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### A Message from Your President

Happy Fall! What a great season to enjoy the last blooms of the summer and to watch as our gardens change from lush and green to the colors of autumn. As I reflect on the summer, I can't help but remember all the great 'Pop Up Gardens' we were able to enjoy either in person or by viewing the beautiful photos taken by Wendy Fox. Annie Brickles with help from Marie Rising, Pam Walsh, Carrie Schreffler, Joanne Orth, Mary Whitesel, Mary Jo Schlomann, Helene Reid, Ruth Kofke, Linda Donnon, Darlene Snyder, and Sharon Richardson shared their gardens. I remember the uniqueness of each place. There were gorgeous flowers, vegetables, pollinators, natives, bushes, trees, bird houses, bird baths, playhouses, sheds, fences,

containers, ponds, pools, fire pits, hardscaping, paths, meadows, fields, chickens, and garden art. A big thank you to this talented group of gardeners! We are so lucky to also have photos to remind us of the beauty of summer. But some of my favorite memories were the discussions I had with our members as we enjoyed each other's company and the joy of being out in nature. Getting to know more of the women in our club has been a blessing. As we begin the fall season, let us continue to meet in fellowship and appreciation for our extremely creative group of awesome women.

*Pam Walsh*

**OFFICERS**  
**2022-2024**

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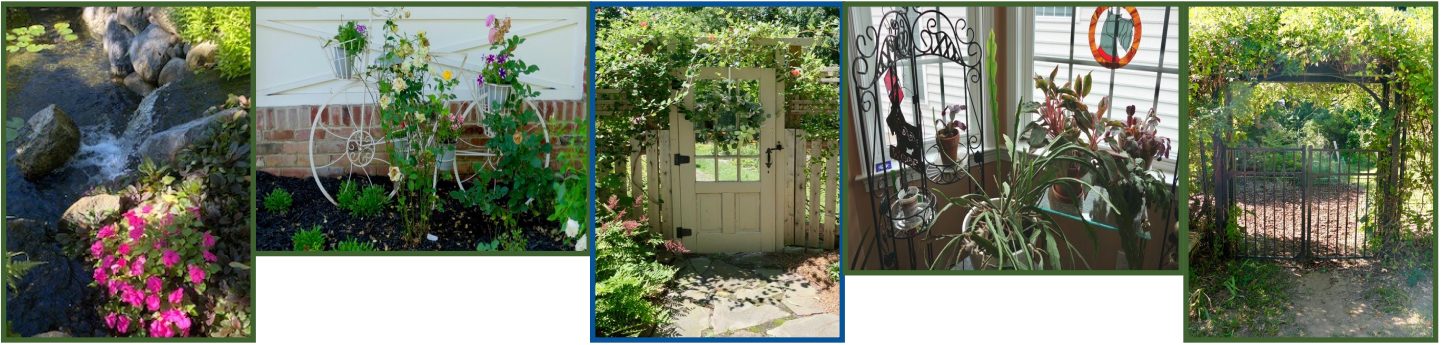
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## Longwood Gardens Flower Show Review

*Pam Walsh*

Our participation in the Longwood Gardens Flower Show, "From Sea to Shining Sea", was a huge success. UGC had 96 of the 300 total entries.

In the Horticulture Division, UGC won 18 blue ribbons. Winners were Sandy Manthorpe, Carol McConnell, Carrie Schreffler, Chris Tarlecki, Darlene Snyder, Pam Halitsky, Pam Walsh, Sharon Richardson, Val Burgess, and Wendy Fox. We also had 10 red ribbons winners, 14 yellow ribbons winners, and 26 honorable mention winners for a total of 68 entries.

In the Design Division, UGC won five blue ribbons. Winners were Carrie Schreffler, Maria Jacobs (two), Pam Walsh, and Anne Howe. We also had one red ribbon winner, seven yellow ribbon winners, and five honorable mention winners.

The Botanical Arts Division had two blue ribbon winners, Darlene Snyder and Terry Miller, along with two red ribbon winners, two yellow ribbon winners, and two honorable mention winners.

Terry Miller won the Silver Award for her Education Exhibit given by GCFP.

The following were National Garden Clubs Award winners. In the Horticulture Division,

winners of the Award of Merit were Carrie Schreffler, Pam Walsh, Val Burgess; the Arboreal Award went to Pam Halitsky. Maria Jacobs was awarded the Designer's Choice Award, the Award of Design Excellence, and the Design Sweepstakes Award for her gorgeous Duo Design. The Artistic Craft Award was awarded to Darlene Snyder for 'A Crown for a Mermaid.'

