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February 2019

Our next meeting:

Monday February 18

10:30 a.m. Membership Meeting

11:45 a.m. Light lunch

1:00 p.m. ***"Putting Color into a White Winter's Day"***

Tonya Young is the past president of GCY and is a certified Flower Show Judge. Please go to page 3 for more information.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

Hostess: Linda Hanson. If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement from the **Substitute List** and contact **Linda** as soon as possible.

Peggy Conway	Deb Martin
Jan Frey	Judy Thornton
Dee Garson	Sally Wagman
Earline Jones	

Go to page 11 to read about what the York Daily Record learned about GCY's hanging baskets… and GCY's growing commitment to the community since beginning in 1922. This submitted photo appeared in Gordon Freireich's YDR Opinion column on November 18.

BASKET VISIONS NEWSLETTER

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BASKET VISIONS *is a quarterly publication of The Garden Club of York.*

A Message from President Mary Alice Heilig

PRESIDENT'S THEME

"Bee involved,

Bee of service,

Bee there!"

Mary Alice and Emcee Shirley Thornton at the Holiday Luncheon. Photo by Nancy Dellinger.

Happy 2019 to all! Wrapping up the Holiday Season finds us eager to begin the new Garden Club Year with enthusiasm, anticipation and great expectations. At this moment, I do not want 2018 to be forgotten without thanking Barb Sindicich, our **Holiday Luncheon** Chair, and her fantastic team who worked with such creativity and diligence to present us with an over-the-top themed, Holly Jolly Holiday Event.

It was a special year for this Fundraiser, as we garnished record earnings. We could not have done it without your support! Your attendance in sharing this day with fellow Club members and friends is so very special. *(Go to pages 6-8 for more of Mary Alice's comments and photos from Nancy Dellinger.)*

Even though we were unsuccessful in securing admission to the White House for the Christmas decorated tour, Nancy Woodrow stepped forward and arranged an inspiring December 14 **Tree Trot** of four unique and beautiful properties including her own home, the home of one of our newer members, Jenny Altland, as well as two additional unique homes of non-members for the Tree Trot. We had rather rough driving weather that day with a fog that wouldn't dissipate, but the homes were festive, the hosts were welcoming and fun was had by all who braved the weather. A huge thanks goes to Betsy Smith who opened her home and shared holiday joy with cookies and holiday singing.

Nancy Woodrow's photos of her Christmas tree hung with her own handmade ornaments. And who doesn't love a nutcracker—especially one that is six feet tall.

Betsy Smith's photo of her Christmas tree.

While all the various components are important to our success, you are the most important. You are this Club! I am so very impressed with all the accomplishments that you do! I am so honored to be able to represent you as your President. You all are quite impressive individually. Let's make 2019 a fun-filled gardening year!

PAGSY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (updated 2/5)

It's that time of the year! Volunteers are needed to man our booth at the PAGSY Show from Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3. Please email or call President Mary Alice Heilig with your preferred day and time to work at our booth. Two ladies are requested to volunteer on the following days and times. Many thanks for your support!

Friday, March 1	Saturday, March 2	Sunday, March 3
11 - 1 FILLED	10 - 12 FILLED	11 - 1
1 - 3 FILLED	12 - 2 FILLED	1 - 4
3 - 5:30	2 - 4	4 - 5 FILLED
5:30 - 8 FILLED	4 - 6	
	6 - 8	

Trivia Question

According to the Fall 2018 issue of *Keystone Gardener,* where is the location of a newly proposed Penny Pines project? This Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania fund will provide money for "trees, shrubs, plants, fencing if needed, up to an approved amount." The goal is to add "native species and potentially add pollinator friendly shrubs and plants." Answer on page 11.

