



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

APRIL 2025

Upcoming Events

- **Apr 12th/Sat: 11 AM – 1 PM**
Weather Permitting
Potting Workshop at
Gale James' Home
- **Apr 28th/Mon: Virginia Historic**
Garden Week in Middelburg
Carpooling Available
Advanced online tickets now
available: \$50/person
- **May 3rd/Sat: 9 AM -1 PM GCM**
Annual Perennial Plant Sale
- **May 14th/Wed: 12 PM After-**
the-Plant Sale Celebration
Picnic ... At the home of Gale
James... 5213 Steidel Lane
Bring a dish to pass
Questions: Gale @ 703-928-8111
- **May 21st/Wed Joint 10 AM-1PM**
PWACGC/GCM Meeting
Montclair Library
Nancy Berlin: *Using Plant Growth*
Strategies to Plan a Native Habitat
Anniversary Cake Cutting to
Follow... Open to the Public



April... the promise of a new year of gardening!

As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, April promises the beginning of a vibrant gardening season. It's time to roll up your sleeves, pull out your gardening tools, and breathe life into your outdoor spaces. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or new to gardening, April offers endless possibilities to cultivate beauty and joy in your landscape.

As I write this, members have already begun preparation for our 31st Annual Perennial Plant Sale in earnest! The "Digger Squad" has been activated and on Saturday, April 12th, the "Potting Squad" will be participating in a workshop at Gale James' home that teaches the nitty gritty of dividing plants to prevent overcrowding while stimulating new growth and more vigorous blooming. These newly potted plants are the heart of our sale and much desired by our neighboring area gardeners. Let your Team Leader know how **you** will be participating to help make this year's sale another rousing success!

During our March meeting we enjoyed the company of new and old gardening friends, a Full Tea, and a presentation that highlighted the rich history of GCM. We will *honor the past, celebrate the present and look to the future* with all our programs and activities for the duration of this year. Linda 'Lin' Stauffer and Susie O'Neal were welcomed into Honorary Membership and as has been our past practice, we recognized members for their dedicated community service. A brand-new award for our club members, the *GCM Presidential Excellence Award*, was instituted to honor members for their long-standing volunteer contributions. It was a thrill to present this award for the first time to Wanda Simpson, a 35-year member, and Barbara Ball, a 29-year member.

Blue Star Memorial Garden Refresh Gets Underway! Save the Date: Saturday, May 17th

First Call for Reservations for our Longwood Gardens Bus Trip

Opening reservations to others as of May 14

COME JOIN OUR BUS TRIP TO LONGWOOD GARDENS

SPONSORED BY GARDEN CLUB OF MONTCLAIR

Ticket Includes:

- Bus Fare
- Entrance Fee to Longwood Gardens
- Group Tour
- Snack Bag for the Return Trip

Questions: Joan Flaherty: 703-801-6594

After more than three years in the making, *Longwood Reimagined* opened November 22 ... just imagine amazing new gardens, new glasshouses, new landscapes, and new dining all ready to be discovered!

Wednesday June 18th

Departing Woodbridge 8 AM
Departing Longwood Gardens 5:30 PM

Tickets by advance sale only:
\$115 per person

Payment: Susan Kruyne: 703-915-1111
18318 Cabin Road
Triangle VA 22172

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE TEA

Birthdays

April

Linda Arvin 16th

Andrea Harris 20th

Sam Gooding 29th

May

Susan Jacobs 4th

Susan Krayne 15th

Ro Carlsen 22nd

Debbie Courter-Folly 28th

Officers 2024-2025

President Florence Pullo

Secretary Cecilia Carroll

Treasurer Susan Krayne

Committee Chairs

Programs/Events

Joan Flaherty

Member Care

Cecilia Carroll

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

Website

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

