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## A Message from Your President

*Pam Walsh*

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Wow!! What a busy few months we've had. When I returned from vacation in early February, it was off to the races!! Darlene, Wendy, and I started our Trash to Treasure entry for the state convention and worked many days collecting metal items and constructing "The Key to Steel City". In early March, Terry drove Pam H., Darlene, and I to pick up the bales of potting soil for the May Plant Sale, with several plant buying stops on the way home. The PHS Flower Show was great, as always, especially since Wendy and Maria brought home the highest NGC Design award given biennially.

In March, our Trash to Treasure was selected to represent District 1 at the convention. We attended a planning meeting for the May Plant Sale, and the second week of April, the workdays began. The GCFP Convention was held in Monroeville, April 21-23. Nine of us attended and had a great time. As you all know, UGC won the Governor's Trophy for the Most Outstanding Large Garden Club in the state. The state awards chair and vice chair have asked if they may post our BOE (Book of Evidence) on the GCFP website as an example of an award-winning entry. The chair said, "not only were your club's activities award winning, but the format was also". So, a big thank you to everyone who made that happen!!

Sharon Richardson and I attended the NGC Convention at the Greenbrier Resort in WV, and Sharon won another big award for her service to the GCFP over the last 5 years. Preparations for the Plant Sale continued throughout April with many of our members braving the cold, and then the heat, to pot the perennials that members and friends donated. We held terrarium, succulent, hypertufa, outside arrange-

ment, and fresh flower arrangement workdays. Our Garden Market received lots of donations and was staged beautifully inside and outside. All our preparations paid off, and we ended up with close to \$9,500 profit!! Well done everyone!

Our April and May meetings hopefully inspired lots of our members to enter the upcoming UGC Flower Show - MAGIC - to be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. It is a beautifully written schedule, and I encourage everyone to enter or help in some way. The next day, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding the Presidents' Luncheon at Stroud Water Research Center in Avondale, PA. Please RSVP by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Let's have a great turnout!!

I am so proud to be a part of this amazing garden club. We have so many talented, dedicated members. I've observed new members and guests being fully welcomed and embraced by long time members, members working towards a common goal, new skills being learned by all, unsung heroines providing food and drinks for workdays or cleaning up our messes, laughter, excitement, care and concern for all members, and a general positive atmosphere no matter what the occasion. Please know that I value each one of you and am proud to represent this club as your president. It has been an exhausting few months, but I wouldn't have changed a thing! Thank you for doing your part in making this club the kind of club we all can be proud of. Nancy Cuttic, District 1 Director, wrote Congratulations on winning the most coveted Governor's Trophy award. "Your club is truly the showcase of District 1 and a model for all clubs in our state and perhaps the nation." I agree.

## Another Successful Plant Sale! *Pam Walsh*

A big big thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to make our May Plant Sale a roaring success again this year!! All of you who showed up during those early cold days and the eventual hot days, dug up and shared your plants, made salad bowl and other arrangements, made hypertufa mushrooms and leaf molds, donated annuals and succulents, made succulent containers, brought in flowers from your gardens and made fresh arrangements, served as Kids' Corner director, Plant Doctor and Natives Expert, contributed all sorts of items for our Garden Market, made terrariums, helped with pricing everything, made perennial signs and stakes, contributed money, identified perennials, helped with staging, moved perennials and cleaned pots, painted and created arrangement adornments, showed up yesterday to help, shared our flyers on social media and in other ways, brought in food for the hungry workers, made us coffee, cleaned up everyday inside and outside, and did all of this happily with a smile - thank you, thank you, thank you. We could never do this event without the support of the entire Uwchlan Garden Club!!

Saturday, May 13th, was an amazing day! The doors opened at 8am with a line outside anxiously waiting to be let in. By 9:30 our tables started to look empty, and we moved plants from under the tables to the tops. We had a steady crowd all day. The Kids Corner started a little slow but then had lots of kids who were able to make pressed flower book marks! Our Plant Doctor and Natives Experts were busy throughout the day. We were exhausted by

2pm and already halfway cleaned up because we condensed our inventory. The important aspect of the day was the enthusiasm and smiles of our members! We even recruited a new member!!

