

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY  
Founded 1925

*The Green Crusade Continues  
by Nurturing Our World  
for a Beautiful Tomorrow*

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR HISTORY  
1985 - 2010



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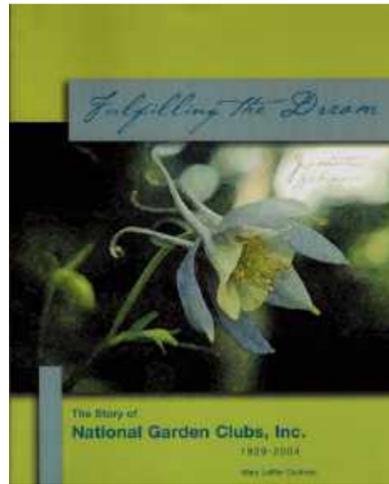
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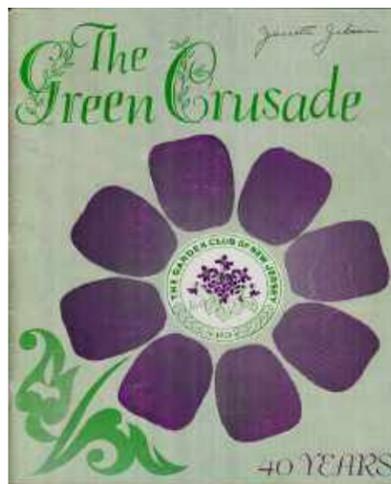
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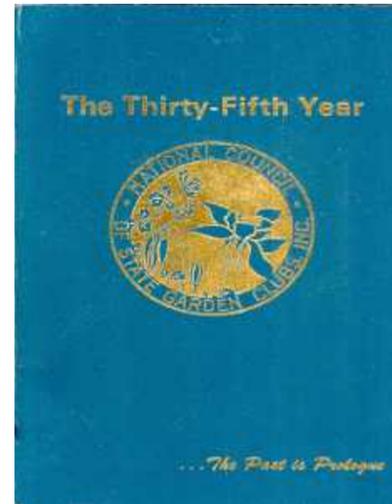
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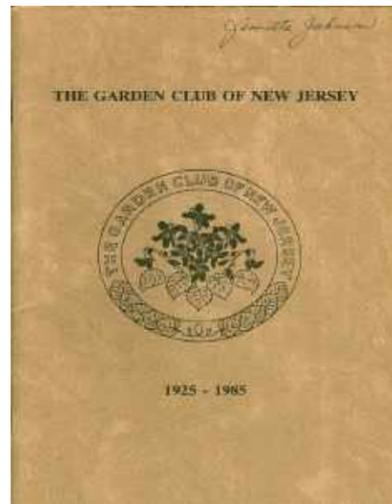
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GCNJ The Green Crusade



NGC The Thirty-Fifth Year



GCNJ 1925 to 1985

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Mary Warshauer  
GCNJ President 2009-2011

## *President's Message*

Mary Warshauer, President 2009-2011  
The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.

As we look back on the history of the past 25 years, we celebrate the accomplishments and the values of the garden club that brought us all together.

As we turn the pages of history to reflect on times gone by, we should also be reminded to look toward a future that is already fast upon us. The advent of the Internet and social media has changed our world more in the last five years than it has in the past. Such advancements will most likely limit the need for a written history and eventually replace it with a virtual library.

We must take advantage of the digital world to stay relevant and grow our network of participants to further the goals of our organization. As our world continues to be conducted more through technology, the physical treasures of nature, that which we can actually see, feel and smell first hand, become all the more special. As garden club members, that is what we must continue to promote, protect and champion.



Entrance to GCNJ/TRG Native Plant Gardens at Rutgers Gardens May 2004

*Honorary Chairman  
of  
25 Year History Committee*



On the 86th Birthday Of the Garden Club of New Jersey, it is a high privilege to write this tribute to this organization which can only touch on the highlights which have been made over the past years of our existence.

This is a milestone, a time to review all our accomplishments and pay tribute to those members before us whose foresight made them possible. It is a time to reaffirm our convictions and dedication of the importance of garden club work.

How can miracles be counted? In the beginning, our earlier years, we started with scholarships, garden centers, garden therapy and world gardening -- each would be a generous gift alone -- but in addition, we have added to this list continuously throughout the years. Expanding our horizons, perpetuating beauty which is our responsibility and our pledge to the future.

Let us continue our dedication of the love of beauty following the standard set by our predecessors.

We have added to the mosaic called "The Garden Club of New Jersey". It is indeed a moving story of steady growth and collective achievements. WE ARE A DYNAMIC FORCE!

Marilyn June Litvack,  
Former President 1983 - 1985

*The Garden Club Of New Jersey, Inc.*  
EXECUTIVE BOARD  
2009-2010

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## *Dedication*

*This History is dedicated to New Jersey's  
Sustainable Gardens and their Gardeners'  
Vision of Nurturing the Earth  
for a Beautiful Tomorrow.  
President Mary Warshauer (2009 – 2011)*

## *Mission Statement*

The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. provides education, resources and opportunities for adults and youth members to expand the love of gardening and floral design and encourages active participation in civic, environmental and historic preservation projects to protect the past for the future.

Adopted  
March 31, 2003  
Board of Directors  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

## *National Garden Clubs, Inc.*

National Garden Clubs (NGC) is a not-for-profit educational organization. All 50 states and the DC area have garden clubs. There are 6,218 total garden clubs and 198,595 members. NGC has 447 international affiliates and 149 National Affiliates.

## *Founding History*

- 1891 First Organized Club in Athens Georgia  
Organizer Mrs. Edward King Lumpkin  
First President Olivia Newton Cobb  
A statue in the Founders Garden reads  
“For Every Good Thing Has a Beginning And the Beginning Was Here”
- 1924 New York First Federated Garden Club
- 1925 New Jersey Second Federated Garden Club
- 1929 19 States Formed Federated Clubs  
A call was sent by Mrs. Paris inviting the clubs to meet in the New York home of Mrs. Samuel Brown on March 11 to discuss the possibility of forming a national organization.
- 1929 A second meeting was held in Washington DC on May 1, 1929. The first name was The National Council of State Garden Clubs, Incorporated
- 1929 Margaret Motley of Hyde Park, MA served as First President 1929-1930, with Cornelia Kellogg of Morristown, New Jersey as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- 2001 The name was shortened to National Garden Clubs, Incorporated (NGC) in May 2001.

The above information is excerpted from [Fulfilling the Dream](#) The Story of National Garden Clubs, Inc. 1929-2004 by Mary Leffler Cochran.

# We Salute Our Presidents

by May Duff Walters

EXCERPTED FROM THE GREEN CRUSADE PAGE 64

As we look backward over the past four decades, we are convinced a wise Providence has guided us in the selection of our distinguished Presidents. No two fit into the same mold, yet always the *needed* has been there to meet the *need*. Each of our Presidents, in her day and in her unique way, has made a priceless contribution to our growth. Each has added a piece to the mosaic we call The Garden Club of New Jersey.

As each President in her turn accepted our gavel she gave us a pledge – a pledge to invest her time in our behalf, a pledge to spend her talents wisely so that we might be assured a place in the vanguard of State Federations. No one of them, in her role of Horticultural Stewart, was content to make the blueprint for our activities alone. Each has taken from the melting pot something of the little dreams, something of the big plans, conceived by Presidents of member clubs, by Chairmen on the State and local level, by individual gardeners. Each has been a wise reaper, harvesting only the best of the ideas and ideals that flowered from seed sown by fellow gardeners who claim the Garden State as home. Each has cherished the awareness that no other small state has been blessed with so diversified a terrain,, from green mountains to long stretches of sandy beach.

Since our world is the world of gardening, since we work hand-in-hand with Nature, we have chosen our leaders from those who have shown a deep concern for the grass roots; and this is good. Yet we have a profound sense of thankfulness for those who paused to remind us that if we would stand straight and tall we must sometimes take the Long View - we must fix our gaze on the far-flung horizon. In the moment of time each President was allotted to serve us, she has held our torch high, she has kept the flame burning bright. This is evidenced by the national recognition, expressed in the form of National Awards, we have merited year after year.

We welcome this opportunity to voice our indebtedness publicly to those honored Presidents who are still with us, still encouraging us, still counseling us, and to those who now walk through Elysian Fields – those whose names are inscribed forever in our Book of Remembrance, and in our hearts.

# We Salute Our Presidents

by May Duff Walters

President of National Council 1953 to 1955

GCNJ Honorary President 1961

Excerpted from The Green Crusade page 64

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# National Garden Clubs, Inc.

## Collect\*

**To the Glory of God** and the grateful appreciation of His manifold expression of beauty, we, The National Garden Clubs, Inc., proudly acknowledge our horticulture stewardship and humbly seek, by faithful service and understanding purpose to be worthy of our ancestor conservationists, who, preserved for posterity the myriad bounties of nature, and to emulate those early horticulturists, who through experimentation and continued endeavour, increased and developed them.

Let us be ever mindful of our heritage, considering it a sacred duty to protect and conserve those natural resources so generously loaned to each of us for the infinitesimal span of a lifetime. Let us remember that the vision of beauty, the urge to create it, and its ultimate appreciation lie deep in the heart of everyone. And let us learn, O God, that only through increased knowledge and patient perseverance comes eventual success.

In our design for daily living and in our constant association with others, let us reflect the order, harmony and loveliness of our gardens. And let us rejoice in the faithful recurrence of the seasons, knowing that each brings its own abundance and diversified glory. So may we draw courage and inspiration, realizing that we all, in our individual sphere according to our given capacities, may make lasting contributions to the goal of horticultural achievement, now and forever, down through the ages.

By Helen Hussey Champlin  
September 1946  
NGC President 1945-1947

\* Permission to use was granted by National Garden Clubs, Inc., on August 11, 2011

# New Jersey's Three National Presidents

By Gene Oneal  
Excerpted from Green Crusade



Mrs. Frederick R. Kellogg of Morristown, the spirit of the founding of National Council, was elected president at its second annual meeting. In one year after the founding in 1929, between 500 and 600 garden clubs had joined. "One of the principal purposes of the Council is to obtain national action on projects of interest to the whole country, such as billboard elimination, roadside planting, conservation of all kinds-birds, trees, plants and flowers." "The council is asking Pres. Hoover to appoint a nonpartisan committee to study the quarantine restrictions on bulbs and plants. It is also calling attention to the work that

25,000 women of the Federated Garden clubs are doing towards the preservation of historic spots and the establishment of a park along both banks of the Potomac River from Mount Vernon to the falls below Washington. Mrs. Kellogg is a graduate of Bryn Mawr. She grew up in a gardening atmosphere and first became interested in gardening organizations in 1914, when she joined the Morristown Garden club. Mrs. Kellogg was elected Honorary President of National Council in 1933 at the end of her administration."



