

The Garden Club of Princeton Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

November 1 **TIME CHANGE** 11:00 a.m.
Lunch & Learn: Reel Quiet Mowing
Cost: \$20. (includes lunch)
RSVP: to Barbara Gallup
@ Gallup

November 1 5:30 p.m.
Civic Projects – Planning Meeting:
YMCA/YWCA Garden & light dinner
@ Tracy Sippelle

November 3 7:00 p.m.
Conservation: Cocktails & Speaker
POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY

November 4 10:00 a.m.
Horticulture Workshop: Terrarium
(for: Philadelphia Flower Show &
GCP May Horticulture Show)
RSVP: Louisa Clayton by Nov. 1
@ PHS Meadowbrook Farm, PA

November 8 9:30 a.m.
Photography Field Trip: A Day in NYC
@ a.m.: Metropolitan Museum of Art
Diane Arbus Exhibition
p.m.: Walk the Historic High Line

November 10 10:00 a.m.
Executive Meeting
@ Griffith

November 15 10:30 a.m.
GCP Meeting and Lunch
Garden History & Design Program:
Caroline Seebohm: - Lecture & Book:
Rescuing Eden: Preserving America's
Historic Gardens
Floral Design Show: Centerpieces
Show entries: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
@ D&R Greenway
RSVP to Betsy Hoover, Mary Hulme

November 29 9:30 a.m.
Photography Workshop:
Adobe Lightroom
@ Sedgewick

December 2 noon
Garden History & Design
@ Glovier

President's Message

It is almost Halloween and I am just now putting on a sweater in the morning. My hostas have finally given up, the amsonia hubrichtii is turning a beautiful yellow and within two weeks the tree leaves have gone from green to red, yellow and orange. I cannot wait to attend the FD workshop today, (10/25,) to learn more about making a beautiful Thanksgiving centerpiece. In no time it will be Thanksgiving and then Christmas. It all goes fast now and our schedules really get jammed. Ok, where is my list!?

Seed Share: Louisa Clayton and Nora Decker attended the Shirley Meneice horticulture conference and brought back seeds for us to plant. Some need to wait until next spring and some need to stratify and go into the ground now. If you have seeds from your favorite plant in your garden and want to share, harvest them now, place them in envelopes and bring them along to whatever meeting you are attending next. I have muscari, platycodon grandiflora and stokes aster, (thank you Mary Funsch,) seeds which I will keep in my purse...if you see me, ask me.

Did you Know? Following our October 18 meeting and the eye-opening and impassioned primer that we heard from Kathleen Biggins on C-Change, she and the C-Change team were invited to present this message at GCA headquarters on November 1! One member told me after hearing the message, "That may have been one of the best and most informative speakers we have ever had."

GCA Website Challenge: We know who you are....I am throwing out a challenge to see how many of you log into the GCA website this month. Barbara Morrison reminds you "how-to" in this newsletter. She suggests you go to the Zone IV landing page as well as your profile page, which by now should have your photo which she downloaded.

Holiday Bulbs for Sale: See Christina Callaway's note in this newsletter about ordering the magnificent amaryllis bulbs beautifully packaged for friends and family.

Good Home Training: Please, please! Remember to RSVP to our hostesses if you are going to be absent or have to leave before lunch.

Announcement: Melon Johnson has been moved, for now, and hopefully temporarily, to Morris Hall Meadows at Lawrenceville on the corner on Franklin Corners Road.

Sincerely, Betsy

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2016 GCP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WELCOME: President Betsy Griffith called to order the General Membership Meeting of the Garden Club of Princeton held at D&R Greenway at 10:35 a.m. Betsy opened by thanking the program chairs, Mary Funsch and Piper Burrows and the hostesses Barbie Bromley and Ruth Wilson. Betsy also introduced her mom who was visiting from South Carolina for her 95th birthday.

ATTENDANCE: Recording Secretary, Tracy Sipprelle, called the roll and a quorum was established.

MINUTES: of the September meeting were approved as corrected. Correction: Tomasina Schiro noted that the list of committee chairs or representatives required to attend the GCA Zone IV representatives' meeting at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum on October 20 was incomplete. It should have included: Awards, Bulletin, Communications, Civic Projects, Conservation, Flower Shows, Founders Fund, Garden History and Design, Horticulture, Judging, Membership, Photography, Program, Scholarship, Visiting Gardens and Treasurer.

