



GROWING TOGETHER

Plantation Lakes Garden Club, Millsboro, Delaware

A Member of National Garden Clubs, Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, and Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs

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December Celebrations

6th Gale Harley

Happy
Holidays
Everyone!

DECEMBER 2021 PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 2

12:30 pm Holiday Luncheon (more on page 2)
Victoria's Restaurant
Boardwalk Plaza Hotel
2 Olive Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Tuesday, December 7

2:00 pm CAR-SGC* Presents a Floral Design Prizefight
Two Garden Club Presidents – Arlene Stewart (National Capital Area) and Sheila Croushore (Pennsylvania) - will create a floral design via **Zoom**. For a \$10 fee, participants watch each design as it is made and vote for the winner. Proceeds to support the CAR-SGC scholarship fund. More details and sign up can be found on the “prizefight” tab on the *Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs* website: www.car-sgc.org.

EVENTS

GARDEN CLEANUP/BULB PLANTING

On Saturday, November 6th, several garden club members gathered at the Community Center to plant bulbs, clean up the Blue Star Memorial Garden and plant pansies in preparation for the Veterans Day commemoration. The day was a bit blustery, but everyone was in good spirits as they worked together to beautify the area. When Spring arrives, there will be a cacophony of blooms rewarding the efforts.



VETERAN'S DAY COMMEMORATION

Thanks to all the club members who participated in the first annual Veterans' Day commemoration on November 11th. The PLGC planners, participants, hostesses and attendees contributed their time and talents to demonstrate to the Plantation Lakes community our commitment to honoring our neighbors and their families who have served and continue to serve our country. Many of us were moved to tears by the stories shared by our neighbors and Brian Fedish, PL General Manager. The Blue Star Memorial Garden was dressed for its part following the clean up and planting the previous Saturday.



JANUARY PROGRAM--DOOR DECOR

A FUN WORKSHOP AT OUR JANUARY 6, 2022 MEETING

PLGC will provide a 10" grapevine wreath for members to decorate. This is the perfect size for an interior door, window, or wall in your home - and it makes a great gift for someone who resides at an assisted living facility.



MEMBERS will provide their own bow (or wired ribbon for making a bow) and faux flowers, faux greens and other decorations for your own use. If you have leftovers from prior projects, bring them to share with other members.

Other things you may need: scissors or a wire cutter, glue gun (to share with folks who don't have one), floral wire that you may or may not need.

There are several YouTube videos with tutorials on decorating grapevine wreaths, but this is our favorite:

<https://youtu.be/NnRHypUbNm8>

NEWS FOR MEMBERS

Welcome New Members

We welcome three new members who were installed at the November meeting which was held at East Coast Garden Center.



Left to Right: Sue Love, Linda Pellerano, Alice Cortes-Porras

Our new members will enjoy our community-minded club which has members who are united by a common purpose of creating a better world through gardening and related activities. They will also enjoy friendships with people who share their love of gardening, flowers, and conserving the beauty of our Earth for the next generation. Each member relates to people, plants, and programs that provide inspiration, information, and valuable resources. Together we join hands with others across America and have become part of the largest volunteer gardening organization in the World, with a membership of over 165,000 members from more than 5,000 clubs. We have a powerful voice and expansive network for advancing common interests as part of the framework of networked local garden clubs. Our affiliation with the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs is a steppingstone to growing our interests and making lifelong friendships not only in Delaware but also the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs

Next DFGC Meetings

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Time TBD "A Few of My Favorite Things"
Small Standard Flower Show
Presented by the Delaware
Flower Show Judges Council

Location TBD

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Time, Location and Program to be announced.

Looking Ahead

JANUARY 2022 PROGRAM

Thursday, January 6 Monthly Meeting

6:00 pm Hands-on Workshop
– Creating Door Décor
Plantation Lakes Community Center

Thursday, January 20 Open House

6:00 pm Membership Drive Open House
Flex Room, Lower Level, The Landing

Thursday, February 3 Monthly Meeting

11:00 am Discover "Moon Gardening"

PLGC Meetings and Events

Members are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor to any garden club event whether a beginning gardener or an expert. Please remember to notify Margaret or Pat in advance so there are enough handouts for all guests. PLGC welcomes the opportunity to make new friends. Suggest that family and friends follow PLGC on Facebook.



<https://www.facebook.com/PlantationLakesGardenClub>



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FREE GARDENING PUBLICATIONS



... are just one of many perks that come with membership in PLGC, which is a member of the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, which is a member of the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, which is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. – but you have to ask!

The National Gardener is a quarterly magazine that has been enjoyed by many NGC members for years, but there was a small cost to cover printing and mailing expenses. Now every member can receive this beautiful and informative publication seasonally at no cost through the “miracle” of technology. Unlike many online subscriptions, this will not flood your inbox because it is published only four times a year. You will find more information about *The National Gardener* on the home page when you visit GardenClub.org.

The NGC Blog features articles written by and for garden club members on timely topics of interest. For example, a September post was titled *Long-lived Perennials That Can Be Planted in the Fall*. There was an October post about *Over-wintering Geraniums*. You can visit the NGC blog online at your convenience or you can enjoy the convenience of receiving new articles by email when they are published. Subscribe at gardenclub.org/ngc-blog.



DID YOU KNOW THAT DELAWARE IS THE HOLLY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD?

A small historic Sussex County town that looks fairly quaint in 2021, Milton, Delaware was once an economic powerhouse, especially during the holidays. Even though mistletoe and poinsettias are popular today, holly wreaths were once big business for Milton. In the early 1900s, wreaths produced in Milton from locally grown native holly were shipped around the region and beyond. Trains delivered the wreaths to major department stores in Philadelphia (John Wanamaker’s), New York (Radio City Music Hall), and elsewhere. The holly wreath business stems from the need for farmers to supplement their income after the harvest season. The business sustained a town through war and economic depression. The holly business grew so big that the state legislature recognized the American holly tree as the state tree in 1939. In 1951, the main holly wreath company in town, Jones, the Holly Wreath Man, made an 11.5-foot holly wreath to hang on Rockefeller Center in New York City. To transport the large wreath, it had to be made in two halves and upon arrival, the halves were bolted together. It was considered the largest handmade holly wreath in the world at the time. The thing that really ended the industry was the advent of plastic. The Jones wreath company closed in 1961. Milton’s holly history is celebrated every year in December with the Holly Festival. Festival activities include a wreath-making demonstration put on by the Milton Historical Society Museum.

