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# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

GARDEN CLUB of the YEAR

## January 26, 2016

***Grapevine Convention Center***  
**1209 S. Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051**  
**Social 9:30 A.M. Meeting and Program 10:00 A.M.**

### THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESSES:

**Chair, Sheri Jones, Phyllis Butts, Lynne Carpenter, Terry Curcio, Lisa Grove, Suzi Guckel, Joan Kowalski, Mary McCallister, Barb Thompson, Paula Wilbanks**

### Grapevine Garden Club

#### January Program:

#### **“Preserving Habitat: The Key to Creating Your Own ‘Secret Garden’ ”**

We live in a very special part of the United States—the Cross Timbers Ecosystem. Knowledge of this unique system will enhance your understanding of the continuous change in the bird life in your back yards. Our own Dr. Ray Chancellor will discuss not only our local bird life but also the plants and features that can be added to your back yard to enjoy the year round beauty of the natural world.

**✂Candace Kyler  
Programs**

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*Chancellor Gardens—Winter and Spring*

## President's Message

**Happy New Year!** I'm sure with the recent spell of warm weather, many of us are wondering—Where is winter? Did we miss it, or have we just gotten a break with the mild spells? I know we will soon find out. I walked around my house and saw that I have a few plants that aren't too sure whether spring has arrived. My pink azalea has a bloom on it, and all four of my Grand Primo Narcissus have emerged as you will see in my photos.



We have a very special speaker scheduled to talk this month. Dr. Ray Chancellor will be presenting a program that addresses preserving the habitat so as to insure the bird life that is critical to a healthy ecosystem. After the meeting, there will be a workshop that nicely ties into the 'Great Backyard Bird Count'.

Last, I want to encourage all of us to think about participating in the activities that will be coming up shortly. There are several workshops planned, we are looking for gardens to dig donor plants for our Spring Plant Sale, and later in this newsletter you will read about a very special trip planned for June.

I received a hot chocolate milk frother as a Christmas gift and plan on perusing a couple of seed catalogues with a hot chocolate in hand. It is never too early to plan the spring garden!

 Sharon Swagerty

## Election of Officers

The GGC nominating committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the 2016-2017 GGC club year:

*President – Sharon Swagerty*  
*1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs – Candace Kyler*  
*Assisted by – Margaret Meharg*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership – Cheryl Neumann*  
*Assisted by – Jamie Moser*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> VP Communications – Karen Rice*  
*Treasurer – Ella Barber*  
*Assisted by – Pam Braak*  
*Recording Secretary – Phyllis Butts*  
*Corresponding Secretary – Terry Curcio*  
*Publicity – Susie Griffin*

The election of officers will be held at the January 2016 GGC General Meeting on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the nominating committee: Miriam Ward, Evelyn Urbanosky, Margaret Meharg, Terry Curcio and Karen Rice

 **Karen Rice**  
**Nominating Committee**



**Vote!**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
January 24 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bird Sanctuary Week	Grapevine, Texas
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop: Great Backyard Bird Count	Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Gardeners on the Go: Bird Sanctuary Week Tour	John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, Seagoville, Texas
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day	West Texas Street



## January Birthdays

Suzi Agnew  
Monty Anderson  
David Barber  
Eloisa Beller  
Susan Boelens  
Marion Brekken  
Margaret Brinson  
Suzie Cate  
Rachel Clark  
Shirley Conner  
Terry Curcio  
Dana Ernst  
Madeline Fitzgerald  
Susie Griffin



Suzi Guckel  
Vicki Haines  
Linda Harris  
Ann Hatch  
Thierrie Mazur  
Nancy Moxom  
Catriona Noble  
Glenda Page  
Sharon Pignolet  
Susan Spori  
Kathy Stone  
Tom Vogt  
Paula Wilbanks  
Jan Wilson

# Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Location
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Workshop: Homeowners Guide to Sprinkling Systems— Irrigation System Basics	Mitchell House Grapevine Botanical Gardens
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Workshop: Container Gardening	
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Plant Sale Epic Earth Day	Grapevine Botanical Gardens
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Flowercade	Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
June 5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gardeners on the Go Brandywine Valley Gardens Tour	See article in this issue.

