

# The Garden Club of Princeton Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember:

### February 1

**Preliminary Proposal Form to Membership**

February 1                      **CANCELLED**  
Civic Projects meeting  
@ Tracy Sippelle

February TBD                                      TBD  
Conservation movie night  
@ TBD

February 3                                      10:30 – noon  
Philadelphia Flower Show Entry  
Preparation Workshop  
@ Penny Thomas

February 7                                      9:30 a.m. - noon  
Photography Show Submissions to  
Linda Sedgewick

February 14 –                                      **CANCELLED**  
Botanical Arts Workshop: Part Deux

February 16                                      10:00 a.m.  
Executive Committee Meeting  
@ Griffith

February 16                                      10:00 a.m.  
Hort Committee trip to greenhouses  
@ PHS Meadowbrook Farms, PA  
RSVP to Jane Murphy by 2/14

**February 21                                      10:30 a.m.**  
**GCP Meeting & Luncheon**  
**Program: Rick Wright, speaker**  
**Photography Show**  
**@ Watershed**

**Feb. 25 NEW TIME 5:00-7 p.m.**  
**Black & White Cocktail Party**  
**Photography Open House**  
**@ Watershed**

February 28                                      11:00 a.m.  
Horticulture Committee: Learn & Lunch  
Andrea Filippone, speaker  
@ The Present Day Club  
\$40 inclusive. RSVP Jane Murphy 2/23

March 1    ALL DAY  
Beds & Borders orders are due  
@ Betsy Hoover

## President's Message

*On many days, I am so proud of our club that I want to shout it to the moon...but today was really a top ten. Today our provisionals were treated to a conversation with our history. We sat in a circle around Sandi Tatnall and Polly Dale, in period costume, on Robin Gosnell's rose-colored antique sofa below a nautical painting and mounted Narwhal tusk! Try that one on for a special morning. In their beautiful musical voices, they read bits of our history and related tales of their own memories. In that short period, we went back in time when the French Market was canning hundreds of cans of food for our men at war; members were having chauffeurs bring buckets of their gardener-cut flowers to sell from our flower cart on Nassau Street; and you never, never failed to send a handwritten note of thanks or used the wrong table linen for the tea. Tea was "India or China"? And to think my hands would look so much younger if I had worn those lovely white gloves all those years. We missed you Melon Johnson.*

*Every time I walk into my house, I am reminded that I have not yet planted those final 12 allium bulbs, planted my seeds to stratify in a milk jug and tuck under a bush outside or wet my sphagnum moss and inserted my oak acorns into it for hopeful growth. Am I alone? Every year this happens.... but I will get it done before January ends. The guilt is killing me. I guess that's the clue that I love to garden because I am sure that by the time the Philadelphia Flower Show rolls around on March 14, I will be ready to buy plants, bulbs and seeds.*

*And speaking of planting, we were notified by Sophie Glovier that there is a "do not plant" list for New Jersey. Yes, your favorite Japanese Maple, barberry, butterfly bush, fragrant clematis, Kousa dogwood, deutzia or Kudzu (ok, it's come directly from South Carolina where it grows like dinosaurs as it covers everything in its path) are on that list and all but the Kudzu are in my yard. The nurseries have been notified not to sell those plants anymore. To see the complete list, go to [www.njisst.org](http://www.njisst.org).*

*Our calendar is so full from now to May and I can hear the breathless sounds of members when I speak with them. Read the Green Book. RSVP to the meetings. February's Meeting is the Photography Show at the Watershed, followed by our Black and White Cocktail party February 25 from 5 pm to 7 pm. Mark that in Green for Go!*

*Sincerely,  
Betsy*

## MINUTES OF THE January 16, 2017 GCP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Submitted by Tracy Sippelle, Secretary

**WELCOME:** President Betsy Griffith called to order the General Meeting of the Garden Club of Princeton held at the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed. She thanked the hostesses Louisa Clayton and Cheryl Mooney. She thanked program chairs Mary Funsch and Piper Burrows and Stephanie Wedeking for organizing the program, "Behind the Scene with Rusty Thomas."

