



Next Garden Club meeting:

Thursday, April 15, 2021
at the Gibson Island Club

10 am: Business Meeting
11 am: Yankee swap
Noon: Lunch

Please make your lunch
reservation as soon as
possible:

410-255-1000
or
clubhouse@gibsonisland.com

At the first in-person meeting of 2021, we would like to emphasize new beginnings (post-Covid), the joy of connecting with other people, and gratitude for vaccinations and new Spring growth in our gardens.

Up-Coming Events:

Mother's Day flower basket assembly and sale: May 7th and 8th: see text.

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“Protect, Preserve, Promote, Pollinate”

Spring is a time of rebirth that you can sense all around you.
-Author unknown

Spring has arrived and everything in our garden is waking up and starting to send out green shoots. It is the most anticipated, exciting season of the year and particularly this year, there are signs of hope that spring traditionally represent -- rebirth and renewal -- as well as a return to normalcy after a long Covid winter.

During our last meeting, we bade farewell to our outgoing presidents Etelvina Tyler, Marge Schinnerer and Officers via Zoom, set up and led by Laura Cecala. Thank you ladies for a job well done!

We welcomed the incoming board for the 2021-2023 term. Sharing the Vice-Presidency are 1st Vice President Rhonda Pierce and 2nd Vice Presidents Katherine Railey and Theresa Cooney. In addition, Katherine and Theresa will be in charge of the Garden Club programs.

Our new Treasurer is Donna Gagnolati, Recording Secretary Donna Roberts and Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Davis. The Garden Club Board is busy planning surprises for the Spring and Summer months. Please stay tuned for dates of future events.

Join us next week, April 15, for our first in-person business meeting of the year at 10 am, followed by a Yankee gift swap at 11 a.m. Please bring a gift (\$20 value) if you would like to participate. Please call the Club (410-255-1000) to make a lunch reservation. We will be ordering à la carte.

New members We would like to welcome new members in the future. If you know of someone who might be interested, do bring him or her to a meeting. Call Beverly Rogers should you have any questions.

May Events We will gather at the Club on Friday May 7th for a Mother's Day flower and herb basket assembly workshop and in the parking lot on Saturday May 8th to put them up for sale. Times to be announced.

Jr. Gardeners While several GIGC members have expressed an interest in having a Jr. Gardeners committee, we have not yet identified a chairperson for this group. This is a fun group and we would love to continue to have some gardening events focused on our young people. Please consider volunteering for this important committee. Speak with Hetty Tegen or Liz Johnson.



Sheet pan **Asparagus**

- 1 bunch of thin asparagus spears, trimmed
- 3 tbs of olive oil
- 2 tsp grated parmesan cheese
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 tbs of lemon juice

Directions

Preheat oven 425 Degrees F
Place asparagus into a mixing bowl and drizzle with olive oil. Toss to coat the spears. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese, garlic salt and pepper. Arrange on sheet pan in single layer.
Bake until tender for 12-15 minutes.
Sprinkle with lemon juice before serving.

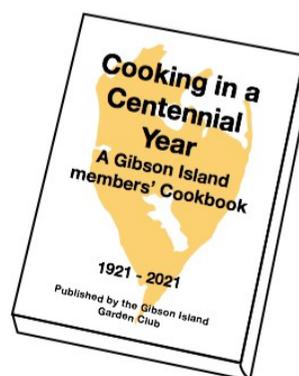
Submitted by Liz Johnson

April is a busy time in the garden. It's time to weed and edge the beds in preparation for new mulch. It's time to finish cutting back roses, summer blooming shrubs and some of those overgrow ever-greens. It's time to plant those new trees, shrubs and perennials you've been drooling over in the catalogs all winter. But most of all, it's time to look around, sniff, admire, and others enjoy all of the fresh beauty that verifies that winter is now officially gone.

Excerpt from 'Month-by-Month Gardening', Mid-Atlantic by George Weigel



We hope you had a Happy Easter and wish you a wonderful Spring.



Don't forget to submit your favorite family recipes for the **Centennial Cookbook** to gigccookbook2021@gmail.com

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:



At our **November Meeting**, we'll be making pine-cone wreaths.

If you plan to make one, start foraging pine cones now — they may not be on the ground come November. The pine cones needed to make these wreaths are the long, skinny cones produced by the Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus* lat.). When wet, the cones are shaped like cigars. Short, fat pine cones will NOT work.

Each wreath requires about 100 large, medium, and small pine cones. The white pine trees near the fourth tee box and along the right side of the fourth fairway have dropped lots of pine cones. Bill Reil tells me his crew won't remove them anytime soon. You can easily access these trees using the road behind the staff houses.

If you know other good spots to forage Eastern White Pine cones, please share.

Any questions? Reach Katherine Railey @ klrails@me.com or 301-351-8893.

Pinus strobus, commonly called Eastern white pine, is a rapid-growing, long-lived, needled evergreen tree that is native to the northeastern United States and Canada (State tree of Maine and Michigan) and may grow 50 to 80 feet tall. Although pyramidal in its early years, it matures to a broad oval habit with an irregular crown.



What You May Not Know About Those **April** Flowers

Americans have cultivated nonnative plants and flowers for so long, it has skewed our experience of spring.

By **Margaret Renkl**

A contributing Opinion writer based in Nashville who covers flora, fauna, politics and culture in the American South.

NASHVILLE — My favorite spring flower blooms along the leafless branches of the lowly serviceberry, a small tree with varieties native to every state except Hawaii. In the old days, the serviceberry's simple five-petaled blossoms heralded springtime itself.

To read more, please visit:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/28/opinion/immigrant-plants-ecosystem.html>

Submitted by Robin Ambler

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Chevy Chase Garden Tour



Sunday, May 2nd

12 Noon - 4 pm

Rain or Shine

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A Tour of Six Charming Private Gardens in Historic Chevy Chase Village

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Tickets \$40 Thereafter

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