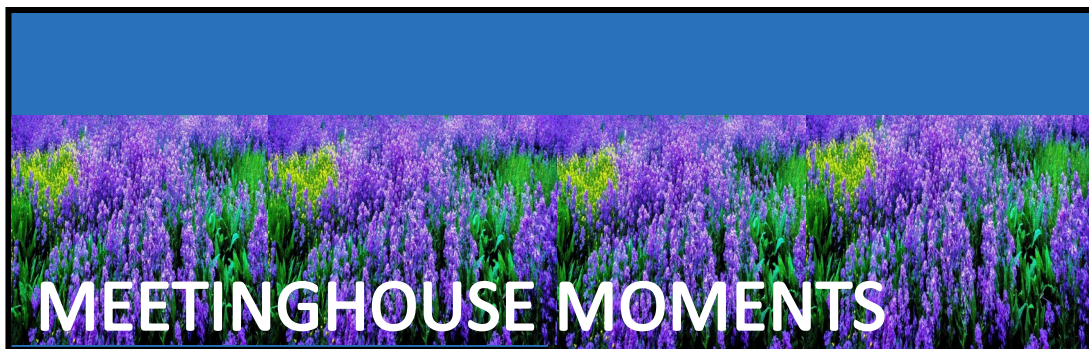


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A Message from Your President *Pam Walsh*

The new officers were installed on May 23rd, and Terry Miller took over as President of UGC. She has been a wonderful Vice President, and I thank her for supporting me and working with me during our two-year terms. I consider her one of my closest friends. UGC is in great hands! I'd also like to thank Linda Donnon, Dolores Knight, and Carrie Schreffler. I was so fortunate to have all of you as officers with me. I can't forget MJ, Thea, Carol McConnell, and Sharon Kauffman for also attending our monthly board meetings. Thanks for your ideas, recommendations, and friendships and for helping me prepare for every meeting.

My introduction to Uwchlan Garden Club was November 15, 2018, when I came as Ginny Alexander's guest. However, Ginny had stayed home; I had missed her message. Those who were members at that time will remember the surprise snowstorm that day. The meeting started early, due to the predicted snow, and I entered late and was a little embarrassed but felt truly welcomed by everyone. I had spoken with MJ on the phone the prior week, and she was the first person I spoke to that day. I felt like I had found a whole new circle of friends, and I truly had. We went to our cars after the program and found a few inches of snow had already accumulated. My normal ride home of maybe 15 minutes took over an hour due to the

icy conditions and lots of fender benders, but that didn't deter me from joining. I will always remember the feeling of finding "my people" that day.

As I look back over my time in office, I have so many incredible memories: field trips, pop up gardens, awesome programs, potluck picnics, Christmas Fairs, May Plant Sales, luncheons, meetings, flower shows, horticulture discussions, design critiques, open houses, state conventions, Newcomer Welcomes, awards, and winning the coveted Governor's Trophy! I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be your president. I enjoyed every minute! The women in this club are incredible. Each of you has your own gifts, and I've witnessed your willingness to graciously share them. We need people of all persuasions. We need leaders, of course, but we also need members who are willing to work with the leaders in a cheerful and helpful way. I experienced that in every endeavor UGC pursued. Being awarded The Governor's Trophy is a great example. Becky Zeeger agreed to become our newly created awards chair and worked with our members to create a pictorial and written chronicle of the goods works we did during 2022. I feel so blessed to have had the honor of accepting the trophy at the 2023 State Convention on behalf of our amazing club.

Thank you again
for an unforgettable two years!



Thanks, Pam Walsh *Terry Miller*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Immediate Past President, Pam Walsh, for her wonderful service to Uwchlan Garden Club for the past two years. She is a remarkable gardener, and not just in her own backyard, which is amazingly impressive!

Pam is a true ambassador for UGC. She is always planting seeds by encouraging others to join, and she attends meetings at the District and State levels, never missing an opportunity to promote our club and let others know how active we are. She has watered our association by being present in every activity that we do. Pam has weeded out the unnecessary by streamlining meetings with the Board pre-meetings and by having a well-tailored agenda.

