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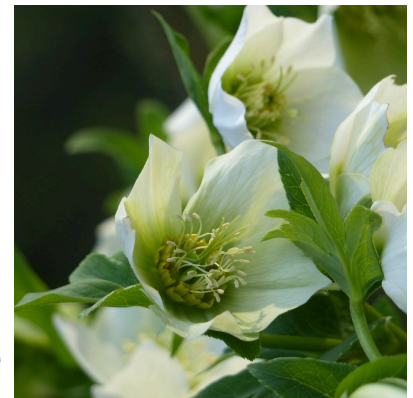
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Spring Issue

President's Letter

“Supporting our Local Clubs” has been our focus for the past eighteen months and it is an important theme in order to ensure our clubs not only still exist in 10, 20, 25 years, but that they are vibrant with an engaged membership that is growing. The attraction to Garden Club and the key activities of its membership take place at the local level.



Over the years, many of us looked forward to and eventually joined the Garden Club of our mothers and grandmothers; however, we can't expect the same to attract our daughters and granddaughters. They have grown up in a world of technology, hyper communication, social media, dual careers, many opportunities that compete for little time. Should they join a garden club, they want that time to be fulfilling in their busy lives, they want to feel they're making a difference in their communities and they want an experience they can be proud of and share with their friends on social media, often in real time.

What has this meant to our endeavors at the GCNJ?

Let's start with technology, which can be wonderful when it works, but so frustrating when it does not. It would be so easy to ignore the challenges and remain in an analog world, but to ensure our future, we must persevere, we must stay with digitalization, scheduling and communication enhancements, even when it would be easier to just do it the old way.

For decades Flower Shows were regular events in most clubs. Not so anymore, members prefer to focus on the environment and beautifying their communities.

We must be cognizant of these trends and provide guidance, education and programs that facilitate the interests of our local clubs in their communities. In that regard, we have updated our Speaker's List, shared programs that were successful and those that were not. Our club presidents have met on a number of occasions, shared their challenges and brainstormed possible solutions.

Moving forward, clubs know GCNJ is here to help them develop and continue to be a positive force with both their membership and in their communities.

With warmest regards,

Louise Davis

Flower Show School, Course II

Mark your Calendar!

MARCH 20 - 21, 2019 Optional Exam on MARCH 22

Come to Flower Show School to learn how horticulture and designs are judged. See what it takes to win the coveted blue ribbon.



We are studying Ivy and Conifers. In design, everybody's favorite, table designs, are sure to be of interest.

All are welcome to attend, but only those who have attended Course I can take the course for credit.

The best way to experience the school is to take advantage of the Club Special. Two people can attend each day from the same club for the price of \$130. This must be paid with a club check.

Individuals may attend one or two days. Each day is \$70. Horticulture is studied on Wednesday and Design on Thursday.

Come and join us.

Go to The Garden Club of New Jersey website for further information and to obtain a registration form.

<http://gardenclubofnewjersey.com/flower-show-school/>

Carol English, Chairman

Landscape Design School, Course I

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Landscape Design School Course I to be held MARCH 5 - 6, 2019 with optional exam on MARCH 7 at Holly House. Speakers will include Bruce Crawford and Kirk Brown.

For a registration form and the schedule, please visit The Garden Club of NJ website.



<http://gardenclubofnewjersey.com/landscape-design-school/>

Terry Blake, Chairman

Lyons Garden Therapy

Did you know that GCNJ has been volunteering at the Lyons Hospital for over 50 years? During that time our volunteering has taken on various forms. We are very excited about our current program where



garden club members work one on one with veterans creating floral designs that are then displayed in their living areas.

A special thanks to our clubs currently participating: Basking Ridge, Bridgewater, New Vernon, Rake & Hoe, Community GC of Hunterdon County, Terra Nova and Neshanic.

Would your club like to participate? If so, contact chair Ellen Bogusky ellenbogusky@hotmail.com. Only 1-2 members are needed at a time.

Ellen Bogusky, Chairman

Nominating Committee News



The 2018-2019 Nominating Committee recommends the following nominees to be elected and installed at the Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of New Jersey on June 6, 2019 at the Bridgewater Marriott Hotel in Bridgewater, New Jersey, to serve for two year terms:

1st Vice President: Cecelia Millea | Moorestown Garden Club

Recording Secretary: Sue Berdahl | Shrewsbury Garden Club

Corresponding Secretary/Date Recorder: Marilyn A. Hulme | Neshanic Garden Club

District I Director: Linda Wescott | River View Garden Club

District III Director: Caron Menger | New Vernon Garden Club

District V Director: Margaret Allen | The Garden Club of Westfield

District VII Director: Camille M. Rainiero | West Trenton Garden Club

Headquarters & Endowment Trustees to serve for three-year terms:

Nancy Bigelsen | Garden Club of Mountain Lakes

Vivian DeMarco | Tenaflly Garden Club

Vivian Morrison | The Basking Ridge Garden Club

Nominating Committee to serve for two-year terms:

District I: Gail Bassolino | The Pines Lake Garden Club

District III: Onnolee Allieri | Rockaway Valley Garden Club

District V: Kathleen Emmert | The Basking Ridge Garden Club

District VII: Patricia L. Bowker | West Trenton Garden Club

Members of the Nominating Committee:

Chairman: Vivian Morrison

Vice-Chairman: Caron Menger

Secretary: Nancy Bigelsen

Members at large: Nancy Bigelsen, Susan O'Donnell

District Members: Vivian DeMarco (I), Karen Donovan (II), Caron Menger (III), Linda Williams (IV), Mary Anna Tramontano (V), Dorothy Bukowski (VI), Jolyne Dalzell (VII), Marina Kerber (VIII)

New Jersey State Flower Show

"A Day in the Gardens of Art"

April 25-28, 2019 at the New Jersey Convention & Expo Center

The Artist's Garden Gates are Open!

The days are drawing near when the gates to the gardens of art will swing open for all to enter and be tantalized by wonders interpreting the works of artists of the past. This show will provide many opportunities to nurture your creative spirit!



The spring show date offers a change from our previous winter shows and presents the opportunity to produce blooms from our gardens! Some horticulture titles include: Tiny Masters – miniature or dwarf varieties; Colors of the Desert – Cactus and Succulents; Forest Blends – Ferns and fern allies. In the Design world: Designs interpreting the works of Van Gogh, Jackson Pollack, Pablo Picasso, Dali and more! There will be table and floor designs and a Youth Division. Remember the Subaru? They will return. This will be an amazing show filled with art, color and fun! The Schedule is on the GCNJ website –read and prepare your entries!

<http://gardenclubofnewjersey.com/flower-shows/>

I look forward to seeing you in April!

Richard Biernacki, Chairman

<mailto:rtb303@verizon.net>

94th GCNJ Annual Meeting

THE CALL TO THE 94th ANNUAL MEETING

"Celebrating Lives"

Thursday, JUNE 6, 2019

REGISTRATION: 8:00AM

BRIDGEWATER MARRIOTT HOTEL
700 COMMONS WAY
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

Dear Club Presidents, Members and Honored
Guests:

The 94th Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of New Jersey will be held on June 6, 2019 at the Bridgewater Marriott Hotel. At this time we will welcome the CAR-SGC Assistant Director, Angie Raitano, who will install the new officers for the 2019-21 term. Registration is \$55 per person, non refundable after June 1, 2019. The registration deadline is May 31, 2019. Registration begins at 8:00AM; the morning session at 9:15AM; social hour at 11:30AM; luncheon at 12:30PM and the afternoon session at 1:15PM.

It will be open seating in the morning and in the afternoon with the exception of Life Members, Honor Tables, Scholarship and Awards recipients in the AM and Life Members and Honor Tables in the PM.

Registration details coming soon online:

<http://gardenclubofnewjersey.com/announcements/gcnj-annual-meeting-2/>

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the hotel for Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at the rate of \$207 plus tax for a single/double room. The reservation deadline date is May 15, 2019 and can be done online by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1546449997863&key=GRP&app=resvlin>

or by calling directly the hotel: 908-927-9300 or 1-888-236-2427. Mention The Garden Club of NJ event when reserving your room.

The morning session will feature the GCNJ Book of Memory Ceremony, the Scholarship and the Awards Presentations, and the New Officers Installation. During the mid-day break, everybody will have a chance to shop the boutiques, purchase raffle tickets and enjoy the creative designs by our own GCNJ floral designers.

The program will be presented in the afternoon by Candace Morgenstern. Candace is a member of Newport & Tiverton Garden Clubs in Rhode Island. She is a National Garden Club Master Judge and has won numerous awards for creativity in floral design throughout the country and internationally in NGC, GCA and WAFA flower shows. She continues her floral design study with international designers here and abroad.

We are so fortunate to welcome Candace! You won't want to miss this special presentation.

Mark your calendar for June 6th and join us for this special day.

