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January Celebrations

January 14 th	Kathy Komyanek
January 16 th	Crystal Chamberlain
January 21 st	Janet Parham
January 24 th	Leslie Morgan

PENNY PINES



Donate your coins for the National Garden Clubs' Penny Pines project – saving forests \$68 at a time. Please contact Mary Balasi, PLGC Chair, to add a name on the “in honor of” or “in memory of” list for our next certificate purchase.

<https://www.gardenclub.org/penny-pines>

www.plantationlakesgardenclub.org

JANUARY 4th PROGRAM

More About May Day

Flex Room at The Landing

20301 Charlotte Boulevard, Millsboro, DE

10:30 am	Gathering
11:00 am	Business Meeting
11:30 am	Program

Pat Minnigh will share the information that she learned in her research on this beloved tradition.



Activities

Salute to Veterans

The annual Salute to Veterans sponsored by Plantation Lakes Garden Club brought more than 70 neighbors and friends joining our garden club members for a fantastic celebration of our Armed Forces on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 11:00 am for a program at the Blue Star Memorial



Garden in Plantation Lakes.

It's heartwarming that the community



comes together to honor and express gratitude to the military members, both active duty and veterans. Our national anthem was sung by the daughter of one of our members. The presence of the motorcycle veterans added a special touch, symbolizing solidarity and respect. Club members took turns reading aloud the names of veterans who had been recognized by their friends and family.



Events like these not only commemorate the sacrifices and contributions of our Armed Forces but also strengthen the bond within the community. Our Blue Star Memorial Garden provided a meaningful backdrop for such a significant occasion.

A sincere "Thank You" to all the club members who organized and participated in the event, as well as to the active duty and veterans who attended. Recognizing and appreciating the dedication of our military personnel is a meaningful way to show support and foster a sense of unity and pride in the community.

What Is A Veteran?

A "Veteran" – whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve – is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including my life." That is honor. And there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact.

Holiday Lunch at Fager's Island

The holiday luncheon was a delightful event! Holiday gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity for members to come together, share joy, and celebrate the festive season.

Fager's Island is known for its scenic views and delicious cuisine, making it a perfect setting for a holiday luncheon. The combination of good company, delicious food, and the holiday spirit created a warm and festive atmosphere. Members and guests participated in a Christmas sing-along with a creative garden-related rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas fostering a sense of camaraderie among the participants.

Everyone had a wonderful time. May the spirit of the season continue to bring joy and unity to PLGC.

News for Members

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON PHOTOS



PLGC PUBLIC EDUCATION SERIES

PLGC is pleased to host two opportunities for members of the community to learn about local enterprises that are having a significant impact on our environment. These luncheon presentations at **The Landing** are open to everyone outside the garden club. Members are encouraged to bring neighbors and friends.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

Speaker: Laura Brittingham
From: Brittingham Farms Lavender and Lambs
Cost: \$25 lunch including gratuity
Menu: Soup or Salad, Choice of Sandwich
Contact: Janet Parham 302.296.7800

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Speaker: Helen Raleigh
From: Story Hill Farm
Cost: \$25 lunch including gratuity
Menu: Soup or Salad, Choice of Sandwich
Contact: Janet Parham 302.296.7800

DFGC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

10:00 a.m. Executive Banquet and Conference Center
205 Executive Drive
Newark, DE 19702

Hosted by: Duck Creek and Coastal Gardeners

Program: Julia Clevett presents ~

A Little Bit of This and a Little Bit of That
Traditional and Creative Floral Designs

Registration is required and open between March 11 and March 29. **Send \$40 check payable to PLGC to Irina Giller.**

CAR-SGC 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

October 21-24, 2024

The Olde Mill Inn, Basking Ridge, New Jersey



RED SHRUBS THAT ADD INTEREST TO HOME LANDSCAPES

Red is often associated with love, glory and power, and it grabs attention. So red shrubs are a must-have for a standout garden. Shrubs can include a bush with red flowers, red “wood,” or red foliage, or even bushes that turn red in fall.

Azaleas like the evergreen Red Formosa provide a flamingly warm welcome to spring, Reblooming types, including the hardier evergreen Autumn Ruby that grows to only 2 ½ feet, can continue flowering off and on all summer into fall. Most of these red bushes prefer partial shade or only filtered sun and constantly damp but fast-draining acidic soil. Best for foundation planting, specimen plant, shade garden.



Japanese Camellia can produce pink or white blooms on a glossy-leaved shrub. The Japanese camellia looks most fiery and flamenco-ready when dressed in ruffly red in single cultivars such as Korean Fire, semidouble cultivars such as Bob Hope, and double cultivars such as Kramer’s Supreme. In general, camellias prefer partial shade and mildly acidic soil and typically bloom in the cooler months of autumn, winter, or spring. Best for an Asian garden, border, small tree.



Redtwig Dogwood grows from 5 to 9 feet tall and produces clusters of small off-white flowers in spring. It is often selected for its showier leaves which change color in autumn to red, then fall to reveal even redder bare stems and branches that hold the color throughout winter, a nice contrast to white snow. This extremely hardy and fast-growing red-leaf plant likes moist soil and full sun to partial shade in Zone 7. Best for a shrub border, rain garden, larval host.



Red Chokeberry is often grown for its red leaves in autumn. The most brilliant is the cultivar Brilliantissima which grows 6 to 12 feet tall and isn’t picky about soil or sun. Its small white flowers in spring are followed by red berries



during late summer and autumn. The extreme tartness of the fruit makes good jams and jellies due to its high pectin content. They are best for a hedge, rain garden, or a screen.

Red Roses are reportedly the most popular color, but the crimson color can vary from the bright scarlet of the popular Blaze cultivar to the duskier dark red of the climber Don Juan. Roses perform best in full sun and well-draining soil. Keep in mind that garden-grown roses won’t have stems as long as specially pruned greenhouse-grown florist types. Still, they are summer stunners in the landscape with their red blooms. Best for container plants, specimen plants, climbing plants.



Flowering Quince is also known as fire bush and varies in height from 3 to 10 feet. This sun-loving rose relative fires up spring with 1- to 3-inch blooms that appear before its foliage. In some cultivars, those single, semi double, or double flowers can be pink or white, but the red ones make a striking contrast to the pastel hues of many other spring flowers. The thorny shrub’s glossy leaves are also red tinged when they finally appear, turning to dark green later, and it produces small, bitter fruits sometimes used in jams and jellies. Best for a barrier, edible garden, hedge.



Tropical Hibiscus shrubs typically grow to about 10 feet tall with flowers 4 to 8 inches across. Red is one of the most popular colors such as the single President’s Red and the double Red Dragon. They prefer full sun and moist but well-draining soil. In our area, plant these bushes in containers and move them indoors over winter. Best for container plants, hedge, screen.



Reference: Stallsmith, Audrey (Published November 30, 2023) Bob Vila Online Newsletter.

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