Mrs. Lewis M. Hull, 10th president of the Garden Club of New Jersey and 10th president of the National Council from 1947-1949, carried her interest in conservation and "one world through gardening" to the National Council. She initiated the "Seeds of Peace" program wherein National Council sent 17 tons (780,000 packages) of vegetable and flower seeds to the then starving countries being helped by the Marshall Plan, to aid their recovery from the devastation of World War II. She instigated the purchase of a 40 acre Redwood Grove in Humboldt County, California, as the National Council's 20th anniversary gift

to the nation. This project was over subscribed to the extent that a second 40 acres was also saved in the name of the Council. Mrs. Hull is a native of Pennsylvania, a graduate of Vassar College and all her married life lived in New Jersey.



Mrs. William J. Walters, the 13th president of National Council, was never president of her state federation, but recognizing her contributions to the state, she was made Honorary President in 1961. While president of the National Council from 1953 to 1955 she made the establishment of a permanent National Council headquarters her goal. This became a reality in May, 1959, in St. Louis Missouri. Mrs. Walters, born in Illinois grew up in Missouri, but spent much of her married life in New Jersey.

# Garden Club of New Jersey Former Presidents

\*Deceased



*The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.  
Salutes their Presidents who have served during  
the past Twenty-Five Years, 1985-2010  
as recorded by President Warshauer's publication of  
The History of the Garden Club of New Jersey Vol III*

* 1925-27	Mrs. Arthur M. Decker	*1967-69	Mrs. James A. McBain
* 1927-29	Mrs. Frederick R. Kellogg	*1969-71	Mrs. Robert E. McNeill Jr.
* 1929-31	Mrs. Josiah T. Tubby	*1971-73	Mrs. Willard T. Sommerville
* 1931-33	Mrs. Cyrus Vail	1973-75	Mrs. William M. Boyd
* 1933-35	Mrs. Charles W. Holton	*1975-77	Mrs. Anthony Bennett
* 1935-38	Mrs. Frederick W. Goddard	*1977-79	Mrs. John R. Evans
* 1938-40	Mrs. Reginald A. Saunders	*1979-81	Mrs. Charles H. Rohmann
* 1940-42	Mrs. Hermann J. Cook	*1981-83	Mrs. John G. Koelsch
* 1942-44	Mrs. Byron D. Benson (Wallace)	1983-85	Mrs. Sidney Litvack
* 1944-46	Mrs. Lewis M. Hull	1985-87	Mrs. Harry Gilman
* 1946-48	Mrs. Laurence N. Wilson	1987-89	Mrs. Frederick Galione
* 1948-50	Mrs. Arthur J. Sullivan	1989-91	Mrs. Carmine Grossi
* 1950-52	Mrs. Chester D. Schomp	1991-93	Mrs. Kenneth Clevett
* 1952-53	Mrs. Francis M. Archibald	1993-95	Mrs. Roy E. Cavanaugh
1953	Mrs. Frank D. Adams	1995-97	Mrs. John Reynolds-Bersch
1953-55	Mrs. Vance R. Hood	1997-99	Mrs. Michael McNally
*1955-57	Mrs. Francis F. Merriam	1999-01	Mrs. Edward Bryan
*1957-59	Mrs. Clarence W. Slocum	2001-03	Mrs. Raymond Paul
*1959-61	Mrs. Austin B. Sayre	2003-05	Mrs. Robert Applegate
*1961-63	Mrs. Albert L. Stillman	2005-07	Mrs. Kenneth Iuso
1963-65	Mrs. George Brightenback (Valentine)	2007-09	Mrs. Carl Allieri
1965-67	Mrs. Elwood S. Snyder	2009-11	Mrs. James Warshauer



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<b>1985-87 Mrs. Harry Gilman</b>	<b>1997-99 Mrs. Michael McNally</b>
<b>1987-89 Mrs. Frederick Galione</b>	<b>1999-01 Mrs. Edward Bryan</b>
<b>1989-91 Mrs. Carmine Grossi</b>	<b>2001-03 Mrs. Raymond Paul</b>
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# MARVEL ARNDT GILMAN

32ND GCNJ PRESIDENT 1985 - 1987

HOME GARDEN CLUB: TERRA NOVA, DISTRICT 6  
6236 GCNJ MEMBERS, 147 CLUBS, 30 JUNIOR CLUBS

Fall 1985

News Leaf



Mrs. Harry Gilman  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

### President's Message Excerpts

We celebrate our 60th Anniversary.

We are proud of our past.

Our Challenge is carrying on the high standards set before us.

Our potential is boundless. There is no limit to our strength.

We must use member's ideas, energy and collective wisdom to achieve excellence.

Garden Clubs and the GCNJ Board will benefit from "Synergism" - A total effort greater than the sum of the two effects.

Our goals are, Youth, World Gardening, Garden Therapy, Historic Preservation, Garden Information Centers and Increased Membership.

Our garden Club work supports National Council President, Mrs. John Fehrer's "Pride In The Land".

I am honored to have the opportunity to be President of GCNJ and I accept the Challenge.

# SHAPE A FUTURE WORTHY OF OUR PAST

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL  
OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:  
1986 MR. RALPH SNODSMITH (THE GARDEN HOTLINE)  
1987 PROFESSOR ROY DEBOER

"It is indeed a pleasure to share my thoughts on being GCNJ President 1985 - 1987.

The search for a Headquarters came to fruition. The papers were signed in 1985 with Rutgers, making, Holly House our Home.

The first Challenge was to participate in a statewide campaign to prevent commercial development of 350 acres of Rutgers/Cook College Campus. The response by GCNJ Garden Clubs was overwhelming, even to holding a candlelight vigil on the coldest night of the year. The Rutgers Board of Directors voted unanimously against the proposed plan. There by, saving the Rutgers Gardens and Holly House from destruction.

GCNJ joined in an effort to promote Skylands Manor. The magnificent gardens were designed by Samuel Parsons, a protege of Frederick Law Olmstead. Plants were collected from all over the world. NJ purchased 1000 acres in 1966. In March 1984 it was designated as the NJ Botanical Garden. A concentrated effort was made to acquaint our clubs with this 'Gem' and to encourage their support in restoring and maintaining the garden. GCNJ funded two teak wood benches and generously gave over \$2,000 for the development of the 160 tree Crab Apple Vista.

The above projects had lasting and important results and I was happy to have had a part in promoting GCNJ's participation in securing these results."  
Marvel Gilman, September, 2011

### 1985 CENTRAL ATLANTIC CONFERENCE IN MARYLAND



Left to Right: Roberta McNally, Doris Cavanaugh, Betty Scott, Barbara Hartman, Pat Grossi, Janet Kinney, Doris Gallone, Marvel Gilman, Tibby Witherspoon, Mary Lou Holmes, Marilyn Litvack, Sitting at table: Violet Bennet

### Highlights

Dr. Bruce Hamilton led a successful effort to prevent the Swap, Sale or Lease of Cook College land. He came to GCNJ first, requesting our help. GCNJ President Marvel Gilman launched an all out effort to preserve and protect the Gardens. Many members volunteered.

Gerald Ford and Lee Iacocca presented Gerry Blake with a certificate recognizing GCNJ's contributions to Saving The Statue of Liberty.

CAR chose NJ's Dr. Knorr's SNAP (Saving Native American Plants) as a project.

The Historic Preservation seminar, led by Ginny MacAlinden, was a success.

GCNJ was Awarded the Silver Trophy for Twenty Years of support to the New Jersey Nurserymen's Assn. State Flower Show.

Fall Conference was held at Berkley Carteret. - Theme was 'Changing Times'. Speaker Hans Bussink, Skylands, NJ Botanical Gardens.

Judges Council featured Bob Thomas, 168 attended.

Book of Memory initiated.

Horticulture School changed to Gardening Studies.

Skylark trip was to England.

# DORIS McPHERSON GALIONE

33<sup>RD</sup> GCNJ PRESIDENT 1987 - 1989

HOME GARDEN CLUB: WARREN GARDEN CLUB  
6000+ GCNJ MEMBERS, 165 CLUBS

Fall 1987

News  
Leaf



Mrs. Fred Galione  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

## President's Message Excerpts

GCNJ is an energetic, viable organization over 6000 strong making our voices heard and working together to keep the 'garden' in 'The Garden State'. Dedication and unity will accomplish this goal.

Our talents are many - working together we will accomplish much.

Just as a seed becomes a beautiful plant and a small acorn becomes a mighty oak, so can your ideas flower into worthwhile projects.

We are proud of our past in establishing Garden Centers, Blue Star Memorials, Garden Therapy, World Gardening and Youth Gardening.

We will focus on youth. Youth scholarships have helped many.

Operation Wildflower, Energy Awareness, Arboreta, Bird, Environmental and Roadside Programs made us aware of the necessity of preserving our world for future generations.

Working Together...We can achieve Progress, through Participation.

## PROGRESS THROUGH PARTICIPATION

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL  
OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:  
1988 DR. BRUCE HAMILTON

1989 MR. F. GORDON FOSTER, FERN AUTHORITY

The GCNJ Annual Meeting was held at the Governor Morris Inn in Morristown, New Jersey. There were 419 in attendance. The theme was 'Meeting the Challenge'.

President Galione's goals were indeed fulfilled with the increase of activities of our youth groups, The protection of all clubs in GCNJ with an umbrella comprehensive insurance policy, and the caring and sharing of all club members within the state. Ann Listner, GCNJ Historian.

Presidential Citations were awarded to Jane Reynolds, Lillian Koelsch, Betty Schulte and Charlotte Kellogg.

49 Perpetual Trophies were presented to deserving clubs for outstanding work in all fields of garden club work.

Six Junior Garden Club Awards were presented and the High School Gardener's Award.

GCNJ received six National Flower Show Awards and the Special Achievement Certificate for Garden Information Days at the New Jersey Nurserymen's Flower and Garden Show.

A Special Award of Recognition for National Membership Activity was presented to Marilyn Litvack,

GCNJ received The Special Achievement Certificate for Youth Activities in the State.

GCNJ received The Ann Campbell Junior Garden Club Leadership Award.

GCNJ received the National Gardening Association Junior Horticulture Award.

All GCNJ Scholarships ( totaling \$5750 ) were presented to deserving students.

NCSGC, Inc. Advanced Scholarship in the amount of \$3500 was presented to Scott Chomiak.

This outstanding Awards Ceremony was clear evidence of President Galione's remarkable success and the superior leadership she provided for her theme, 'Progress through Participation'.

"Working Together we did achieve 'Progress through Participation'. We can preserve our world for future generations".

Doris Galliano, GCNJ President 1987 - 1980.

## Highlights

President's Challenge: Every Member asked to participate in one new/existing project.

The Donald B. Lacey Display Gardens were dedicated on 7/27/87. He retired from Cook College on June 30, 1987. He helped set the format for GCNJ Horticulture School. Prof. Lacey was the Liaison between the Extension Service and Cook College. Dr. Bruce Hamilton was named the new Liaison.

New Jersey Nurserymen's Flower Show 'A Date With The Garden' was 2 Standard flower shows staged back to back in Morristown Armory. 23rd consecutive year GCNJ had participated.

Landscape Design School Course III was held in Holly House, 96 in attendance.

Hortus Council was held in Holly House. 66 attended the lecture, 'Summer Bulbs'. All received Lily bulbs.

Judges Council developed an innovative way of keeping judges up to date on the Handbook's new concepts in design by Pauline Berry.

