



November 2022

Dear Members,

I trust you have enjoyed what has felt like an endless autumn season! As the temperatures change, we turn our focus to the holidays and a new year. I'm thankful for the new faces that have joined and for the Board and members who keep the MVGC running smoothly. I've always felt the Club is much more than gardening; it's a place for friendship, physical activity, education, and community service. I hope you'll join us on December 13th for our Holiday Party and have a peaceful and healthy start to 2023!

Warm holiday wishes,

Katie Cicilioni
President

As is our tradition at the Holiday Party, the MVGC collects unwrapped items to help a local organization. This year we will aid the Women's Resource Center and ask for contributions of hygiene items, baby diapers and wipes, and gas or grocery cards. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



MOUNTAIN VIEW GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday December 13th

Pettinato's Restaurant,
78 Dundaff Street, Carbondale

\$35 per person

Guests Welcome

Cocktail Hour 5 to 6 PM *cash bar*

Buffet Dinner 6 PM

For reservations contact:

Katie (katiecicilioni@gmail.com) or

Janelle ((janelle@nep.net))

Checks can be mailed to:

Mountain View Garden Club
PO Box 81
Clifford, PA 18413

The following is an introduction to long-time member, Helene Tinsley. She has recently agreed to take on the responsibilities of vice president. We are delighted that Helene has stepped up to fill this important role.

I am honored to be named Vice President of the MVGC. I moved to Susquehanna County in 2000 and was confronted with 31 acres of land, a house, and a large perennial garden. Previously I lived in Scranton and maintained a small garden at my home in East Mountain. By comparison, it was a postage stamp. I asked Bob, my husband, to introduce me to the neighbors. Since he went to work in his business in Moscow every day, he did not know many. In fact, he knew only one. But I got the Clifford newsletter and read about the garden club and went to my first meeting. I came home and Bob asked how it went. I announced I was now the treasurer. Astonishing!

My background is in business management and Accounting. I have a B.S. from the University of Scranton, an Associate Degree in Voice from Manhattan School of Music, and an MBA from Wilkes University. My career took me into several corporate environments from pharmaceutical research to vice president of the Scranton Chamber where I ran the business education partnership. And finally landed in my husband's business assisting him in office management.

While doing all this I managed to sing locally, opera and oratorio. I ended up singing with **Mostly Opera of Scranton** and eventually became the Artistic Director. After Bob's passing, I retired from all that and live with my pooch, Valentino and I keep planting flowers. It seems we never have enough. I look forward to assisting Katie with the remainder of 2022 and 2023.

Hélène Tinsley



We are pleased to welcome these new members to the Mountain View Garden Club:

Joan Reading
Emilee Deery

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

AND



It is with sorrow that we report the passing of member **Nina Ruedemann** in October. Sadly, she lost her husband just a few months ago. Condolences have been sent to Nina's family and a donation will be made in her memory.



November:

Linda Leber - 1st
 Nancy Ross - 22nd
 Mary Brown - 24th

December:

Sally Roberts - 1st
 Rachel Bembes - 2nd
 Helene Tinsley - 4th
 Irma Schnessel - 8th
 Sheryl Brownlow - 12th
 Mary Pucul - 24th
 Maureen Kupiec - 30

January:

Janelle Zigon - 11th
 John Stahl - 27th
 Judy Borosky - 28th
 Kin George - 30th

February:

Joann Hall - 4th
 Susan Haff - 13th
 Matilda Gavalis - 23rd
 Louise Venturella - 26



Tinsel Trail

The MVGC is once again participating in Carbondale's Tinsel Trail. Julianna Piccini is coordinating the effort and invites you to join her on Sunday, November 27th at 1 pm to help trim our tree and view all the trees in Carbondale Memorial Park. Dried orange slices and small dried flowers will decorate our tree. Proceeds from the event will benefit Upper Valley Project Hope to feed needy families in the Carbondale area,

Fun Science Fact

Over 300 species of fruit depend on bats for pollination. Bats also help spread seeds for nuts, figs, and cacao.



~The Daily Atom, September 18,2022

Camp Bluestone

August 23rd



**Kelly Young of Sweet Perks
and our host Lisa DeVaney**



**A few of our newest members, Joan
Reading, Joanie Cowley and Mary Hayes
joined us for the afternoon**



**Kelly extolled the benefits of basil as well
as that of other herbs.**



**Enjoying a delicious lunch catered by
Cables Deli**



Making Hydrangea Wreaths

September 20th



Ann Marie Noone offers suggestions for assembling the wreaths





Members offered suggestions as to their favorite garden tools, among them:

- A serrated knife
- Hose reels
- Japanese weeding tool
- Stainless steel hose

Caring for Garden Tools

October 12th

“Better tools make for better gardening!”

Janelle offered many helpful suggestions for keeping our garden tools clean, sharp and in good shape for many years.

- Clean and disinfect tools after each use to reduce the spread of plant disease.
- Winter storage is important: remove rust with a wire brush, file edges for sharpening, store in a dry place to prevent rust, large tools should be hung, hand tools can be stored in a pot of sand,
- 3 in 1 oil or WD40 can be used to lubricate moving parts on garden tools.



Nancy Ross shared her favorite tool, a battery operated clipper

[glimpse of winter](#)

frost glitters like glass
proof winter is coming fast
dreading the snowstorms

by [Regina McIntosh](#)

Elaine Berman brought these delicious cupcakes to our September meeting. They are her Aunt Grace's recipe. Thank you, Elaine!

Black Bottom Cupcakes

Bake at 350 for 30 to 35 minutes

Dry Ingredients:

3 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp salt
2 cups sugar
½ cup cocoa

Filling:

8 oz. cream cheese
¼ tsp salt
½ cup sugar
6 oz. chocolate chips (I used mini)

Mix dry ingredients with 2 cups water, 2tbs cider vinegar, ¾ cup cooking oil and 2 tsp vanilla extract. (Batter will be watery.) Fill cupcakes ½ full with batter and add 1 heaping teaspoon of filling.

Recipe makes approximately 36 cupcakes. Nuts can be added to filling if desired. Delicious frozen!!



fall

november comes fall
leaves and rain cover dark grass
hunting season starts

Casarah Nance