

**It's Almost Autumn... the season of shorter days and cooler evenings!**



## **THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

### **Upcoming Events**

- Sep 13: NCAGC District II Fall Meeting 9:30 AM at River Farm
- Sep 16: Anniversary Committee Meeting from 10:30-12:30 at the Montclair Library
- Sep 18: PWACGC Meeting hosted by GCM at 10 AM at MPOA building
- Sep 24: NCAGC/ All Districts at 10 AM at National Arboretum
- Sep 25: GCM outdoor meeting at 10 AM at the home of Gale James, 5213 Steidel Lane. Lunch: at a local restaurant

Welcome to September... a month filled with numerous opportunities to eat, drink or smell pumpkin spice... enjoy apple picking ... and 30 days of not knowing what to wear! September means trading our bathing suits for cozy sweaters and beach outings for raking leaves. Even though Summer is almost over, GCM members have much to look forward to!

Our email inboxes have been inundated with newsletters from multiple sources over the past few weeks inviting our participation in National Capital Area Garden Club activities that span the 4 Districts. Please read those notices carefully and check our website for further details. Additionally, Prince William Area Council of Garden Clubs will hold their September meeting at the Montclair Property Owners Association (MPOA) building at 3561 Waterway Drive on September 18. GCM is hosting and this is an all-hands-on-deck event... please respond to Barbara Ball (703-670-4381) or Wanda Simpson (678-995-4553) regarding what you will bring, if you haven't already, and plan on an early arrival to help with set-up if you are able.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has met once in August and is next scheduled for September 16. Please join us in planning our 2025 Anniversary program year even if you missed the first meeting. We'll be narrowing the proposed events to our top choices and planning next steps.

Our September business meeting will be held outdoors in the lovely garden of Gale James' home, weather permitting. Please respond to Gale's Plant Survey which will drive some of our conversation regarding our future annual plant sales.



Some of our happy travelers on our August trip to Winchester: Donna Seckar, Cecilia Carroll, Joan Flaherty, Maria Stapleton, and Ro Carlsen.

**September Birthdays**

- Brenda Hallam 7<sup>th</sup>**
- Jane Carvajal 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Kate Cohen 19<sup>th</sup>**
- Cecilia Carroll 21<sup>st</sup>**

**October Birthdays**

- Beverly Houston 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- Pat Contrades 14<sup>th</sup>**
- Barbara Ball 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Mary Ann Palmer 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- Gale Cobb 27<sup>th</sup>**
- Maria Stapleton 27<sup>th</sup>**
- Katy McClevey 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Committee Chairs**

**Programs/Events**

Joan Flaherty

**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**

Susan Scott

**PWACGC Rep**

Barbara Ball & Wanda Simpson

**Website**

Jane Carvajal & Martina Crichton

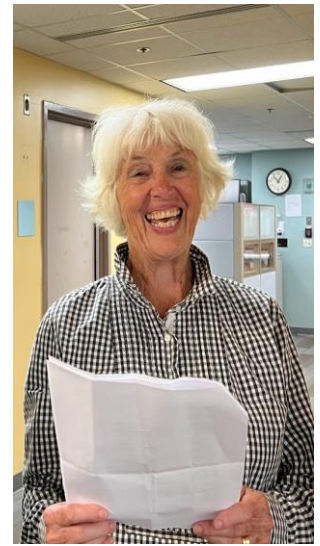
**Facebook**

Lu Selfridge

**Publicity**

Donna Seckar

**And finally, looking back on August...** GCM members tended the Secret Garden on a hot and steamy day on August 7 and hosted an Ice Cream Social with a sing-along for clients at the PWC Adult Daycare Facility on the 14<sup>th</sup> ....



R. to L. Ro Carlsen, Kathy Fisher, Janice Graham, Wanda Simpson, and Donna Seckar and far right... Cheri Sagers



Cheri Sagers, Cecilia Carroll, Sam Gooding, Kathy Fisher, Ro Carlsen, and Janice Graham

Members also thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester to view the amazing *Gardens of Glass* exhibit by Craig Mitchell Smith.



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