## Highlights of Bird Sanctuary Week – January 24 – 30, 2016

Activities and projects related to the protection of wild birds have been a continuous project of GGC, and since 1981 the club has sponsored an ordinance for the protection of wild bird life. We continue this tradition by asking for a proclamation signed by Mayor William D. Tate proclaiming January 24-30, 2016 as Bird Sanctuary Week. Among other things, the proclamation states that the city encourages citizens of Grapevine to conserve bird life through care, feeding, and protection from danger.



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grapevine recognizes the value of birds as an important natural resource that furnishes the citizens and the City economic benefits and values as a first line of defense against noxious weeds and insects that destroy landscaping and crops; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has supported bird life conservation for over 30 years, and;

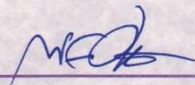
**WHEREAS**, on July 7, 1981 the Grapevine City Council approved Resolution No. 81-19 for the protection of wild bird life and;

**WHEREAS**, the resolution provides that the stated policy of the City of Grapevine is to support and enforce the State laws contained in the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to the conservation of bird life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, William D. Tate, Mayor of the City of Grapevine, Texas along with the City Council, residents and City Staff do hereby proclaim the week of January 24 – January 30, 2016 as

## “BIRD SANCTUARY WEEK”

and encourage all Grapevine citizens to conserve bird life through care, feeding and protection from danger.



*Mayor, City of Grapevine*



The focus is on birds starts with **Dr. Ray Chancellor's program, *Preserving Habitat: The Key to Creating Your Own 'Secret Garden'***.

The program describes how our back yard and community actions are critical to preserving bird life in the Cross Timbers Ecosystem. GGC member, Dr. Chancellor, has been an active birder for over 40 years and was a bird bander for 25 of those years for both the Federal and Texas wildlife departments. He is an active bird photographer and enjoys painting wildlife using watercolors. He is past president of both the Central Texas Audubon Society and the Central Texas Astronomical Society. Ray has given over 500 presentations to schools, civic organizations and environmental groups. Currently, he is actively involved with the development of the Southlake Cove Ornithological Society, and efforts to preserve Southlake's wonderful natural history heritage and ecosystem.



Other activities for the month include the **Gardeners on the Go tour to John Bunker Sands Wetland Center in Seagoville on January 28**. The Wetland Center resides in the middle of the East Fork Wetland Project which was designed to filter treated wastewater and supplement the water supply for north Texas. As an educator at John Bunker Sands Wetland, Maureen Nitkowski will offer an introduction to the Wetland Center facility and an insight into the important function of the wetlands followed by a walk on the boardwalk for a birding opportunity. In winter, the number of birds is higher than during the summer because thousands of migratory birds descend on the area. (More information about the tour is available in the December 2015 newsletter.)





**Birding activities are also planned at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens.** The Young@Heart Class (Active Adults 55 and Better) on January 25 at 10:00 A.M. will be making suet feeders to take home. Yes, you may participate by preregistration and a cost of \$5 per person. Classes are held in the Bessie Mitchell House at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. Children may participate in an independent activity making paper roll bird feeders throughout Bird

Sanctuary Week. Supplies and instructions will be located near the children's square foot gardens on the east side of Morehead Creek. Please limit one bird feeder per child. Children may take the bird feeder home to encourage birds to visit their gardens, or they may feel free to hang the feeder in the wooded bird sanctuary area of the Botanical Gardens. For more information, contact Lisa Adams Grove.

**Karen Rice** will be conducting a workshop on the **Great Backyard Bird Count after the General Meeting at the Bessie Mitchell House on January 26.** Launched in 1998 by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, the Great Backyard Bird Count was the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real-time. Since then, more than 100,000 people of all ages and walks of life have joined the four-day count each February to create an annual snapshot of the distribution and abundance of birds. Karen invites you to learn how to participate! It is simple. Tally the numbers and kinds of birds you see for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count, February 12-15, 2016.



Bird Sanctuary Week's purpose is to encourage members and the public to provide feeders, nesting boxes, and plants beneficial to wildlife in their landscape. Learn how to convert your garden into a year-round birding habitat!

**Joetta King**



## GGC Workshops

GGC is proud to offer workshops to our members and friends. Please see below for details.

January 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:00 P.M. - **Backyard Birding** - Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens

- ♥ Registration required – no fee, members and guests welcome.
- ♥ Learn about how to attract birds to your backyard and what birds frequent the Grapevine area.
- ♥ Find out how to participate in the “Great Backyard Bird Count” February 12-15, 2016.



