. William
Hamilton, PH.D will be the speaker
and weather permitting will give a
guided tour of the Penn State
arboretum, butterfly meadow and
nature trail. The club has a plaque
in the Penn State New Kensington
gardens.

June 7 ALL members are asked to
help weed and plant
the gardens located in Lower
Burrell’s Memorial Park. They will
also have a plant exchange at this
meeting.

Murrysville Garden Club will hold
its annual plant sale May 7th and
8th. The sale is held on Route 22 in
Murrysville.

The Garden Club of McKeesport is having a Rose Society pruning demonstration April 11th and 18th at 1 PM.

Saturday, May 1st is their annual Plant and Mother's day gift sale. Hours are 9 AM to 2 PM. For sale will be plants, rose bushes, crafts and used garden books. The sale is held at Rensiehausen Rose Garden Clubhouse.

Burrellton Garden Club of Lower Burrell is having their annual MAY MART at Lower Burrell City Hall Garage, off Leechburgh Road, from 9AM to 3PM. They will have unique containers planted with annuals. They are also planting large containers for patios as well as their old chairs planted with annuals. Perennials from member's gardens will be potted for the sale. There will also be a flea Market, crafts and food. For more details, please call Rose Mildren at 724-339-4498 or e.mail her at rosiemildren@yahoo.com

Barb Lotito would like to remind everyone that she needs the application along with your club yearbook to be eligible for the 2010 award.

Also note on the Directory list sent with last months Trumpet Vine, please change Muriel Groff, Birds and Conservation, cell phone number – the new one is 412-908-2931

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For those not able to make our Members Tea March 17, you missed a great day. For those attending, our interesting guest speaker, Terry Coyne, owner of "The Conservatory" gave a talk and mentioned several associates of hers and some of you asked for their information. She has graciously provided their contact information:

HERBS

Matthew Myers
Matteo Herbs Galore
139 C Street
Johnstown PA 15906
814 262 8570
www.matteosherbs.com

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Mindy Schwartz
Garden Dreams
404 Center Street
Pittsburgh PA 15221
412 638 3333
www.mygardendreams.com
mindyjoyschwartz@comcast.net

HANGING BASKETS:

Alfred Orsini
109 Severi Street
Perryopolis PA 15 473
724 736 2573

ARTISTS-WATER COLOR/CARDS ETC

Carole McCray - water colors and acrylics - 724 238 5818
mountain@laurelweb.net

Patricia Loughran water cools and cards - 724 238 6455

Eileen Stoner - pressed flower - water color cards - 724 424 6409

Terry also asked if I would mention her season opening is Saturday, May 1st. She is located in Laughlintown on Route 30 East. Her hours are 11 am to 6 pm Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon and Tues-Wed-Thur by appointment.

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My husband and I took a drive to check out where Terry’s shop is located and the area around it. We found a “wonderful surprise”. This is a great trip for small groups that includes a visit to Terry’s shop, lunch at “The Country Inn”, a tour of “The Compass Inn Museum and a visit to the “Pie Shop. The price for the Compass Inn Museum is minimal and the price to eat at The Country Inn is also reasonable. I will be happy to provide you with the information and/or plan a trip for either “car caravans” or a small bus shuttle price. If you or your clubs are interested, please let me know.
Thanks, Jackie

GCFP (thru NGC) has 2 Youth Contests, the Poetry and Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Contest. Pucketos Garden Club (DVII) won 2009 Smokey/Bear/Woodsy Owl contest.

The “Our Beautiful World” Poetry Contest Winners 2009 are:

1st place Abena Brantuo, Mifflin County, District V

First grade:

1st place – Marshall Burger, Ingomar Garden Club, District IX
2nd place – Lexi Quakenbush,
3rd place – Lake Strobel

Second grade:

1st place – Jesse Crownover, Ingomar GC, District IX
2nd place – Cooper Mehall
3rd place – Sophia Yacoviello

Third grade:

1st place – Annie Colvill, Ingomar GC, District IX
2nd place – Miranda Day, Martha Washington, District X
3rd place – Cole Davidson, Ingomar GC, District IX

Fourth place:

1st place – Ali Battaglia, Ingomar GC, District IX
2nd place – Hannah Polito
3rd place – Adam Johnson
Honorable mention – Adian Murrin, Ingomar GC, District IX

Fifth grade:

1st place – Sydney Palmer, Ingomar GC, District IX
2nd place – Jessica Boy
3rd place – Vivian Chen
Honorable mention – Angela Viducich

Sixth grade:

1st place – Sarah Kinter, Ingomar
GC District IX

2nd place – Leah Day, Martha
Washington, District X

3rd place – Matthew Pilewski,
Ingomar GC, District IX

REMINDER:

DUES FOR 2010 ARE DUE
BEGINNING MAY. PLEASE
NOTE THEY HAVE CHANGED
TO .50 CENTS. JUDY WILL BE
SENDING NOTICES.

ALSO, THE NEXT ISSUE WILL
BE JULY/AUG/SEPT AND THE
DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS
JUNE 18.

I'm still feeling my way
through the organizing and
publishing of the Trumpet
Vine, so please accept my
apology if I missed something
or "messed" any article up.

I also tried to keep pictures,
graphics and color to a
minimum so it will require
less ink to print.

I promise to get better with
each issue.

Please mark your calendar for the "WORLD FLOWER SHOW" coming for the first time to America - JUNE 15-19, 2011 in Boston. We have buses and rooms blocked for the trip. Complete package price and information will be coming in the next issue but for now, it is between \$900 and \$1100 per person based on double occupancy for 5 days/4 nights - BUT the price is expected to come down. Also, there will be a payment plan set up so the cost can be paid in installments. Side sightseeing trips will also be available through the produces of the show. All the details are being finalized at the World Association and as I get them, I will forward more information. As of now our package does include a tour of the Arnold Arboretum.

For now I need a count of "INTERESTED MEMBERS" so I know where we stand at this time. This will not hold you to a reservation - I just need to know if it is worth continuing to package the trip. With the exception of a hotel attached to the show and exclusively for exhibitors, our hotel is the next closest and within walking distance of the show. I can only hold the block of rooms for a few months before I have to let them go. Once I do release the rooms, I will not be able to get them back as the international guests are registering early and taking all the hotel rooms close to the show and within the city limits. They are expecting a very large number of attendees from outside the USA. I am including a SIGN-UP/INTEREST SHEET for you to please pass around and get back to me by Email (jstempfer@comcast.net) or phone (724-327-6942) of potential travelers.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

CLUB: _____

___ SINGLE ___ DOUBLE:

ROOMING WITH: _____