



May 2025

Dear Members,

To mark this special year, we're planning a 20th Anniversary Celebration at 6pm on Tuesday, August 19th at Rosaliano's restaurant, in Carbondale. The evening will begin with cocktails and appetizers as we share a short program on the Club's history and honor our founding members, followed by an entrée of your choice and dessert. More information and formal invitations will be forthcoming. Guests are welcome to accompany members. **We hope you'll save the date to join us!**

In addition to our event, the Board has voted to commemorate the anniversary with the planting of trees in the various communities that surround our Club's Elk Mountain area. We hope you'll join us to provide suggestions of a park or recreational place in your area where a new tree can be most enjoyed.

Our annual Plant Sale / Exchange & Marketplace on June 1st is quickly approaching, please contact JoAnn Hall or email [MountainViewGC2005@gmail.com](mailto:MountainViewGC2005@gmail.com) on where you would like to help serve during the event! More information can be found in the next pages. Proceeds from last year's fundraiser are already being enjoyed through our Educational Grants that were awarded to

Carbondale High School and the Fell Charter School system.

I look forward to celebrating, serving, and growing with you,  
*Katie Cicilioni*  
President



During this anniversary year there are so many activities and events to look forward to this season! The MVGC provides its members with opportunities to broaden their knowledge about gardening, enjoy each other's company and reach out to interact with the surrounding community. Your support, participation, and input is important for the continued growth of the club and we hope you are able to join us as we *"share our knowledge and love of gardening while beautifying the Elk Mountain area and surrounding communities."*

## Mountain View Garden Club 2025 Programs

MAY 20

**Recycling** presented by Markieann Muncie, Lackawanna County Recycling and Elliot Ross, Susquehanna County

JUNE 1

**Plant Exchange/Sale and Marketplace** at the Clifford Community Center

JUNE 17

**Trip to Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery and Neighboring Rose Gardens** (members and guests)

JULY 15

**Garden Hopping** co-hosted by JoAnn Hall and Janie Mathews (members and guests)

AUGUST 19

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Check email and future newsletters for further information and updates! (members and guests)

SEPTEMBER 16

**Vermiculture Composting** presented by Master Gardener Tammi Smith

OCTOBER 21

**10:00 am**

**Tour of Lakeland Orchard & Cidery  
&**

**6:45 pm**

**Report from this year's Educational Grant Recipients**

NOVEMBER 18

**Fall Centerpiece Making Demonstration**

presented by members Janelle Zigon and Louise Guszick (members and guests)

DECEMBER 10

**Holiday Party** (Wednesday) at Pettinato's Restaurant, Carbondale (members and guests)

The Mountain View Garden Club usually meets at the Clifford Township Fire House at 6:45 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Community Clean-up

**Tuesday May 20 at 10:00 am**

Clifford Community Center Memorial  
& Clifford Fire Company  
(*Rain date - Thursday May 22*)

**Monday July 14 at 10 am**

Clifford Fire Company  
(*Rain date - Wednesday July 16*)

### Recycling

**Tuesday May 20 at 6:45**

Have you wondered: why recycle? what can actually be recycled? how thoroughly do I need to clean those used cans or bottles? or what happens to all those things I put in the recycle bin? Markieann Muncie from Lackawanna County Recycling and Environmental Sustainability Center and Elliot Ross from Susquehanna County will be at the May meeting to help answer some of those questions.

## **PLANT SALE/EXCHANGE AND MARKET PLACE**

**Sunday June 1, 2025**

The garden club's annual Plant Sale/Exchange & Marketplace will be held at the Clifford Community Center on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We sell lots of plants so if you have any perennials you can separate, they need to be done right away. We ask that the plants be potted and they need a few weeks to become established. It is a plant exchange as well as a sale so you can exchange two perennials from your garden for two of like size and value.

2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Rose is our annual flea market in conjunction with the sale where you can donate garden items, knickknacks, dishes, most housewares with the proceeds going toward our educational and community grants. No clothing or books please!

