

PROGRAMS

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GBTs Programs 2024-2025 ~ Speakers, Programs, Members

September 12, 2025

Groundcovers: Great Alternatives to Turf Grass

Location	Millville Community Center at Evans Park, 32517 Dukes Drive, Millville, DE 19967
Meeting Schedule	12:00 – 12:30 pm Gathering 12:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 pm Program (45 min for program + 15 min for questions) 2:00 – 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	Kathy Jentz, Author, Podcast Host, Publisher, Editor
Program Details	Groundcovers are low-growing plants that serve many different purposes in the landscape from limiting weed growth to stabilizing slopes to adding texture to your garden. Kathy Jentz, author of the new book, Groundcover Revolution , will cover several of these beautiful, hard-working plants and the best kinds to use for your region.
Horticulture Moment	Challenge – Propagate a Jade Plant from a Leaf by Pat Drizd
Show & Tell	Presidents Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Kathy Lesperance
Hostesses	Coordinator: Audrey Young. Assistants: Ann Bendersky, Carolyn Clipp, Lonie Sculley, Carol Bishop, Pat Drizd.

October 10, 2025

Ikebana

Location	Millville Community Center at Evans Park, 32517 Dukes Drive, Millville, DE 19967
Meeting Schedule	12:00 – 12:30 pm Gathering 12:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 pm Program (45 min for program + 15 min for questions) 2:00 – 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	Ann Perry, a master instructor in the Japanese flower arrangement art form known as ikebana. She has been studying Ohara Ikebana for over 50 years and now holds the title of fourth term master. During her presentation, Ann will create flower arrangements that demonstrate the various expressions characteristic of the Ohara School of Ikebana. Ohara is one of numerous schools of ikebana. Ranging from historic interpretations to state-of-the-art innovation, the Ohara School focuses great attention on nature and the changing seasons. Harmony of materials with containers and the setting in which the display is placed are considered as the work is created. Well known for its innovative landscape design, the Ohara School originated the use of low-bowl dish-type containers.
Program Details	
Horticulture Moment	The Chemistry of Changing Leaf Colors by Pat Drizd
Show & Tell	Presidents Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Barbara Ware
Hostesses	Coordinator: Linda Kall. Assistants: Karen Plis, Marybeth Besosa, Linda Eaton, Marilyn Adams, Kathy Leone.

November 14, 2025

Benefits of House Plants

Location	Mariners Bethel Global Methodist Church, 81 Central Avenue, Ocean View, DE 19970
Meeting Schedule	12:00 – 12:30 pm Gathering 12:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch
Schedule	1:00 – 2:00 pm Program (45 min for program + 15 min for questions) 2:00 – 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	Jay Millman, Bella Terra Garden Center, Ellendale DE
Program Details	The Benefits of House Plants presentation will lightly touch on some of the ecological, physiological, and emotional benefits of having house plants.
Horticulture Moment	Gardening for the Monarchs by Mary Anne Rishbarger
Show & Tell	Presidents Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Maureen Eisenhart
Hostesses	Coordinator: Barbara Ware. Assistants: Margaret Woda, Sharon Iannacone, Alva Hutchison, Linda Wieland, Charlotte Whidden.

December 12, 2025

Annual Holiday Luncheon

Location	Cripple Creek Country Club, 29494 Cripple Creek Road, Dagsboro, DE 19939
Meeting Schedule	12:00-2:30pm Lunch and Business Meeting
Program Details	Come and celebrate the holidays with GBTS friends. Enjoy a lovely luncheon in a festive setting and take your chances on our annual poinsettia raffle. Members will pre-order from a selected menu with cost TBD. Checks payable to GBTS should be sent or given to Mary Williford, treasurer, by November 14. Mary's address is 24900 Magnolia Circle, Millsboro, DE 19966. Please indicate your menu selection in the check memo line. Monetary donations to the Food Bank of Delaware will be collected at the luncheon. Checks should be made out to Food Bank of Delaware. If you can't attend and wish to donate, please send your check to Mary Williford.
Additional Information	
Horticulture Moment	Seed Exchange - All Members
Welcome Table	Judy Ireland

January 9, 2026 Growing Citrus Indoors

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church at 67 Central Avenue, Ocean View DE, 19970
Meeting Schedule	12:00 – 12:30 pm Gathering 12:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 pm Program (45 min for program + 15 min for questions) 2:00 – 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	Lesley Holland
Program Details	Have you ever wanted to harvest your own fresh citrus, but lacked the right climate or growing conditions? Master Gardener Lesley Holland will share tips and strategies for growing citrus indoors successfully. You'll be making homemade lemon meringue pie from your very own lemons in no time.
Horticulture Moment	Indoor Seed Starting for Flowers, Vegetables and Herbs by Tricia Derkasch
Show & Tell	Presidents Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Cherie Dorfman
Hostesses	Coordinator: Judy Dayhoff. Assistants: Cherie Dorfman, Mary Williford, Diane Baxter, Pat Milsted, Virginia Thackery.