*Jeff Chancellor, age 2  
(Jeff is now 44!)*

February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 – 2:00 P.M. - **Home Sprinkler Systems** – Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens

- ♥ Registration required – no fee, members and guests welcome
- ♥ Learn about home sprinkler systems – troubleshooting, sprinkler head adjustments.
- ♥ Hands-on demonstrations!

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.– **Container Gardens** - Mitchell House, Grapevine Botanical Gardens



*Joetta King, 2015*

- ♥ Registration required – fee, members only please
- ♥ Learn about and construct a spring container garden.
- ♥ \$12 fee for materials – pay when you sign up.
- ♥ New this year – bring your own pot. Size of the pot should replicate previous years’ workshops. The diameter (distance across the top) + height should measure no more than 19”. The pot should be empty and clean.

Questions? Contact Karen Rice.

**✂Karen Rice  
Workshops**

## 2016 Spring Plant Sale Preparation

It’s time to start thinking about our Plant Sale that will be on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park. In preparation for that



day, we need to take a look at our gardens and see what perennials we have that we would like to donate to the Sale—and start digging!

If you would like, we can schedule a “Digging Party” for you. Please email Paula Wilson to make arrangements to have a Digging Party in your garden or sign up for one with Ella Barber at the January meeting. A group of garden friends will come to your house with one gallon pots and landscape mix to pot up your donations. We are asking members to hold these potted plants at their homes until the week before Plant Sale day. For those of you who would rather pot up your own donations, contact Chuck Voelker for one gallon pots and landscape mix. Your plant donations are so important to the success of our Sale. Our customers truly want these tried and true plants because they trust our expertise.

There will also be a sign up sheet at the January meeting for a “Digging Committee”. We need volunteers to help dig up and pot plants in members’ gardens for our Plant Sale. These are fun events where you are working side by side with friends in the garden for about an hour. If you are a new member, this is a great way to meet new people and learn information about plants. Please join us!

Desired Heirloom Plants - Are you wondering what plants sell the best? Certain plants are in demand and sell well (see example list in the box below). We **love** to get your heirloom plants, however we **do not** encourage donations of non-species types of iris, daylilies, grasses (except muhly), and cactus. Please use **one gallon pots** for your donated plants.



*Datura*

**Desired Heirloom Plants** - Anemone, Artemesia, Aster, Beautyberry, Brazilian Rock Rose, Clematis (Pitcheri), Columbine, Coral Berry, Coreopsis, Daisy, Datura, Gaura, Golden Groundsel, Gregg’s Mist, Lenten Rose, Lily (Crinum, Oxblood, Red Spider), Loosestrife, Mexican Bush Sage, Mexican Mint Marigold, Mint (Apple, Lavender, Peppermint), Moneywort, Oxalis, Passion Vine, Penstemon, Phlox, Pink Skullcap, Pipevine, Plumbago, Cone Flower, Purple Heart, Rain Lily, Rudbeckia, Ruellia, Sage (Autumn, Black & Blue, Indigo Spires, Mexican Bush, Pineapple, Russian), Sedum (Autumn, Dragon’s Blood, Gold Moss), Snowflake, Society Garlic, Spiderwort, SunDrops, Texas Betony, Thyme, Turk’s Cap, Winecup, Zexmenia

Here is a picture of fun!!!! Either join us for digging or let us dig in your garden!!!



☞Chuck Voelker  
Plant Sale

### Upcoming Opportunities with Grapevine Parks and Recreation

If you would like to participate, please call Lisa Grove, 817-410-3350.

1. **Rose Trials** In addition to the Rose Trials, we are working on adding beds to research even more plant selections. Volunteers are needed to help with data collection and reporting.
2. **Teaching Gardens at the Recreation Center** We are currently gauging interest in design and plant selection for raised beds in cooperation with the Active Adults organization. Some ideas include a cutting garden accompanied by floral design classes.
3. **NEW! Sunday afternoon youth class at Grapevine Botanical Gardens, monthly programs** This is a repeat of our original monthly programs designed for week-end fun and education.



4. **Little Gardener Camps at Grapevine Botanical Gardens** Monday through Thursday half day camps. Session One is “Flowers” starting June 13<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>; Session Two, July 11<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> is “Bugs”. Each day builds on a theme and includes a story time and craft activity. For ages 3-6
5. **Survival Camp** Due to flooding, location will be announced at a later date. A Monday through Friday camp that teaches students ages 7-13 to build shelters, start a camp fire, identify plants and more. Weekly camps start June 6<sup>th</sup> and run through August 1<sup>st</sup>.

