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spring 2008

SEWICKLEY CIVIC GARDEN COUNCIL

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Don't you just love this time of year?! The daffodils are in bloom, and it's also when all of the Sewickley Civic Garden Council's hard work shows itself to the community we live in.

The green spaces we maintain come to life; the hanging baskets that we fund are placed throughout the Village; our annual May Mart happens on Saturday May 10th; our Garden Gala and Tour are scheduled for June 13th and 14th; and all of it is possible because the work of our members.

So enjoy the beauty of this season as well as the fruits of your labors. I look forward to seeing all of you at May Mart and the Garden Tour Gala. 'Til next time...

Alexis Comunale



MAY MART

Sewickley Civic Garden Council's annual spring street market, **MAY MART**, will be Saturday, May 10, 2008, from 9 am to 1 pm, on Broad Street. The street will be closed to traffic during the sale, which will be held "rain or shine." This event will feature a wide variety of homegrown and nursery raised sun and shade plants, herbs and vegetables for sale from the six area garden clubs (Edgeworth Garden Club, Garden Club of Allegheny County, Grapevine Garden Club, Little Garden Club, Trowel & Error Garden Club and Village Garden Club). Also present will be the following local organizations: Allegheny Land Trust, Little Sewickley Creek Nature Guides, Riverfront Park, The Sewickley Tree Commission, Sweetwater Center for the Arts and Sewickley Mom's

Club. Additional vendors will include Little Athens (food), My Mother's Garden, Kopar Honey (bee keeper), Cathy Kelly Photography, Reilly's Summer Seat Farm, Beaver Swing and Worms & Worm Castings.

This event will provide excellent shopping for Mother's Day, as well as an opportunity to purchase annuals and perennials for your garden, containers and baskets

Tickets for the June 14th **Midsummer's Day Garden Tour** will be available at the Wolcott Park Gazebo on the corner of Broad and Beaver Streets. This tour will include six private gardens in Edgeworth and Sewickley.

Little Garden Club is holding its Pre Sale at the home of John and Beth Straka, 59 Beaver Street, on Friday, May 9, from 9 am to 3 pm. There will be "Container Flats": assorted varieties of sun and shade plants ready for you to plant in your own container. No pre-ordering is necessary. Little Garden Club will also have assorted tropicals and orchids for sale during May Mart.



SCGC thanks its contributors, whose support helps to preserve and enhance this community. Since the last newsletter, gifts have been received from the following:

John & Peggy Wick, celebrating 25 years of landscape gardening

Elyse Wright, in memory of Herbert E. Wright

Margaret Zimmerman, in memory of Fraser Semple Foster

Dear Sewickley Garden Club Presidents,

May Mart is just around the corner, and planning for the newly revitalized Sewickley Garden Tour is well underway. With the energy and enthusiasm of everyone involved, these events are certain to be a huge success.

Now every garden club has the unique opportunity to shape SCGC's future leadership and determine how the fruits of our labor will be directed. The board of Sewickley Civic Garden Council is challenging your club's membership to select potential candidates for one SCGC officer.