INSPIRATION: Betsy read the last paragraph of the Bee Cottage Story by Frances Schultz.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: After highlighting some of Betsy Ford's many contributions to our Garden Club, President Betsy Griffith asked for a moment of silence in honor and memory of Betsy Ford, a devoted member of the Garden Club of Princeton since 1993, who passed away this month.

OPENING FUND REPORT: Betsy Griffith reported that the evening at the Jordan's cocktail event was a huge success with several staying well after the event was over. We raised \$2,200 from the cocktail event. The appetizers and beverages were donated by the executive committee.

MORVEN FESTIVAL OF TREES: Betsy reminded everyone that the Morven Festival of Trees installation takes place on November 21 and 22. There is still time to sign up to work on the tree committee. Betsy asked for a volunteer to chair the committee. This year, the committee will be decorating the stairway and arches inside. All material must be artificial.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CIVIC PROJECTS: Tracy Sipprelle thanked all the civic project committee members for helping with the planting of native plants at Veteran's Memorial Park on September 26 and reminded everyone of the upcoming fall clean up at Veteran's Memorial Park on Monday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m. not 9:00 a.m. as stated in the green book. She also reminded everyone of the meeting and luncheon following the clean up, at 12:45 p.m., at her home at 81 Chambers Street, Princeton. The new spring project will be discussed: refurbishing the garden along the front of the YMCA building along Paul Robeson Place, and the path leading to the joint trustees bench in the back of the property. Tracy stated that she believes vibrant trees and flowering plants with a newly redefined path will brighten up the property for everyone in the community to enjoy. The garden with proper signage can be used as a learning tool for the children in the afterschool program. She suggested that the project be done in phases, with the first part being done on the front of the property along the flat wall of the YMCA.

FALL FRENCH MARKET - HOLIDAY AMARYLLIS SALE: President Betsy Griffith announced that Christina Callaway and Betsy Hoover will be selling beautiful green and red boxes filled with Amaryllis bulbs for \$20 each. The delivery will be on November 15 at D&R Greenway. Mary Bryon suggested we put notice of the sale and pictures of the Amaryllises on the website.

HISTORIAN'S MOMENT: Sandi Tatnall mentioned that on January 24, she, Polly Dale and Melon Johnson will talk about the changing of history of the Garden Club of Princeton highlighting how the club has evolved over the years. She also noted that Melon is recovering from a broken hip.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16 MEETING, Continued

Horticulture/Shirley Meneice: Louisa Clayton and Nora Decker shared stories and highlights from their visit to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden on September 20, the home of this year's Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference of the Garden Club of America. More than several hundred of the organization's garden club members, and other plant enthusiasts attended the four day conference at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, situated on more than 50 acres in the heart of Brooklyn, New York. The conference theme was "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn...and Much More." Louisa noted that the purpose of the conference is to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening by offering lectures, seminars, demonstrations and providing horticultural information to the GCA clubs who gathered at the botanical garden. The conference is named in honor of Shirley Meneice, a respected and renowned horticulturist and a member of GCA's Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club and chairman of the GCA's Horticulture Committee 1995 -1997. One of the projects highlighted at the conference was the Partners for Plants project. Louisa mentioned that one of her favorite seminars was the one led by Darrel Morrison, a renowned landscape architect who has designed native gardens at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Nora Decker talked about her favorite seminars, the focus of one being Japanese trees. She mentioned her visit to the Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden, noting that it is one of the oldest Japanese inspired gardens outside Japan.

