

June 2023

South Schuylkill Garden Club

Third Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 PM

First United Church of Christ, Schuylkill Haven

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Cultivating the Community Newsletter

Weather Folklore for June

- *If June is sunny, the harvest will come early.*
- *In June, when there is no dew, it indicates rain.*
- *A cold and wet June spoils the rest of the year.*
- *June, damp and warm, does a farmer no harm.*
- *A good rain in June sets all in tune.*
- *The north wind in June blows in a good rye harvest.*
- *An early harvest is expected when the bramble blossoms early in June.*
- *When it is hottest in June, it will be coldest in the correlating days of the following February.*
- *A wet June makes a dry September.*
- *If on the 8th of June it rains, it foretells a wet harvest.*

June 20, 2023

Program: “Restoration of Native Habitat and Streambank Stabilization at Sweet Arrow Lake”

Kora Clauser of Clauser Environmental, LLC will explain conservation efforts to prevent silt from filling Sweet Arrow Lake. Learn techniques to prevent soil erosion through water management, tree planting, and vegetation coverage.

Refreshments: Linda Bollinger, Mary Ann Uranium, Marlene Fisher, Kathy Townley

June 4-10, 2023, National Garden Week.

Since June 4 through the 10 is National Garden Week, I thought it would be nice if our members would send photos of their garden to Missy Seigfried to post on our club website. Missy’s email address is melissaseigfried@gmail.com.

If you would like to share photos with me, I will try to get them into our July newsletter. My email address is kamorgan11@gmail.com. Here is a photo from my garden.



If you are not photo shy, how about a photo with you in your garden.

Welcome to New Club Members

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District II/III News - Jane Kruse

- District II/III has six recipients of the Seed Money awards. Each will receive \$50. The Clubs are Bethlehem, Emmaus, Hazleton, Parkland, **South Schuylkill**, and Upper Perkiomen Valley.
- Awards and certifications received will be distributed at the Wednesday, June 7, 2023, District meeting hosted by Parkland Garden Club. There will be a president's meeting at 9:00 ahead of the 10:00 start for the district meeting. The district meeting will be at a church different from the Parkland meeting location. It is at St. John's Lutheran Church, 40 S. Second Street, Slatington, PA. The program is floral designs by Chris Leskowsky. It is asked that clubs indicate the number of people to attend on parklandgardenclub@gmail.com. A lite lunch fare will be provided.
- District Raffle tickets will be arriving soon. Each club is asked to provide a gardening item of value around \$50. (Looking for light fixtures that light up the garden) Take a photograph of the raffle item and send it to Cynthia Dunton at allco@ptd.net. *South Schuylkill has their tickets.*
- Burpee Seeds can be purchased with this year's date at a 20% discount by using the **coupon code PAGC23** to order up to 50 plant seed packets. Burpee Seeds ensures that their seed

packets are good beyond the first year, however they cannot be sold with the prior year's date. Clubs can obtain "Free Seeds" from Burpee by submitting a request on club letterhead by US mail to: W. Atlee Burpee & Company, ATTN Donation Request, 300 Park Avenue, Warminster, PA 18974. Include your contact's name and email address. State the number of packets, knowing large seed volume requests may not be filled.

- Consider volunteering at the Philadelphia Flower Show in 2024. As a volunteer, you will receive one free admission ticket. Many tasks are before opening such as staging plants, helping with judging, placing ribbons. There are a cluster of clerk tasks such as ticket sales and such. Claire Kukiela will share her volunteer experience in the May Buds and Blooms as well as give contact information.

Parkland Garden Club proudly presents the Patriotic Theme June District II/III Meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

District II/III meeting on June 7th, 2023

St. John's Lutheran Church, 40 S. Second St., Slatington, PA 18080.

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Please join us for a light breakfast. We will serve soup and salad for lunch and of course a dessert. The business meeting will start at 10:00 followed by the program.

Special treat will be a design program presented by Chris Leskosky!

She will be presenting 6 designs to be raffled off. Chris is a GCFP Master Accredited Judge, former President of Garden Club Federation of PA and a District II/III Director.

She belongs to the Hazleton Garden Club.

