

PROGRAMS

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Gathering, Learning, Sharing

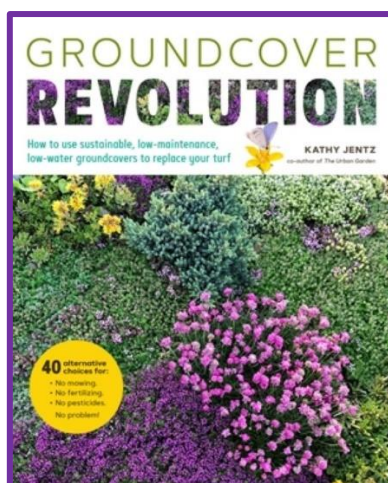


GBTS Programs 2023-2024 ~ Speakers, Programs, Members

September 13, 2024

Kathy Jentz, Speaker and Author

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 Program (45 minutes-program + 15 minutes-Q&A) 2:00 - 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	<p>Kathy Jentz is indeed a prominent figure in the gardening community!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Author: She wrote “Groundcover Revolution” and co-authored “The Urban Garden.” ➤ Podcast Host: She hosts the GardenDC Podcast, which focuses on gardening in the Mid-Atlantic region ➤ Publisher and Editor: She is the editor and publisher of Washington Gardener Magazine ➤ Editor: She also edits plant society journals, including The Azalean for the Azalea Society of America, the Water Garden Journal for the International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society, and Fanfare for the Daylily Society Region 3 ➤ Creator: She founded Seed Swap Day, celebrated on the last Saturday of January. <p>Her work is highly regarded, and she is known for making gardening accessible and enjoyable for everyone.</p> <p>In this program, you will learn about container gardening, urban gardening and small area gardening.</p>
Program Details	
Type of Presentation	Lecture
Horticulture Moment	Propagation Challenge by Pat Drizd
Welcome Table	Kathy Lesperance
Hostesses	Coordinator: Maggie Baker. Assistants: Betsy O’Neil, Laura Martin, Kathy Leone, Marybeth Besosa, Sabina Kelly.



Book By Kathy Jentz

October 11, 2024

Ecological Importance of Mushrooms

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 minutes-program + 15 minutes-Q&A) 2:00 - 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	<p>Matthew Harhai, a farmer and the founder of Goat Plum Tree Farm LLC in Berlin, MD, shares insights on the ecological importance of mushrooms for both plants and humans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Soil Health: Mushrooms play a crucial role in breaking down organic matter, which enriches the soil with nutrients ➤ Symbiotic Relationships: Many mushrooms form symbiotic relationships with plants, enhancing water and nutrient uptake for plants, improving their growth and resilience ➤ Biodiversity: Mushrooms contribute to biodiversity by providing food and habitat for various organisms, including insects and small animals ➤ Human Health: Mushrooms are not only beneficial for plants but also for humans. They are a source of essential nutrients, antioxidants, and medicinal compounds that can boost the immune system and overall health ➤ Environmental Indicators: The presence and diversity of mushrooms can indicate the health of an ecosystem. They are sensitive to environmental changes, making them valuable indicators for monitoring ecosystem health
Program Details	Matthew will be talking about the ecological importance of mushrooms in gardening, soil health, human health as well as some of the culinary aspects of mushrooms.
Type of Presentation	Lecture
Horticulture Moment	<i>Sassafras albidum</i> by Sandra Lopez
Welcome Table	Kathy Leone
Hostesses	Coordinator: Linda Kall. Assistants: Barbara Denney, Karen Plis, Judy Ireland, Linda Wieland, Charlotte Whidden.



Mushroom Foraging with Matthew Harhai

November 8, 2024

Demonstration on Drying Flowers

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 - 1:45 pm Program (30 minutes-program + 15 minutes-Q&A) 2:00 - 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenters	Steve and Lorrie Walker, who have an impressive background as movie prop masters, will be showcasing their skills in a unique way! They will be demonstrating how to dry flowers from their yard and use them as beautiful Christmas tree ornaments. This demonstration is a wonderful opportunity to learn from their expertise and creativity.
Program Details	Steve and Lorrie will talk and demonstrate on how to dry flowers for decoration.
Type of Presentation	Demonstration
Horticulture Moment	Forcing Bulbs by Sandra Lopez
Welcome Table	Judy Ireland
Hostesses	Coordinator: Margaret Woda. Assistants: Marian Augustine, Pat Richard, Toni LaSorte, Dianne Deforest, Mary O'Neill.