PROGRAM: Program Chair Mary Funsch discussed the Garden History and Design program that will be presented at the November 15, 2016 meeting. Caroline Seebohm, born in England, is a writer and novelist, journalist, and biographer. She will be talking about her new book: Rescuing Eden: Preserving America's Historic Gardens. She will have signed copies for sale at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tommye Schiro reminded everyone of the deadline for newsletter submissions: the 24th of the month.
- Sophie Glovier reminded everyone that the next Garden History and Design meeting and lunch will take place at Jennifer Closser's home on October 27, at noon, not October 20 as noted in the green book, due to a scheduling conflict with the meeting at Frelinghuysen.
- Cecilia Mathews encouraged members to try using and testing the website before the November meeting. She knows when people have logged on. There is a wealth of information on the website. Please address any questions to her at the next meeting.
- Stephanie Wedeking encouraged members to sign up for the upcoming flower show at the November meeting; several spots are still open.
- Gigi Goldman gave an update on the whereabouts of the solar suitcase that the GCP members worked on last year. She noted that it is currently waiting installation at a birthing home in Tikonko, a village in Sierra Leone.
- Betsy Griffith reminded everyone of ***the Lunch and Learn: Reel Quiet Mowing*** at Barbara Gallups' home at 11:00 a.m. on November 1. This is a different time than what is listed in the green book.
- Betsy also announced that the Conservation Cocktails event at Terhune Orchards originally scheduled for November has been postponed until January. The actual day is to be determined.

Conservation Program - Speaker: Conservation Committee co-chair, Katherine Dresdner introduced our speaker, her co-chair, Kathleen Biggins. Kathleen is the chairperson of the C- Change Committee, a group created after past NAL presentations. She and her committee members designed an educational primer on climate change, which outlines the science behind our evolving environment and highlights new technologies that will help us mitigate climate change problems. Before beginning her talk, Kathleen acknowledged and thanked her committee members: Zone IV conservation rep. Katy Kinsolving, Stony Brook Garden Club member, Carrie Dykman, and GCP members, Sophie Glovier and Pam Mount.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16 Meeting, Continued

Kathleen's passionate talk, accompanied by a slide presentation of scientific models and trends, revolved around the answers to six questions proposed by Kathleen.

- How do we know climate change is real?
- How do we know what causes it?
- What do the scientist say about climate change?
- Are the changes dangerous?
- Is there hope?
- What can we do to help?

She highlighted the many companies and corporations who are developing plans to cut back energy sources that increase our carbon footprint. She highlighted the positive meeting among nations' leaders agreeing that climate change is a real and significant problem at a conference in Paris this past summer. After the presentation, Kathleen took several questions from the audience. She ended on a positive note stating that she'd be happy to talk to any group that is interested in learning about climate change and that if we work collectively we can make a positive change to help control the current downward spiral.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy thanked Kathleen and welcomed members to the adjoining room to enjoy lunch. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Tracy Sippelle, Secretary

IN MEMORIUM – BETSY FORD

We sadly report that our long time member, Betsy Ford, passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Born Elizabeth Masland Dana in Philadelphia on December 13, 1935, and known as Betsy, she was raised in Villanova, Pennsylvania. We know Betsy though her love of gardening and horticulture, but she had other passions. As a young woman she was a junior golf champion. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke in 1958 and worked as a librarian. She enjoyed a successful career in real estate. Among her many interests, Betsy loved traveling with her family, summering in Nantucket, playing bridge and holding leadership roles in our Garden Club of Princeton, the Marquand Park Association and the Mt. Holyoke Alumni Association. She valued her involvement at the Foundation Fighting Blindness, the Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia and The Present Day Club in Princeton. Betsy joined the Garden Club of Princeton 23 years ago, in 1993. Her loves were horticulture, where she became chair, conservation and civic projects. Many of us have reminders of Betsy in our gardens through plants she freely shared with us.

We repeat, here, one line from her obituary that tells so much about how she celebrated her life.

"Truly adored by her family she was known as "Granny B" and they will always remember how she shared the great joy in the beauty of the natural world around her - watching clouds, digging for clams, gardening and tracing the advance of the butterfly from cocoon and caterpillar."

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jerry and her family at this time.

A memorial service is planned at The Princeton University Chapel for Monday, November 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Contributions in Betsy's memory can be made to: The Foundation Fighting Blindness, 7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Columbia MD 21046. www.fightblindness.org

ARCHIVES: Martha Sword

The Archives committee is in need of two 3-drawer or 4-drawer lateral file cabinets. Do you have one you'd like to donate to our new space at the D&R Greenway?

Please contact Martha Sword - srdblade@gmail.com - if you do. We will arrange to pick it up. Thank you!

COMMUNICATIONS: Barbara Morrison

Logging on to the GCA Website made easy!

The following tips for logging on to the GCA Website appeared in the current issue of the Bulletin. If you have any questions or need help, please call GCA Headquarters at 212-753-8287.

