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# Garden Club IN BLOOM

The Garden Club of York Quarterly Newsletter



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## President's Message



Welcome to our newsletter  
**"Garden Club in Bloom"**.

As I write this, I am sitting on my patio happy to see that my gardens are showing life again since the recent rains. They are blooming like the garden club blooms.

Since our last newsletter we have been busy. We had a great Garden Faire and a wonderful Spring Luncheon. There have been garden tours, adventures, Adopt-A-Block clean ups, and maintenance of our various projects – Plant It Pink gardens, herb garden at the Golden Plough Tavern, cradle-shaped graves, Jeremy's Garden and downtown containers. Our hanging baskets were hung on May 16<sup>th</sup>. They look great. Be sure and take a drive through downtown to see them. While you are downtown, visit the herb garden at the Golden Plough Tavern which the garden club is now maintaining.

In this newsletter, several of our committees are spotlighted. Maybe one of them will spark your interest to get involved and blossom.

Fall will soon be here. With fall, comes our fall picnic on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Willis House in York and our membership meetings that will start in October. Be sure and checkout Sign Up Genius on our website for upcoming activities.

I am looking forward to a great year working with the talented members of the Garden Club of York.

We are blooming!

Jan Olsen  
President

Save  
the  
Date!

#### AUGUST:

- Adopt-A-Block –August 12th

#### SEPTEMBER:

- Fall Picnic– September 18th at Willis House in York  
New this year-Plant Share– details, page 3

#### OCTOBER:

- 1st Membership Meeting– October 16th

**Don't miss out!**

**Checkout The Garden Buzz  
for more opportunities!**

The Garden Club of York uses photos of members to publicize involvement in the community. If you object to having your photo included, contact the club President, Jan Olsen.

#### **The Garden Club of York Affiliations:**

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

District IV of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

## Up and Coming Adventures

#### AUGUST:

Garden Tour– August 26th

#### SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER:

Checkout Garden Buzz



## Newsletter Details

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## Queen Bee

It's Swarm Season! Don't Panic!

Gather round my little darlings, to learn the seasonal cycles of Mid-Atlantic Apiculture. The following mid-17th century proverb was shared with me:

"A swarm in May is worth a load of hay; a swarm in June is worth a silver spoon; but a swarm in July is not worth a fly."

What does this mean for us? Why, the later in the year, the less time we have to collect pollen and nectar, and to make honey.

The activities in our colony vary with the seasons. The period from September to December may be considered the beginning of a new year for a colony of honey bees. The condition of the colony at this time affects the prosperity we hope to enjoy during the new year.

Everybody with me? Let's give it a go!

### Fall Picnic Plant Share September 18th

CELEBRATE your prosperous gardening season

#### SHARE YOUR PLANTS!

Bring several of your bounteous plants to the September picnic...and take a few others home.

Don't have any to bring?

That's ok...take a few home anyway.

Please limit your take home pile to 3, so everyone gets a chance.

If we have leftovers after the picnic... you may take a few more.

Questions?? Contact Kathie Wild

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## Membership Meeting Programs

### You Don't Want to Miss

### 2023-2024 GCY Speakers



#### October 16th – Water Conservation

JT Hand, CEO of York Water Company

#### November 20<sup>th</sup> – Pruning basics to get the best results for perennials, trees, and shrubs



Jack Geoghan

#### January 16<sup>th</sup> – Hummingbirds

Sandy Lockerman



#### February 19<sup>th</sup> – Birds and wildlife with native plants

Alice Simmons

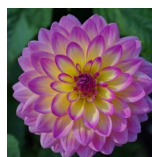


#### March 18<sup>th</sup> – Honey Bees

Mark Chronister with York Beekeepers Association

#### April 15<sup>th</sup> – Dahlias

Lindsay Legros – Master Gardener





## District IV Press Release

Welcome to the first District IV Press Release! There are a few things happening, but first I want to thank everyone who participated in the District IV Fundraiser – Creating a Charcuterie Board, Tea and More. A fun time was had by the 43 participants! From the presenter, Kari Hilt, we first had a little history on charcuterie and then everyone was able to create their own board. There were meats, cheeses, fruits, nuts, condiments, olives and so much more. Contest winners for the various categories of teacups were presented while everyone enjoyed dessert and tea. **Thanks to Rick Layman from the Garden Club of York who brought and had for sale a big variety of charcuterie boards.** Thanks to your support, District IV raised a total of \$615. Look for another fundraiser possibly in the 2024 timeframe, so stayed tuned!