The Longwood Garden Award of Excellence was awarded to Carrie Schreffler. She was the exhibitor who had the largest combined number of points in both the Design and Horticulture Divisions.

UGC had many of our members on the Flower Show Committee. Wendy Fox (Vice Chair, Design Consultant, Schedule), Pam Walsh (Botanical Arts Chair), Maria Jacobs (Botanical Arts Vice Chair), Yvonne Brownlee (Clerks), Darlene Snyder (Design Consultant), Sandy Manthorpe (Judges, Schedule), and Mary Jo Schlomann (Volunteers). Anja DiCio, Carrie Schreffler, Sharon Richardson, Thea Mahard, Pam Halitsky, Sandy Hengst, Mary Jo Schlomann, Terry Miller, Ruth Kofke, and Kathy Deutsch volunteered as clerks, passers, recorders, placement, and hostesses.

Thanks to everyone involved, and congratulations to the UGC!!!

*From Sea to Shining Sea*





**Artistic Craft Award**  
Darlene Snyder

**Longwood Gardens Award**  
Carrie Schreffler

**Designer's Choice Award, Award of Design Excellence and Design Sweepstakes Award** - Maria Jacobs

## Getting Ready for the Christmas Fair *Pam Walsh*

Our annual Christmas Fair preparations will be starting soon. Please start to look for places to source a variety of greens. We also need interesting, clean containers, battery operated outdoor lights, interesting branches, and holiday ribbon. We **do not** need any baskets, glass vases, or tired Christmas decorations. An email will be sent later as to when and where to drop off these items.

We need people to sign up for as many of these preparation days as possible. Last year we had 75% of our UGC members volunteer. We netted a record amount as well and we hope to do even better this year!

- \* Saturday, November 26 - 9:30am  
Gathering of greens; set up Meeting House
- \* Sunday, November 27 - 9:30am  
Cut/sort greens for swags, wreaths, arrangements



- \* Monday, November 28 - 9:30am  
Swags and wreath making
- \* Tuesday, November 29 - 9:30am  
Wreath making and clean-up
- \* Wednesday, November 30 - 9:30am  
Table and outside arrangements and clean-up
- \* Thursday, December 1 - 9:30am  
Table set ups and staging
- \* Friday, December 2 - 9:30am  
Set up auction table, Finish staging

**Christmas Fair — 8:00am - 2:00pm**  
**All workers for all shifts please park in the upper lot across from the Meeting House.**

- \* Saturday, December 3 - 7:00-7:30am  
Morning workers need to arrive.
- \* 1:30pm - Drawing at Raffle Table
- \* 2:00pm - Clean up



# NGC School Information

## Environmental School

Course 1—October 8 & 15, Cushing, OK (Zoom)  
 October 10-11, Clemson & Greenville, SC  
 October 21-22, Manistee, MI  
 January 17-18, 2023, Tampa, FL (Hybrid)  
 Course 2—October 18-19 & 25-26, Washington, DC  
 (Zoom, PM)  
 November 17-18, Ft. Myers, FL (Zoom)  
 December 9-10, Cushing, OK (Zoom)  
 Course 3—January 10-11 & 17-18, 2023, Washington, DC  
 (Zoom, PM)  
 February 23-24, 2023, Ft. Myers, FL (Zoom)

## Flower Show School

Course 1—March 14-15, 2023, Pearl, MS  
 Course 2—October 12-15, Paris, KY  
 October 13-16, Plymouth Meeting, PA  
 March 7-9, 2023, Takoma, WA  
 Course 3—October 11-13, Milford, MA  
 April 13-16, 2023, Plymouth Meeting, PA  
 Course 4—February 27-March 2, 2023, Roanoke, VA  
 April 15-20, 2023 East Brunswick, NJ (Zoom 4/15);  
 (In-Person 4/16-20)

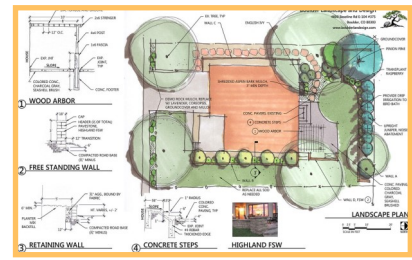
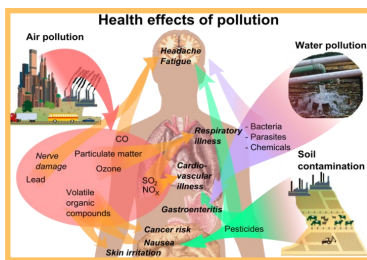
## Gardening School