My last huge thank you is to Pam H. and Terry who headed up this HUGE endeavor!! They worked long hours for several months and are the reason we were able to have such a successful day. They lugged stuff around, stored items and plants at their houses, picked up the bales of soil, came up with new ideas, made arrangements, were there everyday, and did things I'm not even aware of behind the scenes. They both deserve a lot of credit and thanks for volunteering for this job! Hopefully they will be able to take some time off for themselves!!

We made just shy of \$9,500 on the sale. We are so proud of UGC and its members!! Thanks again to everyone!!



## Don't Believe Everything You Read on the Internet *Carrie Schreffler*

This is a lesson about not believing everything you read on the internet. At the end of April, while perusing my favorite Facebook gardening page, I started coming across posts about 'Rose Rosette disease'. I immediately googled it.

Rose Rosette disease (RRD) is a virus caused by an eriophyid mite. The disease is caused when these mites feed on infected roses, and it then can spread to other roses by mites transferred to other roses by the wind, on a person, on a tool, on an animal, or, if the roses are close to one another, simply by a mite walking from one plant to the next. The mite feeds on the vascular system of rose plants.

A rose infected with RRD may exhibit:

- Bright new red growth that never turns green
- Very thick stems with excessive thorns
- Flower buds that emerge in tiny, tight clusters (these are the "rosettes" that gave the disease its name; they are also called "witches brooms.")
- Flowers that open are deformed and stunted.
- Foliage is contorted and stunted; may also be yellow.

Of course, after researching this I immediately ran outside to my rose bushes. Much to my horror, it appeared that each of my bushes had this dreaded

disease. There is no known cure. It is recommended that the infected rose bushes should be carefully bagged up and tossed in the trash. The virus doesn't survive in the soil, but even the smallest part of a root can still host the virus.

After bursting into tears, I composed myself and tried to look at the situation logically. If RRD is only contained to roses and they already have it, what would be the harm in waiting to see what happens? Well, thank goodness I waited. What I was seeing was new growth! The clusters of thorny red elongated leaves turned into a beautiful green. Rosebuds are now abounding, and my precious rose bushes are putting on quite a display.



So next time I learn of a new disease and experience plant hypochondria, I will collect myself and just stop and smell the roses.



*My green thumb came only as a result of the mistakes I made  
While learning to see things from a plants point of view. H. Fred Dale*

## Hypertufa Workshop *Thea Mahard*

Mary Whitesel developed a method for making hypertufa mushrooms to be sold at the plant sale. She invited some of us to help create them at her house on April 28. Because of the cold, wet weather, the project was held in her garage. There were two tables for making the mushrooms and some pumpkins, another table for making leaf mold bird baths, drying racks for the projects, and an area for mixing the hypertufa. Therefore, the number of people who could fit in the garage was limited. She hopes to have a larger group when the weather warms up in the future making snowmen for the Christmas Fair.



## GCFP Convention In Monroeville *Pam Walsh*

As you already know, UGC won the prestigious Governor's Trophy for the "Most Outstanding Large Garden Club in GCFP" at the recent State Convention in Monroeville. If you go to the GCFP website, you can find the article that was written by Pam Baxter and published in the Daily Local News, under 'Governor's Trophy Article'. Sharon Richardson and Terry Miller were also honored with awards! Our hope is that next year we will continue to add to our winnings in a variety of categories.

The nine UGC members representing our club had a wonderful time eating meals together, going to various seminars, shopping, attending happy hours, dancing to the accordion player, and generally enjoying each other's company. We especially enjoyed meeting people from across the state who share the love of gardening, design, horticulture, landscaping, and the environment. We did not win the 'Trash to Treasure' sculpture competition but had fun creating it and are proud that it represented District 1.

One of the main reasons we hold these conventions, besides the awards and the fun times, is to promote and reinforce what our garden clubs are focusing on for the upcoming year. [Leanna Ryba, our new president's theme for her term is "Plant American, while keeping PA beautiful".] Emphasis will be given to recycling, reusing, and litter clean-up projects in each of the ten GCFP Districts. So as our year

progresses, we plan to keep this in mind as well.

