



# March Newsletter

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Meetings are held the Second Tuesday of the Month (Mar-Dec) at the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall located on the corner of Broad and Ann Sts. Milford PA

First Meeting Date:

MARCH 14, 1 PM

Guests Welcome, All members should please check in at Membership Desk upon arrival, thank you.

Program: Member Veronica Serbe will enchant with a Fairy Garden demo.

## President's Welcome



*Happy Garden Club New Year!*

*March teaches us that that change is inevitable. The sunny and seventy degree days turn quickly into snow squalls and frigid temperatures. But, March also begins our regular meeting schedule and it's just in time.*

*The occasion of our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary will provide plenty of opportunity for celebrating. We have heard your ideas and hope to put them into action. We have three field trips planned and our Art-in-Bloom event is right around the corner.*

*The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania State Meeting (Our Pennsylvania Tapestry: Putting the Pieces Together) will take place April 23-25, 2017. The location of the GCFP State Meeting (Shawnee, PA) provides a rich opportunity to inform our members as to the benefits of membership. Financially, there is a positive benefit. While we contribute \$10 per member to the Federation, we receive Officers and Director's Insurance and Liability Insurance (which covers any injury at Remembrance Place or the Community Garden) valued at \$800; the services of an Accountant for tax advice and preparation of 1099 valued at \$150; and the possibility of an annual "seed award" of \$200. They provide the resources and judges for our bi-annual flower show. In addition, there is a plethora of resources and information available on the website.*

*Membership in the GCFP provides a level of reference and integrity. The Milford Garden Club joins over 115 other garden clubs statewide (5,550 members) connecting resources, ideas and individuals. They also provide state schools (environmental education, landscape design, leadership forums, flower show judging) as well as scholarships.*

*It is well worth the investment for the return.*

*Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and for those who are unable to attend, we know that you will be there in spirit.*

*Linda Pinto, President*



## ART-IN-BLOOM

Floral Arrangements  
Needed!

See Liz Steen at meeting to sign-up. We are looking for 11 individuals or groups to participate in this fun event!

You do not need to be experienced in floral design to join.



Next Issue: April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Deadline: April 1st

Please send any news, photos, poems, recipes to our new email:

[milfordgarden@gmail.com](mailto:milfordgarden@gmail.com)

## Community Garden News



Thanks to the fund raising efforts of Linda Pinto and team, the Community Garden Irrigation System is well on it's way to becoming a reality this summer. Eileen Rail was the winner of the Philadelphia Flower Show raffle and 9 members purchased wind chimes donated by Home Depot, always a generous supporter of the club. We also recently heard we were awarded a TCC Community Grant AND a Barbara Buchanan Mini-Grant - - details to follow. We look forward to seeing the new system be put to work in the summer months.

## FEDERATION NEWS

The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania ( GCFP) will be holding their 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, April 23-25, right in our backyard at Shawnee Inn. The theme for this year's annual convention is *Our Pennsylvania Tapestry: Putting the Pieces Together*. There are several presentations and workshops available ranging from *Native Plants and Invasive Lookalikes* to *Amphibians and Climate Change*. A formal flower show will also be held. For more information or if you are interested in attending, go to: [www.pagardenclubs.org](http://www.pagardenclubs.org).



*A group of members met up recently to decorate birdhouses for upcoming GCFP convention merchandise table.*

Our club is helping to support the convention by designing birdhouses for sale. Members met at the Montague Grange and helped melt away the "winter blues" with lots of unexpected creative designs.

*P.S. The club is still in need of a silver tea or coffee server. See any board member if you have one to donate.*