Operation Wildflower Seminar was held at Holly House. Topics covered NJ Wildflowers, propagation and highway use. 82 attended. A tour of Roxie Gardens, in New Hope, was held the next day.

Dahlia Binney, Chairman.

# PATRICIA KARSTENS GROSSI

34<sup>TH</sup> GCNJ PRESIDENT 1989 - 1991

HOME GARDEN CLUB: WEST MILFORD GARDEN CLUB  
6000 GCNJ MEMBERS, 145 CLUBS, 22 JUNIOR CLUBS

Fall 1989

News Leaf



Mrs. Carmine Grossi  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

### President's Message Excerpts

GCNJ is my pride and joy. I enjoy and look forward to all Garden Club activities.

We belong to National Council, the largest Gardening organization in the world.

New members, new clubs and new junior clubs are needed. Our future depends on our youth.

Meet the Challenge I believe GCNJ's achievements are NJ's best kept secrets. We need to spread the word! Go out and get a member! Start a new club! Start a Junior club!

Our National Theme is "Open Wide Your Garden Gate" The aims are "Communication, Education, Participation". New Jersey will follow and add "Back to Basics".

Teach, Lead, Share! Give a helping hand! Give an encouraging word! Give a favorable comment!

Meet The Challenge I promise to uphold the past ideas and dreams and support all projects and schools, to the best of my ability. Together we will meet the challenge... Together We Will Meet The Challenge!!!!

# MEETING THE CHALLENGE

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL  
OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:  
1990 QUENTIN C. SCHLIEDER, MORRIS COUNTY PARKS  
1991 NJ NURESRYMEN'S STATE FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW  
THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

was held October 23-25, 1989 at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany New Jersey. The Conference Chairman was Mrs. Sidney Litvack. Mrs. Robert Rada was the CAR Director. Mrs. C. Manning Smith, NCSGC President was our Honored Guest.

The theme was 'Rake It In' with programs, workshops, tours, educational exhibits, boutiques and Judges Council Exhibits. Workshops covered were Landscape Design, Trough Gardens, Wildflowers and Pressed Flowers.

A tour of the beautiful and historic Acorn Hall, in Morristown, winner of a National Council Historic Preservation Award, was enjoyed by all.

The highest and most coveted Thoren Award was won by NJ Garden Club of Oakland for their 'Shade of the Shuttle Park'.

Environmental Concern Award was won by Riverton GC, for an outstanding exhibit on recycling and hazardous waste.

NJ had three winning entries for our Youth, 1st Smokey Bear Poster Contest, 2nd Speech Contest and 3rd Essay Contest.

GCNJ Judges Council won the Outstanding Educational Exhibit Award for their exhibit titled 'What's New' with Kate Haupt as the Chairman. "All's well that ends well!"

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GCNJ contributed \$10,000 to the National Capital Friendship Garden We collected stamps to save the Eagle, tea bags for wheelchairs and soft drink tabs for Children's Dialysis.

Pres. Grossi's Goals of 'Meeting the Challenge' were certainly fulfilled with an increase in the activity of Youth Clubs and a new High School Youth Group for Handicapped Students. All Scholarships were awarded to further the education of our youth. She traveled over 20,000 miles throughout the state in her one-on-one "Getting to Know You" project. A JOB WELL DONE!  
Excerpts from GCNJ Archives

"The Best Job in the World Is GCNJ President! My fondest memories are of all the wonderful people I met and worked with in GCNJ and NGC. Memories that will last a lifetime! Thank you one and all."  
Pat Grossi 9/21/11

### Highlights

Operation Wildflower Workshop was held at Holly House. Two field trips were held to tour the Hackensack Meadows. As part of our history, GCNJ had helped save this environmentally sensitive area, filled with many rare and endangered plants, known as the Great Swamp, from being developed as an International Jetport. This would have destroyed the area. In 1964, it was designated a National Wildlife Refuge. Sec. of Interior Stewart Udall was awarded GCNJ's Gold Medal for his support, by Pres. Valentine. The tours were enjoyed by all.

Channel 9 ran a tribute to Dot and Brooks Evert on 1/19/90, in their documentary, Earth Alert. The theme was 'Everyone Has a Part in Protecting Planet Earth'. The Everts were cited as almost single-handedly responsible for saving the Pine Barrens. They were seated on a bench with The Pine Barrens in the background. Dot (GCNJ Horticulture Chairman) spoke simply and beautifully about her love of the area.

Contributions were made to help rebuild South Carolina after Hurricane Hugo.

Skylark Tours Fall: Australia and New Zealand, Spring Tour: Ireland

# JULIA BROOKSBANK CLEVETT

## 35<sup>TH</sup> GCNJ PRESIDENT 1991 - 1993

HOME GARDEN CLUB: GC OF WATCHUNG, DISTRICT 5  
5218 GCNJ MEMBERS, 123 CLUBS, 28 JUNIOR CLUBS

Fall 1991

News Leaf



Mrs. Kenneth Clevett  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

### President's Message Excerpts

In the true spirit of the Garden Club of New Jersey, we shall strive to broaden our horizons in every aspect, not only with new ideas but with familiar ideas revitalized.

We will face problems, with regard to membership, which we can overcome with better communications.

Actions speak louder than words!

We must give more of ourselves to whatever the project may be, whether they be flower shows, youth activities, environment, garden therapy or historic preservation, just to name a few.

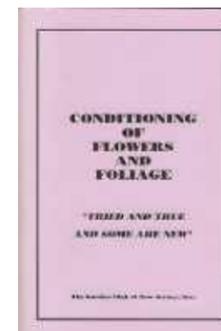
Our eight District Directors are our main line of communication between the GCNJ Board and our clubs. We must keep this line of communication open.

We shall strengthen our communications through Awards! State, Regional and National Awards are evidence of achieved goals.

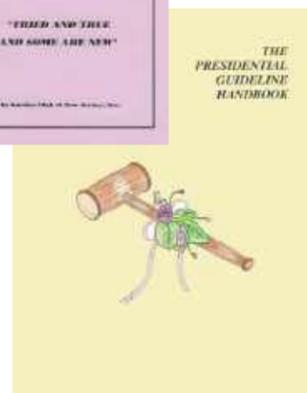
We shall "Broaden Our Horizons" through our excellent communications!

# BROADENING OUR HORIZONS

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL  
OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:  
1992 DR. C. REED FUNK, LEGENDARY PLANT BREEDER  
1993 WALTER CHOROSZEWSKI



The main emphasis of my administration was communications. I believe my greatest contributions to GCNJ were authorizing The Presidential Guideline Handbook, which was completed during my term and The Handbook on Conditioning Flowers and Foliage, which was begun during my term and completed during the following administration.



I commend Mrs. Alan P. Stansbury, Personnel Chairman, for her devoted and dedicated service in preparing The Presidential Guideline Handbook for printing. I commend Marianne Buck and Betty Schulte for their excellent and superior work

in the detailed research they did over four years in preparing The Handbook on Conditioning Flowers and Foliage. Their work fulfilled all my dreams and expectations for this much needed guide.

Julia Clevett, President 1990-92 (telephone interview)



A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW  
May 23, 1998 in New Vernon, NJ  
All Former GCNJ Presidents  
Doris Bryan, Pat Grossi, Doris Galione, Julia Clevett

### Highlights

Members were encouraged to protest expansion of Atlantic City Airport, which would have destroyed vast areas of rare NJ Pine Barrens.

Rutgers Gardens Budget was eliminated by the University. GCNJ Clubs were encouraged to send financial aid and write letters of protest.

Wini Applegate met with Mrs. Florio, wife of the Governor, to plan Historic Preservation celebrations, at Drumthwacket, the Governor's Mansion, an historic home, dating back to Revolutionary war days.

Fall Conference was held at Ocean Place Hilton. Mrs. James C. Dawson NCSGC President attended, as Honored Guest.

Dr. Elwin Orton, Rutgers hybridizer and developer of *Cornus x rutgersensis* donated one to raffle, on Arbor Day, to benefit Headquarters.

Dr. Bruce Hamilton was the featured speaker at GCNJ 67th Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on June 3, 1992. The theme was The World is Ours to Garden.

Skylark Tours: Italy, Caribbean, Alaska and Costa Rica

# DORIS CAVANAUGH

36<sup>TH</sup> GCNJ PRESIDENT 1993 - 1995

HOME GARDEN CLUB: WYCKOFF GARDEN CLUB, DISTRICT I  
5000+ GCNJ MEMBERS, 120 CLUBS, 28 JUNIOR CLUBS

Fall 1993

News Leaf



Mrs. Roy Cavanaugh  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

### President's Message Excerpts

Gardening has always been part of my life.

We are all ambassadors of our organization. Now, I will ask you to go one step father and become cheerleaders to everyone who will listen. We have interests for everyone, from arranging flowers to youth activities..

Our awards, youth, and wildflower workshops are for us to learn and communicate our knowledge and be effective cheerleaders.

A new program called PETALS, sponsored by the National Council of State Garden Clubs and Shell Oil Company offer grants of up to \$500 to individual clubs for a new environmental project. As gardeners it is our duty to create beauty and share the creation with others

What better way to enjoy our beautiful gardens than to have GCNJ sponsor a "Garden Walk through the Garden State" in National Garden Week, June 1994?

I am confident the garden club members of GCNJ will show evidence that "We CAN Make a Difference".

# WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL, OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO: 1994 CHARLES P. MONAHAN, NJDOT

I knew during our last annual meeting, as the officers were being installed under a beautiful floral arbor it would be an event we would long remember. But, within five days the phone started to ring about our insurance policies. By the end of the month and many more phone calls a new policy was in effect with all policies combined, more coverage, but, premiums remained the same, and the first accomplishment of this administration was complete.

A special project for GCNJ this year is a Garden Walk through the Garden State in National Garden Week. Each district will be featured one day, visiting both public and private gardens. Included will be Rutgers Display Gardens and the largest growth Holly trees, which surrounds our headquarters, "Holly House". Sky lands, our State Botanical Gardens, a garden for the blind and the seashore Memorial garden. By using ALL our garden club objectives, this president feels "We CAN Make a Difference

One of the memorable moments for this president was to stand before the New Jersey State Assembly to accept their resolution honoring our Garden Party and our work presented at the State House and at Drumthwacket. How proud this president has been to attend national and regional meetings representing our excellent state garden club. To receive the many awards and to meet so many find garden club members from across the nation.

GCNJ is very proud to have had Frances Wismer's design on the cover of the 1995 Vision of Beauty Calendar to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Blue Star Memorial Highway.

A new club membership category has been added. "Golden Treasures" this category is for clubs that are over 50 years old with under 10 members who want to keep the club but can no longer perform the requirements.

Having traveled about 22,000 miles to national and regional meetings and across our state, this president has come to realize our garden clubs are the grass roots of this fine organization. Our members participate in Civic Beautification, Garden Therapy, Historic Preservation, Teaching Horticulture, Flower Arranging, Landscape Design, Environmental Awareness and our Youth Groups. Many ways and means projects are held to fund these programs. In my travels meeting so many of you, I realized the hard work, time, effort and creativity on your part is what is recognized and what makes GCNJ so outstanding.

