



## July Newsletter

### Program

**Our July meeting takes place at Grey Towers National Historic Site.** Our program will begin at 1:00 pm followed by a short business meeting. This month's presenter is Harry Space. He is been a beekeeper for over eight years and belongs to the Sussex County Beekeeping Association. He will not only demonstrate what bees do "in the hive" but also explain their importance to our food chain. Then, we all gather around the finger bowl and celebrate the spirit of Cornelia Pinchot. There is handicapped parking close to the pool area.

### *District II/III Gathering : A Wonderful Meeting*

Speaking of Cornelia, members of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania District II/III met at St. Patrick's Hall in Milford and we wowed them with the spirit of hospitality. Thanks to all members who provided breakfast and luncheon foods and our beautiful centerpiece provided by Susan Brown. Linda presented a PowerPoint program entitled "Cornelia Pinchot: Grand Lady of Grey Towers". It highlighted historical pictures of Cornelia throughout her life accompanied by quotes expressing her progressive political views.

### *Habitat for Humanity : The Work Continues*

Thanks to the superior coordination of our liaison, Ruth Boudreau, members have completed the landscape of our second home at Sunrise Lakes. Kudos goes out to Donna Hannigan, Liz Steen, Megan Gibbons, Linda Pinto, Kathy and Bill Vannatta, Karen Cowern, Jerry Boudreau, Fran Puntillo.

### *NGC Bi-Annual Flower Show : "Year of the Bird "*

A design workshop took place on Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> after the District meeting, in preparation for our upcoming Flower Show, "Year of the Bird". This fun workshop was led by Jane Madis, who demonstrated some new techniques. She is also one of the judges for our show. This year's Flower Show will take place Friday, August 24-25 at St. Patrick's Hall. Members are encouraged to submit a design, horticulture or arts and crafts. More information will be forthcoming at our July meeting. Please make sure you speak with Carol Comando to learn more about entering in this fun, creative and educational event! Also needed are hostesses and people to help with set up and various other tasks!

### *Wave Hill*

Ten members of the club and friends journeyed to Wave Hill houses and gardens, located about six miles north of the George Washington Bridge. We were met by Louis Bauer, Executive Director who provided a history and overview of this property cascading across from the Palisades. Spectacular!

## **Secret Garden Tour**

In just a few days, the 2018 Milford Garden Club Town and Country Secret Garden Tour will take place, Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The tour is from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM rain or shine. This, our biggest fundraiser and would not be possible without the generous cooperation of every member. There are a total of seven gardens on this year's tour. Helga Becking and her team will have tickets available at the meeting. Bonnie Schatteman is the person to go to if you have any donations for the Raffle Table, Marcia Monaco has the sign-up for the Breakfast spread, and Chris Allen is in charge of the Hostess Schedule for the Gardens. HOSTESSES: **Please mark your calendar for Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, between 1:00 and 4:00 PM.** This is the day the volunteers who work the day of the tour, have the opportunity to visit the gardens for more information, you must purchase your ticket and then meet up at Remembrance Place to get your Preview Guide to the Gardens.....and please mums the word!!!

## **FIELD TRIP: Hypertufa Workshop**

We have reserved space at Point Phillips Perennials for Tuesday, July 24 to host a hypertufa workshop. The cost of the program is \$20 and you will leave with a special item for your garden. Deadline for registration is July 10<sup>th</sup>. Meet up at St. Patrick's Hall parking lot at 9:30AM

## **Master Gardener's Program**

The Master Gardener's of Pike County are beginning a new training. There are two of our members who have expressed interest in being part of this opportunity to grow in knowledge of horticulture. For more information contact Gretel Walker at 845.856.5970.

## **Did you know?**

- To prevent accumulating dirt under gardener's fingernails, scrape nails across a bar of soap that will seal the garden dirt out until you wash up with a nailbrush to remove the soap later.
- Fuchsia honors Leonhard Fuch (1501-1566), a German physician and botanist. He wrote the "New Herb Book" in 1543. Fuchsias are native to Mexico, South America and New Zealand.