**ATTENDANCE** was taken and a quorum established.

**MINUTES** of the November meeting were approved.

**PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Betsy opened the meeting with the inspirational quote: "Laws alone cannot secure freedom of expression: in order that every man present his views without penalty, there must be spirit of tolerance in the entire population." by Albert Einstein. And from Malcolm X, "Don't be in a hurry to condemn because he doesn't do what you do or think as you think or as fast. There was a time when you didn't know what you know today."

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Bulletin and PR:** Jennifer Del Vecchio reviewed The Garden Club of Princeton's private Facebook page that she has set up. She showed everyone how one can get on the page and stressed that no one outside the club can join the page. The page is for The Garden Club of Princeton members to share their knowledge of gardening ideas, pictures, or to share articles pertaining to gardening. No pets, grandchildren or family vacations. She passed around a sign up sheet for those interested in being invited to join the closed group.

**Christmas Workshop:** Betsy Griffith thanked Pam Mount for hosting the December workshop at Terhune's and members for participating in the workshop and all those who prepped the cat cans ahead of time. She gave a special shout out to Piper Burrows for doing a bulk of collecting the cans and the provisionals for prepping for the workshop. Betsy shared that she received a wonderful letter from the director of Meals on Wheels, thanking the GCP for preparing and donating 300 plus floral arrangements for its clients, which provided lots of holiday cheer.

**Civic Projects:** Betsy Griffith gave an update on the new YMCA/YWCA Civic Project saying that work is already under way with the trimming of the big oak tree branches that were hitting the roof of the YMCA. Now that the branches are trimmed, there is more sunlight for new plantings. She indicated that although most of the cost of the project will be covered by a donor, more needs to be raised in order to cover the entire cost of the project. She presented the idea of having a fall fundraiser. Tracy invited everyone to her home on January 31 at 10:30 am to discuss fundraising ideas and dates.

**Founders Fund:** Chair Katie Cutler will take a vote to determine the GCP's choice for the Founders Fund project at our February meeting. She reviewed the 2017 finalists being considered for funding: The Moon Terrace Learning Lab at the Santa Fe Botanical Garden proposed by the Santa Fe Garden Club (Zone XII) and seconded by The Portland Garden Club. This laboratory will be a working canvas and part of a larger master plan designed to emphasize educational hands-on experimental learning. Students of all ages will see, touch, and learn about nature and the interdependence of plants and people. The second project, Project Dogwood, was proposed by Augusta Garden Club (Zone VII), and seconded by Albemarle Garden Club (Zone VII). The Augusta Garden Club will enhance the city of Stanton, Virginia by promoting the restoration of Virginia's disappearing state tree, while working with the city to provide new connections to nature. The club will create a template for the restoration of dogwoods by planting hybrid cultivars in the surrounding parks and school yards. The last project Katie reviewed was the Bee Healthy Garden at

## MINUTES OF THE January 16, 2017 MEETING, continued

Greater Milwaukee's Camp Whitcomb Mason, proposed by Kettle Moraine Garden Club (Zone XI) and seconded by Lake Geneva Garden Club (Zone XI). The objective of the proposal is to expand the camp's Bee Healthy Garden to provide additional educational and social emotional learning (SEL) opportunities. The camp is a transformative place, which makes it the perfect location for SEL, a new curriculum designed to care for the whole child. It challenges individuals to seek inside themselves and to be empathetic to others. This curriculum is based on understanding and managing one's own emotions, as well as understanding others and making responsible decisions. The garden at the camp would be the first of its kind and could be duplicated by other youth development programs. The garden will teach the young campers coping mechanisms and skills to preempt the need for healing gardens. Camp staff will utilize SEL practices to teach children how to cope in difficult situations, while providing all campers with the means to manage their emotions. They will also learn the art and science of gardening as a lifelong activity and receive a take-home journal to reinforce these newly-learned techniques.

