

Fred Brooks Garden Club: Beth Post @ 304-472-3361

We have a Club member that is a former Botany professor from Wesleyan College, Kathy Gregg. Kathy has traveled all around West Virginia and has done Programs for our Club on wildflowers. Wesleyan College has a component of their Science Dept that works with keeping info on different species of plants.



Libby Randall has frequently done Programs for our Club; her father was a forester. She recently cleaned her garden, and divided hostas and several different plants from her garden. She then presented a Program for our Club “Split your plants, not your pants” and provided a wonderful learning opportunity on winterizing gardens and planting bulbs. Libby showed how she dug up her bulbs and where to split the bulbs when dividing. Club members were able to ask questions and Libby encouraged folks to take her divided plants home.

We have a young chemistry professor, Joanna, who has been involved with our Club. She has worked with our Summer Program at Stalker, and has had the children cut flowers from her garden and has shown them how to arrange flowers in vases. Joanna’s garden interest has grown into a Subscription Flower Business “Three Little Buds.” She plants many, many varieties of flowers, including bulbs, and sells them at Bridgeport Farmers Market.



In October, Molly Campbell, who works for Joanna did a Program for our Club on “what to do when winterizing your garden” and “planting bulbs outdoors.” Also presented about doing a Fall container “lasagna method” where you plant taller plant bulbs on bottom, medium plant bulbs in middle, and shorter plant bulbs on top. After planting bulbs, find a cool place (i.e., basement) to store them. Bulbs will wake up in Spring, and you’ll have a lovely container of bulbs.

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In the Future



(pics from 2025 seed swap)

On March 7, our Club will be helping our local Upshur County Library with their annual Spring Seed Swap. We had a biology major work-study student, Chris, from Wesleyan College start the seed catalog program. Student got ideas from Bridgeport Public Library, and they contacted our Club to participate. Club donated the “Safe Seed” book, that was autographed by Brenda. Chris is now in graduate school, and the Club has inherited the care of seed catalog. Library keeps a log and tracks who signed in and what seeds they took; you can take up to 10 packets in one visit. Club plans to invite local Master Gardeners and DNR to future maintenance activities with the seed catalog (i.e., organizing seeds by date, packaging seeds).

In March, DNR is going to do a Wild Yard Program for our Club.