Doris Cavanaugh, June 7, 1995

### Highlights

Some clubs are adding a new concept to Garden Therapy by helping maintain a community house for homeless, helping residents grow vegetables at home for drug abused mothers and children.

National Garden Week was celebrated with a garden party at Holly House.

28 scholarships were presented to teachers for our TAT program.

GCNJ received an Outstanding Accomplishment Award for replanting 1600 shrubs and Dogwood trees at the original Blue Star Memorial Drive site.

Floral designs were created for New Jersey State House Rotunda exhibit at the State's Christmas Tree.

GCNJ member clubs received \$2,100 among six clubs awarded by the PETALS grant program.

The District Directors Handbook by Mickey Stansbury was completed and is available for District Directors to use.

14 scholarships were awarded totally \$12,500 plus 1 special scholarship for Nettie Lee

"We CAN Make a Difference"

# JANE SAWYER REYNOLDS BERSCH

37<sup>TH</sup> GCNJ PRESIDENT 1995 - 1997

HOME GARDEN CLUB: PINELANDS GARDEN CLUB OF MEDFORD  
5008 GCNJ MEMBERS, 116 CLUBS

Fall 1995

News Leaf



Mrs. John W. Bersch  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

## President's Message Excerpts

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and represent this proud organization for the next two years. Your enthusiastic support will be needed.

The theme for this administration is 'A Garden Tapestry for Today and the Future.'

Our tapestry will include threads from our NCSGC President, Mary Louise Michie, covering her two projects, "Headquarters Beautification Celebration" and "Millions of Trees for the Environment". We will also include CAR Director Luisa Bird's "Gardens with Wings".

Education will be a strong focus. Our schools of Landscape Design, Garden Study Courses, and Flower Show School will teach us of new developments in horticulture, new approaches to city planning and new trends in the creative beauty of floral design.

Our natural resources cannot be stressed enough.

News Leaf and the National Gardener will provide us with additional information.

We can and will influence our towns, our neighbors and our children, the gardeners of the future.

# A GARDEN TAPESTRY FOR TODAY AND THE FUTURE

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL, OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO: 1997 LEONARD SAUCEY, RAPTOR TRUST

Jane Bersch, upon receiving the GCNJ gavel adorned with our state flower, the Violet, and once part of the sturdy oak immortalized by Joyce Kilmer's poem, *Trees*, stated that the presidency was a high honor and a responsibility both challenging and rewarding.



Her "can-do" positive attitude gave clear direction and incentive to the GCNJ to be shining examples to the world of what it means to embrace gardening by showcasing our garden clubs activities throughout the state. She led the GCNJ in creating "A Tapestry of Gardens", which featured six townhouse gardens focusing on NCSGC's "Always Creating Beauty". They included an Adirondack garden, a children's garden, a garden for the physically challenged, an herb garden, a perennial garden and a birds and butterfly garden.

President Bersch presided over 2 Gardening Studies Courses, 2 Landscape Design Schools, 2 Flower Show Schools, and a Symposium. GCNJ, also, hosted the CAR Conference in Princeton, in 1996, where GCNJ received a total of 8 Awards. Many more followed at National Conventions with the Demarest GC receiving, not only the Violet Thoron Award for Landscape Design at CAR, but also the prestigious Kellogg Medal for Civic Achievement at the National level. Awards were received for Publications, "Awards Booklet" and for "Conditioning Flowers and Foliage, Tried And True and Some Are New".

Two New Blue Star Byway's were dedicated and each year eight scholarships totaling \$7,000 were awarded.

GCNJ oversaw 409,716 trees over 3 inches planted and 623,766 seedling trees under 3 inches planted, throughout New Jersey, in support of NCSGC President Michie's "Headquarters Beautification" and "Millions of Trees for the Environment".

10 garden clubs of the GCNJ applied for and received "P.E.T.A.L.S." Grants, nine of them received the maximum grant of \$500.

President Bersch submitted two installation ceremonies to NCSGC which were included in a book, "A Collection of Installations".

President Bersch, also, presented the GCNJ with a Perpetual Trophy, a pewter bowl, to be awarded to a member club for an "Outstanding Garden tour Not Staged in Conjunction with a Standard Flower Show".

## Highlights

The major highlight of this administration was hosting the Central Atlantic Regional Conference at the Marriott at Forrestal Village, Princeton, October 28-30 1996. NCSGC President, Mary Louise Michie, and CAR Director, Luisa Bird, were honored guests along with many from the other six states in CAR.

Ron Morgan, Designer Par Excellence, presented 'From Courtyards to Castles', Jeff Ball spoke on 'Gardeners As Stewards of the Globe' and Walter Choroszewski presented 'New Jersey's Estate Gardens'.

Trips and events, included an historical Monmouth County tour and Tea at the Governors Mansion, Drumthwacket. These were enthusiastically embraced.

One of GCNJ members, Mrs. Thomas Berry, and her husband, hosted a magnificent seven course dinner for a 'Grand Finale'!

Hosting the CAR conference was an enormous challenge but the members took it in hand and filled it with grace and beauty.

Four new garden clubs were welcomed to the federation and four new youth clubs were formed.

The Seal of The Garden Club of New Jersey was sent to NCSGC and was included with all other state seals in the newly woven carpet runner, which decorates National Headquarters in St. Louis.

# ROBERTA MCGEE McNALLY

38<sup>TH</sup> GCNJ PRESIDENT 1997 - 1999

HOME GARDEN CLUB: GARDEN CLUB OF OAKLAND, DISTRICT I

Fall 1997

News Leaf



Mrs. Michael McNally  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

### President's Message

#### Excerpts

"Let's Grow Together" was President McNally's theme as she stated the diversity of the GCNJ with so many facets, and "How close you feel to other club members when you have studied together". By attending one of our fine schools, Flower Show School, Landscape Design or Gardening Study, you not only acquire knowledge on a variety of subjects but you have an opportunity to make a special bond with your fellow students.

Participation in workshops such as Operation Wildflower, Youth, Award and Flower Show were high on President McNally's agenda as was the newly organized Publicity Workshop.

NCSGC President Barbara Barnette's theme was "Gardening Makes a World of Difference". She stressed gardening for body, mind and spirit, and gave us the knowledge that gardening can be better than any aerobic workout.

The Butterfly Garden at the new National Garden in Washington DC, a four year project, had the excitement of everyone, as "the most visible garden in the country"

# LETS GROW TOGETHER

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL, OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO: 1998 DR. EMILE DeVITO, NJ CONSERVATION FOUNDATION  
1999 ELEANORE HUSON, NEWS LEAF, EDITOR  
1999 TIBY WOTHERSPOON, ENVIRONMENTALIST



President McNally and NCSGC President Barnette

Publicity for the GCNJ was high on President McNally's list as she recalled how Jane Bersch, as President, and she, as President-elect were interviewed on WFPG for two hours on the program "All Around the Herb Garden". President McNally related that "More publicity is in the offing as we look to publicize The Garden Club of New Jersey. "Let's Grow Together." We established contact with newspaper editors and garden column editors in local and major newspapers, with club members providing interviews and information on Garden Club membership.

"Our Garden Therapy programs are a great source of fulfillment. We're working with the inmates in the Edna Mahan Correction Facility, in nursing homes and continuing to remember the veterans and veterans' hospitals. Let's Grow Together by helping our fellow man."

President McNally's administration was proud to have donated close to \$12,000 through sales of ornaments and brick pavers, towards the establishment of the Butterfly Garden at the National Garden in Washington, D.C. A total of \$357,228.13 was raised from garden clubs throughout the nation as a gift to the American people.

Dearest to President McNally's heart during her term of office was the time she spent at District and Club meetings, "getting to know each one of you and to hear firsthand, your dedication and commitment to garden club work".



Central Atlantic Regional Conference

In parting her presidency, she encouraged us "As we continue to grow together, think of that seed every time you plant. Do remember to remember... Magic, beauty and wonder. Just look at the seed... Plant it... Care for it... Hope... And give thanks.

### Highlights

NCSGC President Babs Barnette's National Project, the Butterfly Garden in Washington, D.C., was a particular joy and takes top honors as a highlight of President McNally's administration.

Youth gardening was the Unified Project of the Central Atlantic Region and CAR was very proud to have won the Emerald Award at the National convention in Atlanta, the top award in the country, for hard work, dedication and the pulling together of positive forces.

The GCNJ started a whole new series of Flower Show Schools, Landscape Design School was well attended and Garden Study School students were so enthusiastic that three schools were held in two years. Two Symposiums took place and members from out-of-state enjoyed New Jersey's hospitality.

We donated our time and created 77 centerpieces for the Kessler Foundation's 50<sup>th</sup> Gala celebration in Newark.

President McNally and various state Board Chairmen were featured on radio talk shows on gardening on numerous occasions, and private publications featured many articles on our garden clubs, including reprints from our state publication, News Leaf.

# DORIS BRYAN

39TH GCNJ PRESIDENT 1999 - 2001

HOME GARDEN CLUB: RFD GARDEN CLUB, DISTRICT 8  
5447 GCNJ MEMBERS, 125 CLUBS, 27 JUNIOR CLUBS

Fall 1999

News Leaf



Mrs. Edward Bryan  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

## President's Message Excerpts

Team Work, together we achieve the extraordinary! This is the theme of my administration. Teamwork between the Garden Clubs and with the GCNJ: Just think what can be accomplished! GCNJ is here to help you with your plans in general. Our lives are very stressful at times with all we hope to complete, and to paraphrase Shakespeare, "Gardening helps to knit the raveled sleeves of care."

We will have a Butterfly Garden Chairman, as well as, a Bird Chairman and Workshops 101.

Please encourage not only the garden club presidents but other members to attend District Meetings. These are a great clearinghouse for ideas and exchange of information, a chance to applaud the activities of other garden clubs and to learn from each other.

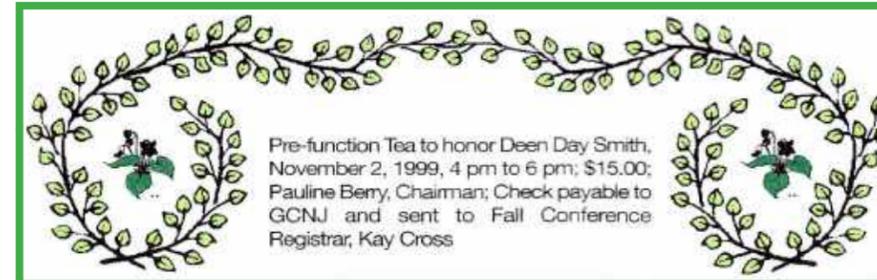
Many thanks for this wonderful opportunity to serve you as President of the Garden Club of New Jersey.  
Doris Bryan

## TEAM WORK, TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE THE EXTRAORDINARY!

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL  
OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:  
2000  
2001

*The environment is just one of our very important projects. This is something we owe our grandchildren and other future generations. This will require constant vigilance the rest of our lives. We are destroying it faster than we are replenishing the wonderful world we live in.*

*Environmental concerns are of vital importance to us all. There are many but one that needs special attention for us is saving the Hackensack Meadowlands from development. Only 7000 acres remain of the 21,000 acres that comprise the Meadowlands at the time of the first colonization. Help place the remaining Meadowlands in a National Wildlife Refuge: Wini Applegate, our GCNJ Environmental Awareness Chairman will be contacting you as to how we can help. Doris Bryan*



### THE CALL TO THE FALL CONFERENCE AND PRESIDENTS DAY

PRINCETON MARRIOTT, Forrestal Village  
201 Village Boulevard  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540  
P.M.  
Phone: 609-452-7900

WEDNESDAY  
November 3, 1999  
9:00 A.M. to 3:00

### "Millennium Memories"

Dear Garden Club Presidents, Members And Honored Guests:

You are cordially invited to attend our Fall Conference and Presidents Day. We are truly honored to have our NCSGC President, Deen Day Smith, sharing this day with us.

