



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

JANUARY 2025

Upcoming Events

- Jan 15/Wed: PWACGC Mtg 10 AM Pat White Center at Ben Lomond. Carpool departing: 9:15 AM
- Jan 29/Wed: 10:30-1 PM All Club Planning Mtg Winter Soup & Bread Lunch at Montclair Library
- Feb 19/Wed: All Club Plant Sale Planning Mtg
- Mar 14/Fri: 9:30-12 PM NCAGC District II River Farm Carpooling Available
- Mar 26/Wed: 11 AM – 1PM 50th Anniversary Commemorative Tea & Business Mtg at Montclair Property Owners Assoc.
- Apr 8/Tues: NCAGC Spring Awards Mtg National Arboretum Carpooling Available



Welcome to January 2025!

With the excitement of the holidays ending and the knowledge that we're not yet halfway through winter, this time of the year can leave us feeling a bit deflated. But January has its own special charms when you think about it... like:

- New Beginnings: It's the start of a new year, a time full of hope and fresh starts... from home and garden project planning to travel planning. What about that photo book you wanted to create or your promise to complete that cross stitch, quilting, or sewing project?
- Winter Delights: Whether it's winter hiking, birding, or simply enjoying a cozy night by the fire, outdoor winter activities are in full swing.
- Festive Cheer: The holiday spirit often lingers a bit during January with lights and decorations still brightening up the long nights. The cold weather is also the perfect excuse to indulge in hearty soups, warm drinks, and delicious baked goods shared with company invited in.
- Nature's Beauty: The serene, and sometimes snowy, landscapes offer a unique kind of peace and tranquility to be enjoyed.
- Resolutions: Many people use this time to reflect on the past year and set meaningful goals for the year ahead.



Here are some suggestions to lift those flagging spirits:

- **January 15th:** Prince William Area Council of Garden Clubs (PWACGC) meeting. Hosted by Countryside Garden Club beginning at 10 AM at the Pat White Center at Ben Lomond... 10501 Copeland Drive Manassas, 20109. The guest speaker will be Melanie Wells Creamer/Senior Manager of Horticulture at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens. This talk on natives is going to be a great start to the PWACGC program year! Carpooling available from the Montclair Country Club parking lot, leaving at 9:15 AM.
- **January 29th:** Join your GCM gardening friends for Winter Soup & Bread hosted by the Executive Council at the Montclair Library beginning at 10:30 AM. We'll review the 2025 Proposed Program and Events Calendar and hear end of year reports from our committee Chairs, and they'll share their plans for our 50th Anniversary year.
- **Winter Lectures at Green Springs Gardens on select Sundays in January and February,** 1:30- 2:30 pm. The cost is \$15 per person. Register online or call Green Spring Gardens at 703- 642-5173. Some topics include Green Spring Goes to Britan's Great Dexter, Pleasure Gardens, & The Future of Composting. Invite a friend for an interesting afternoon and maybe plan a stop for refreshments afterwards!

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

January Birthdays

Lena Dever 17th

Kathy Fisher 17th

Terri Wallendjack 22nd

Pat Charron 23rd

Gale James 29th

Jerilynn Fitzgerald 30th

February Birthdays

Carol Scarton 3rd

Wanda Simpson 7th

Michelle Neal 15th

Susie O'Neal 17th

Cheri Saggars 25th

Committee Chairs

Programs/Events

Joan Flaherty

Member Care

Anna Worrell

Plant Sale

Gale James & Barbara Ball

Fire House Garden

Bev Houston

Secret Garden/Garden Therapy

Ro Carlsen & Kathy Fisher

NCAGC District II Rep

Susan Scott

PWACGC Rep

Barbara Ball &
Wanda Simpson

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**SUCH A GREAT DECEMBER
HOLIDAY GREENS
WORKSHOP!**

