

The Garden Club of Princeton Newsletter

December, 2015 – January, 2016

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Dates to Remember:

December 1 **New Time & Place** noon
Executive Committee Meeting
@ The Nassau Club

December 8 9:30 a.m.
GCP Meeting & Christmas Workshop
@ Terhune Orchards

December 8 after Christmas wkshp.
Topiary Workshop (limited to 12)
@ Terhune Orchards

January 12 10:00 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting
@ Debbie Jordan

January 5 10:00 a.m.
French Market Committee Meeting
@ Tracy Sipprell

January 19 10:30 a.m.
GCP Meeting & Speaker & "Mock Floral Design Show" Workshop
@ Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed

January 21 9:30 a.m.
Photography & Horticulture Field Trip
To Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
@ Linda Sedgewick

January 22 10:30 a.m.
Horticulture Workshop: Entry Prep
Workshop for Philadelphia Flower Show
@ Penny Thomas

January 26 – 27 Noon – 3:00 p.m.
Conservation Workshop
Solar Suitcase Construction

February 2 1:00 p.m.
Floral Design Planning Meeting

February 9 10:00 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting
@ Debbie Jordan

February 9 9:30 a.m.
Photography Planning Meeting &
Photography Show Entry Drop Off
@ Maureen Stellato

February 16 10:30 a.m.
GCP Meeting Speaker: Mary Leck
"Plants of the Abbott Marshland"
GCP Photography Show
@ Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed

The President's Message

From my winter garden,

As I look back on memories of this time of year, once again I am reminded of visits to the home of my grandparents, in a tiny village in upstate New York. This time of year, it was likely that snow would already cover the ground and every morning one could have looked out the window and seen a fresh coat of white and fluffy flakes gently coming down. It snowed – practically all the time.

My brother and I would eagerly climb the back steps to enter the house through the unheated, enclosed porch, where my nana stored the cookies, pies, and goodies she had made in anticipation of the holiday. We would then push through the steam covered, inner door and burst into the busy kitchen, to be greeted by eager grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. We would inhale the warm scent of the roast, and throw off our layers of boots, coats, mittens, and hats, that we would lay in the sewing room, off the dining room where the extended family would gather.

The table was covered with the lace tablecloth tatted by Nana. The centerpiece was a pinecone wreath comprised of cones patiently collected and wired together by Nana. At Christmas, Nana would add small red ornaments to the cones, in keeping with the season. Under the lighted candles, our feast included corn casserole made from Grandpa Arch's summer sweet corn that Nana cut from the cob and froze for special occasions. We also enjoyed a casserole made from sweet sausage from the local Italian sausage maker. We feasted on Nana's brown gravy and roast, oyster casserole, yams with marshmallows, green beans, mashed potatoes and homemade pies made from local apples, cherries and pumpkins and homemade Italian Christmas cookies. We all tasted precious wine made by my grandfather from the grapes he tended in his garden, and dessert cordial made from cherries grown along Lake Ontario that my grandfather loaded into enormous jars filled with liquor during the summer and fermented in the cellar for the holidays. The jars of "cherry herring" glowed red by Christmas time. With our after dinner cordial, we also enjoyed Nana's chocolate covered nuts, later affectionately named "Nana's driveway nuts" by my husband, made from nuts Nana carefully gathered in autumn that had fallen from the trees lining her driveway. Sometimes the neighbors would come by with a bottle of their homemade wine or spirits to share.

Grandpa Arch would reach for "the Kodak" and take a picture of the family and friends gathered around the table every year. As I look back, I am struck by how vividly I remember the simple yet rich, sustainable life lived by my grandparents' generation.

As 2015 draws to a close and I look back on this past year, I am so proud of the work we have done as members of The Garden Club of Princeton. We completed the substantial fall planting at War Memorial Park and were publicly thanked by the Town of Princeton for our efforts at the moving Veterans Day celebration and will be thanked on the record at a meeting of the Town government. We decorated the front of Morven Museum with Colonial Revival decorations festooned with apples and lady apples and including apple cone urns. We learned about the meaningful impact of a single solar panel on a remote village in an undeveloped area of the world and we prepared to build a "solar suitcase." We joined with Stony Brook GC to hear Rick Darke, an expert on sustainable gardening practices. We continued our work promoting the Monarch Highway and celebrated the good news that the Mexican and U.S. environmental authorities now predict that the Monarch population arriving in Mexico has quadrupled from last year's low!