We attended interesting and informative seminars on Saturday and Sunday including: "Grandma's Way May Not Be the Safe Way to Can", "Rachel Carson's Gifts and Legacy: the Sense of Wonder and Environmental Ethic", "Mastering Your Phone Photography", "The Urban Forest in Your Neighborhood", "Supporting More Native, Diverse and Productive Home Landscapes", "Native Landscaping Is for the Birds (and for the Bees and Butterflies!)", "Creating Linkages and Connecting to Schools with Gardeners", "The Many Facets of Conservation, Restoration, and Protection of Ecosystems", and "A History of Garden Design in the United States and How This Garden Heritage May Guide Future Design". As you can see, many of these are focused on the environment and how we can help. I believe each of us took away valuable information that we can use and share with others.

The next two GCFP conventions will be held in our area, or at least an easier commute. Next year's convention will be held at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Lancaster - Willow Street, PA on April 7-9, 2024, and the 2025 Convention will be hosted by the Norristown Club so should be drivable as well!! Mark your calendars and get ready to join us for these important events.



Left to Right—Wendy Fox, Darlene Snyder, Pam Walsh, Terry Miller, Mary Smith, Anja DiCio, Vicki Sweet, Mary Whitesel, and Sharon Richardson.

### *93rd GCFP Convention Monroeville, PA*



Left to Right—Pam Walsh, UGC President, Sheila Croushore, GCFP President, and Nancy Cuttic, GCFP District 1 Director.



## Reflections on attending my first full NGC Convention *Sharon Richardson*

Why on earth, in the middle of my busy life, would I take several days to attend the National Convention in West Virginia? Because one of our instructors last fall was the Convention Chair and promised that it was going to be a real treat; they had a lot of plans for us.

Imagine my surprise when the incoming national president opened the first meeting by inviting us to join her in our **Conservation Pledge**:

*"I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife."*

I had no idea we had a Conservation Pledge!! I have been very worried about our planet's well being (and thus our own survival). In the decade that I have attended garden club programs, very few activities and programming addressed environmental issues. I was delighted and proud to learn that to belong to an organization that has a Conservation Pledge. This message resonates so deeply with me that I have set a new goal for myself to help bring environmental information and programming more to the foreground.

There were other surprises along the way. I had no idea how many activities, programs and awards are dedicated to the environment at the state, regional, and national level. I hope our club will eventually evolve into one where environmental programming and activities have equal footing with gardening, landscape design, and floral design.

Next came a discussion and vote on by-laws. As you well know, By-law discussions can be very dry, but

they are a necessity. AGAIN, I was surprised to learn that the by-laws included some positive changes to Flower Show Judging School rules and procedures. As any of our club members who have been attending Flower Show Judging School can attest, there is a definite need to revisit and revise, and I'm delighted to report that NGC has started to recognize this necessity.

The program speakers were outstanding. I learned from two different speakers why we should NOT pull weeds! New scientific findings suggest that every time you pull weeds, you disturb the soil and invite more weeds to grow in that place. They recommend cutting weeds to the ground; no leaves mean no photosynthesis, so the weeds can't grow and you haven't disturbed the soil. This important lesson reminded me why I enjoy going to conferences: I learn a lot, discover aspects of my organization that I never knew, and meet a lot of people who have interesting ideas to share.

The details of running a convention were very fresh in my mind from District 1 having just hosted our GCFP convention a year ago. My antenna were always alert for differences in how different aspects of the convention were handled. After attending the National Convention, I came home with a renewed sense of pride in District I's attentiveness to every detail and I was reminded of how many of our Uwchlan Garden Club members volunteered to help our state convention be such a success. Attending the NGC Convention was not a vacation, but it evoked the same feelings as going on vacation... learning new things, meeting new people and then being so grateful to be home amongst my family and garden club friends!

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## What is the Chelsea Chop? *MJ Schlomann*

Are your perennials out of control—too tall, straggly, flopping over, no blooms? Sandy Moser at Bondsville Mill Park suggests cutting them back asap with the Chelsea Chop. According to 'growitbuildit.com,' there are two methods: Straight Cut and Cascading Chelsea Chop. Both are simple and don't require special training. Just trim 4-6 weeks before blooming or when the plant is 1/2 to 2/3 its height!



**Straight Cut**—simply cut back a perennial flower by 1/3-1/2 of the height. If you are concerned with the plant leaning/flopping, cut the entire plant back by half. Don't make this complicated. Just grab your shears, grab a handful of plant, and cut.