The District IV “Going Digital” project kicked off on 30 June 2023. Assistant Director, Robin Pottorff, conducted an in-person meeting with our Central Penn College intern, Jessica Mutzbaugh. Here are a few of her goals: contact District IV garden clubs who have already conducted a digital format archives or who are in the process; develop a plan for archiving (treasurers reports, meeting minutes) – which are the top priorities within a club; present the project/design preliminary to board members; and develop a continuity plan for future interns.

**On Saturday, 12 August 2023, an NGC Horticulture Speciality Show will be presented by the Town & Country Garden Club of Lancaster entitled “Garden Treasures”.** Location is at Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Rd, Lititz, PA. The show is open to the public from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Entries will be received on Friday, August 11 from 2 – 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in entering or if you have questions, contact the Classification Chair/Consultant that is assigned to the section you are interested in or the Chairperson – Delores Nolt , 717-371-6967.

The flower show schedule will be posted on the District IV website and an email was sent to your club president for distribution with the schedule/ information.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **District IV September annual meeting that will be hosted by the Chambersburg Garden Club and the Gettysburg Garden Club at the Gettysburg Fire House Community Room on Thursday, 14 September 2023.** All garden club members are invited to attend. We will have three special VIPs – GCFP president, Leeanna Ryba, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, Pat Wolanski and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, Tonya Young.

Joanne Bayliss

District IV Director



## National Garden Club

### Penny Pines

NGC and the USDA Forest Service have a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through a reforestation/forest education program called Penny Pines.

Garden Club of York participates in this meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area.

Whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe, damaged pine trees and other trees are replaced. A specific state may be designated to benefit from this contribution.

Millie Martin is our chair for Penny Pines and will send a collection box around at the luncheon at our membership meetings.

**Your Support is Appreciated!**



**Membership  
Minute with  
Daphne Leeder**



**Welcome New Members**

The first time attending a luncheon can be overwhelming.

The Membership Committee is ready to help. Stop at the **New Member** table and receive your gift bag, get help signing in, pick up your name tag and meet some of the members. We will also answer any questions you may have. We are looking forward to meeting you and are happy to have you join us.

**Total Membership as of July 18th: 229**

**Welcome to Our New Members:**

**Holly Ziegler**

**Sherry Dunbar**

**Marilyn Werkheiser**

**Meagan Given**

**Yvette Alexander**

**Suzan Kelly**

**Veronica Wilson**

**Lauren Jones**

**Sally Pastucha**

**Kathleen Sibol**

**Charlotte Greenawalt**

**Michele Zettle**

**Denise Piccolo**

**Penelope Woods**

**Donna Alcorn**

**Matthew Davis**

**Valerie Myers**

**Kimberly Hoffman**

**Katy Keller**



Chez Waltman-Baccon, the setting for the 2023 GCY's Dinner for 8, maintained the historical spirit for just such affairs. The character of the property with dining nestled on the patio terrace overlooking a sweeping landscape of herbs, flowers and fig trees, and a garden terraced to a koi pond provided a warm and cozy atmosphere for 8 guests enjoying great food and gracious hospitality. In addition a souvenir sugar cookie iced and hand decorated with a floral basket was handed to each departing guest thanking them for supporting the GCY and the Dinner for 8 with Chef Judy's renown expertise.

I hereby award 5 stars to Chef Judy Waltman-Baccon for her selection of courses and wine pairings and her attention to detail bringing new ideas to the menu with a desire to share the flowers and food of her kitchen.

I hereby award 5 stars to the kitchen staff including the Executive Sous Chef and special guest chefs: Mary Ann Bianchini, Nancy Dellinger, Linda Hanson, Mary Alice Heilig and Pam Paules. Brie, the official taster, made a special photographic guest appearance.

I am pleased to embrace the sense of community and know that the recipes used to create memorable moments will foster an inclination for you to enjoy your own memorable moments with great food and gracious guests.

Sante,  
Jaime Mousse-Stashe



# Spotlight On

## Youth Gardening

Our committee's purpose is to provide opportunities to engage youth in learning experiences involving gardening, conservation, pollinators, and everything we do in garden club.