☞ Lisa Grove  
Horticulturist,  
Grapevine Botanical Gardens

### Rose Trial Collection Data Team

Cold January weather doesn't stop the rose data team.



Gathered around ‘Miracle on the Hudson’, a rose that has not yet been released to the public are Adele Claeson, Debbie Boyle, Greg Braak, Pam Braak, Sharon Swagerty, Marilyn Johnson, Karen Rice, Angeline DePauw, Paul Ernst and Dick Pafford. Photo by Lisa Grove.

☞ Pam Braak  
Plant Trials

## *Monthly General Meeting Hostess Committee*

**Make new members and guests feel welcome!**

**Monthly Hostess Chair** will coordinate with hostesses for the assigned month to determine table decorations and refreshments to be served.

**Hostesses** provide simple refreshments and table decorations, welcome guests, assist in room set up and provide general cleanup following the meeting.



**Pick a month to serve as a hostess**

September, October, November, January, February, March, or April  
**and wear the purple apron with pride!**



**Gardeners on the Go**  
**National Garden Week Tour**  
**Brandywine Valley Gardens in Pennsylvania and Delaware**  
**June 5 - 9, 2016**

Searching for a GGC road trip and having toured fabulous gardens in the Pennsylvania and Delaware area, Pam Braak discovered Great Garden Travel with Sally Cunningham – an incredible option for us! The itinerary for the Brandywine Valley Gardens tour was created specifically for GGC. Our goal is to have 35 members and their guests attend the tour. Although final payment is April 5, don't wait to make a deposit and register for this tour. You may want to take advantage of 'block group air' or make your own flight arrangements, **but a decision must be made by February 8.** (Block group air price will be available on January 26.) You will note on the following form that hotel/airport transfer is included, but members who book flights directly must arrive within time frame as that of the block group air attendees.

While Pam is serving as the liaison to Regina Sullivan at Horizon Club Tours, communication with members is Joetta's responsibility. Contact Joetta if you are interested in going on this trip and want to be kept updated. If you do not use email, you need to provide self-addressed, stamped, size 10 envelopes.

Tour Director Sally Cunningham shared the following tour highlights in a letter to our members.

***June in the region...*** couldn't be more comfortable or beautiful, typically temps in the 70° range. (Just bring a light jacket or rain coat). Everything is green or flowering, from Eastern redbud trees to rhododendrons and azaleas. You will see exquisite perennials, annuals, and wildflowers in bloom. The USDA hardiness region is Zone 6—similar to much of England.

***Your guide and new gardening friend***

I am the TV and newspaper "gardening guru" (their words—not mine) of our region, and at heart I'm a teacher and gardener. (I have been a Master Gardener trainer, book author, consultant, lecturer, and am proud to have just been selected as Landscape Professional of the year by the N.Y. state green industry.) My friends at AAA allowed me to create *Great Garden Travel* to share my love of gardening and meet the increasing demand for garden tourism.

***Our trips, our style***

*Great Garden Travel* trips are different from many guided tours because it includes gardening education and discussions as we go—not just tour information from a

script. We'll have tips and questions, fun quizzes for prizes, and we'll all learn from each other. When we tour gardens I will adapt to your preferences, whether you like to wander on your own or move together to identify and talk about plants and design. I understand that many knowledgeable and sophisticated gardens comprise your group but I also encourage new gardeners and no question is too basic—we all learn every day. Of course garden travel includes lots of walking, but I am pacing ourselves with many sit-down trolley tours, and always look out for less strenuous routes (and locate rest room availability often) for those who need a break. I also believe in fun and fine dining, wine and comradery, and some great gift or plant shopping! If you travel on your own, you will soon have new friends.

### **Hotel and Dining**

Our hotel—*Hilton Garden Inn Kennett Square*—is centrally located in the rolling hills of the Brandywine Valley (the “Garden Capital of America”)—historic, wealthy horse-country, where industrialists created many of the estate gardens. I have stayed in this hotel and it is welcoming and comfortable, and the breakfast is outstanding. Most destinations are within a scenic 30 minute drive. We have chosen meals (pre-tested, all!) at an historic landmark called Buckley's Tavern, the adorable White Dog Café (fresh, local, seasonal choices), and a charming Italian restaurant. There our dinner speaker (a great personality dressed as plantsman John Bartram—father of American horticulture) will entertain us. This is the heart of “Mushroom Country” so we're including a stop at the Mother Earth Organic Mushroom farm.