**Cascading**—to extend the blooming season and reduce flopping, simply trim the front row of flowers by 1/2 the height. You can then trim the next row by 1/3 the height. The trimmed rows help support the back rows and prolong the bloom time.

There is a list of perennials which could benefit from th[https://growitbuildit.com/the-chelsea-chop/?fbclid=IwAR07VyGTvUWqBJo17a8oGQBYnqRZkIeO7VzoxwI\\_1NRtsnxDIan9f2QhK8s#when-to-chelsea-chop](https://growitbuildit.com/the-chelsea-chop/?fbclid=IwAR07VyGTvUWqBJo17a8oGQBYnqRZkIeO7VzoxwI_1NRtsnxDIan9f2QhK8s#when-to-chelsea-chop).

## The NGC Convention at the Greenbrier - "The Bunker" *Pam Walsh*

Sharon Richardson and I were the only UGC members to attend to the NGC Convention at the Greenbrier America's Resort in White Sulphur, WV. The meetings, vendors, seminars, speakers, meals, and making new friends from throughout the country were of course the main reasons for attending. I also took the opportunity to take a tour of "The Bunker", so I'll let Sharon inform you about the convention itself, and I'll share something I bet most of you have no idea existed.

During the Cold War when many of us were hiding under our desks during the nuclear attack drills, the Eisenhower Administration and the leadership of the US Congress were planning "Project Greek Island", The Bunker. Greenbrier was chosen as the location because it was relatively close to Washington, but far enough away to be safe from an atomic bomb. It was built to temporarily house the House of Representatives and Senate and their staff if there had been a nuclear attack. It was constructed between 1958 and 1961 and once completed it was "maintained in a state of constant readiness by a small cadre of government employees working as Forsythe Associates". In May of 1993, a story about its existence was published in The Washington Post. The facility at that point began to be phased out and was finalized in July of 1995.

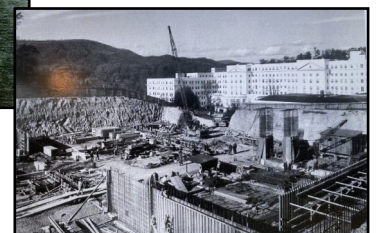
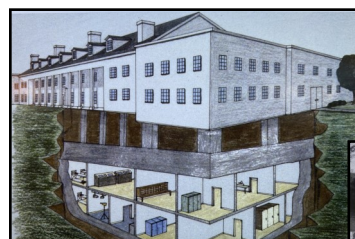
The former U.S. Government Relocation Facility is a protected substructure (bunker) buried 720 feet into the hillside under the West Virginia Wing of the hotel. It is surrounded by ceiling and walls that are 3-5 feet thick reinforced concrete. In addition, there is 20-60 feet of dirt cover between the bunker and the West Virginia Wing. It has 3 entrances, each protected by a large steel and concrete door designed to withstand a modest nuclear blast approximately 15-30 miles away and prevent radioactive fallout from entering the facility when it was sealed off. Included in the facility are 44 separate locations with 153 rooms making up a total of 112,544 square feet on two levels.

I went on the 1.5-hour tour of "The Bunker". Our cell phones and cameras were locked up for the entire tour, because some of the space is now rented by private companies for server and data storage, among other things. One of the most interesting rooms in this secret bunker is the 16,544 square foot Exhibit Hall, designated to be the workspace for the Congressional support staff members to conduct the business of the government. It has been used for various functions throughout the years, and until 1992, the attendees were unaware that they were in part of

the bunker. More details follow:

- The west tunnel entrance blast door weighs 25 tons, is 12 feet wide, 10 feet high, and 18 inches thick. It was the principal carrier of supply and return lines and provided a service area for rotation of supplies and materials.
- A self-contained power plant could provide all necessary power needs for 1,100 people for up to 40 days, and the kitchen had a 60-day stockpile of provisions.
- The communications briefing room included telephone rooms, a radio room, a message processing room, a television production area, an electronic mail area, audio recording booths, and a general supply room.
- Cameras were situated so any person entering or leaving was always under surveillance.
- There were 18 dormitories on two levels (each could sleep 60 people) and a separate room with a shower, toilet, and small lounge.
- There were separate private rooms for Congressional leaders.
- The 6,000 square foot clinic had 12 beds, an operating room, intensive care area, dental care, nurse's station, and included a fully stocked pharmacy.
- The cafeteria was designed to feed 400 people at a time and was fully equipped and stocked and covers more than 7,500 square feet.
- There were separate meeting rooms for the House of Representatives and Senate to conduct business.