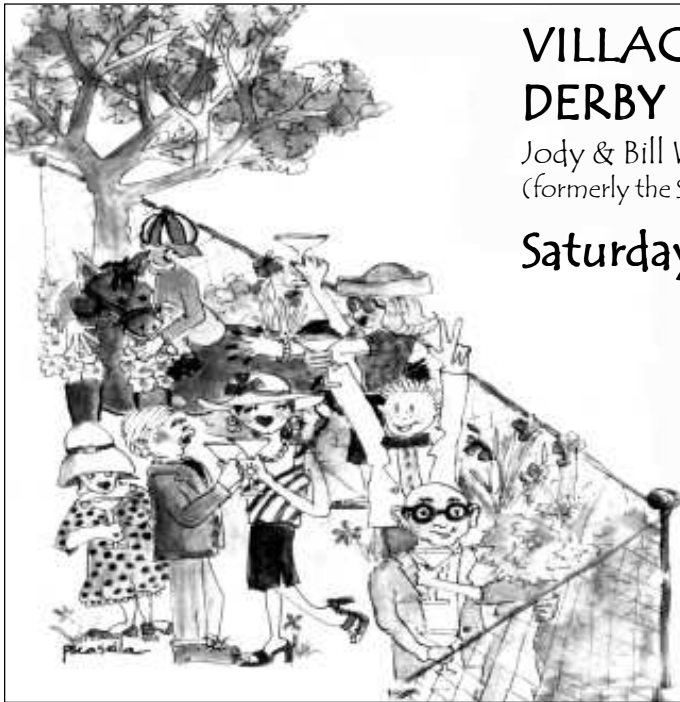
Between now and June 2008, it is each club's responsibility to present the Nominating Committee with the name of an individual for the following offices: President—Little; 1st VP—Village; 2nd VP—Grapevine; Secretary—GCAC; Treasurer—Edgeworth; Garden Tour Chair—Trowel & Error. From this point forward,

responsibility for officers will rotate among the garden clubs every two years, just as it does with May Mart responsibilities.

SCGC's distinguished history and lengthy list of good works makes it clear why every garden club member has an obligation to assist the Nominating Committee in meeting its responsibilities. By working together, we are able to serve the greater community and remain true to our mission . . .

. . . to coordinate the efforts of individuals and garden clubs; to stimulate interest and influence action toward improving and preserving the appearance of the Sewickley area in relation to architecture, landscape design, and regional planning; to engage in the planting and maintenance of plant materials; and to encourage interest in and appreciation of nature through educational programs.

YOU'RE INVITED !!



VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB does DERBY DAY at the BARN

Jody & Bill Welges' Barn
(formerly the Snyder Barn, at the corner of Glen Mitchell & Scaife Roads)

Saturday, May 3, 2008, at 5:00 pm

- mint juleps before the Derby; watch the Derby on a 7-foot screen
- drinks & heavy hors d'oeuvres
- \$25 per person
- RSVP by April 26
- Information: 412-741-6272 or robbielindquist@comcast.net
- Checks made out to VGC and mailed to
Ann Coburn, 427 Meadow Lane, Sewickley, PA 15143

Village Garden Club has participated in funding and constructing "deer exclosures" in Sewickley Heights Borough Park and Fern Hollow Nature Center. Proceeds from this event will benefit these and other such local plant preservation efforts as well as the Garden Club of America Scholarship Fund.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

CURRIED CHICKEN SALAD (*Three Rivers Cookbook*, vol. I, p. 135)

Preparation time: 45 minutes — Easy — Serves 6 — Must do ahead

2 to 3 cups cooked chicken or turkey, cubed
1- 4 oz. can water chestnuts, drained & sliced
1/2 lb. seedless grapes, halved, or 1- 11oz. can of mandarin oranges
1 cup celery, chopped fine
1 cup mayonnaise
1 tsp. curry powder

1 tsp. soy sauce
2 tsp. lemon juice
salt to taste

Combine chicken, water chestnuts, grapes or oranges, and celery. Mix all remaining ingredients, add to chicken, and toss well. Chill for several hours. Serve on bibb lettuce.

To order *Three Rivers Cookbooks*, call Child Health Association of Sewickley, 800-624-8753 or 412-741-3221. To order on line: www.childhealthassociation.org
Volumes I, II & III: \$14.95; Volume IV: \$19.95, plus shipping costs. All proceeds are donated to children's programs in Western Pennsylvania.

MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT GARDEN GALA

Friday, June 13
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm



MIDSUMMER'S DAY GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, June 14
10:00 am - 4:00 pm



SCGC is excited about our community's first biennial garden event to benefit our public gardens and parks, conservation of our area's green spaces and support of local educational projects. On Friday, June 13, 2008, the Sewickley Civic Garden Council invites you to a **Midsummer's Night Garden Gala**, and then directs you, the following day, to tour six private gardens in Edgeworth and Sewickley.

