



March Newsletter

Mud and Madness

It is said that March is a month of mud and madness. For many, it is endless. The “ups and downs” of temperature and weather can try the soul. But, the returning warmth of the sun is just a teaser for better days to come. And, in its midst, is the opening of the 2018 season of the Milford Garden Club!! Mark your calendars for our first meeting, **Tuesday, March 13th at 1:00 pm**. We will meet at St. Patrick’s Church Hall and be treated to two short presentations; Beth Grosso and Mary Ciccolella, Pike County Master Gardeners, will inform us of the threat from the invasive Lanternfly and how to best protect our gardens and Linda Pinto will give a brief presentation on poisonous plants of Pennsylvania. But, it’s the warmth, laughter and love of our members that will melt March away!! Please plan to join us. We will also begin planning and preparation for our Annual Plant Sale and are asking members to donate any unneeded plant containers and bring to March and April meetings. Visit the Membership Table to sign up to volunteer for the Sale and reconfirm your availability and pick up popsicle sticks for labeling plants.

Membership Renewal

Your board and committee chairs met for a brunch on **January 23rd**. We’ve planned a vigorous line-up of programs, events and activities for the coming year. With speakers, field trips, flower shows, fundraising and, of course, beautification, there should be something for everyone. Our yearbooks, listing all the details, will be available at the March meeting. Congratulations to Rosann Henigan for winning the membership renewal contest. All those who paid their membership prior to December 15th were placed in the contest for a free year’s membership. Rosann chose to donate her \$25 to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks, Rosann! And, in case you have not completed a new Membership Application for 2018, please help us serve you better by completing the **application attached** and bring to the March meeting or mail to the PO Box, or email back to milfordgarden@gmail.com

Street Scape Committee

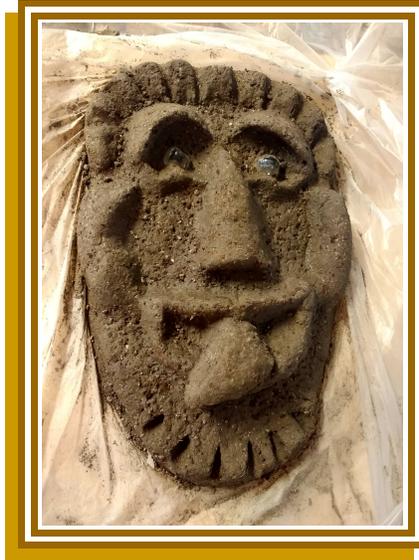


Members of the Street Scape Committee (Theresa Johnson (chair), Karen Cowern, Sue Daley, Sally Gifft, Beth Hawke, Pat Hendershot, Linda Pinto, Liz Steen, Barbara Whitney) met to plan for our beautification program this year. The meeting began with a review of the partnership between the Club and Milford Borough dating back to 1956. It was then that the Club sponsored a “Community Development Contest” to enlist the assistance of civic organizations in beautifying the town. We continue this tradition to this day. It was agreed that we first offer the opportunity to our members to participate in the watering project. **A job description and contract are attached**. We are also looking for some suggestions from members regarding the kind of plants to be used in the urns. Forms will be available at the March meeting. Lastly, we are beginning research on the replacement of our urns.

Field Trips

Of the five field trips being offered this year, two have maximum limits and costs. Our first is to the home of renown horticulturalist Ken Druse, (www.kendruse.com) author of "The New Shade Garden." It will take place on **Tuesday, May 29th**. We will tour his three-acre property bordering the Paulingskill River. Many of the photos in his book are from his backyard. The cost is \$10 per person and limited to the first 15 paid registrations.

The second trip is a journey to Point Phillips Perennial Nursery (<http://www.ppperennials.com>) on **Tuesday, July 24th**. After a short visit to the "House of Lilies", Kay and Herb Johns will welcome us to their greenhouse. They will explain the craft of hypertufa (see photo) and lead a workshop which will result in a mask or a vase. The cost is \$20 per person and limited to the first 20 paid registrations.



Please use the **registration form** and send it to Milford Garden Club, PO Box 764, Milford, PA 18337. Registration is on a first-come, first served basis. There will be no refunds unless a substitute participant can be found.

Trash and Treasure Sale

Our club will sponsor a flea market on **Saturday, May 26th** on the grounds of the Community House. We will also offer tours of the medicinal garden at Remembrance Place. We are asking members to donate items to be sold for the benefit of the club. Now's the time to start cleaning out!!

National Garden Club Convention

We are lucky that the National Garden Club will hold their annual convention in our backyard "Love Blooms in Philadelphia". The convention begins on **Wednesday, May 23rd** and will feature Kent Russell (speaker at our past luncheon at Caitlin Gardens!) speaking on "Candy in the Garden". You can find more information on their website www.gardenclub.org. Choose registration form under "news and events".