Our outgoing fearless leader tended to the garden club by her focus on regular communication through emails and texts. We were apprised of upcoming pop-ups, educational opportunities, and kept informed on the health status of our members. We were able to enjoy the members' gardens if we were unable to attend an invitation to a pop-up by viewing the photos shared in emails (thanks to Wendy as well.)

A garden in full bloom with a rich soil has now been surrendered to my care. I thank you all for your words of encouragement as I take the helm and commit to the same high level of leadership. I know I have big Sloggers to fill!

And to you, Pam, we raise our trowels in salute and thanks!!!



THANKS!!!!!!

Plant Sale Wrap-Up *Pam Walsh*

UGC is amazing! We broke our record for total profit after expenses for the May Plant Sale held on May 11th. We made \$13,071.89 according to the treasurer's report at our last meeting. I am proud to be a part of this incredible group.

We started planning for this sale right after last year's, had an organizational meeting and purchased the bales of potting mix in early March, started digging up our perennials as soon as they started to emerge, had a hypertufa mushroom and planter day and separate steppingstone making workshop, collected containers for planters and arrangements, collected items for the Garden Market, and transformed a discarded popcorn maker into a beautiful planter. Members also made hanging stag horn ferns, fairy wands, bee and dandelion necklaces, terrariums, kokedamas, brought bags of dahlia tubers, and decorated organ pipes. Our members dug up perennials, with the digging team helping when needed. We potted up hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of these plants, tagged them with names and sun/shade requirements, and arranged them outside alphabetically. It took an army of workers to accomplish this part of the sale. I saw new and long-time members getting to know each other during these days and enjoyed seeing their smiles and laughter. We had container making days where unique containers were used for the herb and vegetable gardens and annual planters; they were a hit! Inside we had native plants, annuals, herbs, and vegetables for sale. Succulent gardens and houseplants were plentiful.

Sale Day started early with setting up the Garden Market (due to Friday's rain). We staged used, but still useable tools, decorations, chairs, plant stands, pots, and other donations. Our customers came early too, as expected. We held them back from inside the Meetinghouse until the scheduled 8am time, and by 8:40 we were already restocking the tables. There was a poke to our native plant expert or plant doctor. Our fresh flower arrangements were created on Friday with flowers from our members' gardens and a few purchased flowers just in case. The vases were donated. There was a steady flow of people throughout the day. Those who brought children were encouraged to go to the "Kids' Korner" and create a dried flower bookmark or ornament of their choice. Our China teacups and saucers with flowers made sweet Mother's Day gifts.

Our club members are talented, charitable, amazing people who enjoy each other's company and working towards a common goal, raising funds for our beloved Uwchlan Meetinghouse. Thanks to everyone who donated their time, money, plants, ideas, garden market items, smiles, laughter, and most importantly, their love for each other. Well done!



Merlin Bird Identification App *MJ Schlomann*

How often have you heard a bird singing or seen a bird you didn't recognize and wondered where you could find out what kind of bird it was? Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab of Ornithology is the answer! This app is designed for Apple or Android, has a 5-star rating, is for all levels of bird watching, and it is free! Download the app and start recognizing birds like an expert birder.

<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>



Hidcote Manor Gardens *Ginny Alexander*

During our recent visit to England, Sharon Richardson, Carol McConnell, and I visited Hidcote Manor Gardens in the south of England. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon in May, which made it even more spectacular. Hidcote is best known for its "garden rooms" of hedges, rare trees, flowers, and shrubs. Their "outdoor rooms" have various characters and themes, achieved by the use of box hedges and stone walls.

The gardens all surround a beautiful manor house and cover an area of 10 1/2 acres. More unusual is the abundance of rare and beautiful plants that fill the borders, arranged in a way that was new and exciting for the time, displaying great plantsmanship and artistry. Other garden designers at the time acknowledged that Hidcote had influenced them more than any other garden, and that the designer Johnston had pushed himself beyond the boundaries of manor-house gardening to plant in bold and unexpected ways. It was certainly a delightful place to spend an afternoon!