Coffee and tea will be served from 8:00 to 8:45 am. We will start our morning meeting at 9:00 am. During our morning session, we will honor all our Garden Club Presidents. Cassandra Kupper, Chairman of GCNJ Web Site will speak to us about the importance of being a user and how it can benefit your club. Donna Pemberton will give a talk on Butterfly Gardens. Our social time will begin at 11:30 am and Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm.

The afternoon program will feature Barry Ferguson from Oyster Bay, New York. Mr. Ferguson is a renowned designer with very exciting and creative ideas. He will be presenting a number of designs that will be raffled off at the end of the day.

Registration, morning coffee and luncheon will be \$32.00. Please make checks payable to the Garden Club of New Jersey and sent to Kay Cross, 401 South Chestnut St., Westfield, New Jersey 07090-1347, phone number 908-233-0905. Deadline for Registration is October 26, 1999 and regrettably, there will be no refunds after this date. If club members wish to be seated together, it is most important to send all registrations forms together. We do hope that you will be able to share this day with us and make: "Millennium Memories"

Doris Bryan, President, GCNJ  
Deirdre Gross, Conference Chairman

## Highlights

The Website will be up and running and News Leaf will supply details in the fall issue. GCNJ gives many scholarships to deserving young people, contact the Scholarship Chairman for information.

Five Presidential Citations were awarded by President Bryan at the 1999 Fall Conference. They were to:

Gary W. Nichols - For all his years of help with finance.

Doris Galione - For many years of service to GCNJ.

Pauline Berry - As a member who exemplifies the high standards of Garden Clubs.

Julia Clevett - For her organizational skills and gracious help to GCNJ President Doris Bryan.

Cassandra Kupper - For setting up the GCNJ Web Site and overseeing its function.

The call to the 75th Annual Meeting "The Diamond Jubilee of the Garden Club of New Jersey" on Monday, June 5, 2000 at the Princeton Marriott Forrestal Village was announced in the spring 2000 News Leaf. Displays from each club's archives, sharing a notable piece of history and/or accomplishment, was one of the planned major highlights.

An artist of International renown and an AIFD Master Designer were scheduled to be included in the program.

# RUTH WALDRON PAUL

40<sup>TH</sup> GCNJ PRESIDENT 2001 - 2003

HOME GARDEN CLUB: GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD  
5596 MEMBERS, 38 JUNIOR CLUBS

Fall 2001

News Leaf



Mrs. Raymond Paul  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

### President's Message

#### Excerpts

"Plant Today For A Beautiful Tomorrow"

The GCNJ must dedicate itself to a willingness to change and to growth.

NGC Pres., Lois Shuster has chosen her theme "Celebrating Our Gardens", C.A.R.'s "Enriching Lives Through Gardening", "Garden Activities For Youth" are ideas close to the hearts of Garden State gardeners.

Expand your knowledge by attending one of our schools, plan a flower show, a garden tour or sponsor a garden information day. Apply to PETALS, a Shell Grant Program.

Educating ourselves and the public about planting native trees and shrubs will produce environmentally sound and aesthetically pleasing landscapes.

We have a talented and dedicated Executive Board, and there is untapped talent in our clubs, we want you to share your time and talent with us.

It is an honor to have been elected by you and I shall strive to meet your expectations.

# "PLANT TODAY FOR A BEAUTIFUL TOMORROW"

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL  
OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:  
2002 HOWARD W. BOYD, NJ PINE BARREN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY  
2003 JORDAN MATELSKY

The opportunity to serve the member clubs of the GCNJ has been quite a trip and I am grateful for the ride.

The theme of this administration has led us down many exciting paths. Our Native and Regional Plant Garden is being planted, thanks to Shell Grants and the generosity of our "Benevolent Benefactors." It was dedicated on September 29th. A Rain Garden has been added to the original plan. The Wildflower Workshop was sold out as soon as the date was announced.



The Shell Grant Program funded Twelve New Jersey Projects for a total of \$46,943.

Howard P. Boyd, NJ International Pine Barrens Authority, Botanist, Naturalist, Author and Lecturer was awarded GCNJ's Highest Award, The New Jersey Medal.

We staged a GCNJ Standard Flower Show in association with the "Flower, Garden and Outdoor Living Show" at the Expo Center in Edison, NJ.

Our Youth Program continues to thrive. There are 1,317 members in 38 Youth Clubs. Five new clubs were formed. We have a new Junior Gardeners Club and one new Ecotots category.



And so this journey is finished. I emerge in high spirits, buoyed by your enthusiasm and your dedication to preserve our natural and historic treasures. I am inspired by your love of beauty and learning. You dig in the earth and hear, with wonder the songs of birds. You are Angels with dirt under your nails, mud on your boots and flowers in your arms. Thank you and God bless you all. Ruth W. Paul, May 2003

### Highlights

The dreadful Tragedy of 9/11 brought shock throughout our membership, along with the rest of our nation. We immediately put our year's plans on hold and began planning a Memorial Service. A patriotic ceremony was held in the gardens of Holly House. President Ruth Paul selected an American Elm to be planted in remembrance of this great loss of lives and terrible destruction. Nancy Ghatan served as Chairman.

Many "Freedom Trees" were dedicated in solemn ceremonies by our clubs throughout the state. There were 2,914 trees planted statewide in response to projects promoted by NGC, CAR, and GCNJ.

Our statewide project 'To Help Save NJ's Native Plants for Our Children' was an overwhelming success because all 5,596 members worked together under the dynamic leadership of Pres. Ruth Paul! Dr. Bruce Hamilton was Director of the Rutgers Gardens. Patrick Cullina, Associate Director created the Award Winning Design and Daryl Kobesky, Superintendent directed the planting. This project was awarded First Place by NGC. The Blue Ribbon Certificate was accompanied by an extra surprise, a \$1000 check!

# WINI MALLETTE APPLGATE

## 41<sup>ST</sup> GCNJ PRESIDENT 2003 - 2005

HOME GARDEN CLUB: SEAWEEDERS GC OF BAY HEAD & MANTOLOKING  
GCNJ MEMBERS, CLUBS, JUNIORS

Fall 2003

News  
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Mrs. Robert Applegate  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

### President's Message

#### Excerpts

"Working Together, imagine What We Can Do"

"Preserve the Past and Forge The Future" as requested by June Wood, NGC President.

We will "Green Historic Sites" as our new Regional Director Joy Ericson has indicated.

We will take part in Historic Preservation, plant flowering Trees as a part of America A-Bloom and continue to Concentrate on water issues.

We will host the Central Atlantic Regional Conference to hear informative speakers, tour and socialize. That is what garden clubbing is all about, a time to learn, a time to care, a time to share AND a time to smell the roses.

Let us partner with other like minded organizations to develop, educate and promote our projects. We are proud of our past.

# "WORKING TOGETHER, IMAGINE WHAT WE CAN DO"

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL  
OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:  
2004 DAVID BYERS, NJDOT BLUE STAR  
2005 PATRICK CULLINA, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR RUTGERS GARDENS

What a daunting task we encountered at the beginning of this administration. Our headquarters was closed for major renovations for over 9 months. A Fund Raising Committee has been organized and is preparing a cookbook with proceeds to benefit our projects.

Our Treasurer's records have been computerized, and a Special Insurance Review Committee was appointed.

May Day was celebrated with well over 60% of our clubs participating. The 60th Anniversary of the Blue Star Memorial, founded in NJ in 1944, was commemorated. We now have 24 markers throughout the state. We continue to support our servicemen through Garden Therapy at Lyons Hospital.



Log Cabin Planting

We are dedicated to making the Rutgers Gardens the educational showplace of NJ and received grants to restore the gardens of the historic log cabin and replace a parking area with a Rain Garden. A new project will begin with the construction

of a pavilion overlooking the Native and Wildflower Garden, a gift from the estate of the late Lillian Koelsch, former GCNJ President 1981-1983.

A CAR grant was used to plant Halesia Trees.

We are honored that our Horticulture Chairman was invited to be a panelist in the NJ Evict Invasives Symposium. In all we do, we are attempting to partner with our communities. Now we can honestly say—WORKING TOGETHER-SEE WHAT WE HAVE DONE!



CAR Grant, Halesia Tree Planting

### Highlights

There were 2914 trees planted statewide in response to projects promoted by NGC, CAR, and GCNJ. "Freedom Trees" were dedicated in solemn ceremonies throughout the state.

The Shell Grant Program funded Twelve New Jersey Projects for a total of \$46,943.

We forged ahead with our 3<sup>rd</sup> state flower show, and it was spectacular. The Youth clubs have been a big part of this event and we encourage their participation. Last year, we received a NGC or CAR award for every project entered.

We held Garden Study, Landscape Design and Flower Show Schools, Symposium and Wildflower Workshops to educate our members.

We planted 3,094 flowering trees for America-A-Bloom. We raised \$775. For the Walk-A-Thon benefiting Habitat for Humanity in NJ.

Planted a Time Capsule at the entrance of the Native and Regional Plant Garden in Rutgers Gardens



L. Koelsch

# CAROLE PYNER IUSO

42<sup>ND</sup> GCNJ PRESIDENT 2005 - 2007

HOME GARDEN CLUB: BRIDGEWATER GARDEN CLUB, DISTRICT 7  
5244 GCNJ MEMBERS, 111 CLUBS, 40 JUNIOR CLUBS

Fall 2005

News Leaf



Mrs. Kenneth Iuso  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

### President's Message Excerpts

The theme for this administration is "Get Inspired... Be Involved... Experience Garden Club!"

We look forward to participating in NGC President Kitty Larkin's theme "Embrace Gardening's Tapestry" I am especially excited about her request to plant Patriotic Trees with Principal Financial Group providing grants for matching funds, Honoring all our American Patriots is very dear to my heart.

We will support CAR Director, Judy Clemson's theme, "Conserve Today for Tomorrow" and her campaign to "stamp out the Asian Long Horned Beetle"

We will be getting a new project entitled "Lunch and Learn" with educational and gardening event programs.

Another new project will be "Tea in the Gardens" held in the Rutgers Gardens of Rutgers University.

Send us your fabulous recipes so our GCNJ cookbook, Dig In, will be chock-full of great food ideas as we celebrate our love and passion for fresh ingredients from our beautiful gardens, orchards, streams and oceans.