The President's Message, continued

In December, we will celebrate the season by making annual Meals on Wheels tray arrangements at our Christmas Workshop. Some will stay on to create Christmas topiaries from Barbara Gallup's precious topiary forms. In January, we will enjoy a "hands on" floral design presentation by GCA Floral Design Judge and our friend Katie Downes in the Watershed's new building. We will travel to Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve with the Horticulture and Photography Committees for a lecture on pollinators and natives by the Preserve's resident photographer. We will prepare our entries for the Philadelphia Flower Show and, in the dead of winter, we will create a solar suitcase to bring light to a remote area of the world!

Please enjoy the following seasonal poem in honor of our friend, the Monarch Butterfly! Merry Christmas and Happy 2016!

Fondly,
Debbie

A Merry Monarch Christmas, by Melanie Schuchart

It's Christmas time in Mexico
And the monarchs still arrive every day or so.

They flit and fly among the trees
And softly glide upon the breeze.

Their colors shine all orange and black
As they look for spots for a long winter's nap.

We hope they survive their winter retreat
And pray for safety when they're fast asleep.

With visions of milkweed dancing in their head
They conserve their energy while asleep in their bed.

On spring's arrival when the sun shines longer
They awake from their slumber and need to get stronger.

They start their journey north without much pause
For they know they are special, kind of like Santa Claus.

Delivering presents and bundles of joy
That soon will develop into new girls and boys.

While they complete their cycle with the end drawing near
They hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2015 MEETING

WELCOME: President Debbie Jordan called to order the General Membership Meeting of the Garden Club of Princeton held at D&R Greenway. She thanked Mary Funsch and Jane Murphy for our program, and Meg Michael and Kristin Griese, our hostesses, for their hospitality.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: President Debbie Jordan asked that we take a moment of silence for John Healy, Trudy's husband, who passed away recently.

ATTENDANCE was taken and a quorum established.

MINUTES of the October meeting were approved.

REPORT RE ZONE IV FLOWER SHOW: Molly Finnell introduced Anne Gates, a member of the Stony Brook Garden Club and the Chairman of the Flower Show at the upcoming Zone Meeting. Anne explained that the

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classes incorporate the theme of the meeting, "The Return of the Native." Each club will submit the following entries: one floral design, two horticulture offerings, two photographs, one botanical art piece and one conservation project. She would love to see all classes filled before the holidays. She informed us that further information is available on the GCA website on the Flower Show page or the Zone IV page. In addition to the Flower Show, there will be a plant exchange at the meeting. Each club is asked to bring six native plants or native cultivars.

Anne listed the GCP members who are serving as co-chairmen of the various Flower Show committees, with corresponding members from Stony Brook: Betsy Griffith, Floral Design; Kathy Enquist, Horticulture; Maureen Stellato, Photography; Linda Sedgewick, Botanical Arts; and Margaret Sieck, Conservation. The show will be open to the public on Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 and on Thursday until 2:00. This will be a great opportunity to inform friends about the importance of native plants and pollinators. Anne and Debbie noted that Mexican experts and the U.S. EPA report the number of monarch butterflies arriving to hibernate in Mexico quadrupled from last year. The widespread Monarch Highway effort, in which we played a small part, may have helped the monarch population. Betsy Hoover asked members who ordered milkweed plants last spring to pick them up after the meeting.

REPORT FROM SHIRLEY MENEICE CONFERENCE: Barbie Bromley and Jane Murphy explained that the Shirley Meneice conference is intended to foster a love of gardening among amateurs, provide them with knowledge and expose them to gardens in different areas of the country. This fall's conference, entitled "From Mountains to Sound," took place in Seattle. She and Jane Murphy attended a lecture on the return of plants to Mount St. Helens following the volcanic eruption. Barbie described an enthusiastic seed exchange and thanked members who had provided seeds. She enjoyed a talk on mushrooms as well as one on the Olmstead brothers. She and Jane visited several notable gardens, including two botanical gardens, a sculpture park and the Seattle Japanese Garden, where the Japanese maples are pruned "to reveal their essence." Barbie and Jane took a ferry across Puget Sound to an island nature preserve distinguished by its beautiful forest and lush moss. They encouraged anyone who is asked to attend a conference to go and thanked the club for sending them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Civic Projects: Sophie Glovier commended the committee on what has been done at Memorial Park. In particular, she thanked Barbara Morrison and Debbie Jordan for their work. Native ferns and daffodil bulbs were to be planted at the park the morning after the meeting. Sophie announced that there would be an additional recognition of the GCP's efforts on November 23 at the Princeton Municipal Building. (That event has now been moved to December 7.)

