

September 9, 2021  
**Getting to Know Us**  
Group Participation

The PLGC Program Committee will introduce our schedule of activities for the 2021-22 garden club year and attendees will have an opportunity to tell us about any of the following (in a minute or less):

*The most beautiful place you've ever seen or  
Your favorite book or music or  
A local site (within two hours) that you recommend for us to visit*

If you're not interested in participating, sit back and enjoy! These topics will be great conversation starters for us as we get to know each other better in the coming months. We will also view a video taken at the Blue Star Memorial dedication ceremony in June, followed by lunch at The Landing. Lunch will be ordered from the menu at individual's expense.

**Other September Activities:**

- Saturday, September 25, 1-3 p.m., **Community Day** – Help young gardeners plant flowers in the new Community Garden between the pool and parking lot. Sponsored by Plantation Lakes Garden Club.
- Note the time: Thursday, September 30, 7 p.m., in the Flex Room at The Landing: **Why Join a Garden Club?** – The membership committee will welcome prospective members who are interested in learning about Plantation Lakes Garden Club.



October 7, 2021  
**An Expert Presents: Virtual Resources**  
Presentation of Online Resources for Garden Clubs

Cherie Lejeune, NGC and CAR-SGC Virtual Resources Chair, will tell us about virtual resources that are available for garden club members to help us learn and share. She will show us how to use some of them and we can participate if we opt to bring our tablet or laptop for hands-on to access these resources. In the event of future shut-downs due to Covid 19, virtual resources could empower us to meet virtually and enjoy some wonderful programs throughout the coming garden club year.

**Other October Activities:**

- October 7, 2021, 2:00 p.m. at [Abbott's Mill Nature Center](#) – Members and prospective members will carpool to Abbott's Mill Nature Center, where we will take a guided tour through lush deciduous and Atlantic White Cedar woodlands. We can use their handicap-accessible boardwalk to follow a clear coastal plain stream to open meadows, picnic area, and a [Garden for Wildlife](#) garden. Attendees are asked to make a small donation to Abbott's Mill Nature Center.

November 4, 2021

## Indoor Gardening with House Plants

### Home Gardening Presentation

Terri Bouvier, a manager at East Coast Garden Center, admits to owning a few too many houseplants and will share with us her tips on their selection, care and lighting requirements. This program will take place at [East Coast Garden Center](#), following our brief business meeting in the Flex Room at The Landing. There is a \$10 fee for this program.

#### Other November Activities:

- Saturday, November 6, 2021, 11:00 a.m., Plantation Lakes Community Center – PLGC members and other community residents will prepare our two pollinator gardens (the new community garden and Blue Star Memorial garden) for winter and plant spring-blooming bulbs in front of the community center.
- Thursday, November 11, 11:00 a.m., **Blue Star Memorial Re-dedication** – The public is invited to join us on Veterans Day for a brief re-dedication of the Blue Star Memorial and Garden.



December 2, 2021

## A December to Remember

### Holiday Luncheon and Floral Design Activity

Garden club members and guests will gather at [Victoria's](#) in Rehoboth Beach, where we will have the opportunity to see their beautiful Christmas decorations and enjoy lunch together. Attendees are encouraged to participate in a gift exchange of floral designs created with live greens and/or plant materials in a small container (tea cup, mug, jar or bowl, for example).

The menu and cost for lunch will be announced at the November meeting.



January 6, 2022

## Door Decor

### Hands-on Workshop

6:30 p.m. in the Plantation Lakes Community Center

The PLGC Program Committee will share with members and guests some ideas for decorating a 10" grapevine wreath. A wreath will be provided for each member to decorate with shared greens and flowers. Please bring a pre-made bow or wired ribbon for making a bow, any other accessories you may wish to add and a glue gun, if you have one.

February 3, 2022  
**Discover Moon Gardening**  
Home Gardening Presentation

Heidi Carey, a lover of plants, nature and design, and the person in charge of Green House 2 at [Lord's Landscaping](#) in Millville, will share her ideas with us for creating a garden that you can enjoy after dark. Many of us are so busy working, caring for others, volunteering in the community or actually doing the work of gardening that we just don't have time to enjoy the fruits of our labor. Find out what it will take for you to have a "moon garden" in your yard or on your deck/balcony.

The schedule for this program is tentative and subject to change.



March 3, 2022  
**Gardening for Water & Wildlife**  
Conservation Presentation

Nora Childers, Lead Teacher Naturalist with [Abbott's Mill Nature Center](#), will show us how to create landscaping that provides safe, clean and healthy habitats for birds, bees, butterflies and other wildlife. Unsure about invasive species to avoid? Information on this topic will be included.



April 7, 2022  
**Herbs from Garden to Table**  
Horticulture Demonstration

PLGC Board Member Patti Kircher enjoys growing and cooking with herbs. She will suggest herbs that we can grow in a small space and share with members and guests some of her tips for cooking with fresh herbs. She might even bring a sample or two for sharing.

**Other April Activities:**

April 28, 6:00 p.m. in the Plantation Lakes Community Center, **May Basket Workshop** – May Basket Chair Betty Baeschlin will demonstrate how to create a May Basket with cut flowers and/or potted flowers. Decorative bows for the May Baskets will be available at \$5 to help fund this activity for new members and non-members.

May 5, 2022  
**A Spring Garden Tour**  
Horticulture Outing

[Delaware Botanic Gardens](#) changes every time we visit because the infrastructure is being expanded and the gardens continue to mature – not to mention that the seasons are always changing. Be sure to bring your camera because many of the trees and flowers will be in bloom at this time of year. Members and guests will carpool to DBG for a 10 p.m. guided tour by Carol McCloud, a DBG board member. Guests are welcome to join us for this tour, followed by a brief business meeting. The cost will be \$22, including admission and the guided tour. (\$12 admission will be waived for DBG members)

OR

[Mt. Cuba Center](#) is a 500 acre botanic garden located in the gently rolling hills of the Delaware Piedmont in Hockessin Delaware. Its woodland gardens produce some of the most spectacular displays of wildflowers in the mid-Atlantic region. Garden areas include native plant meadows, woodland and pond gardens, formal gardens and historic non-native plants. General Admission is \$15 and a guided tour is \$19. Additional costs will include a charter bus and lunch. This trip will require participation by several non-members.

A choice between these two options will be made by PLGC members in January 2022.

**Other May Activities:**

- Sunday, May 1: **May Basket Display** – PLGC members and other residents will display a May Basket in front of their homes to help “Beautify Plantation Lakes One Front Door at a Time.”
- Saturday, May 14, 11:00 a.m., Plantation Lakes Community Center – Garden club members and others residents will refresh the Blue Star Memorial Garden and community gardens by dividing plants, if needed, mulching and perhaps planting some additional flowers.



June 2, 2022  
**Historic St. Michael's**  
Field Trip

PLGC members and guests will carpool to St. Michael's, a charming town in nearby Maryland that is home to the [Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum](#) and several restaurants and shops. We will enjoy a scenic river cruise and narrated tour of St. Michael's history, dating back to the American Revolution. Following the cruise, we will have an opportunity to experience the ambiance of the town's colonial and Victorian-era charm with a walking tour, shopping and dining. There will be a fee for the boat tour (TBD).

The time and meeting place will be announced by email to members and on our website.