



November 2021

There is something about November that I like. Even though November means “nine,” it has been celebrated as the eleventh month on the modern calendar of over 2000 years. Some people say there are at least ten reasons why November is the best month of the year: Football Season is still going on, Starbucks releases their holiday drinks, its cuddle season, you can still have bonfires, Veterans’ Day, Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, Thanksgiving Day, Black Friday Sales, Sweater Weather and of course Being Thankful.

As with many families throughout the United States, I am certain the families of the Mountain View Garden Club cherish and are thankful and pray for the health and safety of their family and friends during this upcoming holiday season and throughout the year!

A special thank you from me to the Officers and Standing Committee Chairs and all those who have stepped-up to make this year the success that it was. I especially want to thank Janelle Zigon and the Program Committee including Irma Schnessel, Louise Guszick, Maureen Kubiak, Susan Haff and Katie Cicilioni who were outstanding in seeing that each and every meeting was interesting, informative and well-organized.

Each member of the MVGC play an integral and important role in the Club’s success. Whether you support it by paying your dues, by attending meetings, by becoming involved in a Committee or by doing all three, I am THANKFUL this November.

Mary Parise Tomaine

President



Mountain View Garden Club Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 7

Crystal Lake Hotel

\$25.00 per person

Cash bar - 5:30

Dinner - 6:15

There will be a sit-down dinner including:

- Salad
- Chicken Piccata
- Roast Beef
- Roasted Potato & Vegetable Medley
- Dessert

To make a reservation contact JoAnn Hall and send your check by December 1st to:

Mountain View Garden
PO Box 81
Clifford, PA 18413

Spouses are invited!



Tinsel Trail

The MVGC is once again participating in the Tinsel Trail in Carbondale. Our tree will be decorated with a theme of “Natural Christmas.” Many of you helped string popcorn and cranberries for the tree at our last meeting! Join us on Monday, November 29th at 11:30 to decorate our tree and view all the trees in Carbondale Memorial Park. Proceeds from the event will benefit local food pantries.

Garden Club Officers for 2022

President	Mary Tomaine
Vice President	Katie Cicilioni
Recording Secretary	Maureen Kupiec
Corresponding Secretary	Juliana Piccini
Treasure	Rachel Bembas

FUN FACT

November has only one birth flower:



Chrysanthemum



Each year at the Holiday Party the Garden Club collects items to help a local charity. At November’s meeting, the members decided to support the Susquehanna County Interfaith and Salvation Army in Montrose with their efforts to spread holiday cheer to local residents. The agency has highlighted the need for items for teen-aged girls, and has asked that Garden Club members focus on donating small gifts that are appropriate for this age group. We will collect these “Stocking Stuffing” type gifts and bag three together. Some suggestions are: lip gloss, scented body lotion and body wash, loofahs, hair accessories, fuzzy socks, hats, gloves or other things a teen-age girl might fancy. Help us make a young girl’s holiday a merry one!

November Night



Listen...
With faint dry sound,
Like steps of passing ghosts,
The leaves, frost-crisp’d, break from the trees,
And fall.

~Adelaide Crapsey

WELCOME TO THE WORLD
LITTLE ONE...



We congratulate member Rachel and Richard Bembas on the birth of their son, Benjamin Richard, born September 18th, 2021.



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

Bonnie Shaffer Kelly
John Stahl

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



November:

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

December:

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

January:

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

February:

JoAnn Hall - 4th
Mary Monahan - 4th
Susan Haff - 13th
Matilda Gavalis - 23rd
Louise Venturella - 26th

Clifford Community Center and Children's Garden

On Tuesday September 21, Garden Club members met at the pavilion in Clifford Community Center for a tour of the park and to learn what is planned for the Community Center in the future.



After a picnic supper of tuna, ham and peanut butter sandwiches Sandy Wilmot hosted a tour of the Children's Garden.

This incredible discovery park for children, highlights local history. The Children's Garden, as well as the Clifford Community Center, has received numerous grants from state organizations and individuals.



Sally Fischbeck explains some of the projects that are ongoing or scheduled for the future. The nearly 40 acre park has a new playground, athletic fields, pavillion and rest rooms.



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Sally highlights the Wellness Loop, which is slated to be paved, and the historical markers installed along the path. Future plans include additional tree and shrub plantings, as well as, a rain garden!



Saving Seeds



October 19

presented by:

Norma Genevich and Ann Marie Noone



Folded paper envelopes will keep the seeds safe until the spring!

Anne Marie and Norma shared their experiences saving vegetable and flower seeds from year to year.



Laurie Graham was the lucky winner of the door prize.

Many annual seeds will yield a crop next year. Heirloom rather than hybrid varieties work the best.



Why did the cranberries turn red?

They saw the turkey dressing!

HYGGE

The scent of mulled wine and the glow of candles greeted members as they entered the Clifford Township Fire Hall for a MVGC meeting on Tuesday November 16.



Katie Cicilioni explains the Danish tradition of Hygge, the art of making your home a comfortable haven during the long dark winter months.

Soft candle light and pleasant aromas help to make a cozy home and winter sanctuary.



Simple ingredients make a delightful simmering potpourri.



Stringing popcorn and cranberries for the Tinsel Tree



Judy Borosky was pleased to take home the door prize.



Pumpkin Roll

1 cup sugar
2/3 cup pumpkin puree
1 tsp baking soda
3/4 cup flour
3 eggs - beaten
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp cinnamon

Mix ingredients together. Line cookie sheet with wax paper. Pour mixture onto cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Sprinkle confectionary sugar onto dish towel. Turn baked pumpkin on towel. Remove wax paper. Roll. Chill 1/2 hour.

Mix:

8 oz cream cheese
1 cup confectionery sugar
2 tbsp softened butter
1 tsp vanilla
Spread on chilled pumpkin mixture. Roll back up without towel. Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate.
Enjoy.

Perfect for Thanksgivings

Thanks to Louise Guszick for this yummy recipe!

SOME TURKEY HUMOR



Why didn't the turkey eat on Thanksgiving?

IT WAS STUFFED

Where do turkeys go to dance?

THE "BUTTER BALL"

We wish you and your families a very happy and healthy holiday season. Stay safe and cozy over the winter months where ever you may be. Looking forward, Janelle and her team are already working on next year's programs and they are sure please! See you then!!

Thanks goes to Sheryl Brownlow who has served as our Treasurer and Web Master for the last few years! Your expertise and experience was needed and appreciated!!!

