



February 2024

Dear Gardeners and Friends,

Welcome to another year of flowers and plants, etc. Mark your calendars for our first meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. at the Clifford Fire Hall. Janelle Zigon has an exciting lineup for all of us this year.

To begin, Janelle will present a program, "Selecting Native Perennials," and we will have a mixer to talk to old friends, meet new ones, and discuss this remarkable winter.

This is my first year as President and I thank you for your confidence in me. It is my honor to serve and be a part of this club. We have a wonderful "team" of leaders. This all happens because of their hard work and together they make it interesting and fun.

When I joined the Garden Club 20+ years ago, it was a small, but dedicated band of gardeners. Since then I have watched the "evolution." It has become a network of information...friends who share their plant-knowledge, programs which make us aware of community resources and a happy place to meet others who like flowers.

And, this year MVGC added a Mini-Grant Program for Teachers. Three such grants were awarded in December 2023 and soon we will witness the results of their efforts and participate in their gardening events. It is a

learning experience for us as a club and we hope it will encourage their students to become gardeners and love plants as we do.

Thank you for supporting the Mountain View Garden Club. Tell all your friends and family about us, bring them to the Plant Sale on the first Sunday of June, drive (drag) them to our meetings. It is fun and Ann Marie Noone's snacking table is delish.

And it doesn't matter if you have a small garden or a large one...whether you grow veggies or flowers, or just like to look at them. Please come and learn.

This spring finds me personally in my new townhome with a small area to do container gardening. I know I will miss my big rock garden and my cone flowers. But life changes all the time.

And as the saying goes, "**Bloom where you are planted.**"

Hélène Tinsley



DID YOU KNOW?

The word "daffodil" may have come from the Old English word "*affodyle*," which means "that which comes early." The bulbs are both deer-resistant and rodentproof. Daffodil sap shortens the vase life of other cut flowers; before combining daffodils with other blooms, soak the stems in cool water for 24 hours.

~The Old Farmer's Almanac, March 2024

Mountain View Garden Club 2024 Programs

MARCH 19

Choosing Native Perennials presented by MVGC member Janelle Zigon

APRIL 16

Gardening for Bird Enthusiasts presented by Kate Shinco, Susquehanna County Master Gardener

May 18 (Saturday)

Mushroom Foraging with George and Jen Linsingbigler from 3rd Kingdom at Sally Fishbeck's property, time to be determined (**members only**)

MAY 21

Clean-Up at Community Center and Firehouse (5pm) with meeting and supper to follow

JUNE 2

Plant Sale/Exchange and Market Place

JULY16

An Evening of Garden Hopping, visit the gardens of three of our members (**members only**)

AUGUST 20

All Day Trip to Cutler Botanic Garden (Binghamton) and **Gourdlandia** (Ithica), with a lunch stop (**members only**)

SEPTEMBER 17

Bees, presented by Ohna Clum

OCTOBER 15

Educational Grant Presentation from our recipients

NOVEMBER 21

Kissing Ball Project presented by MVGC members Louise Guszick and Janelle Zigon (**members only**)

DECEMBER 11

Holiday Party (Wednesday) time and place to be determined (**members only**)

The Mountain View Garden Club usually meets at the Clifford Township Fire House at 6:45 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Some of this year's programs are scheduled for a different time or location. Be sure to check your email and future newsletters for updates and additional information.

Join us for the first meeting of the year on March 19th when Janelle will talk about perennials native to our area and the best place to plant them in your garden. She also has a fun mixer planned to welcome both old and new members back.



Don't forget to pay your dues for the 2024 year. Bring them to the March meeting or send a check to:

MVGC
PO Box 81
Clifford, PA 18413

Due are still \$30



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome a new member to the Mountain View Garden Club:

Sue Bidwell

We look forward to seeing you at our future meetings and events.

February:

- Joan Reading - 1st
- Joann Hall - 4th
- Susan Haff - 13th
- Matilda Gavalis - 23rd
- Louise Venturella - 26

March:

- Ann Marie Noone - 4th
- Ethel Breuche - 10th
- Kim Ezman - 14th
- Lisa Thomas - 24th

April:

- Ann Marie Warren
- Mary Ann Opecko 20th

May:

- Bobbi Achey -3rd
- Juliana Piccini -9th

We offer condolences to member Ann Marie Warren on the recent passing of her mother.



Tinsel Trail



Not all our members are on the birthday list. Send your name, month and day to:
suze.haff@gmail.com
We will happily add you to the list!

The Mountain View Garden Club once again participated in the Tinsel Tree Program sponsored by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds from the program are donated to a local food pantry. Thank you Juliana Piccini for once again coordinating this project.

Grant Committee

The Mountain View Garden Club is pleased to announce the first recipients of our newly established Educational Grant. Teachers in local school districts were invited to apply for a grant of up to \$500 to help supplement their instruction in curriculum areas related to gardening, the environment and other related disciplines. This year's recipients are:

- Mrs. Heggens, Carbondale High School, Hydroponics Class, grades 10 to 12. Students will travel to the Arboretum at Penn State and participate in a 90-minute guided tour of the arboretum and also explore the botanic gardens on their own.
- Mrs. Ransom, Mountain View School, grades Pre-K to 6. Students (with the help of high school students) will construct raised beds as part of a courtyard revitalization. Perennials and annuals will be planted and cultivated for this ongoing sensory garden project.
- Mrs. Fitzsimmons, Forest City Regional, Kindergarten. A trip to the Clifford Township Park will provide students the opportunity to explore the forest ecosystem of the park as a culminating lesson of their Forest Ecosystem Unit.