- Open your internet browser and type in: gcamerica.org. The GCA homepage will load.
- Click the green "Members Area" in the upper right corner of the page. A new page will come up.
- "Username" is the email address you gave to the GCA.
- Enter your password. If you don't know your password, just click "Forgot Password." Then type in your email address and click "Send Password."
- Password Email will be sent to you with your password information. Now you can log on.
- Check the "Remember Me" box so you don't have to do this again.
- Begin exploring the GCA website.
- Note that you can do this on your smart phone as well as on your computer.

CIVIC PROJECTS: Tracy Sippelle



Thank you to members, Erin Forrey, Mary Funsch, past chair Sophie Glovier, President Betsy Griffith, Deborah Jordan, Wendy Mager, Barbara Morrison, Kathleen Murphy, and Candy Walsh, who met and worked hard at Civic Project's first Fall Clean-Up on October 24 at Veteran's Memorial Park. The next and final Fall Clean-Up will be scheduled in the next few weeks. Tracy Sippelle will send out an email with suggested dates.

The planning phase for the new YMCA/YWCA Garden Civic Project is underway! The Civic Projects Committee will meet to discuss the project at Tracy Sippelle's house on Tuesday, November 1, at 5:30 pm. A light dinner will be served.

FRENCH MARKET: Christina Callaway, Betsy Hoover (bulb sale)

Amaryllis sale. As mentioned at the last meeting we are once again selling amaryllis for the holiday season. You have a choice of red with a white center, all white and a beautiful coral color. The bulbs are nicely packaged in a red or green box with a ribbon on top ready to go to give as a holiday gift. The price is \$20. They will be available for you at the next monthly meeting on November 15.

Please let me know how many and which color or colors you would like.

Please email your order to ccallaway@callawayhenderson.com. Please bring a check made out to The Garden Club of Princeton to the November meeting.

HISTORIAN: Sandi Tatnall

From our Archives I retrieved a 1969-1970 report from Mary Radclyffe Savage, our Archivist at that time. I would like to share much of it with you:

Madame President, members of the Garden Club of Princeton, the archives continue to be consulted. It is in the hope of reassuring you in these disturbing times that repetition of the facts gleaned from history are in order. Our club is 50 years old. The grading of the driveway into the hospital was our first gift to that institution which now sits on the first driveway and an ornamental planting we made beside the "new" wing twenty years later is under a cement pathway. What matter? The hospital survives and serves. The books on gardening we gave and still give to the Public Library are used and read more by more people than when we began our donations. The wildflower path we created from "College Road" to the boathouse is trampled, cut in parts by new avenues but the present plans for the University create a park in the vicinity of our labours. Our violent effort to clean the town and its backyards was blunted by resentment way back in the thirties. Now the anti-litter bugs are "in" and high fashion, but the greatest lesson to be learned from our archives is of the power of the pen... Clyffie, as she was called by one and all, goes on to cite a battle to keep an industry from locating in Lawrence Township... She closes by writing, "It is a true story...worth telling on another day".

I hope I can find more of her wonderful reports to share with you. She was a tiny person who brought humor, knowledge and insight into our lives.

CONSERVATION: Kathleen Biggins, Katherine Dresdner, Cheryl Mooney



Walk in the Woods on an October Day

On October 4 Emily Firmenich hosted members of the Garden Club of Princeton on a guided tour on natural paths through the restored woodlands behind her home. Their project is a work in progress. The Firmenich's are removing invasives and fallen trees and are planting native species to transform their forest from something impenetrable to something beautiful. In doing this, they are sustaining our natural wildlife and providing a refuge for family and friends to come and observe nature.

MEMBERSHIP: Barbara Morrison

Our November and December meetings offer fun opportunities for you to share with potential new members. Please consider bringing your guest to the November 15 program, immediately following our business meeting at D&R Greenway (see your Green Book for program/speaker details). The December Christmas Workshop at Terhune Orchards on December 13 is a perfect time to "Meet and Greet" potential new members. Please let our club president and hostess know in advance if you are bringing a guest.

Barb Morrison will have preliminary proposal forms at the upcoming meetings.