THREE SISTERS IN NATURE JOURNALS

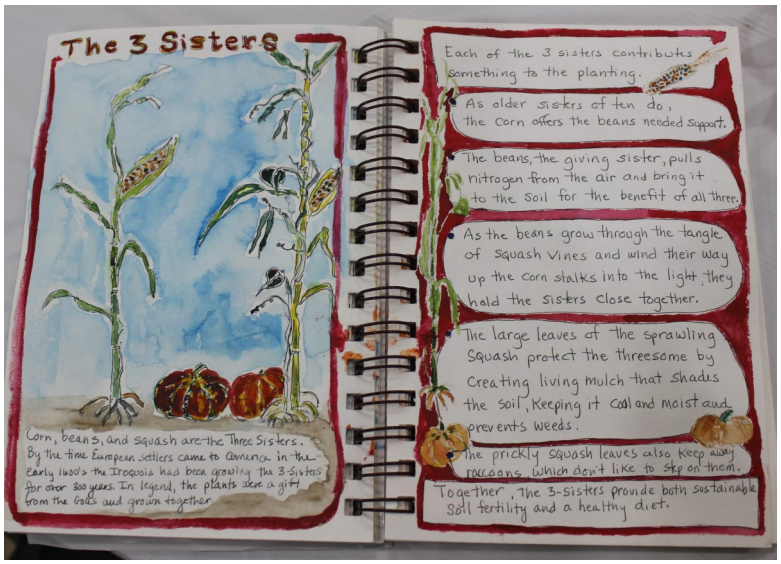
Photos by Nancy Dellinger

At our November 19 membership meeting, Carol Welsh stunned us with her illustrated nature journals. Even better, she inspired us to begin our own journals. Some of us tried our hand at painting the "three sisters still lifes" set up on the table before us. She advocates a four color anaylsis—such as blue for facts and red for emotion. For more about nature journaling, go to page 5.

Painting in their nature journals *(above) are Nancy Woodrow, Adele Naglieri and Ruth Cashman.*

Nature journalist Carol Walsh (above) holding a paint box. One of her own journal pages (left) illustrates flowering in November. Her "3 Sisters" notes (below) say that "As older sisters often do, the corn offers the beans needed support...The beans, the giving sister, pulls nitrogen from the air and bring it to the soil for the benefit of all three...The prickly squash leaves also keep away raccoons, which don't like to step on them."

November's Hospitality Committee *(below): Sue Lutz, Rebecca Fager, Diane Buchart, Jenny Altland, Chair Sue Bowman and Bonnie Carman.*



TIRED OF LOOKING AT WHITE?

by Tonya Young

Join me on February 18 as I use flowers to add a whole lot of color to your day!

I will be demonstrating several floral designs that will surely inspire you to try them at home! You'll be surprised how simply adding flowers to a winter day will lift your spirits and warm your soul as we all await the colors of Springtime! You won't want to miss it.

BRING PLENTY OF QUARTERS

At the February 18 GCY membership meeting, Betsy Smith will be selling flower design items (containers, frogs, etc.) and interesting cookbooks and gardening books at rock bottom prices. Bring plenty of quarters—does that give you a clue as to prices?

Mark your calendar

Monday March 18

10:30 a.m. Membership Meeting

11:30 a.m. Light lunch

1:00 p.m. "Container Savvy"

Marty Henry is the owner/operator of Henry's Farm and Greenhouses. She is proficient in the language of flowers. Her greenhouse provides the GCY hanging basket flowers.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

Hostess: Kathy Crossman If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement on the **Substitute List** *(below)*, *then* contact Kathy as soon as possible.

Christy Bracher
Neila Burrows
Kristine Gross
Susan Liebegott
Pam Rice
Judith Peters
Joanne Kistler-Gruver

SAVE THIS LIST!!

SUBSTITUTE LIST

Mary Lou Benton
Becky Bingham
Sue Bowman
Christie Bracher
Diane Buchart
Kitty Everard
Beckie Fager
Dee Garson
Kathy Gingerich
Linda Hanson
Susan Liebegott
Millie Martin
Sandi Ream
Linda Rice
Carol Stine
Priscilla Waldman
Judy Waltman-Baccon.

COLD WEATHER CHEER WITH SENIORS

Article and photos by Rebecca Fager,
Flowers and Fellowship Co-chair

On November 12, we spent an afternoon helping 15 ladies from Providence Place Senior Living of Dover create flower arrangements for their rooms. In the photo *(on right),* helpers are Ruth Cashman at the head of the table with the pink tablecloth, Earline Jones standing on the left, and Tonya Young standing at the far table. Also helping that day were Kathy Gingerich, myself and my co-chair, Frances Locati.

On January 10, we arranged flowers with 18 residents at Broadmore Senior Living at York. Besides myself, members included Co-chair Frances Locati and Earline Jones. Also helping as seen in the photos below are: Rochelle Nyman *(left)*, Kathy Gingerich *(center)* and Sue Bowman *(right)*.

TREE PLANTING SUCCESS GUIDE

from Priscilla Waldman,
Arbor Day Chair

The following is from the Pennsylvania Forest Stewards newsletter.