The Greenbrier Resort is a fascinating place to visit, and I'm grateful that the NGC Convention was held there. If you ever have the opportunity to visit, take it. I didn't stay there because the discounted rate for convention goers sold out very quickly, and the normal room rates are pricy. It was an amazing few days, and I'm so glad I had the opportunity to enjoy an NGC Convention!!!

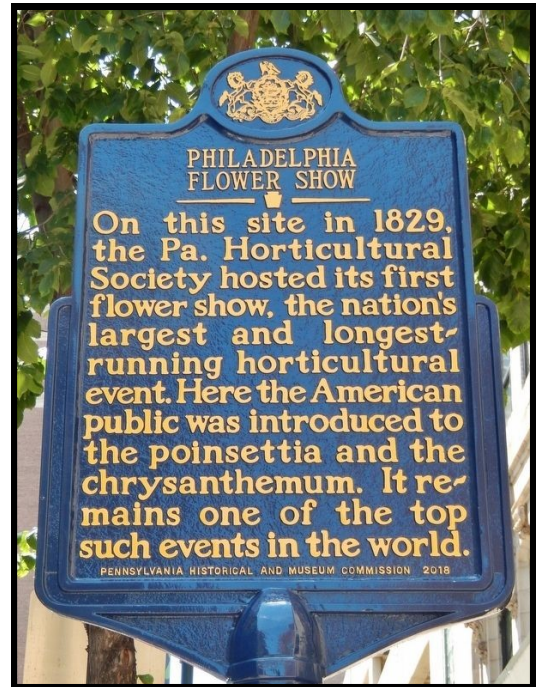


## Philadelphia Flower Show *Chris Tarlecki*

The Philadelphia Flower Show is the largest and longest running indoor horticultural event in the world. PHS (Philadelphia Horticultural Society) held the first public flower show in the United States at the Masonic Hall located at 717 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia on June 6, 1829. This sign is a remembrance of the first show. The first show was a one-day exhibition showcasing fruits, flowers, and plants.

One of the noteworthy plant exhibits was a new Euphorbia with bright scarlet floral leaves. This plant is known as the poinsettia, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*. The plant was presented to the Bartram collection by Mr. Poinsett, United States Minister to Mexico.

Today the show is usually held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in March. The show features elaborate landscaped displays, individual garden club entries, and prized horticultural specimens. The exhibits are judged in various categories and are highly competitive. PHS assigns an official theme to the show. This year's theme was "The Garden Electric".



## Children's Salad Bowl Craft *Thea Mahard*

Kathy Deutsch organized a children's craft project at the Yellow Springs library on April 21. She purchased hanging bowl-shaped planters and pre-filled them with soil. She brought along various lettuce and herb seedlings that she had purchased



and, in addition, Kathy brought along a bunch of plants that she had started from seed a couple of months earlier while planning this craft! (Good thinking, Kathy!) Other members donated some plants, too. Kathy talked about the various plants and allowed each child to choose the ones they wanted in their salad bowl. Some children chose things they would like to eat while others created color-coordinated bowls. They also got to bring home either a tomato plant or a cucumber plant in a separate container. The children were totally engrossed in the project and the adults had a very enjoyable time.



# One of Nature's Many Surprises aka Wasps Playing a Beneficial Role

Sharon Richardson

Last July my grandson noticed all the leaves of some branches on one tomato plant were gone! Who could the culprit be? On closer examination, we saw our answer - but what was it?



We learned that, appropriately enough, this very large caterpillar with a horn-like tail is called a tomato hornworm.

My grandson was so excited to discover this weird creature and he wanted to bring it inside for observation. We cut the branch it was feeding on to bring it inside, and cut a few leaves from another branch for it to have some more to eat. We were surprised to learn that we had mistaken which end eats and which end poops. Before we knew it, the critter was eating up a storm and pooping every couple of seconds—to my grandson's delight. We enjoyed watching him for a while and then returned him outside.