**Fall French Market:** Betsy Griffith reported that the Christmas Amaryllis sales were a huge success, raising over \$2000 in net sales. She reminded everyone that Arbor Day is April 28, the first day of French Market. Instead of selling flowers, the French market will be giving away tree saplings in honor of Arbor Day. Martha Sword suggested using the opportunity to raise money for the Y project. The market could have a donation bucket available for those who receive a free sapling. Information will be available about the upcoming new project.

**NJ Committee:** Erin Forrey took a vote on the NJ Committee grants. The members voted unanimously for both projects since there are sufficient funds to support both. The projects are: "Friends for Greener Bernardsville," a fund for signage of plants and trees in the garden next to the town's train station, and The Rumson Garden Club's "Seed to Sprout," with the goal to line the town library with new wooden window boxes that are azek, and self watering. The cost of both projects came in at \$6,560.

**Photography:** Chair Maureen Stellato reminded everyone that photography submissions are due on or before February 7 at Linda Sedgwick's home. She reviewed the rules, which are different than what is stated in the green book. All photos must be presented on black foam board - no matting or frame is allowed. NEW: We now have secured two judging panels for this February 21 show.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Photography Party:** Robin Gosnell encouraged everyone to attend the cocktail party on February 25. The cocktail party will be a "Black and White" theme and the time will be from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Wine and food will be provided by the executive committee. We will be selling the featured photos and prints for \$25 each at the event.

**Horticulture:** Jane Murphy reminded everyone of the upcoming trip to PHS Meadowbrook Farms on February 16. Jane Rose Carey, Director of the PHS Meadowbrook Farm will lead the group on the behind the scenes tour of the greenhouses located on the property. RSVP's must be submitted to Jane Murphy. The next event arranged by the committee will be at the Present Day Club on **February 28. Andrea Filippone will speak about boxwoods.** Cost is \$40 per person and is due by February 23 to Jane Murphy.

**Solar Suitcase:** Gigi Goldman gave an update on the whereabouts of the solar suitcase that was put together by the GCP members. It is currently located in a house that provides lodging for volunteers in Sierra Leone in West Africa. It will be moved to a birth waiting room when it is ready.

**March 14 Philadelphia Flower Show Bus Trip:** Piper Burrows announced that the bus will depart promptly at 8:30 a.m. from the Farm View parking lot at the park on the Great Road. The tickets are available from Piper at \$50.

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**Expenses:** Betsy reminded everyone that members must use expense forms when asking for reimbursement. A form is located in the back of the green book.

**Membership:** Barb Morrison reminded all members that they must submit the preliminary proposal forms for proposing new members to Mary Funsch by **February 1**.

**Wassailing the Apple Trees:** Pam Mount gave the short history of the Wassailing the Apple Trees and invited everyone to Terhune Orchards on January 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a festival to “help protect the trees.” Treats and cider will be available.

**Program:** Rusty Thomas, renowned florist and designer, was introduced and spoke about his time designing for very famous clientele while managing the Carlyle Hotel during the height of NYC glamour. He was the event designer for the democratic convention in 1992. He shared photos and stories about working with Nancy Reagan and Jackie Onassis.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

### MEMBERSHIP: Barbara Morrison

Members are encouraged to review the "Membership Requirements" on pages 26-27 of our current green book. Any change-in-status requests should be submitted by letter to the Membership Committee prior to April 1.

Preliminary Proposals for membership are being reviewed by the Membership Committee. The proposals will then be presented to the Executive Committee at their February meeting. Once given the approval to proceed, proposers need to submit the final candidate application including a letter of proposal, along with one seconding letter and one supporting letter. The deadline for submission to the Membership Committee is April 1.