If you plan to plant trees on your property, the Penn State Extension publication, "Forest Landowners Guide to Tree Planting Success," is for you. You will find helpful information, from determining your objectives and assessing your site, to selecting species, ordering seedlings, and detailed planting hows and whens.

Find the guide online at :
extension.psu.edu/forest-landowners-guide-to-tree-planting-success

To request a copy in the mail, call **1-800-235-9473** during regular business hours.

BLUE STAR HELLEBORES AND FERNS

by Susan Liebegott and Kim Keesee,
Public Planting Co-chairs

The Public Plantings Committee will be seeking donations of hellebores and ferns to add to our Blue Star Garden at the Revolution Stadium. We won't be able to do this until late April, but if you want to contribute a plant please let us know.

Also, we are in discussions with several community groups to organize trash clean-up days to help keep up the gardens on Broad Street. Further information will follow when we know more. You may also volunteer to become part of the clean-up when we have dates set to work. But you can let us know in advance of your interest, so we can begin to have an idea of how many people from our club will be supporting this effort.

JANUARY JOURNALING FROM FAR AWAY & LONG AGO...AND HERE & NOW

by Neila Burrows, Horticulture Chair

Continuing our year of journaling, let's begin by reading entries from two fellow gardeners from "across the Pond:"

In the village of Olton in Warwickshire, journalist Edith Holden, created a literary portrait of the seasons in The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. As a naturalist, she chronicled her beloved English countryside for the year 1906—a charming reminder of a beautiful, bygone time. The Diary remained "a private, treasured family heirloom until it was published in 1977." Her entry for January 23, 1906: ***Sharp frost and thick fog in the early morning. The fog cleared off about 9:30a.m. and the sun shone brightly. Went for a country walk. Every twig on every tree and bush was outlined in silver tracery against the skin; some of the dead grasses and seed-vessels growing by the roadside were specially beautiful, every detail of them sparkling with frost crystals in the sunshine. I saw great flocks of rooks and starlings down on the fields and a pair of beautiful bullfinches in a Hawthorn bush. The mild winter has brought out the Hazel catkins, wonderfully early, the small green flowers are fully expanded on some of the catkins, and the pretty little red stars of the female flowers are appearing.***

Virginia Woolf's Garden records the story of her garden at Monk's House, Sussex, England. This famous author and her husband bought the country retreat in 1919—one hundred years ago. ***The plums crowded so as to weight the tip of the branch down...there are cherries, plums, pears, figs, together with all the vegetables. This is going to be the pride of our hearts; I warn you. ...Our garden is a perfect variegated chintz... asters, plumasters, zinnias, geums, nasturtiums...all bright, stiff, upstanding, cut from brightly coloured paper as flowers should be.'***

And now in closing, come back home to my garden, January 5, 2:15p.m. ***a very young hawk is spied sitting on the large concrete birdbath outside my kitchen window. It currently holds leftover sprays of golden winterberry from Christmas for the birds. The hawk is quite a sight contrasting against the gold/orange berries and his brown-gray feathers, his head jerking L and R, eyes cast downward and sharply searching for a mouse perhaps? Squirrels and birds dash through the yard seemingly uninterested in the hawk. On low flight he skims against the ground and lights upon a concrete pineapple still searching for food ... and then takes flight and is Gone!***

DECEMBER 4 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT COUNTRY CLUB OF YORK CHAIRED BY BARB SINDICICH

by Mary Alice Heilig, President
Photos by Nancy Dellinger

(from top left to bottom right)

Everything was perfect—from Linda Hanson's cut greens; to Becky Bingham's check-in station; to Priscilla Waldman's and Linda Mistler's greeting us with a cup of punch.

Then onto the main floor where Bernadette Free and her team staged an impressive Bake Shop; to Tonya Young's Silent Auction room; to Diane Buchart's Raffle Baskets;…*(continued on next page)*

HAVE A
HOLLY JOLLY
CHRISTMAS

...to Ashley Sevick and Bonnie Giambalvo's Live Auction items as well as Barb Sindicich's Christmas Corner *(below);* to Susan Liebegott's gorgeous poinsettias; to Sally Lenker's pressed floral items; to Sue Bowman's Ways & Means featuring small tools, garden statuary and live wreaths; and to Kris Gross' Will Call…*(continued on next page)*

I would like to thank the club members who participated in any way to make the Christmas Luncheon a success. We had reservations for 246 and 81 of those were GCY members.