Conservation: Katherine Dresdner gave a "Pollinator Minute" encouraging members to consider plants that support native pollinators when adding to their gardens. A great source for this information is the plant list prepared by Doug Tallamy, which cites both Latin and common names and can be located at doug-tallamy.edu. The Number One Tree on his list is the oak tree, which supports over 500 creatures. Number Six is the crabapple tree, which Debbie Jordan noted we have just installed at Memorial Park.

Kathleen Biggins announced that the Conservation Movie Night, featuring "Mission Blue," has been rescheduled for this winter. She offered a Climate Change Minute with four critical numbers. 2 is the maximum number of Celsius degrees of temperature rise we can accommodate before it becomes too dangerous. 5 is the number of cents per kWh that wind energy costs in Texas. 44 is the number of trillions of dollars that the United States could save by switching to renewable energy by mid-century. 23 is the percentage of GDP our economy will lose if we do not take action by the end of the century. These figures come from Citigroup.

Floral Design: Stephanie Wedeking complimented the entries in the show. She pointed out that the botanical arts class is a first for us and definitely worth seeing. She asked participants in the show to leave hat stands and velvet jewelry stands behind when they bring their items home. She announced a workshop to be held on

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December 8 after the Christmas Workshop for the creation of angel and reindeer topiaries. Because of the enthusiastic response to this news at the meeting, only wait list spots for the workshop remain.

French Market: Tracy Sippelle and Barbara Morrison asked the committee and interested members to attend a meeting at Tracy's house at 10:30 on January 5. (Please remember that Tracy has moved.) The first market will take place on April 22.

Garden History and Design: Kathleen Murphy encouraged members to come to the meeting to be held at her house at 9:30 a.m. on February 18. Elizabeth Whistler will discuss the key elements of garden design. The cost will be \$15 per member.

Horticulture: Louisa Clayton reminded everyone that the committee is selling beautiful amaryllis and paper white bulbs, available at the back of the room. Penny Thomas announced a propagation workshop to be held at Greenwoods Garden on November 19. She described the informative lecture on bees given by the state apiarist at the Present Day Club.

Membership: Mary Hulme reminded everyone to invite interested friends to the December meeting. Letters for potential provisionals are due by February 1.

Nominating: Ruth Wilson encouraged all members to "say yes" if the Nominating Committee calls.

Morven: Cynthia Larsen and Jennifer Fenton asked members to come to Morven at 9:00 a.m. on November 20 to create the apple cones, swags, garlands, wreath and fan that will bedeck the front porch of Morven. Finished decorations will be installed at 9:30 a.m. on November 23.

New Jersey Committee: Cynthia Larsen profiled the three students who are receiving our scholarships at Rutgers University this year. She urged everyone to buy bulbs through Brent and Becky's Bulbs, because the purchases support the New Jersey Committee's scholarship fund.

Erin Forrey outlined this year's New Jersey Committee Growing Fund grant recipients: the Great Swamp Watershed for the protection of its vernal pools, the Cross Estate Water Tower Entry Garden for the restoration of the Water Tower and Millburn Community Garden for the installation of a black locust fence. The envelopes distributed at the beginning of the meeting are for the donations to the Growing Fund that make these grants possible. Cynthia urged everyone to participate.

Program: Jane Murphy distributed a sign-up sheet for the March 8 trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. The theme this year is National Parks. Debbie noted that though attendance at the business meeting on the bus is not required, it is counted towards meeting attendance and the Philadelphia Show is a fun experience

Provisionals: Margaret Sieck reported on the success of the bulb-forcing workshop. Margaret dubbed workshop leader Cynthia Larsen the "Bulb Whisperer," both for her incredible knowledge of bulbs and her laryngitis the day of the workshop.

Visiting Gardens: Cecilia Matthews recounted some of the high notes of her GCA trip to Cuba. The experience was "extraordinary" and the guides "top-notch." She commented on the paucity of gardens due to poverty and the lushness of native greenery, a result of the lack of pesticides. She offered to assist anyone who would like to participate in another GCA sponsored expedition.

New Business: Candy Walsh, whose husband served in Vietnam, conveyed his thanks for our work at Memorial Park.