### **The Gardens**

*Longwood Gardens* ... is surely a must-see “bucket list” garden for most, and it is thrilling no matter how many times you visit. A former DuPont estate, Longwood covers 1000 acres but our focus will be the Victorian glass conservatory, the dancing fountain, Italian water garden, and so many rose, shrub, topiary, and perennial gardens. The orchid collection, lily pads, and seasonal displays are dazzling.







*Longwood Gardens*



*Chanticleer Gardens*

***Chanticleer—***  
***A “Pleasure***  
***Garden”... is***  
indeed full of  
surprises,  
producing  
sheer pleasure  
as you  
experience  
both  
naturalized  
beauty and  
artfully  
designed  
scenes. The  
eclectic style  
and whimsical

art contrast with formal estate gardens, offering us food for discussion.



**Winterthur** is the showplace home and garden of another Du Pont, where a tram ride takes us through meadows, forests (to the Secret Garden) and designed gardens. You can also see the U.S. premier collection of American decorative arts (1640 to 1860) including George



Washington's china, priceless furniture, carpets and paintings. (The gift shop is filled with treasures.) Yet another DuPont created the **Nemours Mansion and Garden**, where we will have a guided tour including the world-famous epitome of French formal garden style.



*Nemours Mansion and Garden*



*Mt. Cuba Center* is a horticultural gem whether for strolling or study of woodland wildflowers and native plants.



*Mount Cuba Center Ponds*

There is more of course. I've squeezed the best of the gardens from my experience there, while balancing the content to let you relax and breathe deeply. Come to the Brandywine Valley in June! We will have an unforgettable adventure filled with joy, learning, and beauty.



Sincerely,  
☞ Sally Cunningham,  
Your gardening tour director

Photos used in this article were taken in May 2013 by Greg & Pam Braak.

☞ Joetta King  
Trips and Tours



## BRANDYWINE VALLEY GARDENS IN PENNSYLVANIA & DELAWARE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 - THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016



HOSTED BY  
SALLY CUNNINGHAM



Philadelphia and the Brandywine Valley are often called the "Garden Capital of America" as well as our historical birthplace. This tour includes the expertise of horticulturist and garden book author Sally Cunningham as you visit breathtaking du Pont estate gardens and mansions at Longwood and Winterthur, and other gardens including formal French style, wildflower meadows, and an artistic "pleasure garden." You will also meet the father of modern horticulture himself, John Bartram (played by actor/veteran gardening speaker Kirk Brown), and benefit from Sally's education, humor, and insights as you travel. Note that a couple of gardens involve extensive walking, but we will plan for slightly easier alternatives when you need a rest! Fine dining and garden shopping will complete an extraordinary tour experience.

### INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airport Hotel Transfers
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation while on tour
- 4 nights hotel accommodations at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kennett Square
- 9 meals: 4 Continental Breakfast, 1-Lunch & 4-Dinners
- Tours & Admissions as per detailed Itinerary
- Baggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Sally Cunningham as your host
- Gratuities for your motorcoach driver
- All applicable taxes and fees



### HIGHLIGHTS:

**Longwood Gardens:** With over 1000 landscaped acres including the spectacular dancing fountain, Italian water garden, vegetable and fruit plantings, and so many specialty gardens - Japanese, with classic perennial borders, rose beds, shrub gardens, and naturalized areas. Expect lots of walking, but an afternoon trolley, fine cafés and the gift shop offer respite.

**The "Pleasure Garden" called Chanticleer:** You'll smile and gasp with surprise as you discover each artfully designed garden area - including giant sculptures, ponds, and the vine-filled garden built on stone ruins. The freedom of form, contemporary plant selections, and eclectic design is a great contrast to formal estate gardens.

**Winterthur:** The country home of Henry Du Pont, this estate houses the premier collection of American decorative arts (produced between 1640 and 1860)-from George Washington's china to priceless furniture, wall coverings, carpets, and art. Visit includes guided house tour, trolley tour of the lush, naturalistic gardens and woods, and time to stroll on your own.

**Mother Earth Organic Mushroom Farm:** Kennett Square Pennsylvania is called the mushroom capital of the world, so it's only appropriate to visit a friendly family mushroom farm. See how they are produced and packed. (Samples and products available in the farm shop.)