It was a great way to kick off the holiday season and we hope to do the same next year. If you have any suggestions or would like to be more involved please let me know.

Thanks again, Chair Barb Sindicich
(setting up her Christmas Corner in red plaid shirt)

...A huge thank you to: Nancy Dellinger for the posters for live auction and all other signs; Neila Burrows for the centerpieces; Rebecca Bingham for the beautiful calligraphy on our invitation envelopes and bid cards as well as the invitations; Ellen Ehlenbeck for the menu cards, table numbers and sold signs for poinsettias and the centerpieces; to the gals who put together all the favors, and last but not least the two table of gals who volunteered to tie the napkins and make them look festive for the tables.

Thanks also goes to Millie Martin for the invocation and to Shirley Thornton, our Mistress of Ceremonies. A very special thank you goes to our membership for donating their unwanted Christmas decorations for the Christmas corner; as well as those members who donated items for our Live Auction – Bonnie Giambalvo, Kathy Crossman, Bernadette Free and to the gals who cook for the Dinner for Eight!

Just as your attendance is enjoyed, so are your donations of the live auction and the silent auction items, the cake or cookies you baked, the live greens you allowed us to cut from your yard, the raffle items you donated, the time you took to cut the pressed flowers; all these actions and more made the day a success!

MILLION POLLINATOR GARDEN CHALLENGE FOR ALL AGES

by Chair Adrianne Bartell

The Million Pollinator Garden Challenge (MPGC) is a nationwide call to action to preserve and create gardens and landscapes that help revive the health of bees, butterflies, birds, bats and other pollinators across America. We will move millions of individuals, kids and families outdoors and make a connection between pollinators and the healthy food people eat.

The MPGC mobilizes America's extensive gardening community and supports them in making more native and non-invasive pollen and nectar-producing plants available in their gardens. The Challenge increases their understanding of the critical role that such actions can play in reversing declining pollinator populations and inspire people and organizations to create more pollinator habitats.

Pollinators Gardens should:

- use plants that provide nectar and pollen sources
- provide a water source
- be situated in sunny areas with wind breaks
- create large "pollinator targets" of native or non-invasive plants
- establish continuous bloom throughout the growing season
- eliminate or minimize the impact of pesticides.

The Million Pollinator Garden Challenge has been launched by The National Pollinator Garden Network.

JEREMIAH BASKET WORKSHOP

led by Instructor Kathy Taylor
Where: Room 6, St. Matthew's
When: Wednesday, March 20 9a.m. - 4p.m.
Why: Fun! Fun! Fun!

The jeremiah basket is old-fashioned and handsome in a rugged way, sturdy and dependable with some unique touches that set it apart. It is relatively easy to make, even if you are a beginner. It can be used to gather apples, display dried flowers, or simply to add country charm to a room in your house

The base is 10 inches by 10 inches with a 14 inch handle.

Kathy is able to instruct up to 10 people, so this offering for the March 20 workshop is on a first come, first serve basis. Please reply to Mary Alice as soon as possible. If we have more than 10 members who want to participate, we will start a list for a second workshop at a date to be determined.

The cost of each kit is $25. We are charging an additional $5 to cover our room rental fees, for a total of $30.

Please R.S.V.P. by email to GCY President Mary Alice Heilig. You will be given further instructions for choosing reed color, etc. at that time.

From *The Keystone Gardener Winter 2018-19*

KEYSTONE KALENDAR 2020

The submission deadline for photos is May 24, 2019. Requirements and other details may be found on page 9. For 2019, a photo by Neila Burrows, a BASKET VISIONS photographer, was used.

TRASH TO TREASURE

To create "Seasons in Bloom," dried seedheads, pods and cones may be used. See page 10 for more details. Then bring your creation to the February 18 GCY meeting.

A LADEW CHRISTMAS

deck the halls

ELEGANCE IN MR. LADEW'S OFFICE

photos from Ann DeMille

GCY President Mary Alice Heilig emailed:
I received the following thank you note from Ladew for our Club's decoration of Mr. Ladew's Office… Thank you to Susan Liebegott and her committee members for a job well done!

