



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

AUGUST 2024

Upcoming Events

- August 7: Secret Garden Clean Up... and every 1st Wed of the month 10-Noon
- August 14: Ice Cream Social Adult Day Care Center 12-2 PM
- August 20: Museum of the Shenandoah Valley featuring Gardens of Glass: The Art of Craig Mitchell Smith
- August 27: Initial meeting of the 50th Anniversary Comm. at Montclair Community Library 10:30 -12:30

Welcome to August... the Dog Days of Summer!



August is the last month of Summer and, typically, the hottest month of the year. The month was named for the Roman Emperor, Augustus Caesar, who coined the saying: *festina lente*, meaning *make haste, slowly*. With the heat and humidity that continues, this is great advice for us as we step outside and work to maintain both our community and home gardens! However, even though we are facing the last of the "lazy, hazy, crazy, days of Summer", (thinking the late, great Nat King Cole, here... 😊) there is still much going on for our active GCM members to enjoy!

Ro Carlsen and Kathy Fisher will begin contacting members this week as we prepare to host the annual Ice Cream Social for clients at the PWC Adult Day Care Center. We will begin serving at 12:30 PM but will need all helping hands to be at the center by noon. We expect to finish between 1:30 and 2 PM. Contact Ro at 571-331-4035 or Kathy at 703-216-2764 if you are able to participate in this important community service outreach conducted by GCM.

Meanwhile, circle your calendar for August 27th for the first 50th Anniversary Committee meeting. The March Member Survey results identified several individuals who expressed interest in helping in that effort. Now, several months after that survey, I'm sending this invitation to the entire membership as a refreshed invitation to participate. The Community Room at the Montclair Community Library has been reserved for Tuesday, August 27th from 10:30 AM -12:30 PM. I'm hoping that 8-10 of our members who have an interest in this committee are available, however, a follow-up meeting in September will be announced for those who are unable to attend the first meeting. Several great ideas like dinner/lunch cruises, teas/luncheons at a historic site, bus trip to a special garden, special speakers, and landscaping projects are some of the preliminary suggestions mentioned by members. This meeting will be a brainstorming event and I'm looking forward to hearing your creative ideas for programs and events that celebrate the rich heritage of our almost 50-year-old club! Please join us in planning for this 2025 celebration year!

August Birthdays

Victoria Carroll 1st

Joan Flaherty 17th

Linda Cheng 24th

September Birthdays

Brenda Hallam 7th

Jane Carvajal 15th

Kate Cohen 19th

Cecilia Carroll 21st

Committee Chairs

Programs/Events

Joan Flaherty

Membership

Susan Krayne & Cecilia Carroll

Member Care

Anna Worrell

Plant Sale

Gale James & Barbara Ball

Fire House Garden

Bev Houston & Michelle Neal

Secret Garden/Garden Therapy

Ro Carlsen & Kathy Fisher

NCAGC District II Rep

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On Tuesday, August 20th, our monthly meeting will consist of a return trip to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley to view the exhibit *Gardens of Glass: The Art of Craig Mitchell Smith*. We will explore some of the seven-acre MSV gardens and have the opportunity to discover 30 larger-than-life glass sculptures. The MSV was designed as a space where the art, history, and culture of the Shenandoah Valley could be interpreted. The Museum sits on land originally claimed by Winchester founder James Wood in 1735. The Museum's landscape is the largest green space in the city of Winchester and the Glen Burnie House, and its surrounding gardens remain an important part of this year-round regional history complex. Carpooling and lunch arrangements to follow shortly... \$10 entrance fee to Susan Krayne by August 10th. Don't miss what I know will be a delightful day out with your gardening friends!

And finally, looking back on July... GCM members thoroughly enjoyed an evening of pizza and an excellent talk on horticulture presented by the PWC Master Gardener Program Coordinator, Valerie Huelsman, during the July meeting held at the Montclair Community Library. Afterwards, Wanda Simpson led a totally fun hands-on demonstration that instructed members in how to make seed bombs for our Fall gardens.



Until next time, see you in the garden... *Florence*