## GET INSPIRED... BE INVOLVED... EXPERIENCE GARDEN CLUB

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL,  
OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:  
2006  
2007

In response to our NGC President Kitty Larkin's theme "Let Freedom Ring" and The Principal Financial Group's Civic Development Grant Program, the GCNJ selected the Freedom Trail of Great Americans and The Field of Heroes as major projects of this administration. These projects also incorporated President Kitty Larkin's theme of planting Patriotic Trees. NGC presented GCNJ with Award #24, the Award of Excellence and the Gold Medal in May, 2007 for the "Freedom Trail of Great Americans" and



Dedication of Field of Heroes

"The Field of Heroes" Project. NGC's highest award. The Freedom Trail of Great Americans travels through Rutgers Gardens and culminates in a tree planting dedicated to our servicemen and women, called "The Field of Heroes". Along the Freedom Trail of Great Americans, garden club members and citizens sponsored benches, trees, shrubs, and wildflowers



Unveiling the Plaque

honoring our country's Presidents, New Jersey signers of the Declaration of Independence, Patriots, Heroes, and other great Americans. The Freedom Trail of Great Americans was dedicated at the "Tea in the Gardens" in June, 2006 and the "dedication of "The Field of Heroes" took place in Holly House, in October, 2006.

GCNJ presented 4 Flower Show School's, 1 Garden Study School, 1 Landscape Designed School, 1 Flower Show Symposium, 12 evaluated flower shows and 2 state flower shows. The membership enjoyed viewing the "Wildflower of the Month".

Profits from a 2007 Wildflower Symposium were used to establish the Helen Hull Wildflower Garden in Rutgers Gardens.

"Operation Remembrance" was embraced by clubs throughout the state honoring our servicemen and women's families by delivering baskets of red geraniums to them in May.

GCNJ presented in 2006, "A Floral Odyssey" our 4th GCNJ Standard Flower Show at the NJ Convention Center in Edison, In 2007, 2 State Standard Flower Shows... "A Child's Storybook was the adult show, and "Mother Goose" was the first State Junior Flower Show.

### Highlights

"Dig In", the GCNJ cookbook had GCNJ clubs contribute their very best recipes. A special 'This and That' section was included.

"Lunch and Learn", a new education in gardening bench project was well received in attendance.

An Awards Packet, "Awards Made Easy", was developed and distributed by Louise Davis, GCNJ Awards Chairman beginning at the 2005 Fall Conference. This innovative packet increased participation in the awards program.

Claire Minnick, GCNJ Horticulture chair and Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens generated a list of the 20 Hot Annuals for 2006 which was distributed to garden clubs.

The Garden Project, Butterfly Garden, sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. Was completed and dedicated in September, 2006 in Washington DC. NGC members raised \$525,057 for this garden.

Mary Warshauer, CAR Blue Star Chairman, compiled and distributed to all CAR members, a comprehensive Blue Star Memorial Highway book detailing all the Blue Star Markers in the Central Atlantic Region.

# ONNOLEE OSTERHOUDT ALLIERI

43<sup>RD</sup> GCNJ PRESIDENT 2007 - 2009

HOME GARDEN CLUB: ROCKAWAY VALLEY GARDEN CLUB, DISTRICT 3  
5255 GCNJ MEMBERS, 116 GARDEN CLUBS, 32 JUNIOR CLUBS

Fall 2007

News Leaf



Mrs. Carl Allieri  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

### President's Message

#### Excerpts

"Together... Let's Sow Seeds of Success" was my theme as a dirt gardener and as our response to the National Garden Club Inc.'s President Barbara May's theme of "Nurture the Earth/Plant Natives/Plant Organically" and CAR Director, Marilyn Whitmore's theme "Restore our Heritage with Native Plants" and the Principal Financial Group's theme of "Let's Go Native".

Gardeners are the Best People in the World- Be Bold and Courageous. When you look back on your life, you'll regret the things you didn't do, more than the ones you did.

The first seed I'd like for us to plant is enthusiasm. Genuine enthusiasm can only last if you are truly passionate about something. For me, it's garden club. I just love how it can enrich our lives. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm". So let's get enthusiastic. It's contagious. We can accomplish so much.

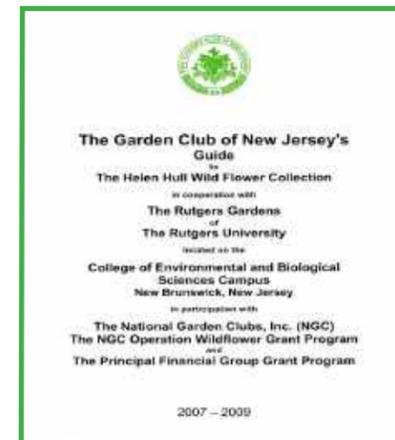
# TOGETHER... LET'S SOW SEEDS OF SUCCESS

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL  
OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO: 2008 DR. DAVID FAIRBROTHER'S  
2009 JEANETTE JOHNSON, GCNJ MEMBER, DEVOTEE. OF NATIVE PLANTS AND  
HELEN HULL'S LEGACY

President Onnolee Allieri's magnetic personality inspired the GCNJ to embark in "Random Acts of Beauty Awards", given by clubs to local residents who have colorful gardens visible to the public, thereby attracting many new members for clubs. GCNJ membership is up 255 with "Help Membership Blossom" another project designed to attract new members.

Other achievements include our "Help Save the Honey Bee" education program to help stem the loss of our honeybee population.

"Let's Go Native" provided member clubs and the GCNJ with 3 Principal Financial Grants, and a statewide project planting 4358 native plants to help save New Jersey's Native Plants from destruction.



In April, 2008,

we started a monthly column in the *Gardener News*, a gardening newspaper in New Jersey, which gave us an important public relations platform and an ally in Tom Castronovo, editor and publisher.

The Garden Club of New Jersey Inc. And member clubs sent the Federated Council of New Orleans Garden Club, Inc. \$7000 for the restoration of the New Orleans Botanical Gardens that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. We also sent \$2500 to Grand Rapids, Iowa for a Shakespearean Garden in Ellis Park destroyed by devastating floods.

Dedication of Helen Hull Wildflower Collection.

From left to right:  
Doc Hamilton, Bruce Crawford, Onnolee Allieri, Mary Warshauer, Wini Applegate, Ruth Paul and Carole Iuso



### Highlights

President Allieri's administration's cornerstone was the establishment of the Helen Hull Wild Flower Collection in the Native and Regional Plant Garden, in Rutgers Gardens. It was dedicated to NGC President Barbara May in recognition of her theme "Nurture the Earth-Plant Natives."

The publication of The Garden Club of New Jersey's Guide to the Helen Hull Wild Flower Collection in cooperation with the Rutgers Gardens.

A dedication ceremony for the completion of the Lillian Koelsch Gazebo, located in the Rutgers Gardens, was held. Lillian was a former GCNJ President.

The Garden Club of New Jersey was honored by Rutgers Gardens for its many years of support at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Garden Gala. We were presented with the "Hamilton Award" for our dedication and outstanding commitment to Rutgers Gardens.

"Kids Day in Rutgers Gardens" was a full day of workshops and planting bulbs for children in the state.

Other noteworthy activities were the 2<sup>nd</sup> printing of "Dig In", and the 2<sup>nd</sup> printing of the Guide for Conditioning Flowers.

2 Fall Conferences, 2 Garden Study, 2 Flower Show, 2 Landscape Design Schools and our very first Environmental Study School excited our members to be all they could be.

# MARY FARSHING WARSHAUER

44<sup>TH</sup> GCNJ PRESIDENT 2009 - 2011

HOME GARDEN CLUB: THE GARDEN CLUB OF FAIR HAVEN, DISTRICT 8  
5255 GCNJ MEMBERS, 117 GARDEN CLUBS

Fall 2009

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Mrs. James Warshauer  
President GCNJ

Garden Club of New Jersey

### President's Message Excerpts

"Nurture Our World for a Beautiful Tomorrow" is our theme for the next two years with exciting, fun projects that I welcome you to participate in and that are easy to accomplish. I encourage all of you to reach out to your community and offer your garden clubs expertise in any way that you can.

A Navy brat, this President recalled how her early childhood in Florida spent gardening in sand under her mother's plant loving guidance, is still the lifelong love of gardening in helping others to realize the importance of "Education, garden therapy, environmental involvement, and Habitat for Humanity in making a difference.

I am asking all clubs to promote "Green". I am officially declaring April as the GCNJ Environmental Awareness Month. I encourage all clubs to support this project by actively participating in environmental projects during April... Team up with another club and have an environmental fair... Conduct a workshop on an environmental issue that affects your area. Be creative!

# NURTURE OUR WORLD FOR A BEAUTIFUL TOMORROW

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY MEDAL  
OUR HIGHEST AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:  
2010

2011 BRUCE CRAWFORD, DIRECTOR, RUTGERS GARDENS

We celebrated the 65th anniversary of the Blue Star Memorial on Friday, November 6, 2009 with the dedication of a new Blue Star Marker at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland. The Blue Star Memorial Highway program started in New Jersey in 1944 honoring the men and women serving in our Armed Forces. The National Garden Club Inc. later adopted this program and today it is a nationwide program traversing many highways across the country. President Mary Warshauer's mother, as President of her garden club, in Florida, dedicated the first Blue Star Memorial Marker in that state, near where Mary's father was based in a Naval Air Station. Our Mary has "Blue Star" in her veins.



Our GCNJ clubs had daffodils living all over the state in an ongoing contest. "Plant it Pink", a NGC project partnershiping with Susan B. Komen for the Cure, helped to raise funds and promote aware-



ness in support of the fight against breast cancer. Clubs were encouraged to plant pink gardens at hospitals, cancer centers, Memorial Gardens, and participate in garden therapy activities.

We started our community garden focus by running a symposium on Community Gardening in September, 2009. We also continued our monthly column in the Gardener News featuring timely articles on a wide variety of horticulture and environmental related issues dear to the hearts of the GCNJ membership as well as gardeners everywhere.



We also came kicking and screaming into the modern world of technology with our renovated GCNJ website showcasing all our committees, events, forms and slowly (or quickly for some not prepared) made the transition to a paperless GCNJ world. How many trees will be saved by this monumental endeavor... Just think of that!

### Highlights

Under President Warshauer's Administration, the GCNJ investments were consolidated into one brokerage house, and spending reduced for a more balanced budget.

During Operation Wildflower Workshop President Warshauer proclaimed May 10, 2010 through May 10, 2011 as the year of the Swamp Pinks.

Getting News Leaf delivered electronically to club members was not only financially necessary, but it also initiated the transition of the GCNJ into the electronic age.

District in the Gardens as Presidents Day was the first interactive meeting with club presidents, showcasing the various programs GCNJ has available to its membership.

GCNJ sponsor the first statewide Gardens Education Day at Colonial Nursery in Lincoln New Jersey, featuring an educational Expo of our talents and expertise in the gardening world.

NGC President Renee Blaschke's project "Beautify Blight" encouraged community gardens nationwide. She urged "Jersey Girl" Daffodils be used for planting in a statewide contest.

