

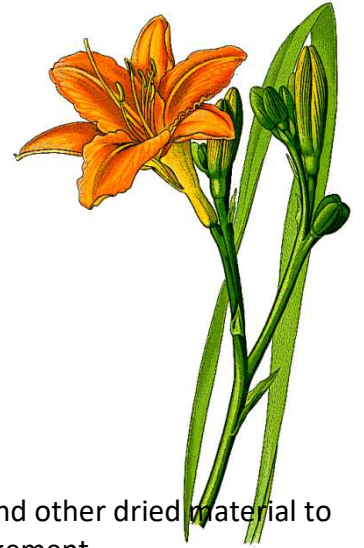
## South Schuylkill Garden Club

Third Tuesday of the Month at 6:30

First United Church of Christ, Schuylkill Haven

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### Cultivating the Community Newsletter

**Weather Folklore:** If there's ice in November that will bear a duck, there'll be nothing after but sludge and muck. November take flail; let ships no more sail. If trees show buds in November, the winter will last until May.

- *There is no better month in the year to cut wood than November.*
- *A heavy November snow will last until April.*

*And the dead leaves lie huddled and still,  
No longer blown hither and thither;  
The last lone aster is gone;  
The flowers of the witch-hazel wither ...*  
—Robert Frost (1874-1963)

### November 16 Club Meeting

November 16, 2021 will be the last business meeting of the year. Gather at 6:30 for the business meeting first, hopefully within a half an hour. After a break, building of a **winter birch bark planters** will finish out the meeting. Remember to register with Kim Morgan by November 4 to reserve a planter for you. The club is paying for member costs. This event will be open for the public to participate at a cost of \$15. Kim needs to know how many from the public to allow to participate. The birch bark planter will decorate anyone's house. How nice to have fresh greens to smell indoors whether at your table or given as a gift. -Jane

Look around your yard, if you have pine, spruce or fir that could use a little trimming, bring some with you. Holly, boxwood, and some arborvitae also hold up well in arrangements. Don't forget

pinecones, branches, and other dried material to complement the arrangement.

The **business meeting** on November 16 will focus on approval of 2022 budget, approval of presented bylaws and voting for officers for years 2022-2023. Interest in positions of Second Vice-President (membership) and Secretary were yet to be filled. Express your interest to the Nominating Committee. Complete and turn in the Committee Sign-up Sheet for year 2022 at the November meeting. -Jane

**Dues** for 2022 can be payable by check to South Schuylkill Garden Club for \$18.00. Bring the payment to the November meeting or mail to the treasurer prior to December 31 to be included in the 2022 Yearbook. -Jane

### Additional Info on Workshop

November club meeting will be a workshop to make seasonal floral arrangement. The make and take seasonal arrangement workshop will consist of a zinc lined birch bark pot with an oasis, ribbon, beeswax rolled candle, and fresh seasonal greens. **It is no cost to club members.**

**We had a signup sheet at the October Club meeting, but I lost it. Please call me at 570-739-2627 and state your name on the voice recording that you signed up at Octobers Club Meeting. So sorry for losing the sign-up paper. Please make your reservations known by November 4.**

If you were **not** at the October Club Meeting and are interested in the workshop, make your reservation for this workshop by calling **570-739-2627** and leave your name and a call back number. You may also email your intent to participate in the workshop by emailing [kamorgan11@gmail.com](mailto:kamorgan11@gmail.com). **Please make your reservations known by November 4.**



The workshop will be open to the public but limited to the number of participants. There are 12 spaces available for interested participants. The cost for the workshop is \$15.00 for **nonmembers** payable that evening to South Schuylkill Garden Club (SSGC). Get an early start on seasonal decorating with fresh floral greens.

***Garden Gloves and Pruners for the workshop are going to be helpful. Please bring them along to the workshop.***

**Christmas Party** at Blu Tavern, 1323 Bunting Street, Pottsville is on Route 209 just outside of Llewellyn. Gather at 5:30 for social time and be sitting at 6:00 for dinner of roast top round of beef, broiled flounder with lemon or stuffed chicken with filling. Give your choice and check for \$25 payable to South Schuylkill Garden Club to Mary Ann Uranium by the end of November. – Jane

**Refreshments** for 2022. May, June, July, August, and November are months that can use members to help with refreshments at meetings. Have your calendars ready. The monthly refreshment list will be passed around at the November meeting. -Jane

## Butterfly Garden Path Mulched

Pine Grove butterfly garden got a fresh layer of mulch thanks to Jane Kruse, Kim Morgan, and Nancy Russial. Linda Bollinger was kind enough to donate mulch from her gardens.



## Which Chemicals Kill Spotted Lantern Flies, But Won't Harm Plants?

Found this to be an interesting article in Lancaster Farming. A Kenny Box 13, an eight grader at St John Newumann Catholic School researched this as a science fair project. His findings were that a 7% Apple Cider vinegar performed the best. It killed the lanternflies in the second quickest amount of time just behind

insecticidal soap. Kenny's advice for attacking spotted lanternflies is to stock up on vinegar.

## A Few More Items for the Fall To-Do List ...

Before it gets too cold, take care of your garden shed, pots, tools, and equipment.

- Turn off the water to the hose and drain it completely if you're in an area where leftover water could freeze.
- Pumps and fountains should also be removed, cleaned, and drained before storing.
- If you have a lawn mower or string trimmer, drain out the gas.
- Clean, sand, and oil your garden tools before storing them for the winter.
- Clean out cold frames if you use them for a head start on spring vegetable growing.
- Remove canes and other plant supports; wipe off soil with soapy water, let them dry, and store them in a shed or garage.
- Bring ceramic and clay pots inside, or they may crack in freezing temperatures. Dump the soil on your garden bed and sterilize the pots with a diluted bleach solution.
- Don't stack pots; it's hard to get them unstuck in the spring.
- Make sure that those bird feeders are cleaned up and ready for winter use!

### School of Learning

- Register for the first of four classes of the **Flower Show School**. The series of four will begin April 28-May 1, 2022, in Plymouth Meeting near Philadelphia. Learn floral arrangement, judging and flower show schedule as presented by the National Garden Club.
- There is a strong network of flower show judges to support and encourage new trainees along the way. Contact Jane Kruse or [pagardenclubs.org](http://pagardenclubs.org) for more information.

**Please Share photo from your gardens.**  
Email photo to: [kamorgan11@gmail.com](mailto:kamorgan11@gmail.com)  
or text to 5706179620.

So, I started this list below and I would love if all of you experienced gardeners would send me your ideas of "*You know you are a Gardner when . . .*" Let us keep the ideas flowing and add to the list. Let us see how many ideas we can come up with. Just email your ideas to me at [kamorgan11@gmail.com](mailto:kamorgan11@gmail.com) or text it to me at 5706179620

### You know you are a Gardner when:

- Your gardening gloves fall out of the car door
  - You have gardening tools in trunk of your car
  - You develop community gardens
  - Your gardens are themed
  - You weed your neighbors' gardens
  - You dead head your daughter's flowers
  - You empty the dehumidifier and use the water to water your potted plants
  - You sprinkle your son's hair from a recent haircut around your plants to keep the deer away
  - Pull weeds in public gardens
  - Carry a small set of pruners in your back pocket
  - You are constantly checking the weather report
  - You plant by the phases of the moon
  - You cover your fall plants to protect them from the first fall frost
  - *You count on the first frost being in November*
  - *You know you are a gardener when*
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**Stay Safe by staying socially separated from others by at least 6 feet. Wash hands frequently and above all do not touch your face, but with clean hands.**