Fast forward to August and I was outside harvesting some of my tomatoes and I came upon this curiously decorated tomato hornworm - what on earth is that?



A quick Google search taught me that all those white marks were actually wasp cocoons! Yuck - I don't want wasps in my garden!! I cut off the branch, brought the critter into the house and placed it in a cup of alcohol and observed its behavior. Neither the critter nor the cocoons liked that one bit - in their own ways, they both tried to wiggle, squirm, escape . . . Eventually, the dead tomato hornworm relaxed its grip on the twig, but most

of the cocoons never relaxed their grip on the critter.



I decided to do a little research to learn more about what I was observing. I found this helpful article: <https://www.agardenforthehouse.com/2011/08/when-not-to-kill-a-tomato-hornworm/#:~:text=The%20white%20projections%20are%20the,to%20conserve%20the%20beneficial%20parasites.>

Much to my dismay, I learned that the author of the article recommended destroying all tomato hornbeams EXCEPT for the ones that had the wasp cocoons, because they are beneficial for keeping the hornworm population in check! So, I just drowned my beneficial wasps!

I learned that the wasps will kill the hornworms. When those little cocoons emerge, they are literally eating the tomato hornbeam alive! I was so fascinated to learn this that I took pictures of one for several days documenting the tomato hornworm changing to darker, duller shades of green, then brown, then black, shriveled up and fallen off the twig.

By the time I got to the end of the article, I had a new reason to be happy and hopeful:

*"Want to attract this hornworm-destroying wasp to your garden? Then plant, and preferably near your tomatoes, such things as parsley, dill, yarrow, and mustard. Adult wasps feed on the nectar of these plants. Also, provide a source of water. A birdbath will suffice.*

*And finally, I hope you won't scream if you notice a host-hornworm on your tomato vines. For it means your garden is ecologically balanced, thanks to your non-use of pesticides."*

I smiled, thinking about the fact that my raised beds with tomatoes were indeed full of dill and parsley, and I loved learning—clearly by accident—that I had achieved my goal to have an ecologically balanced garden, thanks to not using pesticides or herbicides on our property.





## All the Unusual Suspects *Thea Mahard*

Okay, so this happens every spring: while walking around my garden: I notice plants that I cannot identify and don't remember planting. Are they beautiful plants that I purchased late in the fall, or are they invasive weeds? This year I seem to have noticed more than the usual number of suspects. That is because of two reasons. The first reason is that late in October I had a sudden urge to move and transplant a lot of my perennials and I have no memory at all of what I planted where. I am sure that some of them died because I moved them so late in the year, which is probably okay since, I can't remember what is supposed to be there anyway. So some of the plants I cannot identify are those desirable perennials.



The other reason I have so many UFO's (Unidentified Flourishing Objects) this year is because I did not mulch and I did not cut back or tidy up some of my garden beds in the fall, so some of those suspects are large, strong growing weeds.

Last spring I had a strange encounter with an alien plant. It had the most beautiful, finely cut, gray-green leaves. It grew strongly and quickly. It

had to be some sort of special perennial hybrid. Two things bothered me about it, though. I did not remember planting it, and it was close to four feet tall and planted in front of low growing perennials. I usually read plant tags and although I make mistakes like putting a plant said to be 2' to 3' in front of another plant labeled 2' to 3', I will rarely plant a 4' plant in front of a 1' plant. Unless, perhaps, I got it

off a sale rack without a tag.

That plant grew on for a month or two until it started to develop seed heads! No, I hadn't noticed any flowers, but suddenly it looked like an evil weed. I looked online until I found it: *Artemisia vulgaris*, a.k.a. "mugwort" or "felon herb". I think that last name says it all. I immediately dug it out, but apparently any little bit of root left in the soil will sprout a new plant, and so I have been digging it out over and over ever since.

This year, three of my suspect plants look similar to each other. So I looked them up. The plant ID apps were useless. I tried to identify them using a key online. They seem to be *Gypsophila* (baby's breath). Did I plant baby's breath? Wait, is that an annual? I certainly didn't plant it this year. I had to do a bit of research; there are both annual and perennial *Gypsophila*, and it is the annual one that is usually sold in flower stores as a filler in arrangements. So maybe it is ok. Maybe I want some of that, if it is indeed a baby's breath.

