



President's Message

Dear Members,

Happy Spring! Thank you for graciously welcoming me as your new President; I'm looking forward to carrying on the mission of our Club together. Our board and committees have many exciting programs planned for 2022 along with our annual Plant Exchange, so I hope you'll be able to join, enjoy, and learn.

As I reflect on my love of gardening, I recall my fondest and earliest memories of growing up in a town nicknamed "The Blueberry Capital of the World." It was on my Italian Great-Grandparents' farm that it all began. I can still taste the berries, asparagus, tomatoes, peaches, and figs freshly picked and enjoying them on the porch or preserving them in the cool basement, next to the wine cellar. Around that time, my Grandparents opened a restaurant, now owned by my father. This gave me another passion - cooking. As I matured, I learned gardening by making mistakes, would request garden tools for Christmas, and was even given a picture of Martha Stewart to hang up in my dorm room. Pursuing a different career path from my family, my passions stayed with me practicing interior architecture/design and later teaching

English in Asia, the Middle East, and at Marywood. Shortly after marriage, my husband's business expanded, taking us around the world many times, always taking note of the change in landscape and visiting gardens. In 2019, we made Forest City our home and I joined MVGC. Recently, I've been working towards completing my Susquehanna County Master Gardening certification, where I can share my interests of gardening, cooking, and design with our community.

I hope you too have enjoyed taking a trip down Memory Lane as to how your love of gardening began and to continue to share your areas of interest with each other.

Looking forward to growing with you,

Katie Cicilioni



He who plants a garden plants happiness. If you want to be happy for a lifetime, plant a garden."
- Chinese Proverbs

***Mountain View Garden Club
Upcoming Programs and Events***

June 5

Plant Exchange and Marketplace

Clifford Community Center 11-3pm

June 21

Rail-Trail Hike

Meet at the Union Dale Trail Head at 10 am. Optional lunch at Cable's to follow.

July 19

Pot Luck Picnic at Clifford Park

with Flower Pounding Project led by Louise Guzick

August 23

Luncheon at Camp Bluestone

Watch your email for more information.

September 20

Make your own Hydrangea Wreath

Led by Ann Marie Noone

October 18

Caring for Garden Tools

November 15

Swag Making

December 13

Holiday Party

Garden Club programs are generally on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and start at 6:45 at the Clifford Township Fire House. Please check your email and future Newsletters for updates and additional details.

It is with our most sincere sympathy that we offer condolences to:

Sally Fischbech on the death of her husband, William "Buzz" Boomer

Also to Nina Ruedemann on the passing of her husband, Rudy Ruedemann

We also offer condolences to the family of former member Bill Greenleaf.



Sunflowers for Ukraine

Local artist, Joe Kluck, is helping with relief efforts for the people of Ukraine. A print of his beautiful watercolor painting of sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine, is available for \$20. The proceeds of the sales will go to assist the people of Ukraine. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the print, contact Ann Marie Noone at:

amnoone@nep.net

Thank you for your support of this cause.

PLANT EXCHANGE & MARKETPLACE

Sunday, June 5

Vendors 11 til 3

Plant Sale/Exchange 1 til 3

Many local gardens have been established over the years because of this event which truly is a gift to our community. Thanks to garden members, friends, and spouses who make this happen every year.

If you have perennials to share with us, don't forget to start digging and potting early to give the plants time to get established and looking good for the sale. Our policy still holds that garden club members need to wait until 2 to purchase perennials so that the general public gets a good selection of plants to choose from. Thanks for adhering to that policy.

And don't forget 2nd Hand Rose where we will be selling many trinkets and treasures thanks to Ethel Breuche and the crew who help her each year.

You may bring your items and potted plants to the community center garage on Tuesday, May 31 from 10 until 2 or on Friday, June 3 from 9 until 2.

Helpers are needed for both the set-up day on June 3rd from 9 until 2 and on Sunday, the day of the sale, we need help starting at 8 am,

This year will bring some new and exciting additions to the day. Demonstrations, tours and a dedication are scheduled throughout the event.

DEMONSTRATIONS

11 to 1 - Rain Garden demonstration

1 to 3 - Pollinator Garden demonstration

Both demonstrations by Paul Bechtel, DCNR grant consultant from McLane Associates. People are invited to watch or participate with the plantings.

12:00 - Flower arranging demonstration by Gabrielle Murphy from Evergreen Flower Farm

12 and 2 - Demonstration on spinning and felting by Rudy Testa

11 to 3 - Ongoing spinning demonstration by Linda Dexter from the Woodland Weavers & Spinners Guild

TOURS

11:30 and 2 - Tour of the beautiful Clifford Township Park by Sally Fischbeck

11:30 - Tour of the Children's Garden by Sandy Wilmot

1:30 - Tour of the Historical Society Museum by Sandy Wilmot

DEDICATION

2:30 – The newly constructed Covered Bridge will be dedicated to Larry Wilson

Please bring your friends and family and join us for what will be an exciting day!