This spring we have provided 50 Kid's Gardening Kits to Martin Library for kids to make a Mason Bee House and 50 kits in the summer to create a wind chime. The kits go quickly and we have been told by parents that their kids enjoy them and look forward to the next one.

We planted flowers in the courtyard sensory garden of the Children's section of Martin Library. We will weed it and maintain it while the library staff will water it daily.

We added a sensory bin to the garden area with games and activities to encourage kids and families to explore the garden. The librarian said the bug eye glasses that allow the kids to see like a bug sees are a hit.

We are doing storytime at Martin library this summer. We had our first one in June and the kids seemed to enjoy the worm stories and songs as well as painting with rubber worms. July brought a storytime about bees!

We enjoyed our evening with a Girl Scout troop, helping the brownies earn their bug badge and juniors earn their flower badge.

We added flowers to the raised beds at Leg Up Farm and will maintain them this summer. We had a good time providing a worm experience for the kids at Leg Up Farm camp in July.

It was great to see all the youth at the Birds of Prey presentation in June at Leg Up Farm.

As the committee chair, I always hoped we would be able to provide an opportunity for kids to get their hands in the dirt and help plant a garden.

It happened this summer as the tween group at Martin Library joined us in planting the courtyard garden. Each child was paired with a Youth gardener. It was such a joy to watch the adults interact so well with the kids. The kids responded in kind and really appreciated the experience.

One of the boys was so impacted by the activity that he brought in a plant the next evening and wanted the library staff to help him plant it in the garden. It turned out the plant was a squash plant and not really a good candidate for the garden. However, to help encourage his interest, we met him at the garden and provided a pot and a trellis for his squash plant. As of the writing of these thoughts, the squash plant is still growing.

Susan Fife



**Youth Gardening Committee  
Member Spotlight:  
Kris Pollick**

**What made you join the Garden Club of York?** I have a lot of respect for Kim Keesee and wanted to support her second year as President.

**How long have you been a member?** I have been a member since August 2022.

**What do you enjoy most about the committee you are on?** I don't have grandchildren and thought this would be a good way to interact with children. Also, I took all 3 of my children to storytime at Martin Library when they were children. I'm leading the August 9th storytime and our theme will be butterflies.

**What job or volunteer job did you do and/or are still doing?** I was the Executive Director of Catholic Harvest Food Pantry for 16 years. I retired in May of 2021. Now my favorite thing to do is play in the dirt in my garden and travel. Currently, I am on a cruise in Iceland!

**Tell us about your family-** Married to David for 44 years as of July 7th. I have three children, Jon (41), Kate (38) and Elyse (34). Elyse is married to Dan Byrnes.

**Tell us about your garden at home and/or what you enjoy about gardening—**I have multiple gardens all with a theme. There's the pond garden with hostas and ferns since it is shaded by a large oak tree. The circle garden (it edges our circular driveway) has roses and catmint in the back and daylilies in the front. The project garden was a field of weeds up until 2020 and is at the roadside edge of the yard. Spring brings colorful mountain phlox next to a swath of daffodils. Summer has a mandevilla climbing on an old chain link gate with African daisies and other perennials. At fall, you'll see chrysanthemums and dark sedum as you drive by.



**Two truths and a Lie:** See if you can figure out which of the 3 statements about this member is a lie. Answer on page 16.

1. I hiked the Grand Canyon at age 49 including climbing down 200" to see the base of a waterfall on the Havasupi Reservation.
2. I graduated Summa Cum Laude from York College at age 51.
3. I had dinner with John McCain during his Presidential run.

**Photos**



# Spotlight On

## Public Planting

**Our Purpose:** The Public Planting Committee oversees the club's involvement in community areas and gardens. Our committee is divided into five specific areas: the Blue Star Memorial By-Way Garden, Prospect Hill Cemetery cradle-shaped graves, Adopt-A-Block litter pick up, the Herb Garden behind the Golden Plough Tavern and overseeing all of our Presidential Trees. Join us for any one of these areas or all five!