We are pleased and proud of our efforts to reach out and help local teachers to enrich their students educational experience and to help further develop the student's understanding and appreciation of the environment and love of gardening.

PLANT SALE/EXCHANGE AND MARKET PLACE

Sunday June 2, 2024

Save the date and plan to attend the MVGC's annual plant sale. It is an eagerly anticipated occasion by the surrounding community of gardeners and the club's primary fund raising event. Its success depends on your participation. There are many ways to help.

- Dig, divide and pot perennials to donate.
- Join fellow members at scheduled digs.
- Donate unwanted household items to the Second Hand Rose table.
- Encourage friends to attend the plant sale/exchange.
- Support the many vendors at the event.
- Enjoy a lunch at Clifford Community Center.

ATTENTION HOUSE PLANT ENTHUSIASTS!!

House plants have become a popular addition to the Second Hand Rose table. If you have recently propagated your plants and now need a good home for some of them or have plants that need dividing, think about donating them to Second Hand Rose! They are sure to make someone smile.

The Plant Sale/Exchange and Market Place committee is looking for additional vendors for the June 2nd event. Do you know of a vendor who would like to be part of the Market Place? Contact JoAnn Hall or a committee member and we will reach out to the vendor.

The following is from member Sally Fischbeck. Sally is a founding and long time member of the Mountain View Garden Club who has recently joined the Grant Committee.

I have been a member of the MVGC since its inception. The club was officially formed about the same time as the Clifford Township Bicentennial in 2006. The club has adapted very well over the years to meet the informational and social needs of gardeners in the Elk Mountain area, as demonstrated by its changing and vital membership.

I have lived in Clifford fulltime for the past 28 years, but spent my childhood and some adult summers here before that. I have memories of Clifford from the 1950s and 60s, and from 1985 on. My husband and I were both educators in Rochester, NY so we were lucky to have summers to build our log home and develop the property. He was a swimming coach at the University of Rochester and I taught math at RIT.

My father was an avid gardener, both vegetables and flowers. I never had to grow my own vegetables until I turned 50. Now, I can't imagine life without a garden. I am still a novice in terms of flowers, but I love my vegetables! I am fortunate to have a large fenced-in garden in full sun with raised beds. My pride and joy is the asparagus, which produces early and lasts for 5 weeks. My new favorite way to prepare it is in my air-fryer.

My father also planted trees. Originally it was pine trees, but then he planted hardwood trees started from seeds he collected (oak, tulip popular, birch, locust, shagbark hickory, black walnut). Our 55-acre family property was once primarily open fields. Now 65 years later it is mostly forested. That dramatic difference in my lifetime is humbling.

Why Clifford? My mother grew up in the area, as did all of her great and great-great grand-

parents. In fact, I am the 8th generation to live in Clifford through one branch of her family tree, dating back to 1808.

My husband and I couldn't have picked a better place to retire. We love the strong community spirit, the natural beauty and the opportunity to get involved in township organizations and projects with great people.



Daylight Saving Time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!

Some Spring Humor



In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.

Mark Twain

JINGLE & MINGLE

December 13, 2023



Beautiful room, table setting and favor!



Welcome from President, Katie Cicilioni



Good Food and Good Friends!



Nightlights and body lotion for Interfaith

Presenting!

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year Is Seed Catalogue Season



A well-deserved round of applause (and a Martini!) for our players:

Norma Genevich,
Helene Tinsley
Janelle Zigon

Melody Dropper brought these delicious cookies to John Stahl's for the Garden Art Event



Thank you, Melody!

Lilac Sugar Cookies with A Lilac Vanilla Glaze

Servings 3 Dozen

Ingredients

- 2 1/4 Cups Flour
- 1/2 tsp. Baking Powder
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1 Cup Butter (Can Substitute Coconut Oil)
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 2 tsps. Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1 Egg
- 2 Cups Lilac Blossoms, Chopped
- 1/2 Cup Powdered Sugar (GLAZE)
- 1/2 tsp. Pure Vanilla Extract (GLAZE)
- "Pinch" Salt (GLAZE)
- "Some" Half & Half (GLAZE)
- "Some" Chopped Lilac Blossoms (GLAZE)

Instructions

1. PREHEAT OVEN TO 350 DEGREES
2. Cream together room temperature butter and sugar.
3. Add the chopped lilac blossoms and combine.
4. Add one egg and the vanilla.
5. Mix well.
6. In a separate mixing bowl combine the flour, salt and baking powder. Whisk to combine,
7. Combine the wet and dry ingredients and stir well.
8. Form dough into one inch balls and place on cookie sheets.
9. Flatten each cookie with the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar.
10. Bake at 350 Degrees for 12-13 minutes.
11. Cool on racks and then top with glaze.
12. GLAZE INGREDIENTS:
 - Powdered Sugar...
 - Vanilla...
 - Pinch of Salt...
 - Half & Half to reach the desired consistency...
 - Chopped Lilac Blossoms

Spring may be just "around the corner" but winter isn't over yet....

Have you ever marveled at the hush of the world just after a snowfall? It's not your imagination, there is a reason for this phenomena.



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~Daily Atom Jan 14, 2024

However...

"While freshly fallen snow has a dampening effect, if it melts and then refreezes into ice, sounds can instead be heightened. This is because ice can reflect sound waves, allowing sound to travel further and be heard more clearly."

~Daily Atom Jan 15 2024