

Gazebo Garden Committee

The Weeders took on the Gazebo Garden in Bryn Mawr as a joint project with another volunteer organization in 2012. The garden had been started in the early 1990s and by 2012 was full of spring bulbs left over from the Shipley Sprouts' entries in the Philadelphia Flower Show and lots of tough and pretty aggressive perennials. In the years since then, efforts have been made to cull the rampant spreaders, add more shrubs, use annuals for summer color and better maintain the garden during the growing season.

The Gazebo Garden Committee is comprised mainly of Lower Merion residents, but as it is a club project, all members are encouraged to participate whenever possible. The chair of the Gazebo Garden Committee organizes the committee members and other volunteers to work on maintaining, and constantly enhancing, this large garden in Bryn Mawr. Although the schedule could readily be altered, we meet on Monday mornings for 1-2 hours, start time depending on the weather, e.g., 10:00 in cooler months, moving to 8:30 during high summer.

By September, maintenance needs diminish, and weekly visits by two or three gardeners are all that's really necessary, typically until the end of that month. The garden is "put to bed" at the end of October or early November, on a Saturday morning by lots of Weeders and their family/friends, followed by a celebratory lunch at the chairperson's home (or at least this has been the custom so far).

Photos taken during workdays should be sent electronically to the Website Administrator for posting. Any requests of the Township, e.g., for mulch, debris removal, etc., are emailed to Dave DeAngelis, with the Parks & Recreation Department. (ddeangelis@lowermerion.org). He can also be reached at 610-348-2825.

Expenses incurred are reimbursable.

At the end of each program year the Chair is responsible for preparing a year-end report of the activities of the committee to be presented at the Annual Meeting. This should be provided to both the President and the Recording Secretary 1) electronically in advance of the meeting and 2) brought to the meeting as a hard copy. A hard copy should be handed or sent to the Archivist/Historian. Confer with the Archivist/Historian about providing her with hard copies of other materials to be archived.

After the Annual Meeting each year and before July 1, the Chair should confirm with all those listed on her committee to be sure they want to remain active. She should take this opportunity to add to the committee as appropriate. The list of committee members, as it is to be printed in the Program Book, should be forwarded by the Chair to the President, who will approve it and forward it to Print and Publications.