Louise Davis
President, GCNJ

Florence Leyssene
Annual Meeting Chairman

Upcoming Events

Spring Plant Sale at Buck Garden & Earth Day Celebration: April 27 - 28, 2019

11 Layton Road, Far Hills NJ | Saturday 10 am - 5 pm & Sunday noon - 5 pm | Free guided tours of Buck Garden | Lectures by Rutgers Master Gardeners of Somerset

Garden Club of Harrington Park Plant Sale: April 27, 2019 | 9 am - noon

Harrington Park Library Parking Lot, 10 Herring Street, Harrington Park, NJ | Nursery Stock plus many home grown plants | For additional information contact Gerri Gibney 201-768-2615 or <mailto:themerchantmouse@aol.com>

Allenhurst Garden Club Luncheon & Fashion Show: May 9, 2019 | 12 noon

Mr. C's Beach Bistro, 1 Allen Avenue & Ocean Avenue at the Allenhurst Beach Club | Cost \$45 | Mail check payable to AGC with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Allenhurst Garden Club
PO Box 282
Allenhurst NJ 07711

For additional information contact Theresa Santoro at 201-303-1110 or <mailto:theresasantoro@verizon.net>

Garden Club of Westfield's Bus Trip to Winterthur: May 21, 2019

Bus leaves Lord & Taylor in Westfield NJ | Cost \$95 | Contact Judith Richards in advance to reserve your spot | <mailto:judy585a@aol.com> | 908-654-7046

Garden Club of Spring Lake Annual Seaside Garden Tour: June 26, 2019 | 10 am - 3 pm

8 private gardens in Spring Lake | Refreshments served all day on historic Spring Lake Porch | Cost \$30 (advance purchase) \$35 day of tour | For advance tickets & information call 732-449-1589 or 203-550-6654 or visit <http://gardenclubofspringlake.org>



Garden Club of Spring Lake

Annual Seaside Garden Tour

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Tickets \$30/ Day of Tour \$35

Purchase Tickets in Spring Lake at

Kate&Co Camel's Eye

J.Mclaughlin Frederick Galleries

Clayton Limousine

Day of Tour at Spring Lake Train Station

Warren Avenue

For Advance Tickets/Info call:

732-449-1589/ 203-550-6654

Or visit our website at:

Gardenclubofspringlake.org



Spring Plant Sale at Buck Garden --and Earth Day Celebration! April 27 & 28, 2019

11 Layton Road, Far Hills, NJ
Saturday 10am - 5pm Sunday 12pm - 5pm

Enhance your garden with spectacular new plant treasures, and help celebrate Earth Day. Plant sale will feature many choice selections of perennials, ferns, alpiners, and woody plants, as well as troughs.

Free guided tours of Buck Garden; lectures by Rutgers Master Gardeners of Somerset.

Co-sponsored by the Watnong Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society and Somerset County Park Commission's Leonard J. Buck Garden.

Please visit www.somersetcountyparks.org or call 908 234-2677 for more information.

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum Upcoming Programs



Great Speakers Series

AN AFTERNOON WITH
DANIEL HINKLEY

TAKE TWO: MAKING
WINDCLIFF

Sunday, March 17
2 pm



The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum are proud to host this legendary giant in the field of horticulture. As creator of the famed Heronswood Garden & Nursery near Seattle, Hinkley has explored remote corners of the globe in search of new plants. He shares the joys and tribulations of creating his current garden, Windcliff, with stunning views, intimate pathways, and an unequalled sense of design. Don't miss this rare East Coast visit and lecture by one of the most dynamic and popular speakers in today's plant world.

OTHER UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

SUITABLE FOR FRAMING: BOTANICAL ART (FEB 10)
Lesley Parness lectures on women's botanical art.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF FIG TREES (FEB 17)
Learn how to grow these trees in NJ from Bill Muzychko.

THE STATE OF INVASIVES IN NEW JERSEY (FEB 26)
Michael Van Clef talks about managing invasives.

BUS TRIP TO THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW (MAR 5)

BEST TREES & SHRUBS WITH HEIDI HESSELEIN (MAR 23)
The cofounder of Pleasant Run Nursery picks her favorites.

Save the Date:

**24th ANNUAL PLANT
SALE**
Saturday & Sunday,
May 4 & 5
9 am - 4 pm



All programs require pre-registration.
Visit arboretumfriends.org for details.

353 East Hanover Avenue • Morristown, NJ 07960
973-326.7603 Registration/Membership

enjoy the
experience
morris county park commission



Allenhurst Garden Club

presents

Luncheon & Fashion Show - *Spring Fling*

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Noon

Mr. C's Beach Bistro, Allen Ave. on the ocean, Allenhurst NJ

\$45.00

Mail check payable to AGC with a self- addressed stamped envelope to

Allenhurst Garden Club, Box 282, Allenhurst NJ 07711

For more information call Theresa at 201-303-1110

Josephine the Empress Who Gardened

*60 minutes of
fascinating talk
and fabulous
images about
Empress Josephine -
The Patroness of Roses*



*To learn more about this
& other Women in
Garden History,
talks for your
Garden Club*

visit lesleyparness.com



*I perhaps owe having become a
painter to flowers. - Claude
Monet*

“Supporting Our Local Clubs”

[Garden Club of New Jersey Facebook Page](#)