Drying Flowers

December 13, 2024

Annual Holiday Luncheon

Location	Cripple Creek Country Club, 29494 Cripple Creek Road, Dagsboro, DE 19939
Meeting Schedule	12:00 - 2:30 pm Lunch and Business Meeting
Program Details	Come and celebrate the holidays with your GBTS friends! Members will pre-order from a special menu. Cost TBD. Please make check out to GBTS by November 8 th , either in-person or by mail to our Treasurer: Mary Williford, 24900 Magnolia Circle, Millsboro, DE 19966. Please write menu selection in the 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 cannot attend and wish to donate, please send check to our Treasurer, Mary Williford, 24900 Magnolia Circle Millsboro, DE 19966
Horticulture Moment Welcome Table	Seed Exchange - All Members Cherie Dorfman



Annual Holiday Luncheon December 2023

January 10, 2025 Flower Arranging

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 minutes-program + 15 minutes-Q&A) 2:00 - 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	Sharon Christopher from Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs will be doing a presentation (possibly hands-on) on the topic of flower arrangements.
Program Details	Sharon will demonstrate some fundamentals of flower arranging.
Type of Presentation	Demonstration and possibly hands-on (TBD)
Horticulture Moment	<i>Cirsium vulgare (Bull Thistle)</i> by Pat Drizd
Welcome Table	Kathy Lesperance
Hostesses	Coordinator: Audrey Young. Assistants: Judy Dayhoff, Sharon Iannacone, Ria Carraro, Babs Lutton.



Table Arrangements ~ November 2023 Meeting

February 14, 2025

Preparing Your Garden for Spring Planting

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 - 1:45 pm Program (45 minutes-program + 15 minutes-Q&A) 2:00 - 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	Jay Millman from Bella Terra Landscapes and Garden Center in Ellendale will provide an informative presentation on Preparing Your Garden for Spring Planting. Jay's expertise in preparing gardens for spring planting will be invaluable, especially with his hands-on demonstrations of the products he uses and sells at the Bella Terra Garden Center.
Program Details	
Type of Presentation	Presentation
Horticulture Moment	<i>Clethraceae (Clethra Ruby Spice)</i> by Ann Bendersky
Welcome Table	Jean Sewald
Hostesses	Coordinator: Maureen Siegert. Assistants: Ann Bendersky, Cherie Dorfman, Sallie Melvin, Mary Williford, Kathy Lesperance.



Preparing Your Garden for Spring

March 14, 2025

Spring Plants and Bulbs for Summer and Fall Blooms

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 - 1:45 pm Program (30 minutes-program + 15 minutes-Q&A) 2:00 - 3:00 pm Business Meeting
Presenter	Ann Bendersky, GBTS Vice President, will be doing a presentation on spring plants and bulbs for summer and fall blooms. Planting spring bulbs and plants that will bloom in summer and fall can really extend the beauty of your garden throughout the year.
Program Details	Ann will be talking about some of her favorite plants that she has planted with great success.
Type of Presentation	Presentation/PowerPoint
Horticulture Moment	<i>Oxalis (Shamrock)</i> by Alva Hutchison
Welcome Table	Karen Plis
Hostesses	Coordinator: Carol Bishop. Assistants: Susan Sitek, Barbara Denney, Maureen Eisenhart, Jacqui Malizia, Christine Feher.



Summer Flowering Bulbs

April 11, 2025

Lewes in Bloom or Spectrum Farms Dahlias (TBD)

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 - 1:45 pm Program (45 minutes-program + 15 minutes-Q&A) 2:00 - 3:00 pm Business Meeting TBD.
Presenter	<p>"Lewes in Bloom" is a community organization in Lewes, Delaware, dedicated to enhancing the beauty of the town through gardening and landscaping projects. They focus on planting and maintaining public gardens, organizing events, and promoting horticultural education.</p> <p>"Spectrum Farms", part of the Delaware Dahlias collective, is dedicated to promoting locally grown dahlias and other specialty cut flowers. Their mission is to offer a wide selection of fresh, locally harvested dahlia blooms through a collective approach, rather than individual sales.</p>
Program Details	TBD
Type of Presentation	Lecture
Horticulture Moment	Propagation Challenge Results by Pat Drizd
Welcome Table	Maureen Eisenhart
Hostesses	Coordinator: Barbara Ware. Assistants: Dianne DeForest, Linda Eaton, Bea Nelson, Phyllis Halliday, Alva Hutchison.