Friends don't let friends do silly things.... Alone!

Unknown

Where Were You in 1963? *Peggy Hartwick, MJ Schlomann*

"If you lived in the village of Lionville in Uwchlan Township, you were agriculture oriented with few people going to college. Routes 100 and 113 were two-lane roads. There were farms on all corners of the crossroads and no traffic lights. Dowlin Forge Road was called Milford Road and had a stop sign at 113. Drivers could cross 113 to South Village Avenue and Whitford Road.

Uwchlan Township had one voting place at the Lionville Firehouse, a small room on the west end of the building (current site of Lionville School of Dance). They had one fire truck and an ambulance that was formerly a 1970s hearse. There were no malls (not even Marchwood), no large office buildings, no fast food chains, no Wawa, no grocery chains, and no pizza or Chinese food! Fifth to eighth grade students attended classes at the Uwchlan Meeting House. This was life in 1963, the year the Woman's Community Club of Uwchlan (WCCU) bought the Uwchlan Meeting House.

Fast forward to 2000, with the electronic revolution and every imaginable convenience. Malls, offices, grocery chains, drug stores, medical buildings, banks, schools, restaurants, fitness facilities, theaters—the list grows daily. The founding principles of WCCU and its Garden Class have changed because of the changing demographics in ourselves as women and in the larger community of which we are a part. And yet, we are drawn together because we have similar needs—communication, understanding, learning, friendship, nurturing. We don't have to love the same things, but as we age, it's comforting to have friends to share time with."

(Portions of this article were excerpted from an article Peggy Hartwick wrote for the 50th anniversary of WCCU purchasing the Uwchlan Meeting House. To know 'Peg' was to love her! She was a 50+ year active member, a two-term President of WCCU (our parent), a past President of the Garden Class, a Master NGC Flower Show Judge, and past President of the Uwchlan Conservation Trust. She was also the mother of Ann Brickles.)

Perfect! *Carol McConnell*

PERFECT - my new favorite word! In my opinion, not really used enough . . . until now!

From the beginning to the end, my Garden Tour with Sharon Richardson was perfect. Starting with the ground transportation provided by Paoli Limousine and my limousine travel buddies, perfect! My flights on British Airways to and from Heathrow, perfect! My trip to the hotel, perfect; both Hiltons in London, perfect; the other two hotels on the trip, perfect; food everywhere, perfect (and what was the chef's special shepherd's pie?); the gardens on the trip, perfect!

Garden Club members on the tour? Pleasant, friendly, and perfect. Our tour guide, Tim West, singer, actor, and magician, perfect. Our buses and bus drivers, perfect. The scenery, with its little towns and narrow roads, passing pastures of sheep and windmills, driving past Stonehenge, seeing the King's horses three times in one day, perfect. The weather, perfect, Oh, and the castles? Perfect.

You may want to know more about the most interesting plant I saw: Echium. I still can't believe how beautiful and yes, perfect, it was. And perfect foxtails, on steroids!

So thanks to Sharon Richardson and Tim West for sharing their time and talents with this travel group. Perfect! Thanks too to my husband, family, and friends for encouraging me to take the big step of traveling without them. Thanks to my colleagues, Dr. Shaeffer and Lynne, for supporting my adventure. It was perfect! Thanks to my travel buddy Audrey, perfect.

It was all perfect!



Special Shopping Opportunity for Gardeners *Sharon Richardson*



The Philadelphia Unit of The Herb Society of America (HSA) is hosting the national organization's annual Educational Conference this year at The Desmond Hotel, One Liberty Blvd, Malvern, PA <https://www.herbsociety.org/news-events/2024-educational-conference/>

As a courtesy to the local gardening community, HSA is inviting the public to stop by The Desmond Hotel on Friday, June 21, 2024, to shop at its "Marketplace," a carefully curated Boutique with vendors that specialize in garden gifts and supplies, as well as herbal delights. In addition, a number of garden authors, including Jenny Rose Carey, will be there to answer your questions and sign books.