Early this morning I went out to investigate. The wispiest of the three plants was starting to sprout little white flowers! And oh, look, it is exactly in the right spot with fairy-like wands waving in front of a planter like a delicate see-through plant.

Two hours later, I went out to get a better photo, hoping that the little white buds had filled out a bit, but the little white buds were gone. In their place were ugly pinkish brown seed-heads! How is that possible? Two hours! Whatever this is, it is not a baby's breath and I did not plant it..

I guess that I should have learned a lesson from the "felon herb" which is: IF IN DOUBT, PULL IT OUT!

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## Kids Korner *MJ Schlomann*

National Garden Clubs President Brenda Moore, has written four books for kids (K-Grade 4). Read to your favorite little ones about saving and planting seeds, environmental changes and effects, playing outdoors and finding out where my green has gone.

The books are available on the National Garden Club, Inc. Online Store.

**\$10 each or \$15 for a bundle, as described in the NGC store.**

<https://www.gardenclub.org/store>

*The Frightened Frog*  
*The Saved Seed*  
*Network with Nature*

**New in 2023!**

*My Green is Gone*



## 'Magic' Flower Show *Pam Walsh*

As you know, our MAGIC Flower Show will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. A reminder: if you signed up for any of the Design entries, you may place them on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am; Botanical Arts may be placed on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm; and Horticulture entries may be placed Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm and Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am. All Design and Botanical Arts entries also need to have a 3x5 index card, provided by the exhibitor, with all plant material listed. Please re-read all the General Guidelines, Design Guidelines, Botanical Arts Guidelines and/or Horticulture Guidelines to make sure you haven't forgotten anything. Judging will begin promptly at 12:15pm on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>! The doors will be closed from 12:15 - 3:30pm while the show is being judged. Only clerks will be allowed on the floor with the judges at that time. The doors will open for members and the public from 3:30-5:00pm. All exhibits must remain in place until the end of the show and public viewing and be removed between 5:00 and 5:30pm on Thursday.



We will be having a reception for members and the public during the viewing time on Thursday from 3:30-5:00pm, so please join us whether or not you

entered a Design, Botanical Arts or any Horticulture.

Hopefully, with the last two meetings fresh in your minds, you will be a part of this fun event by entering something. Maria and Wendy gave us wonderful guidelines for the Design and Botanical Arts Division, Carrie compiled the Longwood Show pictures and comments, and Sandy and I reviewed them with you, and finally, Audrey presented all the details of entering the Horticulture Division and filling out the entry cards.

The Design and Botanical Arts Divisions are filled, but anyone can decide at the last minute to enter the Horticulture Division. So, look around your house for house plants that you have owned for at least 90 days, as well as your gardens for cut specimens again that you have had in your possession for 90 days. Bring them in with your green bottle if cut, or a clean container for house plants, have your entry card filled out, if possible, and bring them during the above-mentioned times for Horticulture! I hope some of you who have never entered, or it has been a long time since you have, will be a part of this exciting show!



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*In nature, nothing exists alone.* *Rachel Carson*



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## Whose job is it? *Author Unknown*

There were four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done, and **Everybody** was sure **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. Well, it ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

There are many jobs that need to be done during the year. Today, we are in need of an 'Open House Hostess Scheduler.' You simply sign up two members a month to open the meeting house the first Sunday of July through November, 2:00pm to 4:00pm. These members will welcome visitors and show a short film.

'**Anybody**' can do it! Won't you be the '**Somebody**' who steps up? Please let President Pam know.