Our very own Gigi Goldman spoke movingly about the venture in which she has been involved during her sabbatical from the GCP, "We Share Solar," an organization providing "solar suitcase" kits to schools,

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enabling students to build a solar panel kit and send it to schools or libraries in the developing world in need of power. GCP will build a solar suitcase in January.

The meeting was adjourned.

Robin Gosnell, Recording Secretary

Return of the Natives! Zone IV Meeting December Update: Molly Finnell

You may not realize just how many Garden Club of Princeton members are already working hard on the upcoming Zone meeting scheduled for May 4 and 5 at the Chauncey Conference Center. In no particular order, here are some of the individual efforts that have been going on behind the scenes and some willing volunteers whose jobs are just starting up for Return of the Natives!:

Mary Funsch is working with Annie Bigiliani, the Judging Rep from our zone to recruit judges for our flower show from all over the country since zone show judges are not allowed to come from within our zone. She is in charge of hosting the judges and, with a committee, guiding them through their time in Princeton. Mary is also the very reliable secretary for the meeting.

Linda Sedgewick, along with her Stony Brook counterpart Sarah Shannon, has created a wonderful logo for the meeting as seen on the Save the Date Card now posted on our zone website and is now helping to use her design in various components of the meeting like the invitation, notepads to sell at the boutique, signs and program information.

Sophie Glover along with Carrie Dykeman of Stony Brook has put together an educational program at Stony Brook Watershed for the meeting attendees that will include a fully compostable lunch, talks from Jim Walktman, Director of SBMWA, Linda Mead, Director of D&R Greenway, Dr. Diane Lewis, The Great Healthy Yard project and our own **Katherine Dresdner** who will give a talk on Monarch butterflies. Sophie and Carrie will also be leading early morning walks at Chauncey.

Betsy Hoover along with Susan Finlay of Stony Brook will be running a little boutique at the zone meeting. Along with books written by our speakers and little gardening goodies, she hopes to be selling a handmade necklace with a violet pendant designed by Gustav Manz. (Manz's brother was the head gardener at the New York Botanical Gardens.) This was suggested by Elisabeth Baughan of Stony Brook. Two of Manz's great-granddaughters, Cuyler Mathews of Princeton and her sister, Laura of New York City are working on a book about their great-grandfather and producing some of his jewelry designs.

Jen Fenton and **Emily Firmenich** along with Carolyn Healy of Stony Brook are tackling the big job of invitations and registration, putting together the save the date card, the invitation, the detailed registration page and working with GCA headquarters to track registrations. They will be creating badges and running the registration process at Chauncey.

Avril Moore who is our Zone Awards Representative this year, is in charge of the luncheon during which the zone awards will be given. She is actively working with zone reps from each club in NJ and encouraging them to put forward candidates. The process is a covert operation and sometimes involves sneaking in spouses of award candidates so they can share in the excitement of the event!

Stephanie Wedeking is working with Betsy Grimes of Stony Brook on staffing the event. They will be using Sign-up Genius to organize the many hostesses, drivers, registrars, guides, staggers, and all kinds of helpers we will need for the meeting to run smoothly. Be prepared to hear from Stephanie after the first of the year about how you can help.

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The Flower Show, as explained by Anne Gates, chairman, at our last meeting will be a big undertaking. Her committee includes these chairs: **Maureen Stellato** - Photography Division, **Betsy Griffeth** – Floral Design Division, **Margaret Sieck** - Conservation Division, **Linda Sedgewick** - Botanical Arts Division, and **Kathy Enquist** and **Louisa Clayton** - Horticulture Division, **Dorothy Shepard** - Plant Exchange, **Jane Murphy** - Staging, **Barbara Chatham** – Registrar, along with their counterparts from Stony Brook. This group worked hard last year and throughout the summer to produce the schedule which is now posted on the Zone Website portion of the GCA website.

Kathleen Biggins and BJ Booth from Stony Brook have most of their job ahead of them - keeping track of the logistical details at the Chauncey Center and forming a committee to help the meeting run smoothly. This involves making sure the speakers have the equipment they need and the rooms are set up properly with the correct number of chairs and tables.

Mary Bryson will be the program Czar. She will be disseminating all the information about our meeting – speaker biographies, list of meeting attendees, our club information, Chauncey Center information, schedules, contact numbers, and more. She is currently investigating the idea of a meeting “AP” that will help us towards our goal of being as sustainable as possible.