No entrance fee is required. The Marketplace will be open from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm in the Garden Room and Conservatory on the first level of the hotel. To learn more about The Herb Society of America, go to <https://www.herbsociety.org/>

Invitation to KaBLOOM: An Explosion of Nature and Creativity *Sharon Richardson*

The Hazleton Area Garden Club is holding its biennial NGC Standard Flower Show on July 13 and 14th, and I can hardly wait to see it!

Yes, we've all been to NGC Flower Shows, so why travel to Hazleton in July? This show promises to feel like the World's Fair of flower shows. The show schedule is 35 pages long with so many creative categories of horticulture and design that it makes my head spin!

Christine Leskosky LOVES flower shows and floral design. As a past president of GCFP, she now devotes so much time and energy to her passion, and boy is she passionate! I've had a sneak preview of some of her decorative accents for staging and I expect to be WOWED!

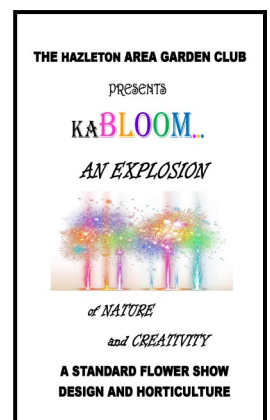
I was surprised to learn that garden clubs are permitted to charge admission for flower shows. This is a HUGE money maker for their club as they charge \$8 admission over 2 days and people from the region look forward to attending every 2 years. I can only imagine how many hours goes into planning this event.

WHO: Hazleton Area Garden Club

WHAT: NGC Flower Show

WHERE: Holy Name of Jesus Church Hall, 217 West Green Street, West Hazleton

WHEN: Saturday, July 13, 3-8 pm and Sunday, July 14, 11-5 pm



THE MAGIC OF THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW *Sharon Richardson*

Our Garden Tour of England exceeded my expectations! I was a little nervous that I only knew a handful of our travelers, but my assumption that garden club ladies are a warm and friendly sisterhood turned out to be absolutely true. I only knew a handful of the travellers before departure, but now I have new friends all over the state.

We had a superb Tour Director, and he seemed to have everything under control, including the weather. May can be very rainy in England, so we prepared with raincoats and waterproof shoes. But just like in Camelot, the rain seemed to know our schedule and saved the worst rain for bus rides and night showers.

It would be hard to pick a favorite garden - each one was so special in its own way. However, I'm guessing that for many of our travelers, our final day, spent at the Chelsea Flower Show, may have been the highlight of our trip? We were fortunate to have Jenny Rose Carey come to our hotel to prep us for the challenges and delights of navigating Chelsea.

We learned from Jenny that the Chelsea Flower show is 111 years old and the Pavilion was the size of 52 London busses! She explained that the "Top Flight" exhibits would be found on "Main Street." She recommended seeing these first. These exhibits would be the equivalent to the PHS Flower Show Landscape Exhibits. They were designed by high end designers, usually sponsored and paired with a charity of the designer's choice and their selection of an installer. They compete for the Gold (1st place), the Silver Gilt (2nd place), Silver (3rd place) and Bronze. The criteria were Design, Construction, Intention, and Plant Selection and Quality.



Jenny recommended that we go to the Chelsea Pensioners' home next where we would find a row of Sanctuary Gardens. These gardens were designed with solace and sustainability in mind. They were so inviting - it would have been lovely to spend the day in any one of them!

The Grand Pavilion reminded me of what I imagine the original Philadelphia Flower Show must have been like when initially the first flower shows were all about flowers and very little design. To be more specific, most of the exhibits in the Pavilion were horticultural, but done so artistically that they took your breath away. Imagine multiple exhibits of one species in all of its colors! All the coleus in one exhibit, all the daffodils in a different exhibit, and all the peonies in one exhibit. It's amazing that professionals have figured out how to force any and all entries to be blooming for that one week in May!

