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November Celebrations

- 8th Denise Clark
- 21st Patti Kircher
- 28th Lorraine Monakey
- 29th Pat Minnigh
- 30th Linda Pellerano

PENNY PINES



Donate your coins for the National Garden Clubs' Penny Pines project – saving forests \$68 at a time.

Please contact Mary Balasi, PLGC Chair, to add a name on the “in honor of” or “in memory of” list for our next certificate purchase.

<https://www.gardenclub.org/penny-pines>



NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

10:30 AM ~ MEMBERS GATHERING

COMMUNITY CENTER EAST FLEX ROOM

11:00 AM ~ BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 @ 11:00 AM

IT'S ALL ABOUT VETERANS

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL GARDEN



Activities

IT'S ALL ABOUT VETERANS

The Blue Star Memorial Committee was very busy in October making plans for the Remembrance (Veteran's) Day program on Friday, November 11th. The garden has been refreshed. Hostesses are preparing for a reception and light refreshments after the ceremony. **PLEASE CONTACT PAT MINNIGH (410.991.7879) IF YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE A PLATE OF COOKIES OR OTHER CONFECTIONS.**

Members of the Blue Star Committee and other garden club members have spent numerous hours at locations throughout the community to take donations for the names that will be included on the list of honorees. After the ceremony, the sign will be placed in a prominent location of the community for the remainder of November.

Last day to enroll a relative or friend on the list before going to print is November 7th. Forms are available on the PLGC website or see Pat Minnigh or Margaret Woda.

The Plantation Lakes community supports the garden club's activities throughout the year. This is PLGC's opportunity to show gratitude for those in our community who

have served and continue to serve to protect our freedom.

Members are expected and encouraged to attend. The program is brief but important, nonetheless. Please show your support for our club, the community, and our armed forces. An hour of your time is a small donation taking into consideration the efforts made by our military.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

On Thursday, December 1, 2022, the PLGC Member Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the PLGC Executive Board will be held at The Restaurant at Lighthouse Sound, 12723 St. Martins Neck Road, Bishopville, Maryland starting at 11:30 am. Cost is \$36.00 per person. **Guests are welcome!**

www.lighthousesoundrestaurant.com

Bring your check for \$36.00 on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th**. As stated in the handbook, November 14 is the deadline for your reservation.

Look for your name on the sign-up sheet at the meeting and make your meal selection for a plated lunch. Choices are: Tuscan Chicken Salad Sandwich, Cheese Steak Sub, Lighthouse Salad of mixed greens, grape tomatoes, walnuts, mandarin oranges and homemade Honey Poppy Seed dressing with Salmon. Sandwiches are served with French fries. All meals include an appetizer of Tomato Bisque and a dessert of New York Style Cheesecake with Seasonal Berries, non-alcoholic beverage, Maryland sales tax and tip.



The venue is an easy drive south on Route 113 to Route 90. Take Route 90 towards Ocean City (second ramp) and a left at the light at St. Martin's Neck Road. Travel less than a mile to the restaurant on the right-hand side of the road. The restaurant overlooks Assawoman Bay and the Ocean City skyline. It will be a festive occasion!



News for Members

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

PLGC is welcoming new members each month due to the concerted efforts of Membership Chair, Margaret Woda, and members of the committee.

At the October meeting, Cathy Krawchuk was installed as a new member. We are expecting to install four (or more!) new members at the November meeting.



Each new member brings their exclusive interest in gardening, horticulture, and community to share with everyone. PLGC appreciates you for bringing your skills to the club. Your membership will help us advance our presence with your valuable insight not to mention your new and different ways of approaching our goals. Your distinctive perspectives are a tremendous asset.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a lavender farm within a couple of miles of Plantation Lakes! Brittingham Farms is a beautiful, working grain farm located west of Rt. 113 in Millsboro offering visitors an undeniably unique farm experience. In addition to lavender, Brittingham Farms breeds Leicester Longwool



heritage sheep first brought to the American Colonies by George Washington prior to the Revolutionary War. The lavender bloom season is June through

August. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The address is: 22518 Phillips Hill Road (Millsboro). How convenient for holiday shopping! www.brittinghamfarms.com.

CAR-SGC 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

SNEAK PREVIEW!!

October 24-25, 2023 Conference and Tri-Refresher
"Seven Strong on a Fall Adventure"

Radisson Hotel Corning, New York

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2023 annual conference of the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs. The annual conference rotates among the seven member entities. Workshops and tours are regular features. Don't miss an opportunity to experience the many facets of garden clubs from our neighboring states as well as going somewhere different!