**Nemours Museum Mansion and Gardens:** We'll experience a guided tour of Alfred du Pont's estate and its 47,000 square foot mansion, internationally famous for its French style formal gardens.

**Mount Cuba Center:** Enjoy a guide tour through the most scenic areas of this 650 acre horticultural gem, known for woodland wildflower gardens and native plants (at its peak in June)!

For more information please contact:

Regina Sullivan | Horizon Club Tours

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Payments can be made by Credit Card or by check payable to Horizon Club Tours





# BRANDYWINE VALLEY GARDENS IN PENNSYLVANIA & DELAWARE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 - THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016

**H**HORIZON  
CLUB TOURS



## PRICING

DOUBLE .....	\$1199
SINGLE .....	\$1599
TRIPLE .....	\$1090
QUAD .....	\$1029

Rates are per person.  
\$250 per person deposit due at time of booking.  
Final payment due on Tuesday, April 5, 2016.  
Airfare available upon request.  
Schedules & pricing are subject to availability.

## HOTEL:

### Hilton Garden Inn: Kennett Square

Find the perfect base for all the attractions of the Brandywine Valley at Hilton Garden Inn Kennett Square. Within 40 minutes of Philadelphia (PHL) International Airport, this Kennett Square hotel provides the tools you need to make your trip a success, whatever its purpose. Adjust your bed to your liking with our innovative Garden Sleep System™. Work to your own schedule in our 24-hour business center, or from the comfort of your room, with complimentary Wi-Fi access throughout Hilton Garden Inn Kennett Square.

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119 – 91 days	\$100 Administrative Fees + 50% is non-refundable
90 days – day of departure	\$100 Administrative Fees + 100% non-refundable

**SINGLE OCCUPANCY:** If a single room must be assigned for any reason, even at the last moment or while on tour, the single room supplement, or prorate thereof, must be collected since hotels make no allowances.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED:** Proper documentation must be shown upon check-in prior to departure or boarding will be denied and no refunds given. Arrival and departure times are subject to change based on weather, traffic and border conditions. Pick up locations are subject to change based on parking availability. Pricing, inclusions, itinerary and availability are subject to change. Horizon Club Tours is not responsible for typographical errors on this flyer. Should the minimum number of passengers required to operate the tour not be met, Horizon Club Tours has the right to cancel the tour. In this case, any monies collected from passengers would be refunded.

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**ACTIVITY LEVELS:** Group travel requires a unique blend of adventuresome spirit, physical and mental alertness, and a capacity for accepting situations as they exist. To help you choose the vacation that is best for you and to ensure the most efficient operation of our tours we feel our activity level scale located on the front of the brochure will help you select the pace that's right for you.

- 1 = Easy** – Very leisurely pace, minimal physical activity, stepping on and off the coach, and shorter touring days
- 2 = Moderately Easy** – Easy pace, some stairs and standing, three to four blocks of walking at a time on level terrains
- 3 = Active** – Moderate pace, good mobility needed, stairs and prolonged standing, includes city walking tours, some shorter and some longer days
- 4 = Moderately Challenging** – Fast pace, some strenuous activities, walking on varied terrain and up to two miles at a time
- 5 = Challenging** – Vigorous pace, frequent strenuous activities, extensive walking and longer touring days

