

# THE GARDENZETTE



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## National Cathedral Garden Tour

**Thursday, September 19, 2024**

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer. We begin our Club year with a tour of the National Cathedral Bishop's Garden. Docents Holly Larisch and Dee Skillern will guide us through meticulously maintained landscapes and to serene corners perfect for contemplation. The Cathedral gardens offer something for everyone to enjoy. After our tour, members may visit the Cathedral's gift shop and enjoy lunch at Open City, the Cathedral's café.

Our garden tour fees have been paid in advance by our Club. **Please RSVP to Maryam Zolecki via email so we have the exact headcount.** Our Club members will carpool – meeting and departing from Little Falls Presbyterian Church between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. If you are happy to drive, or plan to drive direct, please let Maryam know as well.

Please use the Cathedral's underground parking(fee). We will then gather at the Group Meeting Location at the South end of the wall facing the Cathedral main entrance (the west end of the building). This area is called Walker Court. On the attached map, the meeting location would be between #16 and #17.

Map: link <https://allhallowsguild.org/visit-us/cathedral-gardens-virtual-tour/the-main-cathedral-gardens/>.

Directions from Virginia: Take the Memorial Bridge to the Lincoln Memorial, bearing right onto Rock Creek Parkway. (Note: Rock Creek Parkway is one way south bound during morning rush hour; buses cannot exit on Massachusetts Avenue.) Follow Rock Creek Parkway to Massachusetts Avenue, turning left onto Massachusetts Avenue. Take Massachusetts Avenue north to Wisconsin Avenue. Turn right onto Wisconsin Avenue. The Cathedral is on your immediate right.

Parking Entrance: Enter via Wisconsin Avenue, at the traffic signal just south of Woodley Road. Garage Hours: 6 am to 11 pm

## President's Message

By Maryam Zolecki

Welcome back to another year of garden club activities and events, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone. This past summer was a scorcher, and my garden sure felt it. Not only was the heat a bit of an issue, the lack of rain made me worry, for the first time in a long time, about some of my plants and all the veggies. I am a minimalist when it comes to watering, and some of my plants, like the coneflowers, sedums, and grasses, did very well on their own, and some others, particularly the hydrangeas and garlic, really suffered after starting out strong for the season. I am definitely looking forward to the cooler weather, and hoping that we get a bit more rain as summer comes to an end. This time of year also brings with it lots of native plant sales around the area that will be a bigger focus than usual for me this fall planting season given the extreme weather of the summer. And thanks to Catherine Jamieson for sharing this wonderful resource from Arlington County to register for a free native tree (just click on the words): [Free Tree](#). Our garden club year is starting out a bit different in that we are starting off with a field trip to kick things off, and I am particularly interested to visit the gardens at the Cathedral to see how they fared, and to get some ideas too. I hope you all can make it as well, and here is hoping for a successful year!

### June 2024 Budget Report

Summary for previous club year

Funds June 1, 2023: \$23,254.51

Revenue: \$ 7,486.92

Expenses: (\$10,798.39)

Net: (\$3,311.47)

Funds May 31, 2024: \$19,943.04

### Next Board Meeting

**Thursday October 3, 2024**

**At 4:30 pm**

**Hosted by Robin Fitch or**

**Zoom option**

## Thank You!

Dear Rock Spring Garden Club Friends, So many of you have blessed and cared for me throughout my 'Summer Horribilis'. Your cards, calls, meals, and visits carried me through my ordeal...they were much needed support and encouragement! You are the BEST!!! Thank you. It all began June 26 and I'm still having wound care three times a week. The good news is that I can see the light at the end of the tunnel; I'm released from most restrictions and I can drive! I look forward to seeing everyone soon. From my heart, you have my sincere gratitude and love...Charlotte