February 13, 2026 Garden Smart/Garden Easy

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church at 67 Central Avenue, Ocean View DE, 19970
Meeting Schedule	12:00 – 12:30 pm Gathering 12:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 pm Program (45 min for program + 15 min for questions) 2:00 – 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	Maureen Ryan
Program Details	Don't stop gardening if mobility changes! Look for tools that meet your specific needs. Consider the many techniques and designs which will help you "garden smart and garden easy!" Master Gardener Maureen Ryan will explain what tools and techniques are available for gardeners as we age or develop mobility issues. Make gardening enjoyable again.
Horticulture Moment	Easy Care, Tough as Nails Crocosmias by Ann Bendersky
Show & Tell	Presidents Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Jean Sewald
Hostesses	Coordinator: Maureen Siegert. Assistants: Jean Sewald, Kathy Lesperance, Sallie Melvin, Barbara Denney, Susan Sitek.

March 13, 2026

Spring Planting for Summer and Fall Blooms

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church at 67 Central Avenue, Ocean View DE, 19970
Meeting Schedule	12:00 – 12:30 pm Gathering 12:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 pm Program (45 min for program + 15 min for questions) 2:00 – 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	Ann Bendersky
Program Details	Planting spring bulbs and plants that will bloom in summer and fall can really extend the beauty of your garden throughout the year. Ann will be talking about some of her favorite plants that she grown with great success.
Horticulture Moment	Amaryllis ~ Twice is Nice by Pat Drizd
Show & Tell	Presidents Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Karen Plis
Hostesses	Coordinator: Toni LaSorte. Assistants: Pat Richard, Betsy O’Neil, Marian Augustine, Tricia LaPlaca, Mary O’Neill.

April 10, 2026

Delaware Dunes

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church at 67 Central Avenue, Ocean View DE, 19970
Meeting Schedule	12:00 – 12:30 pm Gathering 12:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 pm Program (45 min for program + 15 min for questions) 2:00 – 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	Joan O’Day
Program Details	Through pictures, GBTS member Joan O’Day will talk about the plants, wildlife, and structure of a healthy dune and why it’s important to us.
Horticulture Moment	Sea Oats/Uniola paniculata by Pat Drizd
Show & Tell	Presidents Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Kathy Leone
Hostesses	Coordinator: Judy Ireland. Assistants: Jacqui Malizia, Christine Feher, Barbara Denney, Maureen Eisenhart, Joanna Haley.

May 8, 2026

DE Wildlands and the Great Cypress Swamp

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church at 67 Central Avenue, Ocean View DE, 19970
Meeting Schedule	12:00 – 12:30 pm Gathering 12:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 pm Program (45 min for program + 15 min for question 2:00 – 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	Andrew Martin
Program Details	DE Wildlands is a land conservation organization that has played a pivotal role in acquiring and protecting 31,600 acres of land, including Delaware’s coastal areas and Great Cypress Swamp. Andrew Martin will discuss several current large-scale projects in the swamp as well as ongoing preservation efforts.
Horticulture Moment	Challenge Results – Bring in your young jade plant
Show & Tell	Presidents Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Jean Sewald
Hostesses	Coordinator: Cathy Bowen. Assistants: Thea Chandross, Sandra Lopez, Mary Anne Rishebarger, Phyllis Halliday, Sabina Kelly.

June 12, 2026

Pizza Party and Plant Auction

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church at 67 Central Avenue, Ocean View DE, 19970
Meeting Schedule	12:00 – 12:30 pm Gathering 12:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 pm Business Meeting 2:00 – 3:00 pm Plant Auction
Coordinators	Anne McKinney and Hospitality Committee
Program Details	The club will provide a pizza luncheon and hold a plant auction of plants and garden items donated by the members.
Welcome Table	Kathy Lesperance