# NGC School Information

## Environmental School—<https://gardenclub.org/school/environmental-school-courses>

- Course 1—Sept 27-28, 2023, Bowling Green, KY (Hybrid)  
 Oct 20-24, 2023, Sheboygan, WI (In Person)  
 Nov 04-05, 2023, Modesto, CA (In Person)
- Course 2—Sept 21-22, 2023, Derby, CT (Zoom)  
 Nov 7-8, 2023, Tampa, FL (Hybrid)  
 Jan 6-7, 2024, Modesto, CA (In Person)
- Course 3—Aug 1-2, 2023, West Monroe, LA (In Person)  
 Nov 16-17, 2023, Ft. Myers, FL (Zoom)  
 Feb 3-4, 2024, Modesto, CA (In Person)
- Course 4—Aug 3-4, 2023, West Monroe, LA (In Person)  
 Mar 2-3, 2024, Turlock, CA (In Person)

## Flower Show School— <https://gardenclub.org/school/flower-show-school-courses>

- Course 1—Aug 21-24, 2023, Henrico, VA  
 Sept 25-28, 2023, Houston, TX
- Course 2—Jul 22-30, 2023, Albuquerque, NM  
 Aug 30-September 1, Madrid, IA  
 Nov 14-16, 2023, Pearl, MS
- Course 3—May 24-June 2, 2023, Derby, CT  
 Aug 27-30, 2023, Marietta, GA  
 Oct 17-19, 2023, Wilsonville, OR
- Course 4—Aug 16-19, 2023, Paris, KY  
 Oct 12-15, 2023, Plymouth Meeting, PA  
 Mar 12-14, 2023, Tacoma, WA

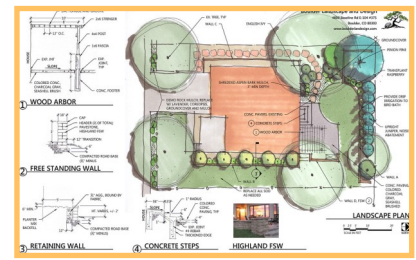
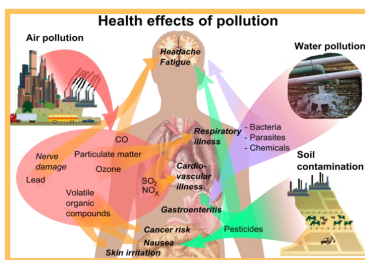
## Landscape Design School- <https://gardenclub.org/school/landscape-design-school-courses>

- Course 1—Sept 13-15, 2023, Falmouth, ME (Hybrid)  
 Oct 25-27, 2023, Waltham, MA (Zoom)
- Course 2—Nov 7-8, 2023, Charleston, SC (In Person)
- Course 3—Sept 20-22, 2023, New Smyrna Beach, FL (Zoom)
- Course 4—

## Gardening School-<https://gardenclub.org/gardening-school>

- Course 1—Sept 22-23, 2023, Marion, AR (In-person)  
 Oct 16-17, 2023, Spartanburg, SC (In-person)
- Course 2—
- Course 3—Sept 6-7, 2023, Baltimore, MD (In-Person)  
 Nov 16-17, 2023, West Palm Beach, FL (In-person)
- Course 4—

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



## Become a Four & Five Star Member

Members completing all four NGC Courses may apply to become Four Star Members. Those Mastering each course may apply for Five Star Membership.



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## Upcoming UGC Flower Show, Meetings & Programs

**Wednesday & Thursday, June 7-8**

- Flower Show "Magic," Uwchlan Meeting House

**Thursday, June 22, 11:00am**

- Sue Mrugal, Temple, Ambler Campus, Professor, will share her wisdom about Rain Gardens.

**Thursday, July 27, 11:00am**

- Donna Delaney, "Pollinator Gardens"

**Thursday, August 24, 6:00pm**

- Picnic at the Uwchlan Meeting House .

**Thursday, September 28, 11:00am**

- Cres Monzi, owner of Cres Motzi Floral Design and Longwood Gardens Instructor will present "Back to Basics, the Principles of Design."



## Our Affiliations



National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC)

President: Brenda Moore

<https://gardenclub.org/>



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

Director: Monica Hansen

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



Garden Club Federation of PA (GCFP)

President: Leeanna Ryba

<https://pagardenclubs.org/>



GCFP District 1

Director: Nancy Cuttic

no website

## GCFP District 1 Meetings

- **Friday, June 9**  
GCFP District 1 President's Luncheon  
Stroud Water Research Center  
970 Spencer Road  
Avondale, PA 19311
- **Wednesday, September 13**  
GCFP District I Luncheon  
Kennett Square Country Club  
100 E. Locust Lane  
Kennett Square, PA 19348