## January 2016

### ITINERARY: BRANDYWINE VALLEY GARDENS IN PENNSYLVANIA & DELAWARE

Sunday, June 5, 2016	
Arrival to PHLGroup Transfer from Airport to Hotel: If we block group air, we can provide a transfer from Airport to Hotel.	
Welcome dinner – restaurant in Kennett Square Welcome/ brief presentation by Sally Cunningham about our week together, gardening in this climate, and the places we will be seeing. Time to mingle in a casual relaxed setting.	
Monday, June 6, 2016	
	Breakfast at our hotel
9:45 AM	Board the motorcoach and depart from the hotel.
10:00 AM	Enjoy the day on your own spent at <b>Longwood Gardens</b> . It is best to wear comfortable shoes. Longwood Gardens is a rain or shine, indoor and outdoor experience. Walking is required. No shuttle inside the Gardens is available. <b>Lunch today on your own at the Longwood Café</b> (excellent salads, sandwiches, hot entrees, desserts, hot and cold beverages, beer, and wine beginning at 11:00 AM).
3:15 PM	Board the motorcoach and depart for the mushroom farm.
3:45 PM	Tour <b>Mother Earth Organic Mushroom farm</b> .
4:45 PM	Depart for dinner.
5:15 PM	Dinner (included) at <b>Buckley's Tavern</b> , an historic landmark.
6:45 PM	Board the motorcoach for return to the hotel for the evening.
Tuesday, June 7, 2016	
	Breakfast at our hotel
9:00 AM	Board the motorcoach and depart the hotel.
9:30 AM	Guided 2.5 hr. tour of <b>Nemours Museum Mansion and Gardens</b>
12:30 PM	Depart for lunch
1:00 PM	Lunch on your own at the Visitors Center Cafeteria (excellent selection of salads, soups, sandwich etc.)
1:40, 2:00	<b>Winterthur</b>
3:00 PM	Guided mansion tour (approx.. 90 min.)
5:00 PM	Depart for dinner
5:20 PM	La Verona, a fine Italian restaurant there has an excellent large private room (I have eaten there). <b>John Bartram himself</b> (great garden speaker who impersonates Bartram. "John" will amaze you with his plant discoveries that earned him the title "Father of American Horticulture".)
6:30 – 8:00 PM	Dinner including Dessert & visit by our Guest Speaker" John Bartrum"
Wednesday, June 8, 2016	
	Breakfast at our hotel
9:00 AM	Board the motorcoach and depart the hotel.
10:00 AM	Arrive for a self-guided tour of the <b>garden of Chanticleer</b> , also known as the "Pleasure Garden".
12:15 PM	Board the motorcoach and depart Chanticleer.
12:30 PM	Sit-down luncheon (included) at the very cute White Dog Café .
1:45 PM	Depart for Mt. Cuba
2:30 PM	Guided trolley tour of the <b>Mount Cuba Center</b>
4:30 PM	Depart for Hotel; time to refresh and pack a little
5:45 PM	Depart for dinner
	Back Burner Restaurant
7:00 PM	Approximate departure for return our Hotel
Thursday, June 9, 2016	
	Breakfast at our hotel
	Depart for transfer to Philadelphia Airport

\*Timing, itinerary, inclusions, and order of events are subject to change without notice.



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**Registration Form:**  
**Brandywine Valley Gardens in Pennsylvania & Delaware**

A signed form is required from all passengers. This information is essential for completion of your reservation and final documents. One form must be completed for each passenger with a different name and address. All persons 18 years and above are required to sign this application. A parent or legal guardian may sign for those under 18. Name must be as it appears on your passport.

<b>Tour Name/Destination:</b> Brandywine Valley Gardens in Pennsylvania & Delaware	<b>Departure Date:</b> June 5-9, 2016
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**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please print first and last name exactly as appears on passport*

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sharing Accommodations With:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Relationship:</b>
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<b>City/State/Zip:</b>	<b>Evening Phone:</b>








PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS: Please keep in mind that airport connections can involve long walking distances. If you need assistance, a wheelchair can be requested.

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To the best of my knowledge, I am in good state of health and suffering from no physical condition which might be detrimental of my safety, comfort and convenience and that of the other participants during the tour. **IF ANY PARTICIPANT NAMED ON THIS APPLICATION HAS A SPECIFIC PHYSICAL CONDITION, DISABILITY, ALLERGY OR DIETARY REQUIREMENT THAT MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION OR TREATMENT, SUCH DETAILS MUST BE REPORTED ON THIS APPLICATION.**

I have read, understand and agree to the conditions set forth in the descriptive brochure or flyer of the trip noted above, especially those paragraphs relating to payments, cancellations, refunds and responsibilities of Horizon Club Tours.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**GGC 2016 CALADIUM BULB SALE - \$.60/each**