Course 1—November 14-15, W. Palm Beach, FL  
 Course 2—April 12-13, 2023, Baltimore, MD  
 Course 3—November 15-16, NGC (Zoom)

## Landscape Design School

Course 1—October 12-13, Washington, DC  
 Course 3—October 20-21, Lancaster, PA  
 October 21-22, Glendive, MT  
 Course 4—October 10-11, Richmond, VA  
 October 26-28, Waltham, MA (Zoom)

SCHOOLS MAY BE TAKEN IN ANY ORDER; IN ANY STATE; IN-PERSON; VIA ZOOM ; OR HYBRID (COMBINATION OF IN-PERSON AND ON-LINE.)



## Creative Corner—Share What's Fun in Your Yard or Elsewhere

MJ's mailbox had been secured between two joined oak trees for 50 years. Last spring, one died and they both had to be cut down. What to do with the mailbox? (You know she doesn't like change.) She had the trees cut high and rather than scoop them out and try to keep plants alive, the joined stumps became a 'gnome home'!



# Skip the Fall Clean-Up & Start Your Own Homegrown National Park!

As a kid I remember my dad insisting we rake up all the leaves from giant oak trees in our backyard and bag them up to place at the curb. While we raked, he cut back all the dead stalks from plants that had clearly passed their prime. Now experts are asking "why would you do that?"

Fallen leaves provide valuable habitat for our critters. Some critters lay their eggs on those very leaves. Did you know that hundreds of species of insects use oak trees as the first home for their larvae by laying their eggs on oak leaves or twigs. What about the stalks that had beautiful flowers throughout the summer? Many of those stalks create valuable habitat for hibernation and reproduction of our insects. Those seedheads provide valuable food for the birds that don't migrate, but stay throughout the winter. Experts now say wait until spring - REAL spring, not the first accidental warm day in March or April. We've learned that we should wait for the daytime temperature to be consistently 50 degrees for at least 5-7 days. Once the weather is consistently temperate, those critters in hibernation will wake up, the babies will hatch and leave the stalks, and we won't be taking our baby pollinators to the curb!

One author listed the following benefits to keeping your leaf litter on your own property:

- There is a cycle of life contained in the leaf litter and we destroy many forms of wildlife every time we remove these leaves.
- Many butterflies find shelter in the leaf litter, either in egg, pupal, or adult form, to safely wait out the winter and emerge in the spring.

- Leaf litter provides food and shelter to an amazing variety of invertebrates who break down the leaves, which feeds the soil and other wildlife.
- Healthy plants are dependent on healthy soil. The deeper the leaf litter, the more spiders are supported. Spiders are an essential element in keeping pest insects in balance.
- Leaf litter is also home to ladybugs, salamanders, toads, and other predators of pest insects. It is no wonder that pests like aphids thrive when we continue to destroy the habitat of the predators that would keep them under control.
- Every spring these leaves are covered with birds who pick through the leaves in search of a tasty meal.
- Trucked in mulch is not necessary when the leaves are left to cover the soil because the leaf litter acts as a natural blanket of mulch, controlling soil moisture and temperature.

<http://www.ecosystemgardening.com/life-in-the-leaf-litter-dont-throw-a-good-thing-away.html>

IF you are worried about too many leaves, you could rake them to an area where you can mow them - shredded leaves make wonderful mulch to protect some of your tender perennials. Some of your annuals may even seed in if they are kept warm enough by the leaf mulch to germinate.

*Sharon Richardson*



## How Many Birds Are Wintering in Your Yard? *Sharon Richardson*

**Backyard Feeder Birds:** Northern Cardinal, Dark-eyed Junco, American Crow, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Mourning Dove, White-throated Sparrow, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Carolina Wren, American Goldfinch, Song Sparrow, House Finch, European Starling, House Sparrow, Black-capped Chickadee, Carolina Chickadee, American robin, Hairy Woodpecker.

**Raptors of Winter:** Rough-legged Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-skinned Hawk, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, Red Shouldered Hawk.

**Winter Owling in PA:** Great Horned owl, Eastern Screech Owl, Long-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Barred Owl, Barn Owl, Snow Owl, Short-eared Owl.

## Meetinghouse Moments, UGC Website & Facebook

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Please send articles in Word, with a title, author name and credits (if copied from another source).