And help is needed on the day of the sale for set up from 8 'til 11 am, during the sale which is from 11 'til 4, and for clean-up. Help is also needed on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am 'til 2 pm for prep work, collecting items for 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Rose and pricing and sorting plants. Please bring your plants and flea market items on that Friday if possible or contact JoAnn at [jodihall@nep.net](mailto:jodihall@nep.net) or 570-806-1591 to make special arrangements.

The perennial sale begins at 2 but please note that garden club members cannot purchase perennials until 3 so that we give our customers an opportunity to have the best selection of plants possible.

This annual event is truly a gift to our community with many gardens being established from perennials they have been purchased at this sale and it happens each year because of the help and support of our garden club members. We thank you for your continued support of this project!

**As part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in August we would like to have a display of pictures of garden club events, activities or work projects. Do you have photographs (hard-copy or digital) or other memorabilia from past Mountain View Garden Club events and activities? The anniversary committee would like to use them as part of this year's celebration. If you would like to share them, please contact Katie Cicilioni, Carolyn Johnson or JoAnn Hall.**

## Trip to Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery, June 17

Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery promotes plants native to the MidAtlantic and NorthEast eco-systems. The Edge of the Woods' staff will provide a guided tour of the demonstration gardens at the nursery. The gardens are certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, and as a Monarch Way-Station by Monarch Watch. Attendees will learn about the importance of native plants to our eco-system. The tour, which begins at 10, is informal and allows time for questions.

It is recommended that one wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. There will be time to explore the gardens and the gift shop after the tour.

After the garden tour the group will stop for lunch and proceed to Allentown to visit The Makcolm W. Gross Memorial Rose Garden.

Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery is located in Orefield, PA, west of Allentown off I-78. It is estimated that the trip will take one and a half hours. Interested members can meet at the Clifford Community Center at 8:00 am to carpool.

The Nursery requests a count of those who will attend. If you plan on going to Edge of the Woods Nursery please see the sign-up sheet at the May meeting, the Plant

Exchange or contact:

Susan Haff at

[suz.haff@gmail.com](mailto:suz.haff@gmail.com)

or

Juliana Piccini at

[grnfld453@yahoo.com](mailto:grnfld453@yahoo.com)

## Garden Hopping July 15

The ever popular Garden Hopping event returns this summer with a slight twist...the two hostesses live adjacent to each other! Members and their guests can enjoy the evening of delicious foods and beautiful gardens without the need to move on to a new location! We look forward to viewing JoAnn Hall's and Janie Matthew's gardens in July.

## Save the Date!



August 19

Join your fellow club members in the 20th year celebration of the founding of the Mountain View Garden Club on **Tuesday August 19 at Rosalio's restaurant** in Carbondale. It promises to be an evening full of memories and shared stories. Check your email and future newsletters for updated information. Guests and spouses are also welcome!

Happy  
Birthday



**May:**

Bobbi Achey -3<sup>rd</sup>  
Juliana Piccini -9<sup>th</sup>

**June:**

Mary Tomaine - 19

**July:**

Louise Guszich - 7  
Bill Maitland - 17

**August:**

Janet Murray - 7  
Lynn Conrad - 8  
Julie MacDowall - 9  
Elaine Burman - 18

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome our newest member, **Debbie Edwards**, to the MVGC. We look forward to seeing you at future events and activities.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please send them to:

Mountain View Garden Club  
PO Box 81  
Clifford, PA 18413

OR bring them to the next meeting!  
**Dues are still \$30**

**Summer Air Is Free**

The birds are singing,  
The sun is shining,  
The leaves are turning,  
And summer is here!

The days are getting longer,  
The weather is getting warmer,  
The flowers are blooming,  
And summer air is free!



# Winter Sowing

March 18

Janelle Zigon and Louise Guszick

Winter sowing is the process of planting seeds outdoors in a container during the winter months. A gallon milk container provides an ideal environment for germinating cold hardy plants early in the season.

Members have reported success in starting seeds using the “Winter Sowing” method,



# Tree Pruning

April 15  
Jim Kessler, Retired forester



After some unresolved technical difficulties Jim flawlessly explained the basics of tree growth and the finer techniques of pruning.



New members Debbie Edwards, Diane Sysko and Jennifer Mayers join us for the evening.



The delicious snacks were quickly devoured!