			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOM TOM</b></p> <p><b>COLOR:</b> Dark rose-red blotches with deep red central veins &amp; medium green margins</p> <p><b>GROWTH HABIT:</b> short with very many small leaves</p> <p><b>HEIGHT:</b> medium-short</p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENT:</b> Late</p> <p><b>SUN TOL:</b> partial sun</p> <p><b>USE:</b> 4 and 6" pots; Semi-shaded areas of landscape</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHITE QUEEN</b></p> <p><b>COLOR:</b> Creamy white with green netted veination and dark red central veins</p> <p><b>GROWTH HABIT:</b> Very large and medium number of leaves</p> <p><b>HEIGHT:</b> Tall</p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENT:</b> Medium</p> <p><b>SUN TOL.:</b> Full sun</p> <p><b>USE:</b> 4" &amp; 6" pots; should de-eye</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CAROLYN WHORTON</b></p> <p><b>COLOR:</b> Medium toned pink blotches with red veins and green mottling</p> <p><b>GROWTH HABIT:</b> Large leaves, very upright and strong</p> <p><b>HEIGHT:</b> Tall</p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENT:</b> Late</p> <p><b>SUN TOLERANCE:</b> Full Sun</p> <p><b>USE:</b> 6" pots or larger; should de-eye</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PINK BEAUTY</b></p> <p><b>COLOR:</b> Medium pink spots and blotches with dark pink veins</p> <p><b>GROWTH HABIT:</b> Very strong &amp; upright with medium number of leaves</p> <p><b>HEIGHT:</b> Medium</p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENT:</b> Early</p> <p><b>SUN TOLERANCE:</b> Full Sun</p> <p><b>USE:</b> 4" &amp; 6" pots; can be used in sunny location in landscape; should de-eye</p>
			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CANDIDUM</b></p> <p><b>COLOR:</b> White with green netted veination &amp; thin green border</p> <p><b>GROWTH HABIT:</b> Upright, strong with very large leaves</p> <p><b>HEIGHT:</b> Tall</p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENT:</b> Medium</p> <p><b>SUN TOL.:</b> Shade only</p> <p><b>USE:</b> 4" &amp; 6" pots; but must de-eye for 4" pots</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FLORIDA MOONLIGHT</b></p> <p><b>COLOR:</b> Bright white with pale green margin</p> <p><b>GROWTH HABIT:</b> Tall, upright with many large leaves</p> <p><b>HEIGHT:</b> Tall</p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENT:</b> Medium</p> <p><b>SUN TOL.:</b> Partial Sun</p> <p><b>USE:</b> 4 and 6' pots and hanging baskets</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FLORIDA STARDUST</b></p> <p><b>COLOR:</b> Bright white center with white spots and a wide green border</p> <p><b>GROWTH HABIT:</b> Tall with large leaves</p> <p><b>HEIGHT:</b> Tall</p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENT:</b> Late</p> <p><b>SUN TOL.:</b> Full Sun</p> <p><b>USE:</b> 4 and 6" pots; excellent in semi-shade &amp; full sun; should de-eye</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNE BRIDE</b></p> <p><b>COLOR:</b> white with pale green veins and thin medium green margins</p> <p><b>GROWTH HABIT:</b> Tall with few leaves and stretches when crowded</p> <p><b>HEIGHT:</b> Tall</p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENT:</b> Medium</p> <p><b>SUN TOL.:</b> Shade only</p> <p><b>USE:</b> 6" pots with multiple tubers per pot; de-eye</p>



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## GGC Members Caladium Bulb Order Form

It's time to order Caladium Bulbs for spring planting and summer color. Bulbs are #1 size and healthy. The cost will be \$0.60 per bulb, minimum order 10 bulbs please. Please make your check out to GGC. Contact Sally Hart (Yearbook page A-29) for additional information. Turn in this completed order form with payment attached no later than **February 5, 2016** or mail to Sally. Bulbs will be available for pick-up the latter part of March at Sally's house.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of bulbs (10 bulb minimum) @ \$0.60 each \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SELECTION (10 bulbs minimum, each variety selected).** See page XX for more information.

**Tom Tom** (Dark rose-red blotches, and deep red central veins, medium green margin, partial sun, medium-short) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**White Queen** (Creamy white with green netted veins and dark red central veins, tolerates full sun, medium number of leaves) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**Carolyn Whorton** (Medium toned pink blotches with red veins and green mottling, tolerates full sun, tall) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**Pink Beauty** (medium pink spots and blotches with dark pink veins, tolerates Full Sun, Medium height) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidum** (white with green netted veination and thin medium green border, very large leaves, tall, shade only) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**Florida Moonlight** (Bright white with pale green margin, tall with many large leaves, partial sun) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**Florida Stardust** (Bright white center with white spots and wide green border, tall with large leaves, tolerates full sun) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

**June Bride** (White with pale green veins and thin medium green margins, tall with few leaves, shade only) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: You may request a different variety of caladiums, other than the above listed types, if you are ordering a case (200 bulbs), or a half case (100 bulbs), subject to availability from GGC supplier (www.happinessfarms.com). If you order Strap/Lance Leaved or Dwarf Leaved, the price is \$1.10 a bulb.