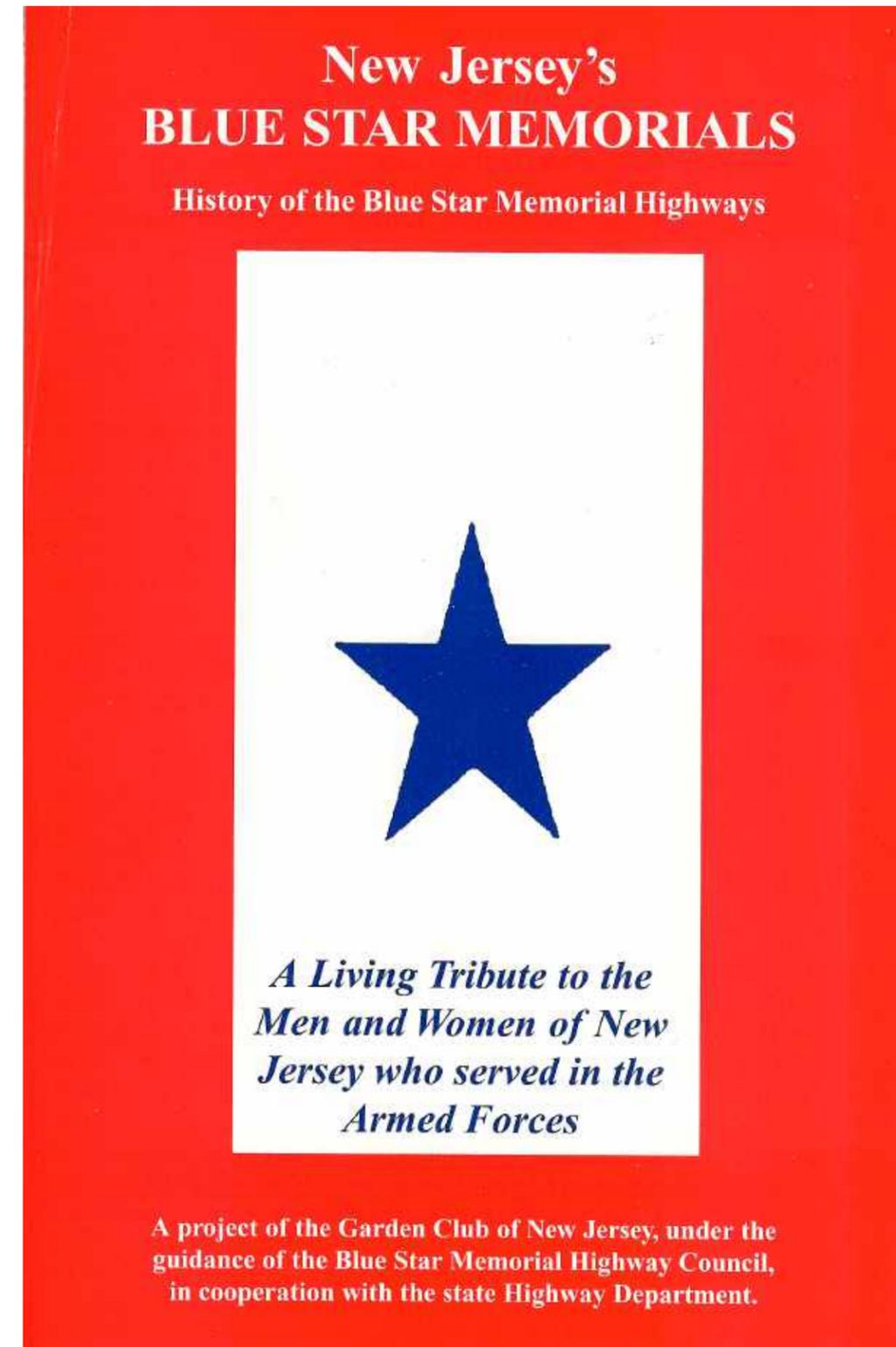
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*and*

*Committee Reports*

*New Jersey 65<sup>th</sup> Blue Star Anniversary*



# List of New Jersey Blue Star Sites

## LISTING OF BLUE STAR MARKERS IN NEW JERSEY by Bea Allen Chairman, Blue Star Council

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Date</u>
Annandale, RT. 22	Blue Star Drive Marker	CGC of Hunterdon	1946/2005
Atlantic Highlands, RT. 36	Byway	Atlantic Highlands	1973
Basking Ridge, Allen St & Findlay Ave	Byway	Basking Ridge	1998
Bay Head, Scow Ditch Park	Byway	Seaweeders	1984/1996/2007
Bloomsbury, RT. 78	Mem-2 (signs down/refurbished)	GCNJ	1995
Chester, Main St.-Memorial Isld	Byway	Chester	1996
Deepwater, RT. 295	Mem	GCNJ	1988
East Hanover, Library Grds.	Byway	Hanover	2004
Eatontown, RT. 36	Mem	Oceanport	2007
Essex Fells, Town Hall, Roseland Ave.	Byway	Essex Fells	2012
Fair Haven, Victory Park	Byway	Fair Haven	1997
Harding, RT. 287	Mem (Open to trucks only)	GCNJ/Council	1998
Knowlton, RT. 80	Mem	Warren	1984
Lyons Veteran's Home	Mem	District IV	2011
Medford, RT. 70	Byway	Pinelands	1979/2004
Menlo Park, Veteran's Home	Mem	GCNJ	2001
Mercerville, RT. 33	Mem	Nottingham	1984/2003
Middletown, RT. 35	Byway	Village GC/ RFD	1989
Mountainside, RT. 22 (Chapel Island)	Blue Star Drive Marker	GCNJ	1944
Navesink, River Rd.	Byway	Navesink	1982/1997
Netcong, RT 46	Byway	GCNJ	1973
New Brunswick, Holly House	Byway	GCNJ	2010
North Plainfield, RT. 22	Blue Star Drive Marker	GCNJ/Watchung/Locals	1944/1993
Oakland, RT 287 & 202	Byway	Oakland	1977/1992
Vineland, Veteran's Home	Mem	GCNJ 65th Anniv.	2009
Watchung, Somerset St. Triangle	Byway	Watchung	1996/2007
Westfield Tamaques Park	Byway	Westfield	2003
Westfield Shadowlawn Park	Byway	Rake & Hoe	2011
Whitehouse, RT. 22	Blue Star Drive Marker	CGC of Hunterdon	1946/2003
<b>Closed</b>			
Springfield, RT. 29	Mem-2(Closed-Signs removed)	GCNJ/Council	1988
Pluckemin, RT. 78	Mem (Moved to Bloomsbury)		
Verona, RT. 23	(Removed – Not official sign)		1971

Bea Allen 7/31/12  
(GCNJ – Blue Star Listing)



Governor Driscoll Signing Bill authorizing Highway Department to acquire land along Blue Star Drive, May 19th, 1947

Governor Walter E. Edge signs Resolution which memorialized Blue Star Drive, Feb. 8th, 1945



**Original Blue Star Drive Marker, Chapel Island, Mountainside - US Route 22  
Photo from Green Crusade page 19**

**The beautiful Blue Star Marker with its characteristic planting will identify the memorial route  
No other attempt at uniformity is contemplated. The National Council Policy favors naturalistic  
plantings of diversified indigenous trees and shrubs to fit the existing landscape.**



Mrs. Schomp receives from Governor Alfred E. Driscoll a Citation to the Garden Club of New Jersey for Distinguished Public Service to the State, December 28, 1950—"Establishment of an Arboretum in Palisades Interstate Park; Creation of the Blue Star Drive; Underwriting Conservation Education Scholarships; Formation of a Green Thumb Corps; and especially noted for the Highway Beautification Survey."

9/11 Freedom Tree Dedication  
September 30, 2002

HOLLY HOUSE  
126 Ryders Ln.  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816



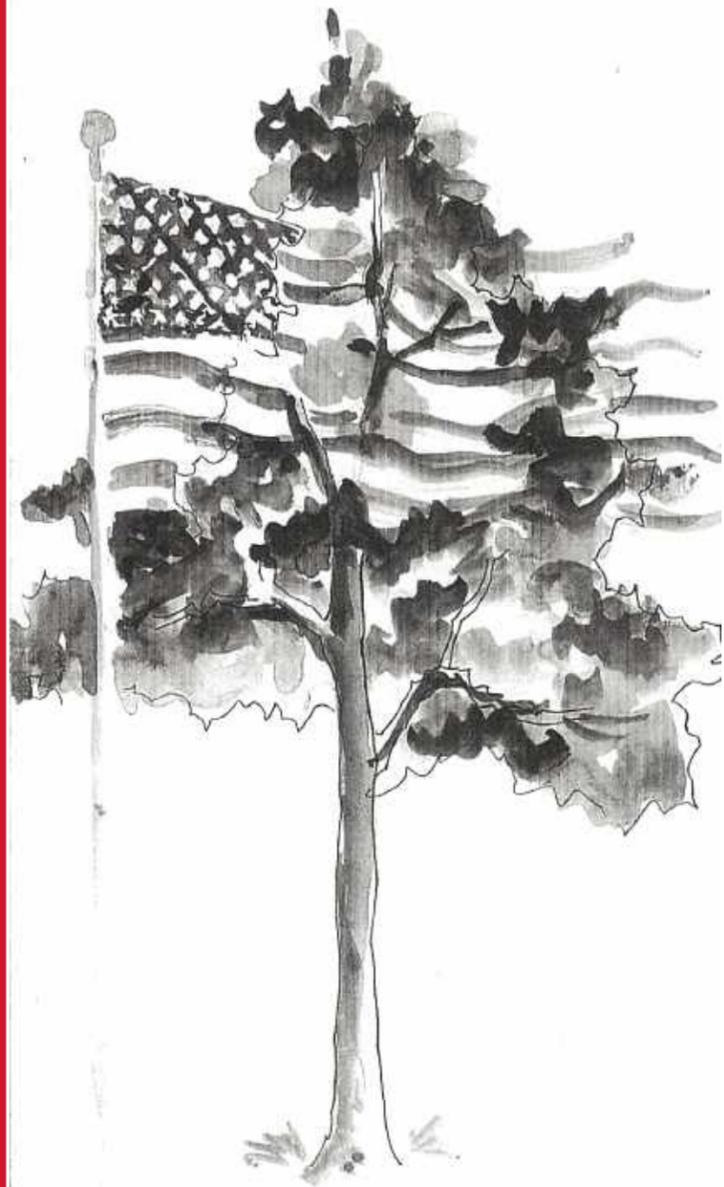
Lt. Peter Klebauner



Ruth Paul, President GCNJ



Patrick Cullina, Associate Dir. Rutgers Gardens



Freedom Tree

*Ulmus americana* 'Princeton'  
September 30, 2002

9/11 Freedom Tree Dedication  
September 30, 2002

FREEDOM TREE DEDICATION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

Pledge of Allegiance	led by Susan Rhoda <i>Protocol</i>
The Star Spangled Banner Led by Concetta Owens	Francis Scott Key
Welcome	Nancy L. Gahtan <i>Chairman</i>
Tree Selection	Patrick Cullina <i>Rutgers Gardens</i>
Dedication	Ruth W. Paul <i>President</i>
On Eagles Wings Sung by Concetta Owens	Michael Joncas
Benediction	Father Thomas Walsh

