

May 2026



Greetings from the garden chair that has finally moved out of storage!

Some of us kind of cheated on the rules of spring and began a little early cleaning out the garden beds of leaves and debris, trimming the deadwood, uncovering the sprouting life from the cool earth. Of course, between periods of temps in the upper 80s, the tender plants were covered and uncovered a couple of times ahead of frost warnings. Isn't spring grand? Thankfully, it seems to have finally settled in

Dates to Remember:

June 7th - Linda Jones Memorial Crown Point County Club
Meet at Blue Star Garden to place marker for Linda's plant at 1pm
Move to Crown Point Country Club for reception.

June 9th - Four of us will be attending the Annual FGCV meeting in St Albans.

June 10th – Excursion to Cathedral of the Pines, Natural Gardens and Historical Site
Contact Karen Jarett if you plan to go.
Meet at Westminster Park & Ride by across from the State Police Barracks
(Exit 5 off I91) at 10 am to carpool.

June 30th - Dedication of the Liberty Tree at the Crown Point Country Club
5 P.M. Placement of marker at the newly planted Princeton Elm Tree
5:30 P.M. Reception in the Crown Point Country Clubhouse

July 8th - SGC Members Garden Tour
9:15 A.M. Meet at Ollie's to carpool. Bag lunch at end of tour at the Martins'
Locations: Adrienne and Dewey Faulhaber
Josh and Jenna Browning
Judi and Mike Martin

August 12th - Annual summer outing at Bonny and Peter Andrews' home
Presentation by Lynn Likus – Flower arranging basics
11:00 A.M. Meet at Ollie's to carpool as parking is limited

Rainy weather interfered with clean-up plans this year, but as usual, we adapt. There has been an overwhelming public response to the spring flower planting from the press release and the Facebook post. Many thanks to Karen who is so good at her job!



The Annual meeting was at the Crown Point Country Club, with a presentation “Fashion in the Roaring Twenties”. Karen Artonowicz of Spirits of Fashion in Chester brought beautiful vintage clothes and accessories which we were able to look at and hold. Afterwards we had the business meeting ratifying the 2026-2027 budget and Rosann Sexton installed Sandy Peplau as Vice President for the upcoming year. Deb Smith brought a tasty coffee cake for early arrivals. Rosann and Sandy brought fantastic desserts. We presented Glenna Richardson with a Certificate of Honorary Membership for her many years of service to our organization. Bonny Andrews was awarded “The Golden Sock Award” for the time and miles of yarn dedicated to the socks she donates

every year to the Pop-up Market (that is, 40 hours for each pair of socks!!!) Judi Martin brought in seedlings of Bunny Tail Grass for any who were interested, and Lynn Likus brought dahlias from Kathy Gulick (our March program) We went home satisfied, with a selection of flower arrangements, seedlings and dahlias! Thanks to all who made it is such a lovely day.

Our yearly collaboration with Olli was a fascinating presentation from Kevin Gardner on the history and construction of dry-stacked stone walls in New England. He captured all attention by building a wall from a bucket of stones. It certainly helps you appreciate the work and design of these walls that meander through the countryside.



Last, but not least, it was a successful year on the Scholarship selection. Sandy Peplau and Barb Riotte did a fantastic job of expanding the search boundaries and found 3 candidates. We cannot publish the names yet because one of the winners will not know until next week. Many thanks to Sandy and Barb for determination to find these young minds! Watch the newspapers for the formal announcements.

Please do not forget Page 21 of your Yearbook. Karen Jarret brought so many ideas to the Program Committee meeting, we decided we should add an extra page to the Yearbook, expanding on her list of all the gardens and events available as informal side trips. If you see one you would like to visit, reach out! Others may like to tag along as well.

Ok. Time to get back outside to those plantings and removing the weeds, who also seem to appreciate spring....

Talk soon,
Adrienne