### What has your committee accomplished recently?

At the beginning of the summer, we traveled around the York area and visited all the trees that have been planted for our past Presidents. It was quite a hunting expedition. Some are in Cousler Park, some are at York Suburban High School, some are in the York Hospital triangle and some are in a nearby church yard. We were so glad to find them as some of them needed help. One tree was growing on a slant because a limb was so heavy it was pulling the tree over to one side. So, we trimmed the tree by cutting off the protruding limb and its slant was gone. Another tree just needed to have all the little dead branches removed and it perked right up. The last tree we discovered had totally died and it was already removed from its position. We contacted the past President whose tree it was and assured her a new tree would be planted in its place by this fall. She now lives in Florida and was delighted to hear from GCY. Kim Keese, who is our latest past President, has chosen to plant a Northern red oak tree but has not quite decided where it should be placed!



**Share a special highlight that has happened within your committee.**

One of the highlights of our committee this year is acquiring the opportunity to plant, maintain and water the Herb Garden located behind the Golden Plough Tavern on W. Market St. and N. Pershing Ave. in downtown York. We have set up a Monday and Thursday summer schedule through Signup Genius to work in this wonderful garden. We're learning about all kinds of new and unusual types of herbs and how they were used in colonial times. We see great opportunities for the future involving this garden. Come join in the fun!





## Public Planting Committee Member Spotlight: Daphne Leeder

### What made you join the Garden Club of York?

When I retired from teaching several of my friends who are in the club spoke very highly of the Garden Club of York. They enjoy the variety of activities and encouraged me to join.

**How long have you been a member?** I have been a member since 2022.

**What do you enjoy most about the committee you are on?** One of the best things for me about helping out with public planting is the camaraderie we have as we weed, mulch, plant and chat with each other. There is also a sense of accomplishment in creating a place of beauty for all to enjoy. Public plantings are spaces that create a sense of well being and show pride in our community and I am happy to contribute to that.

**What job or volunteer job did you do and/or are still doing?** My teaching career spanned 36.5 years. I taught AP and Honors Biology and Ecology/Marine Biology. I truly loved teaching but, at 68 years old, it was time to pursue my other interests. In addition, my husband was already retired.

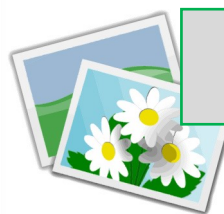
**Tell us about your family.** I have been married for 48 years-yikes. We have a son who works for Social Security and a daughter who is a Nurse Practitioner. We also have 2 grandchildren and 2 grand dogs. Our grandson will be a senior at Northeastern and our granddaughter graduated from Pitt and works in architecture in Pittsburgh.

**Tell us about your garden at home and/or what you enjoy about gardening** What I enjoy most about our garden is how good it makes me feel when I am out in it. We have hostas, lillies, evergreens, azaleas, hollies, knockout roses and more.



**Two truths and a Lie: See if you can figure out which of the 3 statements about this member is a lie. Answer on page 16.**

1. I used to have a Suzuki Savage motorcycle.
2. I bungee jumped in Virginia Beach.
3. I taught at a gymnastics camp for 2 summers while at Virginia Tech.



## Photos



# Spotlight On

## Plant It Pink



Photos

### Spotlight on Breast Cancer – The Garden of Hope

Kimberly Mudge, MD, saw the John Rudy Park - Plant it Pink Garden and asked Sue Bowman if the Garden Club of York would get involved in a garden at the UPMC hospital, where she is employed. Named “The Garden of Hope”, this garden would also be part of the UPMC’s “Transform the Trail”, which promotes improving ones health, well-being and quality of life through physical fitness.

Discussion for the garden began in early 2021, and planting began in 2022. Now in 2023, we have planted annuals, weeded, placed pavers at the three benches and will possibly replace some shrubs and perennials that did not survive the first planting. Later this year, a bronze sculpture, created by Lorann Jacobs, will be placed at the Garden of Hope. A small garden will be created around this sculpture.

Sue Bowman was very involved with the creation of this garden, and she will continue to help but not as chairperson. With Sue’s assistance, Chris Barkdoll and Pam Rodencal will co-chair for 2023-2024.

We are listed on Sign-Up Genius if you are interested in helping to weed some time this summer. Please sign up!