Deb Jordan and **Barbara Gallup** will be hostesses along with **Emily Firmenich** and three hostesses from Stony Brook for a dinner at the Firmenich home for out of town guests. **Lisa Stockman** has graciously agreed to host, along with the Judging Committee, a breakfast for all 40 judges and clerks before they head next door to judge the flower show. **Martha Sword** along with Susan Levy of Stony Brook will be a VIP liaison, making sure Anne Copenhaver, President of GCA and other VIP guests have everything they need. Susan and Martha have also served as advisors to Sliace St. Clair Long and me during the planning process. **Martha Sword** will also be a hostess on Tuesday night at Elisabeth Wislar's garden party. **Tommye Schiro** will open her garden on the afternoon following the meeting for local clubs and delegates.

Barb Morrison will be the meeting photographer, along with Lisa Granozio of Stony Brook. **Erin Forrey** and **Kristen Griesse** are working with Andrea Myercord of Stony Brook on decorations for Chauncey and spent a long afternoon in June carefully wrapping, lifting onto a truck bed, and transporting two enormous topiary finches to Andrea's basement that were donated by **Barbara Gallup**. **Meg Michael**, along with Elisabeth Wislar of Stony Brook, will be putting together a Garden History and Design display for the meeting.

What a talented, energetic club we have!! Many thanks to all of you mentioned here and others I may have forgotten to mention. Those of you not involved yet should rest up over the holidays because you will soon be asked to help one of these fellow club members execute their zone meeting job, and can look forward to being a part of Return of the Natives! in May.

MEMBERSHIP: Mary Hulme

If you are thinking of a friend or friends who would enjoy and contribute to the Garden Club, please bring them to any Workshop, Program, or Committee meeting and introduce them to our members. Remember, the deadline for "Preliminary Proposal" for next year is February 1 which is fast approaching. Any questions? -- I'd be happy to hear from you!

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

Do you know something special or interesting about a member on whom we can shine the Spotlight? Please email that information to Tommye Schiro at: tpms1206@aol.com
(See bottom of page 8 for a SPOTLIGHT)

HORTICULTURE: Penny Thomas, Kathy Enquist, Louisa Clayton

The Bulb Issue

A Message for the Spring Bulb Forcers, Pickled Paperwhites, Amaryllis Facts

Spring Bulb Forcers:

Mark your calendars for Jan. 22 when we'll go over the steps to bring your bulbs in from the cold to blooming perfection for the Philadelphia Flower Show. In the meantime, check to see that they don't dry out.

Pickled Paperwhites:

Those who bought the ones sold at the November meeting own a supposedly superior variety that has been bred to have shorter stronger stems to resist flopping over, so the following probably isn't necessary, but it would be an interesting experiment. For those who have bought bulbs from other sources, try this suggestion from the Flowerbulb Research Program at Cornell University.

1. Plant bulbs in gravel, chips, stones, etc. as usual.
2. Add water and wait about a week until roots are growing and the shoot is green and growing 1 - 2" above the bulb.
3. Then pour off the water and replace it with a solution of 4 to 6% of alcohol made from almost any "hard" liquor (gin, vodka, whiskey, etc. - not wine or beer). Add one-part booze to 7 parts water, or use Isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol), which is usually 70% alcohol. Dilute it by mixing 1 part rubbing alcohol to 10 or 11 parts water.
4. Use only this solution to water your bulbs, and the result will be a plant that is 1/3 shorter with flowers that are just as large, fragrant, and long lasting as usual but don't need support to stay upright.
5. Make a fun experiment to do with children by forcing one bowl of bulbs with water only and another using the alcohol solution, and see the difference.
6. Note: Too much alcohol will kill the plants! If you don't pour off the water after a week and replace it with the alcohol solution but just switch over to the alcohol solution from then on the stems will be shorter than usual, but not as short as if you had changed the water.
7. The theory behind this is that alcohol makes it more difficult for the plant to absorb water, and the slight lack of water is enough to reduce leaf and stem growth, but not enough to affect flower size or longevity.

Amaryllis Facts (from Gardener's Supply Company):

- Amaryllis are tender perennials, hardy only in zones 9 - 11, that normally bloom in the spring or summer unless forced for winter bloom.
- The US imports more than a million bulbs each year, mainly from South Africa and Holland.
- Plant breeders have developed more than 600 named varieties.
- Reproduction is from growing "daughter" bulbs next to the "mother" bulb or by seed. It takes 3 - 5 years for a "daughter" bulb to reach a marketable size, longer for propagation from seed.
- Properly cared for an amaryllis can live for 75 years!
- The genus Hippeastrum has yielded several substances with medically useful properties, one of which has shown promise as a treatment for Alzheimer's disease.