Lewes in Bloom

May 9, 2025

Lewes in Bloom or Spectrum Farms Dahlias (TBD)

Location	Millville Community Center at Evans Park, 32517 Dukes Drive, Millville, DE 19967
Meeting Schedule	<div>12:00 - 12:30 pm Gathering</div> <div>12:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch</div> <div>1:00 - 1:45 pm Program (30 minutes-program + 15 minutes-Q&A)</div> <div>2:00 - 3:00 pm Business Meeting</div> <div>TBD.</div>
Presenters	<div>“Lewes in Bloom” is a community organization in Lewes, Delaware, dedicated to enhancing the beauty of the town through gardening and landscaping projects. They focus on planting and maintaining public gardens, organizing events, and promoting horticultural education.</div> <div>“Spectrum Farms”, part of the Delaware Dahlias collective, is dedicated to promoting locally grown dahlias and other specialty cut flowers. Their mission is to offer a wide selection of fresh, locally harvested dahlia blooms through a collective approach, rather than individual sales.</div>
Program Details	TBD
Type of Presentation	Lecture
Horticulture Moment	<i>Lupinus</i> (Lupine) by Alva Hutchison
Welcome Table	Peggy Ravida
Hostesses	Coordinator: Cathy Bowen. Assistants: Pat Drizd, Carolyn Clipp, Diane Baxter, Virginia Thackery, Sandra Lopez.



Spectrum Farms Dahlias

June 13, 2025

Field Trip to Story Hill Farm

Location Meeting Schedule Coordinators

Story Hill Farm, 34645 Winding Rd, Frankford, DE 19945

Details TBD

Ann Bendersky and TBD

Field trip to Story Hill Farm, where we will be viewing pollinator wildflower fields and farm animals. Of special interest will be the rare breed Randall cattle which they are working to restore into productivity. Story Hill Farm is a fascinating place to visit! They have dedicated significant efforts to creating a diverse and sustainable environment. Here are some highlights:

Program Details

- Pollinator Wildflower Fields: The farm has six acres dedicated to pollinators, including a two-acre native perennial meadow, a four-acre wildflower meadow, and a two-acre "Cows Save Butterflies" test plot
- Rare Breed Randall Cattle: They are working to restore the critically endangered Randall cattle breed. This heritage breed has roots dating back to 19th century New England
- Farm Animals: Besides the Randall cattle, they also have heritage breed Red Wattle Hogs, Golden Wyandotte Chickens, and Royal Palm Turkeys

Welcome Table

Karen Plis



Story Hill Farm

ADDITIONAL CLUB ACTIVITIES For Our Members

2024-2025 DELAWARE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

Meetings Time: 10am to 2pm, registration begins at 9am

Date **Wednesday, November 20, 2024 State Meeting**
Location The Executive Banquet and Conference Center,
 205 Executive Drive, Newark, DE 19702
Host Clubs Moonflower Garden Club
Cost \$40
Program *Selecting Shrubs for Four Seasons of Interest*, Eva Monheim



Eva teaches at Longwood Gardens for the Professional Horticulture Program and the Continuing Education Program. She is the author of *Shrubs & Hedges: Grow and Care for the World's Most Popular Plants*. She writes a garden column for the Philadelphia Inquirer and has a weekly podcast: Plant a Trillion Trees Podcast.

Registrar Clubs send member RSVP to dfgcregistrar@gmail.com. Two-week open registration period begins on October 28 and closes on November 11.

Date **Wednesday, April 16, 2025 State Meeting**
Location Kings Creek Country Club, 1 Kings Creek Circle,
 Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
Host Club Gardeners by the Sea
Special Event Installation of Officers for 2025-2027
Cost \$40
Program *Flower Show Floral Design: Tips and Tricks*, Anna O'Kelly



Anna served as the President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland from 2021-2023 and is currently the President of the Maryland Judges Council. She is past president of Ikebana International Baltimore Chapter #118 and a student of the Sogetsu school of Ikebana.

Registrar Clubs send member RSVP to dfgcregistrar@gmail.com. Two-week open registration period begins on March 24 and closes on April 7

Date **Wednesday, June 18, 2025 State Meeting**
Location Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover, DE 19904
Host Club Potpourri Garden Club
Special Event Presentation of Awards
Cost \$40
Program *"Summer Road Trip,"* a Design Specialty Flower Show sponsored by the Delaware Judges Council. Four sections of designs from table designs to designer's choice and miniatures.

Registrar Clubs send member RSVP to dfgcregistrar@gmail.com. Two-week open registration period begins on May 26 and closes on June 9.

CAR-SGC MEETING

2024 CAR-
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Convention

October 22-24, 2024 at the Old Mill Inn, Basking Ridge, New Jersey,
<https://www.oldemillinn.com/>. Theme: "Wonders of the Garden State"
(information, registration, and schedule at CAR-SGC website www.car-sgc.org)

NGC MEETING

2025 NGC
Annual
Convention

May 18, 2025 - May 21, 2025 in North Charleston, South Carolina. Consult
NGC website for information, registration, and schedule, [Homepage |](#)
[National Garden Clubs, Inc.](#)



Members Ann Bendersky, Joan O'Day, Janet Sabo ~ Gardens and Flowers

