



May 2024

Dear Gardeners,

Yes, it is time to plant, dig and rake. **Finally!** Planting here in N. E. Pennsylvania is always the end of May. Many are fooled by the sunshine and bird songs, but Mr. Frost is sneaky. If you plant too early he can destroy your new little plants. Wait, and save yourself money and tears.

That is why Perennial Gardening is perfect for our growing zone. Plants and flowers in April and May, such as Daffodils and Daylilies are the way to enjoy blossoms and greenery right now.

Mountain View Garden Club can help you with early blooms. Our Plant Sale/Exchange is the perfect way to introduce you, seasoned gardeners and other start up gardeners, to the art of perennial gardening. I know the internet is filled with websites on how to grow flowers and plants. But there is nothing like meeting other gardeners and talking to them about your needs and goals. And our plants are taken from the gardens of our members. So we know they are hardy enough to withstand the cold weather.

**Come visit Mountain View Garden  
Club Plant Sale and Exchange  
Clifford Township Community Center  
Sunday, June 2, 2024, 11:00 a.m. to  
4:00 p.m.**

✚ **On-Site Vendors** – Visit our craft and food vendors over in the Park. But save room in your cars for your perennials.

✚ **2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Rose** – We will be selling gently used merchandise. The proceeds from our sale will be used for our Grant Program. This year we have given three grants to three different schools for gardening projects. This is a first for us and we cannot wait to see the student's results. Thanks Teachers!

✚ **Basket Raffle** – There will be baskets donated by our members and local businesses. Shop till you Drop!

✚ **Local Master Gardeners** will be on hand to meet you. They can direct you on how to grow the plants and flowers you love. Advise you about the tools you need and the right soil and area in which to plant.

✚ **Plants, Plants, Plants** - Follow the signs and check out our selection. Our prices are very low and the flowers and plants have been loved by our members.

Most of all this is a great community event. It is a wonderful way to meet new people and maybe see your neighbors after this cold winter.

**Come Grow with Us!**

Hélène Tinsley - President

## Mountain View Garden Club 2024 Programs

MAY 21

**Clean-Up at Community Center and Firehouse (5pm)** with meeting and supper to follow

JUNE 2

**Plant Sale/Exchange and Market Place**

JULY 16

**An Evening of Garden Hopping**, visit the gardens of three of our members (**members only**)

AUGUST 20

**All Day Trip to Cutler Botanic Garden (Binghamton) and Gourdlandia (Ithaca)**, with a lunch stop (**members only**)

SEPTEMBER 17

**Bees**, presented by Ohna Clum

OCTOBER 15

**Educational Grant Presentation** from our three recipients

NOVEMBER 19

**Kissing Ball Project** presented by MVGC members Louise Guszick and Janelle Zigon August (**members only**)

DECEMBER 11

**Holiday Party** (Wednesday) time and place to be determined (**members only**)

## PLANT SALE/EXCHANGE AND MARKET PLACE

Committee members have been working hard to plan for the upcoming plant sale/exchange on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many aspects go into organizing this extensive event. Vendors need to be secured; newspapers contacted for publicity; flyers distributed; items for “Second Hand Rose” and plants for sale secured, to name just a few. The plant sale is the main fundraiser for the garden club. Come and support the Mountain View Garden Club!

Join us on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Clifford Community Center and enjoy the vendors and food stands. The Marketplace will be open from 11 until 4.

The plant sale will be from 2 to 4 (note the time change). Bring a plant or two from your garden to exchange for something new! As always, we ask members to wait a bit (until 3 o'clock) to view the plants on offer. This allows the community, many of whom rely on the plant sale to grow their gardens, access to the sale.

Donations to Second Hand Rose and the plant sale can be brought to the Clifford Community Center on Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 until 2.

### NEW THIS YEAR!

Maiolatesi Wine Cellars will be among the vendors at this year's Plant Sale/Exchange offering wine tasting!



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome these new members to the Mountain View Garden Club:

**May:**

Bobbi Achey -3<sup>rd</sup>  
Juliana Piccini -9<sup>th</sup>  
Dave Clark - 12<sup>th</sup>

**Dave Clark**  
**Shannon Madden**  
**Jim O'Pecko**  
**Faith Waters**

**June:**

Mary Tomaine - 19<sup>th</sup>

We look forward to seeing you at our future meetings and events.

**July:**

Louise Guszick - 7<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Maitland - 17<sup>th</sup>

**August:**

Lynn Conrad - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Julie Mac Dowell - 9<sup>th</sup>  
Elaine Burman - 18<sup>th</sup>

It is with sympathy that we offer condolences to Colleen Bobrovcan and Sally Rogers. These members have recently each lost a brother.

**It's a Celebration!**

The Mountain View Garden Club was founded in 2005. We have been busy these past almost 20 years "sharing our knowledge and love of gardening" with the surrounding community. We would love to acknowledge our achievements with a celebration of this anniversary. Do you have a suggestion or an idea of how we can recognize and celebrate this milestone? We would love to hear your thoughts. Share your ideas and thoughts with the board and we can all work together to celebrate our anniversary in 2025!