Digging and Potting at June & David White's Garden

Many of the plants for the exchange come from the gardens of our members or friends from the area. It can be hard work, but it is always fun to share the efforts with friends and fellow garden club members.



The Whites have extensive gardens with many mature and unique plants. Health issues have made it difficult for them to tend their garden and they are happy to share their bounty with garden club members who could come to their home and divide some of the plants there. If you are interested, call June at 570.222.2068 to arrange a time.

Many hands make light work

Thank you to those who helped with the spring clean-up at the Clifford Community Center and Twp. Fire House.



Pictured are: George Haff, Mary Ann & Jim O'Pecko, Louise Guszick, JoAnn Hall, Sally Roberts, Katie Cicilioni



Bonnie Schaffer Kelly – 26th
Don't see your name among our birthday wishes? Send your name and birthday (no need to include the year!) to suze.haff@gmail.com and we will happily recognize your next birthday.

May:

Bobbi Achey – 3rd
Rene' Shaver – 8th
Juliana Piccini – 9th
Judie Senio – 9th



June:

Mary Tomaine – 19th

We welcome new member, **Julie MacDowall**. We look forward to you seeing you at future meeting and activities.

July:

Louise Guszick – 7th
Lenore Walsh – 10th
Bill Maitland – 17th



August:

Julie MacDowall – 9th
Gene Wendolowski – 13th
Elaine Burman – 18th

Dues are due!

Dues for calendar year 2020 are \$30
and can be mailed to:

Mountain View Garden Club
PO Box 81
Clifford PA 18413

APPOLOGIES

Belated birthday wishes to Nina Ruedemann and Audrey Vasquez whose names were inadvertently omitted from February's newsletter.

The March meeting featured Master Gardener Carol McNamara who provided information about the newest invasive pest to our area, the Asian Jumping Worm.



The following websites provide information about this intrusive worm:

[jumping-worm-fact-sheet
\(ccecolumbiagreene.org\)](http://ccecolumbiagreene.org/jumping-worm-fact-sheet)

[Meet the Asian Jumping Worm, the Farmer's New Threat - Modern Farm](#)

[Another Challenging Pest Has Made Pennsylvania Its Home \(psu.edu\)er](http://psu.edu/er)

[Jumping worm \(Amyntas species\) | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](http://state.mn.us)

Louise Venturella won the March raffle prize, a flashlight!



At our May meeting, Lackawanna County Master Gardener, Gary White, along with Lori O'Malley, talked about planning and planting a garden. He pointed out the many factors involved in growing a successful garden, whether you are growing vegetables or flowers or a combination of both. Factors to keep in mind when planning a garden include, but are not limited to; soil quality, access to a water source, amount of sun available each day, manageable size, types and quantity of plants.

Many hand-outs and other materials were provided for our further information,



Did Someone Say BINGO?



April's Bingo Meeting was a lot of fun and many members won a variety of garden themed prizes!



Rachel Bembas was the big winner of the evening



Katie Cicilioni and Louise Guszick were the perfect pair to call the bingo numbers



Carla Preate and Patty Lawler from Scranton's Laurel Garden Club were Mary Tomaine's guests for the evening.

Blueberry Cookie Bar

Ingredients

- 2 ¼ cups flour
- 1 cup blanched sliced almonds
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp baking soda
- 1 ½ sticks (6 oz.) unsalted butter cut into pieces
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ¾ cup blueberry preserves

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350degrees. Line a 9-inch square baking pan with a 12-inch-long sheet of aluminum foil. Using a food processor, mix the flour, almonds, sugar, baking soda and salt until the nuts are finely ground. Add the butter and pulse until coarse crumbs form. Beat together the egg and vanilla; drizzle over the dough mixture. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl and knead with your fingertips until clumpy.
- Transfer two-thirds of the dough to the pan and press into the bottom to form an even layer. Spread the preserves on top. Dot the top with the remaining dough in clumps.
- Bake until the edges are lightly golden, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool completely. Turn out of the pan, remove the foil, and cut into squares.

Sally Roberts brought this Rachel Ray recipe to the May meeting and it was widely acclaimed. Sally says the secret ingredient is to use excellent blueberry preserves.

Fun Science Fact

Hummingbirds have fringed, forked tongues that allow them to rapidly lick nectar. Capillary action along the fringe helps to draw the nectar into their throats so that they can swallow.

Hummingbirds can lick 10 to 15 times per second when feeding.

~The Daily Atom, Saturday, May 14, 2022



Tiny Dancer

a tiny dancer
hummingbird waltzes with blooms
strumming my heartstrings

Haiku by Kimberly Shaw