Please RSVP to: parklandgardenclub@gmail.com

More information please contact: Helen Papathanasiou 610-417-4128

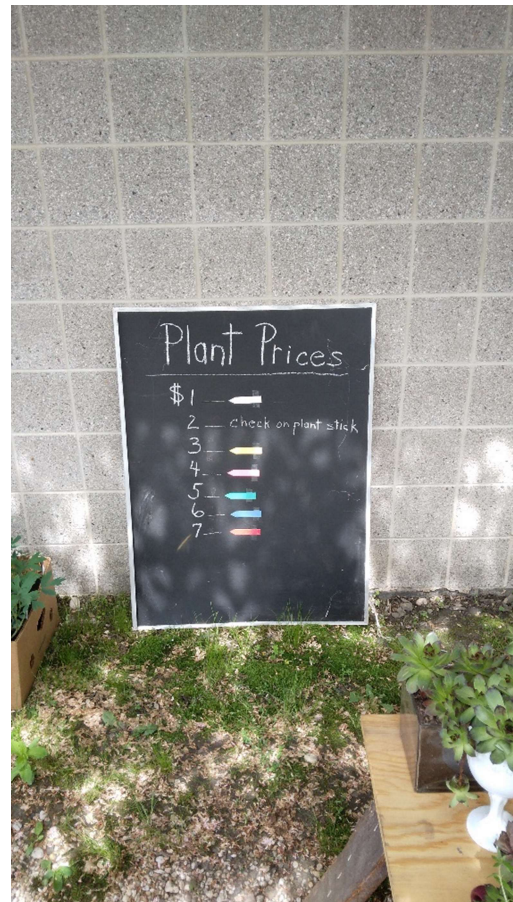
ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Thank You, Thank You for all the hard work, planning and preparation that members gave towards making our Annual Plant Sale a huge success. We took some risks this year by moving

the sale up a week to the Saturday before Mother's Day. I believe that the income (\$) reported at the May meeting showed the success we had. We placed more emphasis on native plants, and from some discussions with people purchasing plants that day, it looks like we made another step in the right direction. It truly was a team effort and many thanks to those committee members that made it happen: Nancy Russial, Chair; Linda Bollinger; Carol Haldeman; Kaye Moyer; Kathy Townley; Mary Ann Uranium; Kim Morgan; Lisa O'Neil, Pat Wishousky, Jeanne Zulick, Margitta Stevens; Frank Colosimo; and also, other club members who provided plants and assistance.

Much Gratitude to all who Contributed

Some photos from sale setup.
Too busy to take photos during the sale.



Other Notes:

Berry time of the year – June will be upon us, and that means the start of those luscious berries made into jams and jellies. Time to start thinking about cooking up a batch of jam or jelly for selling at Sch. Haven Borough Day and Pine Grove Autumn Stroll, which are club events.

Please note that in the yearbook it states the club will host the Lake Restoration Celebration in June. That has been moved to October 15, 2023, to coincide with other activities going on at the lake. More information to come.

6 WAYS TO USE BAKING SODA IN THE GARDEN

Clean a Bird Bath

Shake baking soda into the basin of bird feeder. It removes mold easily and is safe for birds. You can also use baking soda and white vinegar. The foam reaction makes cleaning easy.

Prevent Black Spot on Roses

Combine 1 tablespoon of baking soda, 1-1/2 tablespoons of horticultural oil and 1 gallon of water. Spray this solution on roses when the symptoms appear and every 1-2 weeks thereafter.

Stop Rot on Grapes

At the very first sign of brown rot, spray grapes with a solution of 1 tablespoon baking soda and a gallon water, usually only necessary to spray once a season.

Win the Bug Battle

Here's a cheap natural way to repel aphids and spider mites. Mix 1/3 cup cooking oil and 1 teaspoon baking soda in a jar. Keep it covered until needed. Combine 2 teaspoons of the mixture with 1 cup water in a sprayer.

Grow Bigger Plants

Plants will double in size and beauty with this once-a-month treatment. To 1 gallon of tepid water, add 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon Epsom salts, 1 teaspoon saltpeter and ½ teaspoon household ammonia.

Clean Your Garden Clothes

A paste of baking soda and water removes perspiration stains and odor when rubbed on a garment before you throw it in your washing machine. Works great on hard-to-clean polyester knits, too.

Birds & Blooms
Lori Vanover

Grandma's Tips for Gardeners

We started a new column, "**Grandma's Tips for Gardener's**", and are looking for those gardening tips that may have been passed on to you or a gardening tip that you have found works for you. You are invited to share your tips for successful gardening.

- Place moth balls in your flower beds to keep the rabbits from eating your flowers. - Grandma Stump.
- To get rid of slugs, place hollowed-out orange rinds upside-down in the garden. The next morning, collect the rinds. They're usually full of slugs and snails. It's a quick, easy and safe solution.
- After picking up black walnuts or husking them, use a cut green tomato to remove the stains from your hands.
- When harvesting broccoli heads, cut the stalks at an angle to prevent the remaining stalk from filling with water and decomposing. The side shoots can then produce better broccoli.
- Keep bugs from your rose plants by planting chives around them. It looks pretty, plus you can clip some of the chives for use in salads.

- Hang a hummingbird feeder above your rose bushes to keep aphids away.
- Spring bulbs can be planted in areas that are typically shaded by deciduous trees.
- Do not over fertilize inpatients or they will only produce leaves. If this happens, just wait. In time they should start blooming again.
- Wrap strips of newspaper around the roots of cabbages before planting. This prevents cutworms from getting at the plant.
- When gathering seeds, always take them from the largest, healthiest blooms. Leave the flower on the plant until it is completely faded, and the seed head is dead. Then remove the head and place it on a paper plate to dry. Shake out the seeds into a bag and store them in a cool dry place.
- When planting carrot seeds, put the seeds in a row but do not cover with dirt. Instead, walk down the row. That presses the seeds into the soil just enough.
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**When Life Gives You Crap,
Grow a Garden**