Getting ready for the Plant Sale/Exchange



Plant dig at the home of Rachel Bembas

Summer is almost here and there are many exciting and fun-filled events planned for Mountain View Garden Club members! Be sure to [check your email](#) for details and updates!

## Mushroom Walk



Join us on May 18<sup>th</sup> to look for and learn about mushrooms. We will meet at 3pm at Sally Fishbecks (387 Airport Road, Clifford.) Bring wine, or cheese and crackers to share. Please **RSVP** to:  
[www.MountainViewGC2005@gmail.com](mailto:www.MountainViewGC2005@gmail.com)

## Garden Hopping



Save the date of July 16 to join your fellow club members for the always popular Garden Hopping event. We will visit the gardens of several members for an evening of food, wine, comradery and, of course, enjoying lovely gardens.

## All-Day Trip Cutler Botanic Garden & Gourdlandia

On August 20<sup>th</sup> we will carpool to Binghamton to visit the gardens at Cutler Botanic Gardens; from there we will head north to Ithaca to visit Gourdlandia with a lunch stop on the way.

Gourdlandia is more than a gallery, not quite a farm. Learn about growing gourds and turning them into art, explore the gourd garden, shop, be inspired, maybe even make something.

Check future emails for details.

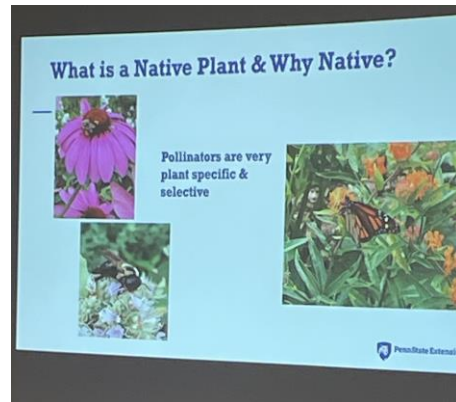


# Native Perennials

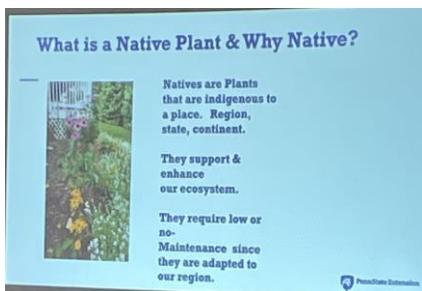
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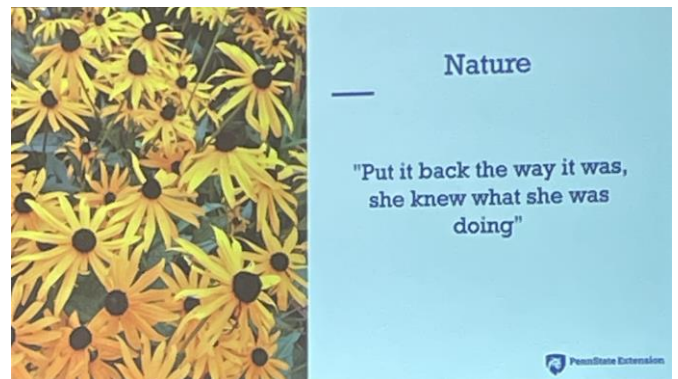
Janelle talks about the importance of native perennials



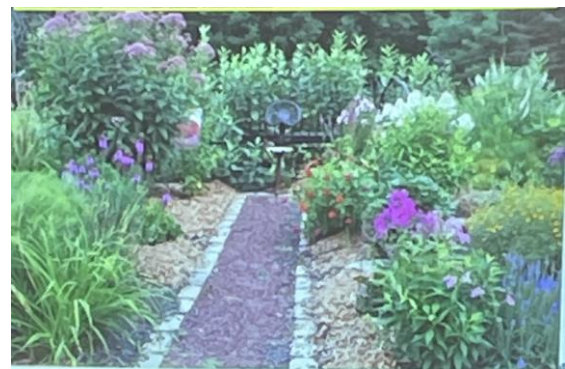
Native plants support the life cycle of pollinators



Native plants are indigenous to an area, support the ecosystem and are low-maintenance.



Native plants have a variety of bloom times providing interest from early spring to late fall, seeds in autumn and cover in winter.



When working with perennials consider: amount of sunlight, soil type, desired bloom times, and the height and spread of the plant. Group three of a kind together when planting.

# Gardening for Bird Enthusiasts

April 16



Master Gardener, Kate Shinko, shares the basics of attracting birds into our gardens.

Birds need food, water and cover. Native plants, trees and shrubs help provide for these needs. See the following website for suggestions on the best trees and plants for birds.

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/the-best-plants-and-trees-to-plant-for-birds-a-starter-list/>



# Fun Science Trivia

~The Daily Atom May 6, 2024

**American Crows form close-knit family units that can include up to 5 generations! Yearlings and two-year-old crows have been observed helping their parents with chick rearing, assisting with nest building (and cleaning!), and even feeding their mother while she's sitting on the nest.**



Which types of crows are best known to stick together?

Vel-crows!