The **MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT GARDEN GALA** will be held from 7 pm until 10 pm on Friday, June 13th. Pine Road, Sewickley, will be closed off between Centennial and Beaver for the event. Jim Price and the staff of **Cuttings** will provide their artistic touch and originality to the mood of the evening by creating a mystical entrance that will turn Pine Road into an enchanted garden. The **Sewickley Hotel** is also supporting the event with "spirit" by sponsoring the libations for the Gala; specialty cocktails created especially for the event will be served.

This will be an outdoor event, rain or shine, so wear appropriate attire. Exclusive to the evening's festivities will be musical entertainment by the **Center for Young Musicians**, a dinner buffet, dancing, cash bar, auction and tour of a Secret Garden! Secret Garden Docent will be Doug Oster, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Backyard Gardener and co-host of the Organic Gardener Radio Show.

Tickets for the Gala can be purchased in advance for \$80 on line at www.sewickleygardens.org, or at the **Sewickley Café**, 409 Beaver Street; **Papier**, 346 Beaver Street; **Cuttings**, 524 Locust Place; and the **Gift Corner**, 422 Broad Street. This \$80 ticket price includes entry to the **Garden Tour** the following day. There will be a limited number of tickets available for the Gala.

The **MIDSUMMER'S DAY GARDEN TOUR** takes place from 10 am until 4 pm on Saturday, June 14th. This will be an "at your own pace" walking tour through six private gardens in Sewickley and Edgeworth. The garden themes include; "Wisteria," "Serenity," "Islands," "Classical/Formal," "My Green Room" and "A Garden for All Ages." Tickets for the tour can be purchased in advance on line at www.sewickleygardens.org and from the previously mentioned stores in Sewickley. Maps, catalogs for the tour and tickets will be available at the check-in on Saturday morning in the Wolcott Park Gazebo at Beaver and Broad Streets. Tickets for the tour will also be available at the Gazebo at May Mart on May 10th. We look forward to sharing our gardens with fellow horticultural enthusiasts, rain or shine. Wear appropriate clothing.

In conjunction with the SCGC Garden Tour, the **Sewickley Café** continues its support of the community by offering a special **Garden Tour Lunch**. It will be served in the Café's own delightful outdoor garden for a cost of \$10.

Please come and join us for this rare opportunity to walk around these beautiful gardens, talk with other gardeners, pick up fresh gardening ideas and support a worthy cause.

Information is available on line at www.sewickleygardens.org, or call (412)749-7872.

SEWICKLEY CEMETERY

We have been contacted by Polly Walker, asking if any garden club or persons might be interested in planting some flowers, bushes or trees in Sewickley Cemetery. While the cemetery is a beautiful place that is well maintained, planting some flowers at the gates or adopting another corner where you might like to add a bit of color would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Polly Walker by email at Polly522@comcast.net, or phone her at (412) 741-4347.

PITTSBURGH PARKS CONSERVANCY

For a donation of \$250.00 or more, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy can offer your garden club a staff member to speak at one of your meetings about a variety of horticulture, landscape and ecological restoration topics. Or, if you prefer, they would be delighted to have your club's members tour the special gardens at Highland Park, Schenley Plaza or Riverview Park. If your club is interested in scheduling a speaker or arranging a tour, please contact Beth Bodamer at (412) 682-7275, ext.200.

Garden clubs of the Sewickley area and their members were, and remain, important elements of this non-profit organization. However, anyone who is interested in the goals of the Sewickley Civic Garden Council and in working for the beautification and conservation of Sewickley Village, whether or not a garden club member, is invited to support the Council's work. Your contribution or memorial gift will help us put appropriate action behind our purpose. We need your help!

Mighty Oak	\$250	_____
Patron Hydrangea	\$100	_____
Sustainer Yew	\$50	_____
Supporter Rose	\$25	_____
Member Lily	\$5	_____
Other	\$	_____

Please return this form with your check to:

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P. O. Box 103
SEWICKLEY, PA 15143



I would like to designate this gift:

_____ As a contribution

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

_____ I wish my gift to remain anonymous.

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