The day wouldn't have been complete without the shopping avenues and entertainment venue. I especially appreciated that the perimeter of the entertainment area had Container Garden Exhibits, house plant exhibits, and balcony gardens. I'm quite sure that if Jenny hadn't prepped us the day before, we wouldn't have seen everything. And we'll never know if we didn't? The day was simply magical and a wonderful grand finale to our adventure together.

Inaugural District I Road Trip *Sharon Richardson*

Hudson Valley Bus Tour During Peak Leaf Peeping!

Dates: October 15-17, 2024

Estimated Cost of Tour: Single room \$1211; Double room \$1000; Triple room \$940

Meals Included: 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and 1 lunch

Wheelchair access for all activities



**For further information and/or to register for the trip, please contact:
Rose O'Brien, AAA Mid-Atlantic, 610-235-2525.**

NGC School Information (Courses are In-Person unless otherwise specified)

Environmental School

Course 1—None

Course 2—September 27-28, 2024, Sheboygan, WI

Course 3— September 19-20, 2024, Derby, CT (Virtual via Zoom)

September 27-29, 2024, Mexia, TX

Course 4—July 10-11, 2024, Westerville, OH (Virtual via Zoom)

September 18-19, 2024, McHenry, MD

Flower Show School

Course 1—October 16-18, 2024, Milford, MA

Course 2—August 28-30, 2024, Red Bluff, CA

Course 3—August 19-22, 2024, Little Rock, AR
August 26-29, 2024, Roanoke, VA

Course 4—June 20-26, 2024, S. Barrington, IL (6/20 Zoom)

July 20-28, 2024, Albuquerque, NM

November 11-14, 2024, Pearl, MS

Landscape Design School

Course 1—June 21-22, 2024, North Hills, CA

Course 2—July 12-13, 2024, North Hills, CA

October 9-10, 2024, Falmouth, ME (Hybrid)

October 29-31, 2024, Waltham, MA (Virtual)

Course 3—July 26-27, 2024, North Hills, CA

September 30-October 1, 2024, Richmond, VA

November 12-13, 2024, Charleston, SC

Course 4—August 9-10, 2024, North Hills, CA

Gardening School

Course 1— September 30-October 2, 2024, New Smyrna Beach, FL (Virtual)

Course 2—June 12-13, 2024, Spartanburg, SC

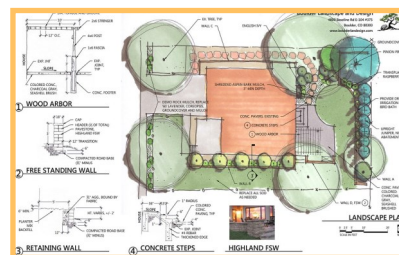
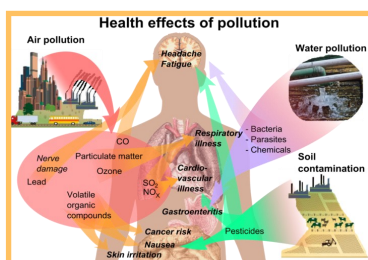
September 27-28, 2024, Marion, AR

Course 3—August 26-27, 2024, San Antonio, TX

September 4-5, 2024, Abbeville, LA

Course 4—August 6-7, 2024, Athens, GA (Virtual)

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Upcoming UGC Meetings & Programs

Thursday, June 27th, 11:00am

- "Let's Talk About Bogs! Bogs! Bogs! What We Should Know About Bogs!" by Sue M. Rugel, retired Temple professor

Thursday, July 25th, 11:00am

- "The How Does One Make That Arrangement Work? Question Answered!" by Audrey Angelella.

Thursday, August 22nd, 6:00pm

- Picnic at the Uwchlan Meeting House - ham & turkey provided.

Thursday, September 26th

- "Paw Paws & Putting Them in a Basket" by Sharon Richardson

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GCFP District 1 Meetings

Friday, June 7th, 11:00am

- President's Luncheon—Welkinweir

Tuesday, September 10th, 9:00am

- District I Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Springton Manor Farm, Glenmoore, hosted by Elverson Garden Club.

Fall District I Meeting Date and Time TBD

- Location—1756 Uwchlan Meeting House