**UGC Website**—[uwchlangardenclub.org](http://uwchlangardenclub.org)

**Facebook**—Uwchlan Garden Club

## Upcoming UGC Meetings

**Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

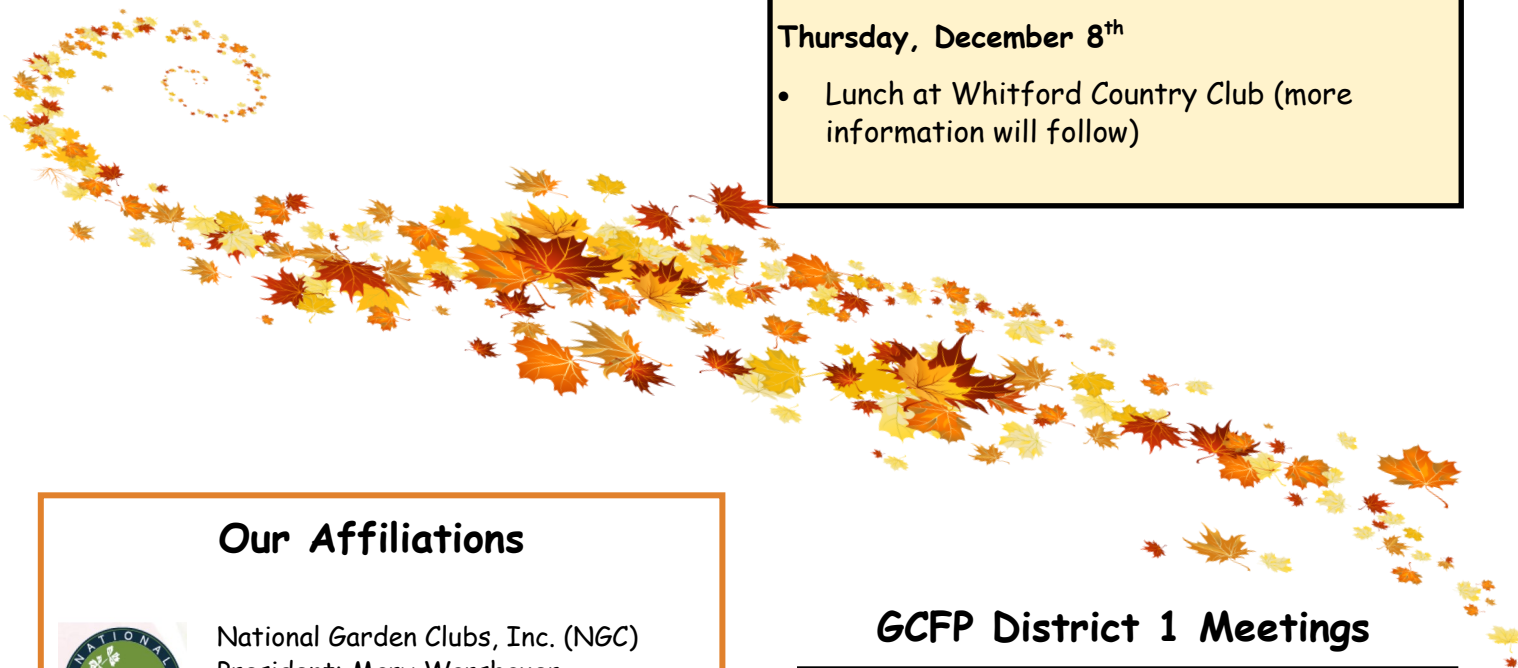
- Richard Curry from Styer's Peony Farm will speak about the care of and designing with peonies.
- Our design this month is an Abstract Design: Celebrate Halloween with a non-naturalistic design that has a dominance of abstraction.

**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Andrew Bunting, Vice President of PHS, will speak about gardening with magnolias.
- Our design for November is a Table Design: Tray for one. In a serving tray include a place setting for one with an appropriately decorative unit.

**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Lunch at Whitford Country Club (more information will follow)



## Our Affiliations



National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC)

President: Mary Warshauer

<https://gardenclub.org/>



Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs (CAR-SGC)

Director: Betty Cookendorfer

<https://www.car-sgc.org/>



Garden Club Federation of PA (GCFP)

President: Sheila Croushore

<https://pagardenclubs.org/>



GCFP District 1

Director: Nancy Cuttic

no website

## GCFP District 1 Meetings

- **Friday, October 21, 2022 10:00 AM**  
Business meeting followed by Guided Tour of The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College.
- **Wednesday, February 8, 2023 7:00 PM (Zoom)**  
Business meeting and Speaker GCFP President Sheila Croushore "Netherlands in Bloom" and "Keeping members Engaged."
- **Friday, June 2, 2023 11:00 AM**  
Business Meeting and President's Luncheon. Location TBD.