Important Dates to Remember:

February 1: Final date to submit preliminary proposal forms

April 1: Final date to submit completed proposal and letters of support

HORTICULTURE: Louisa Clayton, Kathy Enquist, Jane Murphy

The Horticulture Committee hosted a fabulous Bulb Forcing Workshop on Friday 10/21, at Jane Murphy's house. A big THANK YOU to Jane for accommodating our last moment switch of workshop location to her garage due to the threat of rain.

A record number of members attended (20) and a record number pots were planted (40). This is the most in recent years. The pots are almost evenly split between tulips (21) and crocuses (19). We hope to see many of those pots at the Philadelphia Flower Show in the spring. We will host a workshop in February to check on your progress and help you get to the finish line.

[On Friday, November 4, 2016](#) members are traveling to PHS Meadowbrook Farm to participate in [a 10:00 a.m.](#) workshop to create our own terrariums. Now that fall is here and we can't grow outdoors, we can take joy in creating a small indoor garden that is low maintenance. Terrariums are classically a closed, glass environment, which increases the humidity and allows you to grow plants that prefer a moist habitat. However, if you prefer, you can stretch the definition of 'terrarium' to include desert plantings. At this workshop, you get to decide what type of terrarium you want to make by choosing plants that have similar growing conditions: low light, high humidity, drought-resistant, etc. Our instructor at PHS Meadowbrook Farms will guide us in selecting plants that will do well in the type of terrarium you choose to create.

In addition to creating a terrarium garden for your enjoyment at home, you will have the opportunity to exhibit your terrarium at the Philadelphia Flower Show in March, 2017, or at the May, 2017 in-club Hort. Show.

The cost for the workshop is approximately \$35-\$45 per person depending on your choice of plants and container. You may provide your own glass container instead of purchasing one on site. Container size should not to exceed 10 inches in diameter/diagonal inside measurement (as per the Hort. Show schedules). Box lunches orders will be delivered to Meadowbrook Farm at an additional cost TBD. Car pool travel to be arranged for participants.

You will not want to miss this special event. **Please RSVP to [Louisa Clayton](#) by [November 1](#).**

PHOTOGRAPHY: LINDA SWDGEWICK, MAUREEN STELLATO

On **Tuesday morning, November 8** the Photography Committee and any other interested club member, will be venturing into NYC for a look at the Diane Arbus Photography exhibit at the Met Breuer entitled: "diane arbus in the beginning". Please go to the Met website to learn more about the exhibit and to watch a short video:<http://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2016/diane-arbus>. If you would like to join us, please email Linda or Maureen ASAP so final travel arrangements can be determined.

On **Tuesday, November 29** we will have a tutorial workshop introducing you to Adobe Lightroom via [Lynda.com](#), an online learning site. Join us to learn how easy it is to understand this software program, which offers simple ways to manage and enhance all of your digital photographs. We will meet at Linda Sedgewick's home at 9:30 am.

As you are hopefully enjoying this beautiful fall weather and taking lots of photographs on your smartphone or digital camera, do remember to familiarize yourself with our upcoming February Photography Show classes. You can find them on page 18 of our Green Book.

FORGET-ME-NOTES

Meeting RSVP Procedure: All active, Sustaining and Provisional members RSVP regrets to lead hostess designated by an asterisk in the green book. Affiliate members RSVP acceptances. Please be sure to let the hostess know if you are not staying for lunch.



Please visit the following websites for updates and events:

GCP blog page link: <http://gcaprincetonlocavores.blogspot> for a complete listing of all local farms, farm market schedules and a selection of recipes coordinated by our club. Send your recipe featuring local produce to: farmmarketscnj@gmail.com

GCP Website: www.gcprinceton.org Click on members section and sign in as: members@gcprinceton.org Do NOT use your own email or set up your own password, as that will block out everyone else. Password is on page one of our green book.

GCA Website: www.gcamerica.org Please contact our club Administrator, Cecelia Mathews, for assistance.

Visit the GCA website and update your biography with awards won and special skills.

Horticultural Activities and Expectations: We encourage members to visit the web site, "Barbara Bromley's Monthly Tips for Mercer County, NJ," at www.mgofmc.org/monthlytips.html. The helpline phone number is 609 989 6853

Deadline for the next Newsletter: November 24, 2016

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Please write: GCP Newsletter – "Your Area" in subject line