**Floral Outreach – Bouquet made for Helen McMahon**



**Renee Bayes late blooming clematis**



## Manoir d'Eyrignac et Ses Jardins By Sandy Wade

The rural countryside of Dordogne in southern France offers unique experiences from caves filled with prehistoric drawings to a stunning valley of winding rivers and hilltop castles where the French and English battled during the Hundred Years War. Not far from the beautifully preserved medieval town of Sarlat lies a property that's been in the same family for nearly 500 years, Manoir d'Eyrignac. The manor house dates from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, but it was during the 1960s that the extensive gardens were recreated. The entire garden spans over 25 acres. Elaborate topiary and hedges frame various rooms and lead visitors from one vista to the next. A long walk features curving buttresses of clipped hornbeam interspersed with columnar yew. Near the manor house is a stylized "parterre a la francaise" with sweeping curves of boxwood and tall Italian cypresses. There is a white garden of roses and other plantings surrounding a central fountain. More informal areas of the garden include a lavender field and olive grove. Currently the garden hosts an art installation of modern and sometimes whimsical sculptures that complement and contrast with the classical formal French design of Eyrignac. The overall impact of Eyrignac is breathtaking. It's expansive yet intimate, serene but magical, and a testament to near perfection that nature and gardeners can achieve.





## 2024 Pumpkin Fundraiser to be held November 26, 2024 – volunteers needed

By Tina Foutz

We're already gearing up for our annual fundraiser. This year I have been asked to chair and the Executive Board has decided we will again design pumpkin floral arrangements for donors to enjoy during their Thanksgiving holiday festivities. The fundraiser will occur on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. We are exploring venues, time, online pre-orders, and accompanying offer of bulbs. Like years prior, we will:

- Ask all members to design two arrangements.
- Provide a drop-off location for members heading out of town before Tuesday.
- Hold a "Pumpkin Prep Party" the Sunday before, for those who would like support while doing their designs – or just want the fun of designing with others.
- Provide pumpkin preparation instructions and tips, like conditioning flowers and greens.
- Make Zeffy available for fee-free credit card payment processing.

This year, the program at the November 21, 2024, general meeting will be a pumpkin floral design demonstration that will certainly get your creative juices flowing and give you a chance to ask all of those burning pumpkin design questions. Now that we're all excited for our fun event, can you help me with the organization and logistics of this fundraiser?! So far, I need volunteers for the following:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Estimated # needed</b>	<b>Time Commitment</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>Equipment</i>	1	1-2 hours, before fundraiser day (October)	collect the items we'll need the day of fundraiser (tables, chairs, price tags/stickers, etc.)
<i>Publicity</i>	1	1-2 hours, before fundraiser day (October)	update signs from last year and promote the fundraiser online and through publicity outlets
<i>Pre-order monitoring</i>	1	3-4 hours, before fundraiser day (November)	work with me monitoring the pre-order website to coordinate with public fundraiser offerings
<i>Designer</i>	Everyone	1 hour	design 2 pumpkin arrangements
<i>Design intake</i>	2-4	1-2 hours on 11/26/2024	receive designs the day of the fundraiser and keep list of members and number of designs – to track "credit" for designs
<i>Setup</i>	2-4	1-2 hours on 11/26/2024	depending on the venue, set up and cover tables, arrange designs
<i>Table attendant</i>	2-4	3 hours on 11/26/2024	greet donors, help with design selection and answer questions, consolidate tables during the fundraiser, and assist with loading designs in donor's vehicle, if needed
<i>Breakdown</i>	3	1 hour on 11/26/2024	removal of trash and, depending on the venue, take down tables
<i>Cashier</i>	1	3 hours on 11/26/2024	available during entire public fundraiser time – in the past the fundraiser has run from 3:30PM or 4PM to 6:30PM or 7PM

SignUp Genius has also been created for signup and information about the sale – [CLICK HERE](#). Also, please feel free to contact me with your recommendations, interest in volunteering, or questions and concerns.

## PHOTO GALLERY

From the June meeting; we toured gardens at the Ball-Sellers House, Rock Spring Park, and the home of JoElla Samp.