### PROGRAM: Piper Burrows, Mary Funsch

REMINDER: The Philadelphia Flower Show and March GCP “meeting-on-the-bus” trip: On Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 8:00 a.m., a Coach USA bus will arrive at Farm View Fields, the town parking lot, located off The Great Road, between Pretty Brook Road and Princeton Day School. The bus will depart promptly at 8:30. The return bus will depart the Convention Center at 2:30 p.m., for an anticipated arrival time in Princeton of 4:00. The cost to participate is \$50. This includes transportation and admission to the show. If you are already a PFS member, PLEASE be sure to let Piper know ASAP because your admission to the flower show is already covered and your cost for the trip would be reduced. Box lunches will be provided by our hostesses.

The theme of the Flower Show is *Holland: Flowering the World*. For more information about the show, please visit the PHS website: <http://theflowershow.com/about>

Kindly mail your check, (payable to “GCP”) to Piper Burrows, 10 Castle Howard Court, Princeton, NJ 08540. Questions? Email Piper at: [phug549@yahoo.com](mailto:phug549@yahoo.com)

## **GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN: Jennifer Closser, Sophie Glovier**

Please join us March 9 at noon at Sophie Glovier's house for lunch and a special Garden History & Design Committee meeting. We will have a special guest, Natalie Shivers, University Architect. She will be speaking about the ways in which Princeton University is using landscape design to enhance our local environment. We will also discuss the history of the wildflower path installed along Washington Road by the Garden Club of Princeton in years past and the current use of that site. Please RSVP to Sophie at [glovier8@aol.com](mailto:glovier8@aol.com)

## **CONSERVATION: Kathleen Biggins, Katherine Dresdner, Cheryl Mooney**

As reported at the January meeting, the Princeton Council recently passed a resolution, "Resolution Recommending the Invasive Species Do Not Plant List." This resolution urges local nurseries to phase out the sale of plants on the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team list, which can be found at [www.njisst.org](http://www.njisst.org). The resolution further encourages the many departments in the municipal government involved with planting decisions to consult the list when making choices for plant material and urges local residents to forgo invasive species and to plant with natives. Please take a few minutes to visit the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team website to familiarize yourself with the do not plant list. (Submitted by Sophie Glovier.)

## **HISTORIAN: Barbara Chatham, Sandi Tatnall**

The history of our Club's formal newsletters dates back to 1992-1993 when the Club's presidents began sending out summaries of the previous month's meeting along with dates and reminders of future activities. In our October 1995 newsletter, among the general business highlights of the September meeting, President Penny Thomas recorded an invocation read by Martha Sword at the beginning of the meeting. Nearly twenty-two years later, it seems most appropriate at this time to repeat it, notwithstanding the arrival of spring in a short seven weeks.

### A SPRING GARDEN (origin unknown)

First plant three rows of peas:  
Perseverance, Politeness and Patience  
Next to them plant three rows of squash:  
Squash gossip, Squash selfishness, Squash indifference.  
Then plant three rows of lettuce:  
Let us be loyal. Let us be truthful. Let us love one another.  
No garden is complete without turnips:  
Turn up for work. Turn up for family and friends, or those in need;  
Turn up with a smile.  
Wouldn't this world be more like the Garden of Eden if we all planted seeds like these?  
Lord, lend me your trowel.

## **BEDS & BOARDERS: Betsy Hoover**

Please watch your email in the coming weeks. I will be sending you the website for "Beds & Boarders" with fabulous container possibilities, and an order form. Orders will be due on March 1.



## PHOTOGRAPHY: Linda Sedgewick and Maureen Stellato

We are looking forward to our club's Photography Show on Tuesday, February 21 at the Stony Brook Watershed Photography Gallery, generously given by Penny and Ted Thomas in honor of our club. To follow up on last month's meeting discussion, we have resolved the judging issues for this year. Through the assistance and cooperation of several individuals, we have secured two panels that will judge all entries. Please remember all show entries need to be delivered to Linda's (139 Broadmead, Princeton) no later than **noon, Tuesday, February 7.**

Please review carefully the following rules before submitting your photograph(s). **DO disregard the rules in our green book as they are incorrect.** Take special note to bullet points 2, 6 and 9 as they are revised or new to this year.

