Greetings All,

I'm Late, I'm Late, for a Very Important Date I may be a bit tardy in getting this newsletter into your hands, but don't you be late on Monday, June 4, for our date with Chihuly at the Conservatory: A Garden of Glass. We will gather at noon at the Edgewood Club to coordinate a car pool, since parking at Phipps Conservatory is always at a premium. This should not only allow for sufficient travel time, but also ample time to visit over lunch at the Cafe at Phipps before our scheduled tour time of 2:00 pm. Those of you who may not wish to join us for lunch may simply arrive at your leisure, but on time, for our 2:00 pm scheduled tour. However, please call me at 412-241-0460 ASAP to confirm your attendance so that we will have an accurate count. Thus, no member will be left behind.

Next Up... Once again, in our continuing effort to make Garden Club activities more accessible to our various members, the monthly meeting for June will be held Monday evening, June 18, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Edgewood Club. Following a brief business meeting, Claire Schuchman will show us how to Create a Living Wreath. If you haven't secured your wreath supplies with a $30 deposit, you may still join us for the "How To" portion of the program, or call Katharine at 412-241-5140 to inquire as to the availability of materials. Refreshments, as always, will be served.

Home Again, Home Again, Jiggity Jig Well, no fat pigs were purchased recently, but there were plenty of Energizer bunnies around to help with all our great activities this month at May Market and our Spring Plant Sale. Thanks to the cooperation of Mother Nature and the untiring dedication of Merrill Maransky, with assistance from Marli Zera, and George Petrone, both of our sales, which had a wonderful variety of plants available for purchase, experienced outstanding success. Thank-you to all who contributed in the many ways that guaranteed such a rewarding outcome: Mary, Jane, Lynne, Joan, Cindy and John, Meea, Clarice, Ruth, Katharine, Amy, Nancy, Pat, Gary, Lisa and Steve, Nancy, Ellen, Suzan, Julie, Janet, Greer, Barbans, Kathy, Louise, Doris, Lucille, Michael, and on and on! We could not have done it without each and every one of you!
A Star, By Far  The Blue Star Memorial Marker was unveiled by Edgewood Mayor Jean Davin on Sunday, May 27, during the Memorial Day commemoration services at Edgewood Memorial Park, E. Swissville Avenue at Race Street. During World War II the country became committed to supporting the war efforts by erecting war memorials. Garden Club members visualized a living memorial, and in 1945 the project was born with 8,000 dogwood trees being planted by the New Jersey Council of State Garden Clubs. The following year the NCSGC adopted the program. This nationwide living memorial projected a ribbon of dedicated highways and locations across the country. The blue star was chosen as the centerpiece of the memorial sign because it symbolizes the Blue Star on the World War II service flag. And now, thanks to the instrumental work and dedication of our own Garden Club stars, Doris Jones and Nancy Pryce, Edgewood Memorial Park is now a piece of that national ribbon.

Suzan Lami Needs You! We continue to seek out a few good gardens, and their gardeners, in our efforts to present an enticing and exciting Garden Walk on Sunday, July 15. Let Suzan help you or someone you know to become a more fulfilled gardener by opening up your garden and spending a lazy summer afternoon among fellow garden enthusiasts. Call Suzan NOW at 412-371-3602 to volunteer! Meanwhile, back on Sunnyside Drive, another branch of volunteers are being coordinated by Clarice Vayda to serve as docents at each of the gardens throughout the day. Call Clarice at 412-271-4175 to enlist.

A Tisket, A Tasket  Start planning now on what delectable dish will be in your basket when you join us on Sunday, July 8, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm at the lovely home and gardens of Julie and Rob Crolius, 325 Maple Avenue, for our Garden Picnic. All are welcome to join us at what has proven to be a delicious way to spend a summer afternoon relaxing and visiting with your Garden Club family.

Last Bud not Least  Thank you to Bud and Elaine Andrews, for diligently fulfilling their May meeting hosting duties, and for providing the beautiful orchids, upon their recent return from Florida. And wishes for a speedy recovery to Bud, who more recently underwent knee replacement surgery. Do I dare to call that “being nipped in the Bud?”

Growing together,

Jim Burkett