Dear GC of York,

Every time I walked into the office, I smelled cookies and I wanted to sit in the bay window, wrap myself in the blanket, and read those wonderful books. As I told Susan, I actually thought your tree was real and was upset with myself on Friday morning because I had forgotten to water it. Visitors loved the idea of tucking fresh greens into an artificial tree and told us they were going to start doing it at home. They also loved how elegant the gifts looked with the white paper. This was my first year as a "floater" in the house, so it was fun for me to listen to all the comments. The wrapped books on the shelves was a fun idea as well. Thank you for your festive and warm interpretation of this year's theme.

Cheers, Fran

[Editor's note: Fran Scully is Ladew Gardens' Historian and Special Projects Associate]

YORK DAILY RECORD PUBLICIZES GCY'S ROOTS IN COMMUNITY

Gordon Freireich's column on The Garden Club of York was posted online at the YDR's Opinion tab. He met with President Mary Alice Heiling as well as past presidents Priscilla Waldman and Linda Hanson.

https://www.ydr.com/story/opinion/2018/11/12/york-garden-club-deeply-rooted-city/1975790002/

Membership Dues

$30

April 1 deadline

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page 33 of the Yearbook

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to GCY Treasurer Bonnie Rothert

Many thanks to our subscribers.

Just a reminder: if you began subscribing last April, you will need to renew by April 1.

TRIVIA ANSWER The new Penny Pines project will be located at the headwaters of the Tionesta Creek which is a major waterway that flows through the Allegheny National Forest. It will "help improve a large natural area in Evergreen Park located in Kane, PA."

[Editor's note Google Maps shows the Park just off US-6.]

A Note from Your Editor, Cathy Smith

As you probably know, this is my last issue. I didn't receive many articles — maybe because the January membership meeting was cancelled. So, that left room for lots of ...PHOTOS! Many thanks to our extraordinary photographers: Nancy Dellinger, Ann DeMille and Neila Burrows. (Neila doesn't actually have a photo in this issue, but she had other contributions to our club that you can read about.)

Also, I would like to thank any of you who have written for BASKET VISIONS in the past two years. Timely committee reports and informative articles made the newsletter a great source for our GCY members. Thank you for respecting the submission deadline. As do most of us, I often turned to the GCY Yearbook, too.

Many thanks to Assistant Treasurer Linda Rice for handling the paid subscriptions and to Treasurer Bonnie Rothert for answering my questions.

In 2017, President Tonya Young got me started, including sharing her expertise as a former GCY newsletter editor.

In 2018, President Mary Alice Heilig and I began working together. I truly appreciate her eagle-eye proofreading abilities.

I'll leave it up to the next editor to tell you about submissions—how and by when.

Peace and love,
Cathy Smith

A reminder: BASKET VISIONS **will no longer include personal addresses, phone numbers or emails,** which can be found in the Yearbook. Also, please refrain from including financial information in your submitted articles.

FOR THE RECORD

- GCY did not win a space for the December Tour of the White House.
- The January 21 GCY meeting was cancelled due to extremely cold weather.

SAVE THE DATE GARDEN CLUB ACTIVITIES

M*any of these events require pre-registration*

February 4 — District IV Flower Show Demo; St. Matthew's
February 13 — Flower Pressers Workshop; St. Matthew's
February 18 — GCY Board Meeting; 10:30 a.m. Membership Meeting;
11:45 a.m. Lunch; 1:00 p.m. "Putting Color into a White Winter's Day
March 1-3 — PA Garden Show of York (PAGSY) "Flowers on Parade;"
and District IV Flower Show "Here Comes the Parade;"
Both at Memorial Hall, York Expo Center
March 2-10 — Philadelphia Flower Show, "Flower Power"
March 5 — "Ride the Train" with GCY to the Show
March 9 — Penn State Extension's GardenWise; at Central York Middle School;
register by March 2
March 13 —Flower Pressers Workshop; St. Matthew's
March 14-15 — Environmental School Series VI; Easton, PA
March 18 — GCY Board Meeting; 10:30 a.m. Membership Meeting;
11:45 a.m. Lunch; 1:00 p.m. "Container Savvy"
March 19 — Flowers and Fellowship; at Country Meadows of York—South, Leader Heights
March 20 — Jeremiah Basket workshop; St. Matthew's
April 1 — Deadline for membership dues and BASKET VISIONS subscription renewal
April 4 — Semi-Annual District IV Meeting; in Mechanicsburg, PA
April 7-9 — GCFP Annual Convention; Blair County Convention Center, Altoona, PA
GCY's Tonya Young will be leading a "Making a Living Wreath" workshop
April 10 — Flower Pressers Workshop; St. Matthew's'