

GARDENER'S CHIT CHAT

BETHLEHEM GARDEN CLUB

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MESSAGE from PRESIDENT Trish Mowen

Dear Members,

Spring is finally here, and aren't the colors magnificent? Reds, pinks, and purples of azaleas, dogwood, and redbud; yellows of tulips, hellebores, and daffodils; and the creamy whites of viburnum and dogwood. Add to that the amazing greens of spring.

Several of us attended the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania's 2017 Convention at Shawnee Inn on the Delaware. The weather was perfect, the food excellent, and the programs interesting. Especially significant was a lecture about the new GCF Flower Show Handbook and the new floral designs. Our Club's raffle basket, "Birds of a Feather" was a big hit as were our Club centerpieces for the Sunday evening dinner. Best of all, we came home with several awards thanks to Angelika's efforts on behalf of the Club



Trish Mowen, Connie Doklan, Angelika Cornelius, & Susan Brown at GCFP Convention

We do have some very important scheduling changes, and they are:

1. Our Club meeting on **June 15th** will be held at East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017.
2. Our July meeting will be a luncheon at **Silver Creek Country Club** on the 13th instead of the 20th.
3. We're hosting the **District II/III meeting** at Advent Moravian Church on June 27th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
4. Because the **July hospitality committee** no longer has responsibility for the July meeting, that committee will provide refreshments for the District II/III meeting on June 27th. The **May & June hospitality** committee chairs have agreed to swap dates.

Wishing everyone sunny days, balmy nights, and fun in the garden!

Trish

**Miller's House Garden Crew
spreading new wood chip to the paths at the garden.**

Clockwise L to R: Fran Kline, Jane Griffing, Ruthann Grieshammer, Fran Albarelli, Marcia D'Ambrosio, Sandy Gass, Cuyler Augustine



Clockwise L to R: Barbara Sullivan, Marcia D'Ambrosio, Jayne Shinko Sandy Gass, Linda Bray, Ruthann Grieshammer, Barbara Tracy, Sharon Donchez, Kathie Morrow



Clockwise L to R: Marcia D'Ambrosio, Barbara Sullivan, Jayne Shinko, Bill Morrow, Linda Bray, Sandy Gass, Ruthann Grieshammer, Sandy Bigetel, Kathy Morrow, Sharon Donchez

Thank you to Chris Sule and the City of Bethlehem, Parks Department for providing the fresh wood chips.

Hickory Grove Workshop and Philadelphia Flower Show

Here we are the end of April as I write this. Where does time go? Several of us attended the plant party at Hickory Grove in March.

What was a nice feeling knowing that we will have at least one pot with beautiful flowers to start off the spring season. Plus, we did not have to take care of the planter. In a week or two it will be time for the planter to come home to our yards.

Philadelphia Flower Show was an interesting experience this year. They predicted snow, lots of snow, for the Tuesday of our bus trip. A big DILEMMA for me! What do I do? Thanks to Sara and Epic Tours, we were able to switch to Monday. That was easy! Trying to reach 117 people to see if they could change to Monday was touch and go. The last five attendees called back at 10:00 p.m. the night before our bus trip on Monday. Unfortunately sixteen could not rearrange their schedule for Monday. Since we changed the day for this trip, we will be refunding money to those who could not come. Normally we say you need to find a replacement. A dilemma that ended well.

Jacqueline



Linden Hill Guided Tour Thursday, May 25th.

Carpool from Advent Moravian Church, 9:00 a.m. departure to
8230 Easton Road, Otisville, PA.

Cost \$10.00 but receive a 20% discount on purchases that day.
Lunch on the way home.

If you did not sign-up at the meeting, please e-mail crajva@rcn.com or call
Jacqueline 610-867-7463. We need to make a reservation as soon as possible.

Please respond by May 3rd. We will meet at Advent Moravian Church at 8:45
and depart 9:00 a.m.



Higbee Park Children's Garden

Grand opening of the Higbee Park Children's Garden April 30. Free and open to the public: plants, prizes, playground clean-up, great refreshments and spreading of the mulch. 3 to 5. We will be giving away garden gloves and backpacks for children who want to grow their own flowers this summer. Visit us at Franklin and Spring Streets in West Bethlehem. Our neighborhood playground was rebuilt in part by our West Bethlehem neighbors seven years ago with a grant from the state. It is a fully equipped playground with garden plots where children can learn how to sow and reap.