-Pam Rodencal





# Spotlight— Plant It Pink— John Rudy Park

**What is the purpose of your committee?** We plant and maintain this garden to honor those affected by breast cancer.

**What has your committee accomplished recently?** We are engaged in our annual fight against aphids attacking the rose bushes. This year we are using Neem Oil for the first time and it "seems" to be successful so far.

**Share a special highlight that has happened within your committee.**

Several of the newest club members have used Sign Up Genius to work with us this year. We welcome their participation and encourage more folks to join us.

-Jane Dodson



# Spotlight on...

## Garden and Horticultural Therapy

### What is the purpose of your committee?

Through education and hands-on instruction, we share the joy of gardening with adults with autism and mental disabilities.

### What has your committee accomplished recently?

We meet twice a week at Jeremy's Garden, through the cooperation of the Jessica and Friends Community, where we begin our gardening journey in April with planting seeds and young plants. Our harvesting season starts with strawberries in June and ends with pumpkins in September, which our participants enjoy taking home. This year we planted an assortment of vegetable seeds, including radish, spinach, kale, parsley, and green beans. We planted tomato, lunchbox pepper, zucchini, eggplant and cucumber plants as well as nasturtiums and marigolds. Recently our participants harvested red potatoes, which are always fun to dig up. It's like uncovering buried treasure. We learned about the history of the herbs in the song "Are You Going to Scarborough Fair?" and made herb nosegays from the herbs in our garden. Our volunteers shared their knowledge about composting (greens and browns!) and companion planting (nasturtiums and marigolds and borage!) as well as tips about planting and caring for vegetable plants. Most weeks we perform the two gardening "W's"...weeding and watering, and end our session with a cool drink of meadow tea in the shade. We have amazing volunteers and love the enthusiasm of our participants.

Share a special highlight that has happened within your committee.

Each of our volunteers contributes with a garden-related presentation or a craft. Vickie Leiphart led our first craft presentation, which was so popular that it was extended for several meetings. Wooden spoons were painted in bright colors, then decorated to look like garden people. Each participant added their name to the back of the spoon, then placed the spoon among the vegetables in the raised beds. They add colorful whimsy to the mostly green vegetable beds.

-Naomi Bloom





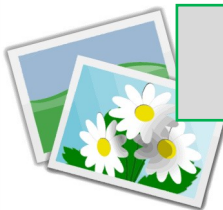
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## Hanging Baskets and Containers



## Spring Luncheon





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## Flowers and Fellowship

### Garden Faire



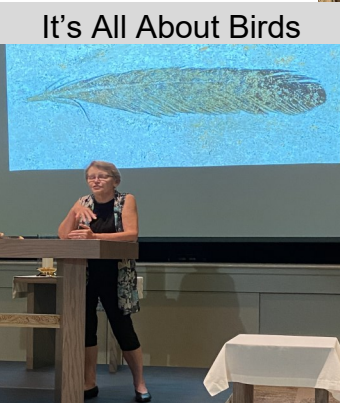
### Arbor Day

### District IV Fundraiser Tea Cup Winners



### Flower Pressers

### Armed With Needles



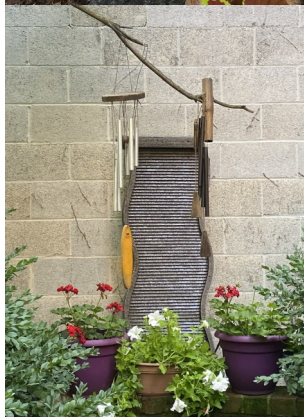
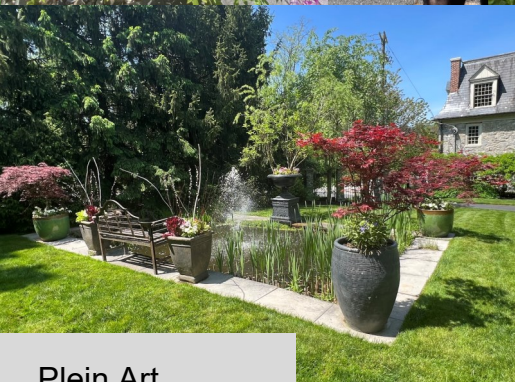


# Photos

## Governor's Mansion

# Summer Adventures

## Garden Tours



## Plein Art



## Feature Article: GCY Executive Board Who and What Do They Do?

As Garden Club of York begins a new year, a group of elected members meet to make sure the club is running smoothly and provide you, the members, with the best club experience possible. Each person elected serves for a 2 year term.