### GCP Photography Guidelines for 2017

- Photography classes designated "novice" are for competitors who have never won a blue ribbon.
- An exhibitor may make only one entry in a class but may enter more than one class up to a total of four entries per show.
- Photographs that have won a blue ribbon in a Garden Club of America Flower Show or a Major Flower Show may not be entered again.
- Any kind of camera and film may be used.
- The photographs must be the work of the exhibitor. Matting, mounting, and printing may be done professionally.
- Any manipulation at the time of exposure, in the darkroom, by computer, or in the printing process is allowed in all classes, and must be the work of the exhibitor. This includes cropping of image, enhancement for color or clarity, removal of a part of the image, combining images, or distorting the original subject.
- All photography entries are limited to the subjects outlined in the purpose of The Garden Club of America such as horticulture, flower arrangement, gardens/landscapes, conservation/the environment, historic preservation and civic improvement, unless a non-complying class is in the schedule.
- If plant material in the image is identifiable, the common and botanical name(s) are required on the entry card and on the back of the photograph.
- Photographs must be flush mounted on black foam core with a total perimeter dimension **no larger than 50" and no smaller than 36"**. Frames and glass are not permitted.
- Each entry must be labeled on the lower right back of the mat with the exhibitor's name, orientation of the photograph, class and section. Exhibitor's name must not be visible on the front of the photograph or mat.
- All photographs will be passed by the Photography Co-Chairs to verify that all class specifications have been met.

The Photography Chairs may reclassify an entry, but only with the permission of the photographer. The Photography Chairs may subdivide a class, but the judges may not reclassify an entry.

## CIVIC PROJECTS: Tracy Sippelle

The Civic Projects meeting is scheduled for March 21, (NEW DATE,) at 10:30 a.m. at Tracy's home, 81 Chambers Street. We will be discussing the plans for the new YMCA/YWCA civic project and fundraising ideas to accomplish it. We will also be discussing signage for the plantings at Veteran's Memorial Park.

The first spring clean-up will be on April 11, at 9:30 a.m. We will be cleaning up both Veteran's Memorial Park and Mercer Island.

## 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://gcprincetonlocavores.blogspot> for a complete listing of all local farms, farm market schedules and recipes. Send your recipe featuring local produce to: [farmmarketscnj@gmail.com](mailto:farmmarketscnj@gmail.com)

GCP Website: [www.gcprinceton.org](http://www.gcprinceton.org) Click on members section and sign in as: [members@gcprinceton.org](mailto: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](http://www.gcamerica.org) Please contact our club Administrator, Cecelia Mathews, for assistance.

**Horticultural Activities and Expectations:** “Barbara Bromley’s Monthly Tips for Mercer County, NJ,” at [www.mgofmc.org/monthlytips.html](http://www.mgofmc.org/monthlytips.html). The helpline phone number is 609 989 6853

### **An Invitation from The Friends of Princeton Open Space:**

#### ***Mountain Lakes: A Lens on the Seasons, Opening Reception***

**March 10, 5:30-7:30PM, at the Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street, Princeton,** An exhibition of Frank Sauer’s extraordinary color and black and white photographs of The Billy Johnson Mountain Lakes Nature Preserve, the heart of Princeton’s “Central Park,” showing the Preserve’s beauty in all four seasons. Exhibition Dates: March 10 – April 30. (Sales of photographs will benefit the Friends of Princeton Open Space, which maintains and enhances the Preserve for all to enjoy.

#### **Deadline for the next Newsletter: February 24, 2017**

Please email entries to [tpms1206@aol.com](mailto:tpms1206@aol.com) in Arial font, size 11

Please write: GCP Newsletter – “Your Area” in subject line