DFGC MEETINGS

Six of our members signed up to attend the DFGC meeting in Dewey Beach.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

10:00 a.m. Hyatt Place – Dewey Beach
1301 Coastal Highway

Hosted by: Countryside Garden Club
and Salt Air Gardeners

Program: *Holiday Designs for the Home*
Presented by Susie Middleton

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

10:00 a.m. The Executive Banquet and
Conference Center in Newark

Hosted by: Countryside Garden Club

Program: *The How's and Wows of Longwood*
Presented by Jim Sutton

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023

10:00 a.m. Heritage Shores in Bridgeville

Hosted by: Four Seasons Gardeners Garden Club

Program: TBD



THIS AND THAT

FALL LANDSCAPING MISTAKES TO KNOW

Whether you have a green thumb when it comes to your home garden, or you can hardly tell the difference between a rose and a weed, there are certain landscaping tasks that need to be done correctly to keep your home exterior looking its best.

Timing is everything, especially when it comes to keeping your landscaping top-notch. For instance, autumn is a great time to plant trees, but a terrible time for pruning certain shrubs. Don't wait until spring to find out that your fall garden maintenance did more harm than good.

Letting Leaves Pile Up – Leaf raking isn't purely for aesthetics. Just because no one rakes the forest floor and the trees seem to be fine, don't assume your lawn will fare as well. Matted leaves left on your lawn all winter can suffocate grass and compromise airflow. Making things even worse, snow mold, a lawn fungal infection, can fester beneath the fallen leaves, leading to ugly dead areas.



Forgetting About Spring – After a long winter, who wants to wait until April for the first spring flowers? Don't forget to take steps now to make sure your garden gets some early color next year. These cool fall days are ideal for planting bulbs like snowdrops, which look great arranged in small clumps, and crocuses, which are lovely along a walkway or even scattered randomly throughout the lawn. In early spring, when these bright flowers pop up from beneath the snow, you'll know that warm weather can't be far behind.



Pruning Yews, Boxwood, and Spring-Flowering Shrubs – Although they take pruning well, yews and boxwood shouldn't be pruned after late August. Pruning too late stimulates new growth that won't have a chance to harden off before the deep freeze arrives. This won't kill the shrub, but you'll have plenty of winter injury to remove come spring. Shrubs that flower in spring, such as forsythia, azaleas, and lilacs, should be pruned immediately after they stop flowering. If you prune too late, the shrub won't produce flowers next year.



Cutting Down the Entire Garden – It's tempting to go for broke and level the entire garden in the fall. A clean canvas can be so appealing! But there are thousands of creatures that need to ride out the winter in the hollow stems, peeling bark, and other nooks and crannies of our gardens. Leave them a little sanctuary. As well, native



bees, butterflies, birds and pest-munching insects benefit from the 'dead' gardens of winter.

Not Aerating the Lawn – Compacted clay soil needs to loosen up a bit from time to time, and that's where core aeration comes in. This is commonly done in the spring, but at a cost: weed seeds love the holes left behind by the aerator. Head off a weed assault by aerating in the fall when the grass is still growing and weed seeds are minimal.



Not Protecting Young Trees – Young or thin-barked newly planted trees like maple, linden, and ash are susceptible to winter damage from temperature fluctuations and little critters that prey on their delicate flesh. By late November, protect young trees with tree wrap, starting from the bottom up, or with the plastic tube that may have come with a tree from a nursery.



Dividing/Transplanting Ornamental Grasses – Warm-season grasses like miscanthus, Pennisetum, and panicum require warm soil temperatures to establish good root systems. As air cools in the fall, these grasses enter dormancy. If you want to move or divide any of these warm-season grasses, wait until spring so they'll have ample time to establish.



Pitching the Leaves – Take advantage of fallen leaves by packing them around new plantings as extra winter insulation. Better yet, mulch them by lowering your lawn mower and going back and forth over a pile of leaves until it's reduced to small bits that can be sprinkled over the lawn and garden beds. The leafy mulch will make the soil lighter and make earthworms and beneficial microbes happier.



Forgetting to Feed the Lawn – If you fertilize just one time a year, opt for the fall. The cooler temps of fall are conducive to root growth, so a fertilizer application now when the grass is actively growing means a stronger lawn next year.



Not Continuing to Pull Weeds – After a frost or two have hit, you may be inclined to put your feet up and stop weeding completely. But those weeds are hanging on, determined to muscle through the cold weather and return in the spring. Don't let them win! Give them a yank while you still can. Come spring, you'll be glad to have one or two fewer weeds to deal with.



Reference: Blackmore, Heather, 2022. Bob Vila Online Home Advice. Photos: iStock photos