The President is Jan Olsen and she leads this team and the club as a whole. Making sure her board is following through on taking care of the needs of members and overseeing club activities.

The 1st Vice President is Pam Paules and she is assisting Jan while learning the ropes of becoming the President of the club in 2 years. She is also responsible for updating the yearbook.

The 2nd Vice President is Daphne Leeder and she will assist Jan as well as chair the membership committee. She will be president in 4 years.

The Treasurer is Elaine Yates, and assistant treasurer is Joan Graff. These ladies are responsible to see that the finances of the club are dealt with efficiently and effectively. They keep up to date records of all the financial transactions and ensure that funds are spent properly.

The directors for this year are Kim Keesee, Carol Seifarth and Christy Chiaro. Their job is to aid and give counsel to the president as she leads the club.

The recording secretary is Susan Fife. She has the responsibility of recording and maintaining minutes so that there is an accurate account of what happens at board and membership meetings.

## Here They Are...



Pictured from left to right...Jan Olsen, Joanne Bayliss (District IV Director), Pam Paules, Christy Chiaro, Daphne Leeder, Carol Seifarth, Joan Graff, Kim Keesee, Susan Fife, Elaine Yates

## SEE IF YOU GUESSED RIGHT! Member Spotlight– The truth is...

Kris Pollick- I didn't have dinner with John McCain during his Presidential run, but did actually met him helping with a fundraising event for Todd Platts.

Daphne Leeder- I did not bungee jump in Virginia Beach.



## Taste of Garden Club

### Caprese Skewers

Similar to the Spring Luncheon appetizer at The Stone Mill Inn, these caprese skewers have the components of traditional caprese salad, but are transformed into an easy, delicious, and pretty appetizer!

#### Ingredients

- 2 tbs extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1/4 tsp cracked red pepper flakes
- 1/8 tsp garlic powder
- 1/8 tsp kosher salt
- 12 mozzarella balls, drained and patted dry
- 24 small cherry tomatoes
- 24 small fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 cup balsamic glaze
- 12 (4-inch) party skewers

#### Instructions

In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, Italian seasoning, cracked red pepper flakes, garlic powder, and salt. Add in the mozzarella balls and gently toss to coat. For best flavor, let these marinate in the fridge overnight before assembling.



#### Instructions

Assemble the skewers in this order: thread a cherry tomato, folded basil leaf, marinated mozzarella ball, another folded basil leaf, and another cherry tomato. Place on a serving platter. Drizzle skewers with a little balsamic glaze.

#### Notes

Balsamic glaze is fairly common in grocery stores, but, if you can't find it, it's really easy to make. Add one cup of balsamic vinegar to a small saucepan over medium heat. Once it comes to a boil, set on simmer for about 10-15 minutes until it reduces to a syrup consistency. You can check by dipping a spoon in the balsamic, and if it covers the back of it, it's done. As it cools, it will thicken a bit more. Allow to cool completely before using. I recommend serving this appetizer the day it is assembled; otherwise the basil leaves will wilt and can turn brown around the edges.

## AWARDS & LAURELS

A few years ago, I was asked to help with the Awards & Laurels Committee. The challenge was accepted, and many applications have been sent to both the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania and to the National Garden Club for their consideration for awards. It was amazing how many projects we were working on that were of interest and notable to others. The Garden Club of York won awards for our fabulous Website and our beautiful Newsletter. In addition, we were acknowledged for our percentage of increase of our wonderful membership.

In our applications, we told them about our project with Martin Library and how we cooperated with them to complete an entire Sensory Garden for the children's section. We also wrote about our community beautification project where we coordinated several large containers of flowers and swapped them between the York Fairgrounds and our downtown, historic Firehouses. In addition, we told them about our decorating during the holidays of the William C Goodridge Freedom Center and Underground Railroad Museum.

For all these projects, we won Awards!!!

These are just some of the many projects our members of the club have been working on these past few years. What other projects are we creating, and would you like to be part of the wonderful process of writing about them? If you have projects you would like to tell about or help to write about, contact Elaine Yates (717) 887-6794!