Horticultural Activities and Expectations

Barbara J. Bromley, Mercer County Horticulturist

Helpline Number: 609 989 6853

We encourage all members to go to the web site, "Barbara Bromley's Monthly Tips for Mercer County, NJ," at www.mgofmc.org/monthlytips.html. There you will find her Mercer County Horticultural Activities and Expectations for the year and for each month.

HISTORIAN: SANDI TATNALL

On June 15, 1911, the first formal meeting of the Garden Club of Princeton was held at Edgerstoune, the home of Mrs. Archibald Russell, our founder and first President. Mrs. Junius Spenser Morgan of Constitution Hill served as our first Secretary. Mrs. Morgan was a member of our club for 52 years. As Secretary she was known for her meticulous and eloquent minutes. For example, at the 8th meeting of the Club, Mrs. Morgan described Beatrix Jones [Farrand] leading us "with enchanting enthusiasm to see bulbs and shrub blossoms that so courageously begin in February and March, with a long procession of color.....the end of May to be carried on by the wealth and fragrance of the June rose."

In 1925 a Billboard Committee was formed with the purpose of encouraging public support to rid the roadways of billboards and large signs. Mrs. Morgan was an active member of that committee, touring the town with her chauffeur to record the offending billboards. The ladies were really serious. Ante-billboard auto tags were available for \$.50 with the slogan "Billboards offend Tourists who spend." It was noted that 20,000 billboards and large signs had been taken down in New Jersey due to "effective campaigning."

In 1938 the bill to curb the sale of cigarettes containing marijuana was brought to the Senate. Mrs. Morgan asked that a letter from the Club be sent to the Senate strongly urging the forbidding of marijuana in any form. She also passed around a picture of the weed so that all could identify it. When Mrs. Morgan was elected the 1st President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Isabella McCosh Infirmary her "indomitable character, energy and social position" were cited as important qualities for the position.

Of course, Mrs. Morgan had a great interest in the spectacular Italianate garden surrounding her home at Constitution Hill. The house had been built in 1897 and the gardens were developed during that period. Pictures of the gardens, designed by Daniel Webster Langton, are memorialized by the slides now owned by the Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian. Mrs. Josephine Morgan died in April 1962. The last remaining Charter member of our Club. We are grateful for her many contributions.

GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN: Meg Michael, Kathleen Murphy

We are pleased to report that the last of the documentation on the Fillo garden has been submitted to the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens and we are hoping to hear shortly that it has been accepted.

On Thursday, February 18, 2016 Elizabeth Wislar will discuss key elements of garden design, what to focus on and how to prioritize what you would like to accomplish. She will cover important things to consider when creating a plan and will help you to define what you want to experience in your own garden. This will be a fun, informative and inspiring format in which to learn. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at Kathleen Murphy's, 221 Elm Road. \$15 per person – Please make checks out to: GCP. Please contact Kathleen if you would like to attend and haven't already signed up for Elizabeth's workshop.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

Mary Bryson will show her small oil paintings for the months of December and January at the Buck's Ice Cream & Espresso Bar, 25 Bridge St, Lambertville, NJ 08530

Mary's popular small paintings are beautifully detailed still lifes and landscapes that capture quiet moments of daily life. These paintings make unique gifts and are for sale at the coffee shop.

To see more of Mary's paintings, visit www.marybrysonart.com



FORGET-ME NOTES

Meeting RSVP Procedure: All active, Sustaining and Provisional members RSVP regrets to the lead

hostess designated by an asterisk in the green book. Affiliate members RSVP acceptances to the hostess.

Please visit the following websites regularly for updates and calendar 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 try to set up your own pin because that will lock everyone else out. Password is on page 1 of our green book.

GCA Website: www.gcamerica.org. Please contact Club Administrator for assistance.

Return of the Natives! Zone IV Flower Show

Remember to check out the Flower Show schedule on the GCA website, using this link:

<https://www.gcamerica.org/index.cfm/members:main.getprotectedfile?common/document/ZoneIV/2016ZoneIVFSScheduleRevised091115.pdf>

You are all invited to attend the Flower Show opening reception on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00.



Deadline for the next Newsletter: January 24, 2016

Please email entries to tpms1206@aol.com in Arial font, size 11

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