Supervision from the Bethlehem Garden Club of Pennsylvania members and support from the City of Bethlehem Parks gives neighborhood children the opportunity to grow flowers to give to family and friends all summer long.

Right in the middle of a busy city block, the Higbee Park Children's Garden is available to children from dawn to dusk, for planting, picking and playing. — at Franklin Street at Spring, opposite the Bethlehem Towers in West Bethlehem, PA.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION--

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BGC member Caroline Vickrey has donated new bed barriers to the City making this Community Garden location the only one in the City that is being upgraded. The children are excited to be planting in the beautiful new beds.

BGC April 20th Monthly Meeting



Elaine Shaughnessy presented Feng Shui to create a Harmonious Garden and more



Kay Marsh Best in Show Design Tournament - Spring Awakenings



Sharon Donchez Best in Show Horticulture Tournament & Best in Show Special Exhibit - Artistic Craft

Membership dues are now due. They are \$50.00 for members, \$25.00 for each additional member of household and \$25.00 for members 80 years or older. Rosanne will be collecting at the May meeting or they can sent a check payable to: Bethlehem Garden Club and mail it to: Rosanne Cilente, 4015 Devonshire Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

Arbor Day Tree Planting at Miller's House Garden



We planted a Franklinia on Arbor Day at the Miller House Garden. The tree was donated by Fran Kline, thanks for your generosity Fran!!! We all threw a handful of dirt on the tree and then we watered it. We do this every year. Last year's tree, a Redbud, went to the Advent Moravian Church.



The MHG gals got together and surprised Sharon with a plaque honoring her tireless efforts preserving and enhancing the MHG along with a bottle of her favorite wine.

Calendar May 2017

- May 1 Design Study - Tournament Preview
Gov. Wolf Historical Society
6600 Jacksonville Rd., Bath
10:00 am to 12 noon
- May 4 Miller's House Garden - 10:00 am
- May 8 Bus trip to New York - Chihuly Exhibit
- May 11 Trip to Eagle Point Farm Market and Greenhouse
Carpool from MHG - 9:30 am
- May 15 BGC Board Meeting
Traditions of Hanover, 5300 Northgate Drive, Bethlehem
9:00 am to 10:45 am
- May 15 Horticulture Therapy
Cedarbrook Nursing Home
724 Delaware Avenue - Fountain Hill
2:15 to 3:30 pm
- May 18 BGC General Meeting
Program: Lecture and Demonstration Bonsai
Advent Moravian Church
3730 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem
Tournament Set-Up: 9:30 - 11:00 am, Doors open: 12:30
Meeting 1:00 pm; Program: 1:30 pm
- May 19 Horticulture Workshop - Wildflowers Walk
6:00 pm - Carpool from Advent Moravian Church - Cost \$5.00
- May 25 Horticulture Workshop - Hands on
Linden Hill Gardens
8230 Easton Road, Ottsville, Pa
Carpool from Advent Moravian Church 9:00 am - Cost \$10.00
- May 25 Miller's House Garden Planting - 10:00 am
- May 29 Design Study - Tournament Preview
Gov. Wolf Historical Society
6600 Jacksonville Road, Bath
10:00 am to 12 noon

Calendar June 2017

- June 1 Miller's House Garden Planting - 9:00 am
- June 8 Miller's House Garden Workday - 9:00 am
- June 12 BGC Board Meeting
Traditions of Hanover, 5300 Nortgate Drive, Bethlehem
9:00 am to 10:45 am
- June 15 BGC General Meeting
Program: Floral Design Demonstration
Floral Rhythms
East Hills Moravian Church
1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem
Tournament Set-Up: 9:30 - 11:00 am, Doors open:12:30
Meeting 1:00 pm; Program: 1:30 pm
- June 22 Miller's House Garden Workday - 9:00 am
- June 29 Miller's House Garden Workday - 9:00 am



Trish Mowen and Connie Doklan did BGC proud at the Convention with the 20 centerpieces they did for our Sunday dinner. Everyone loved them. Connie and I sat at the table with this particular example of their fine work!!

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