Elaine Yates

## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC AWARDS 2022

**Publications** - Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
**Permanent Community Improvement** – Certificate in Appreciation of award participation - Containers at the York fire stations and the York Fairgrounds

**Publications** – Certificate of Commendation – Garden Buzz

**Permanent Community Improvement** – Certificate of Commendation – The Sensory Garden at Martin Library

## GCFP PRESIDENTIAL CITATION –2022

**Tonya Young – GCFP Symposium** – for organizing and running a great Symposium

## GCFP AWARDS TO CLUB FOR 2022

**Club Yearbooks** 100 + members  
 2<sup>nd</sup> The Garden Club of York  
**Club Membership Award - Large Club (51+)**  
 \$100

### Newsletter – 13-24 pages

1<sup>st</sup> - The Garden Club of York

### Community Enhancements –

Continuing beautification project

1<sup>st</sup> - containers at the York fire stations and fairgrounds

### Community Enhancements –

Permanent community improvements

1<sup>st</sup> – The Sensory Garden at Martin Library

### Website Designed and Maintained

by Members – Large Club

2<sup>nd</sup> - The Garden Club of York

## District IV Awards

**Trash to Treasure** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

## GCFP Scholarship 2023 –

**Jacqueline Kiszka** – Dorothy A Hermani Scholarship - \$1000.



# 1st Vice President Pam Paules's Garden Tips



## Remember When...



1950's

EXPERIMENTING with hand puppets made by the York Art Club's Garden Therapy Committee is as much fun for the committee members as the puppet show will be for the cerebral palsy children on Tuesday, July 12. Shown trying to immitate Mrs. Jack C. Heilig's (on floor), professional touch with the puppets are (seated left to right), Mrs. Carl R. May, a committee member, and Mrs. R. D. Smedley, committee chairman.

### Are you deadheading your Day Lilies properly?

Day Lilies put on quite a show this time of year producing beautiful blooms! Along with that comes a bit of work to keep them blooming - DEADHEADING!! Spent flowers come off easily, but if you don't remove the ovary of the flower ( the green seed like part at the base of the flower) seedpods will form. These are the big green pods that grow after the flowers have bloomed. If you allow the pods to grow the plant will focus more energy on growing the pods and stop producing flowers.

OVARY=SEEDPOD=LESS FLOWERS!



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## Did You KNOW?

Why is there a cherry tomato growing from my Dad's potato plant?

When my Dad, Henry Ely, who has been planting potatoes in his garden in the local area for over 50 years, showed us the "cherry tomato" that was growing from the blossom of his potato plant, we just had to see it. Thinking we would find a tomato plant growing up amongst his potato plants, much to our surprise, we were wrong!



A quick search on the internet taught us that tomato plants and potato plants are both in the Nightshade family of plants. We normally plant seed potatoes and that is how we grow potatoes; but, where do potato seeds come from? This is what we learned, thanks to the perfect conditions provided to us this planting season.

Potato flowers and fruit are produced because potatoes multiply by seed. The edible part of the potato plant is a tuber connected to the roots of the plant. The tubers themselves are not seeds, even though the ones you plant are called seed potatoes. The true seeds of the plant appear only rarely, in round, green seed pods. It shouldn't be surprising that these seed pods look like tomatoes because potatoes and tomatoes are members of the same plant family. Potato flowers look very much like tomato flowers except the potato flowers can be white or lavender or pink. It depends on the type of potato as to the flower color.

Typically those blooms are aborted and never have the opportunity to go from flower to fruit. The weather conditions have allowed the flowers to remain, pollinate and grow into small potato fruit. These look like small, round or oblong cherry tomatoes and usually appear in clusters. Those round seed pods are also called potato fruit, potato berries and seed balls. The interior of a seed pod has up to 500 tiny seeds distributed throughout a mass of moist tissue. But, don't eat them—they are poisonous! -Susan Fife

## A Gardener's Life...



## Good Stuff to Know

- Give Local York— we raised **\$7,797.62**  
**Thank you** to all who supported GLY. Money raised is for scholarships.
- Garden Faire raised **\$12,359.95**  
**WE HAD A GREAT YEAR!**
- Ways and Means have an online store. Visit the GCY website and go to the Members section to visit the store on our website.
- Armed with Needles— knitting and crocheting group—next meeting is August 11th. Contact Mary Alice Heilig for details.