September 11, 2026

Dealing with Deer and Other Mammals in your Garden

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church 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	Kathy Jentz, Author, Podcast Host, Publisher, Editor. KathyJentz@gmail.com
Program Details	Kathy will share with us the latest weapons to safely use in sharing the garden with Wildlife. She will focus on what works in DE.
Horticulture Moment	Pink Muhly Grass by Alva Hutchison
Show & Tell	President's Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Kathy Lesperance
Hostesses	Linda Kall (coordinator), Ria Carraro, Carolyn Clipp, Sabina Kelly, Jacqueline Malizia, Karen Plis

October 9, 2026

Monarch Butterflies Life Cycle

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church 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	Mary Anne Rishebarger, Program Manager and Grant Writer for Baltimore County Schools with an MBA, Member of GBTS since 2025, marishbalt@gmail.com
Program Details	Mary Anne will be showing details of the Life Cycle of the Monarch Butterfly and how it affects our environment. The Fall season is when this miracle takes place.
Horticulture Moment	Miyawaki Pocket Forest Movement by Pat Drizd
Show & Tell	President's Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Barbara Ware
Hostesses	Barbara Ware (coordinator), Barbara Denney, Cindy Feeley, Alva Hutchison, Babs Lutton

November 13, 2026
Bird Feeder Cakes

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church 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	Joanie O'Day, Program Chair GBTS, Retired Teacher and Realtor, Coach, Farmer's wife, photographer
Program Details	The membership will be provided with materials to create Bird Feeder Cakes. This is a great hands-on project to do with Grands. They are a wonderful holiday gift idea or make them for your own yard.
Horticulture Moment	The Cure for One by Lisa Arni
Show & Tell	President's Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Maureen Eisenhart
Hostesses	Cathy Bowen (coordinator), Ann Bendersky, Mary Jo Coe, Gina D'Alfonso, Pat Milstead

December 9, 2026 (Wednesday)
Annual Holiday Luncheon

Location	Cripple Creek Country Club 29494 Cripple Creek Drive, Dagsboro, DE 19939
Meeting Schedule	11:00 - 11:45 Social Hour 11:45 - 12:00 Business Meeting 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch 1:00 - 2:00 Poinsettia Raffle, Seed Exchange, and Announcement of Garden of Cheer Raffle Winner
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 Sallie Melvin, Treasurer, by November 14. Sallie's address is: 7 Egret Court, Bethany Beach, DE 19930. Please indicate your menu selection in the check memo line.
Additional Information	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 Sallie.
Welcome Table	Alva Hutchison

January 8, 2027
Water Color Book Markers

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church 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	Michele Crane, President of Coastal Gardeners, Artist Michelemcrane@gmail.com, 302-357-4924
Program Details	Michele will lead us in a hands-on demonstration making Watercolor Bookmarkers. Supplies will be provided. Come try your hand at a new craft.
Horticulture Moment	Mushroom Compost by Jean Sewald
Show & Tell	President's Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Cherie Dorfman
Hostesses	Judy Dayhoff (coordinator), Marian Augustine, Judy Ireland, Betsy O'Neil, Pat Richard, Mary Williford

February 12, 2027
Garden Planning - From your Yard to our Demonstration Garden

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church 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	Susan Meilke, Master Gardener, Long Neck Resident foodie1977@gmail.com
Program Details	Susan Meilke will help us re-imagine our garden space during these winter months and plan for the coming year. She will also talk about cold seed gardening.
Horticulture Moment	The Symbolism of Roses by Ann Bendersky
Show & Tell	President's Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Jean Sewald
Hostesses	Maureen Siegert (coordinator), Lisa Arni, Martha Gallagher, Joanna Haley, Kathy Lesperance, Sallie Melvin

March 12, 2027

Demonstration of Japanese Koke Doma Hanging Balls

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church 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	Catherine Winkler, Owner and Manager of "Roots" garden center, 26 years in Selbyville, DE, 302-732-0866, Local Sussex Countian, Father Cliff Parker
Program Details	Catherine will give us a demonstration on making Japanese Koke Doma Hanging Balls.
Horticulture Moment	Echinacea (Coneflower) by Pat Drizd
Show & Tell	President's Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Karen Plis
Hostesses	Toni LaSorte (coordinator), Carol Bishop, Maureen Eisenhart, Christine Feher, Tricia LaPlaca, Mary O'Neill

April 9, 2027

Square Foot Gardening, Big Results in Small Spaces

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church 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	Mary Jo Coe, Past member of Sussex Gardeners, new member of GBTS maryjocoe@yahoo.com, 410-935-0536
Program Details	Mary Jo will speak on creating a square foot gardening bed and getting the most out of your small unusable spaces.
Horticulture Moment	Hummingbird Flowers by Lisa Arni
Show & Tell	President's Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Alva Hutchison
Hostesses	Mary Anne Rishebarger (coordinator), Marilyn Adams, Cherie Dorfman, Pat Drizd, Sharon Iannacone, Lonie Sculley

May 14, 2027
Presentation by Amber Ellis and Tour of Lord's Facility

Location	Lord's Landscaping & Garden Center 35577 Atlantic Avenue, 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	Amber Ellis, Horticulturist at Lord's Landscaping, Amber.lordslandscapping@gmail.com
Program Details	On Site Meeting with GBTS picnic lunch, meeting and program by Amber Ellis with Tour of their grounds and time for shopping. Carpool from designated locations only. No room on site for all our cars. Amber will introduce some new native plants, and some new services Lord's provides before the tour.
Horticulture Moment	Camellias by Sandra Lopez
Show & Tell	President's Challenge - bring in your floral designs, favorite garden tool, garden books, garden photography, whatever tickles your garden fancy.
Welcome Table	Jean Sewald
Hostesses	Audrey Young (coordinator). Sandra Lopez, Virginia Thackery, Joan O'Day

June 11, 2027
Pizza Party and Plant Auction

Location	Ocean View Presbyterian Church 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	Ways and Means Committee Members, led by Cherie Dorfman (Auction) Hospitality Committee Members, led by Anne McKinney (Pizza)
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