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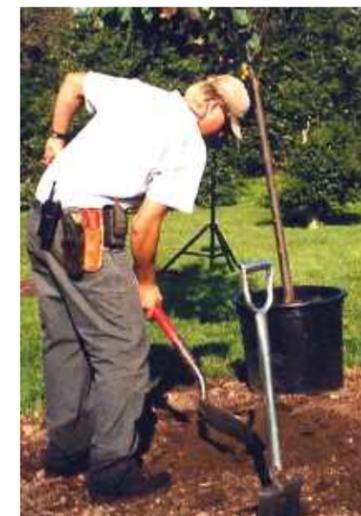
OF  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The Dedication  
of the  
GCNJ Freedom Tree

to flourish as a living monument  
in tribute to  
national loss  
national courage  
and national resolve

*"The seeds of freedom will continue to grow and thrive  
in the soil of this land,  
and in the inner reaches of our hearts and minds."*

Ruth W. Paul, President - Wini Applegate, Vice President - Nancy L. Gahtan, Chairman - Joan Enright, Vice Chairman - Susan Rhoda, Protocol - Georgia DeBlon, Properties - Susan Peterson, Hospitality - Roberta McNally, Photographer - Carole Iuso, Publicity - Sally Brandenburg, Program Cover - Lois Dupre Schuster, President, NGC - Shirley Nicolai, Dir. CAR



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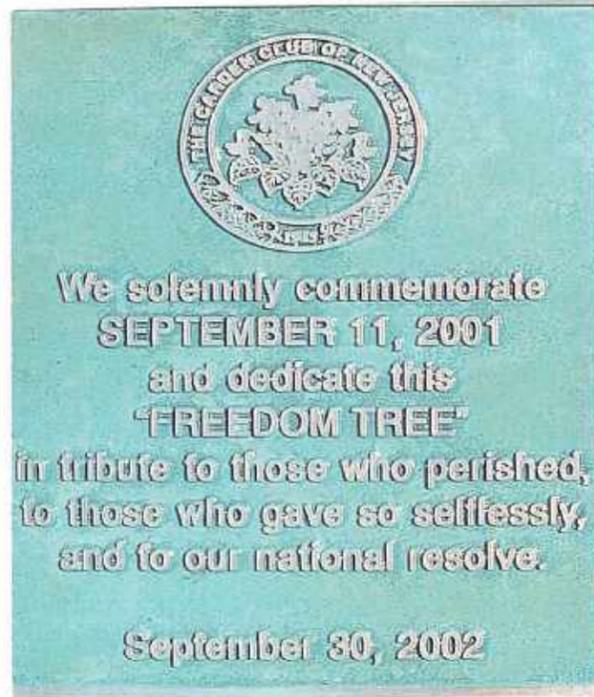
Nancy Gahtan



Wini Applegate

9/11 Freedom Tree Dedication  
September 30, 2002

Lt. Peter Klebauer, Westfield Fire Dept.; Union Co. Police & Fire Pipes & Drums



Ruth W. Paul, President – GCNJ



*Ulmus Americana 'Princeton'*

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9/11 Freedom Tree Dedication  
September 30, 2002



Patrick Cullina, Asst. Dir. – Rutgers Gardens



Pt. Ted Yachimovicz  
E. Brunswick Police Dept.



Vocalist Concetta Owens  
"On Eagles Wings"



Benediction – Father Thomas Walsh

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*The Garden Club of New Jersey  
Native and Regional Plant Garden  
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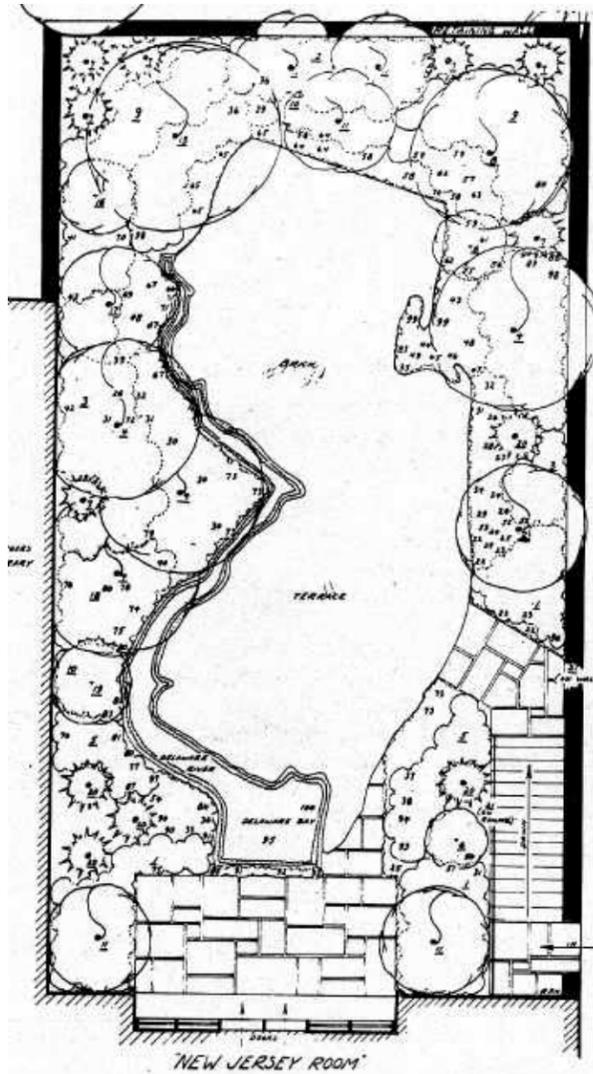
**Janet Kinney  
Youth Gardeners Leader**



**GCNJ Youth  
Gardeners  
Planting  
wildflowers under  
the direction of  
Patrick Cullina,  
Associate. Dir.  
Rutgers Gardens  
and leader of  
the project.**

4/27/03

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## The Garden of Native Plants

The New Jersey Native Plant Garden at Rutgers University, started in 1957, was designed by Raymond P. Korbobo, specialist in ornamental horticulture, New Jersey College of Agriculture, and is a scale model of the map of the state. Mrs. Edward L. Coffey, State Horticulture Chairman, was appointed to plan and plant the garden. Many Garden Club members have contributed plants to the Garden, which contains the following:

Click here to view Website of  
The Garden of Native Plants  
(The Original Garden)

### NATIVE PLANTS of New Jersey

*Actaea alba*, White baneberry  
*Anemone quinquefolia*, Wood anemone  
*Anemonella thalictroides*, Rue anemone  
*Aquilegia canadensis*, Columbine  
*Arctostaphylos uvaursi*, Bearberry  
*Arisaema triphyllum*, Jack-in-the-pulpit  
*Asarum canadense*, Wild ginger  
*Asclepias tuberosa*, Butterfly weed  
*Asplenium platyneuron*, Ebony spleenwort  
*Campanula rotundifolia*, Harebell  
*Castalia odorata*, Water-lily  
*Chimaphila maculata*, Spotted wintergreen  
*Cimicifuga racemosa*, Black snake root  
*Claytonia virginica*, Spring beauty  
*Corydalis aurea*, Golden corydalis  
*Corydalis sempervirens*, Pale corydalis  
*Cypripedium acaule*, Pink lady's slipper  
*Dennstedtia punctilobula*, Hay-scented fern  
*Dentaria laciniata*, Cut-leaf toothwort  
*Dicentra cucullaria*, Dutchman's breeches  
*Drosera filiformis*, Thread-leaved sundew  
*Drosera longifolia*, Long-leaved sundew  
*Drosera rotundifolia*, Round-leaved sundew  
*Epigaea repens*, Trailing arbutus  
*Gaultheria procumbens*, Wintergreen  
*Geranium maculatum*, Cranesbill  
*Hepatica triloba*, Liverwort  
*Houstonia coerulea*, Bluet  
*Hypoxis hirsuta*, Yellow star grass  
*Iris* species  
*Leiophyllum buxifolium*, Sand-myrtle  
*Lobelia cardinalis*, Cardinal flower

*Maianthemum canadense*, Canada May flower  
*Mertensia virginica*, Virginia bluebell  
*Mitchella repens*, Partridgeberry  
*Mitella diphylla*, Bishop's cap  
*Opuntia humifusa*, Prickly pear  
*Osmunda regalis*, Royal fern  
*Polygonatum biflorum*, Smooth Solomon's seal  
*Polystichum acrostichoides*, Christmas fern  
*Sanguinaria canadensis*, Bloodroot  
*Sarracenia purpurea*, Pitcherplant  
*Sedum ternatum*, Stonecrop  
*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*, Blue-eyed grass  
*Smilacina racemosa*, Solomon's plume  
*Thalictrum dioicum*, Early meadow rue  
*Thalictrum polygamum*, Tall meadow rue  
*Thelypteris hexagonoptera*, Winged beech fern  
*Tiarella cordifolia*, Foamflower  
*Trillium erectum*, Wake-robin  
*Uvularia perfoliata*, Bellwort  
*Viola blanda*, Sweet white violet  
*V. canadensis*, Canada violet  
*V. conspersa*, Dog violet  
*V. cucullata*, Blue marsh violet  
*V. eriocarpa*, Smooth yellow violet  
*V. lanceolata*, Lance-leaved violet  
*V. pallens*, Wild white violet  
*V. palmata*, Palm-leaved violet  
*V. papilionacea*, Common blue violet  
*V. pedata*, Bird's foot violet  
*V. primulifolia*, Primrose-leaved violet  
*V. pubescens*, Downy yellow violet  
*V. rostrata*, Long-spurred violet  
*V. rotundifolia*, Round-leaved yellow violet  
*V. sagittata*, Arrow-leaved violet  
*V. sororia*, Woolly violet  
*V. striata*, Pale violet

### NATIVE SHRUBS AND TREES

*Amelanchier canadensis*, Shadbush  
*Benzoin aestivale*, Spicebush  
*Betula populifolia*, Gray birch  
*Celastrus scandens*, Bittersweet  
*Chamaecyparis thyoides*, White cedar  
*Cornus florida*, Flowering dogwood  
*Hamamelis virginiana*, Witch-hazel  
*Ilex glabra*, Inkberry  
*Ilex opaca*, American holly  
*Ilex verticillata*, Winterberry  
*Juniperus virginiana*, Red cedar  
*Kalmia latifolia*, Mountain laurel  
*Magnolia glauca*, Swamp magnolia  
*Myrica caroliniensis*, Bayberry  
*Rhododendron maximum*, Rosebay  
*Rhododendron viscosum*, Swamp azalea  
*Sassafras varifolium*, Sassafras  
*Tsuga canadensis*, Canada hemlock  
*Vaccinium corymbosum*, Highbush blueberry  
*Vaccinium pennsylvanicum*, Lowbush blueberry  
*Viburnum prunifolium*, Blackhaw

The Garden of Native Plants was located beside the Library building on the main Campus of Rutgers. It no longer exist because it was removed when the Library building was expanded.

NGC Award  
 #74Dii Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails  
 The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.  
 5500 members

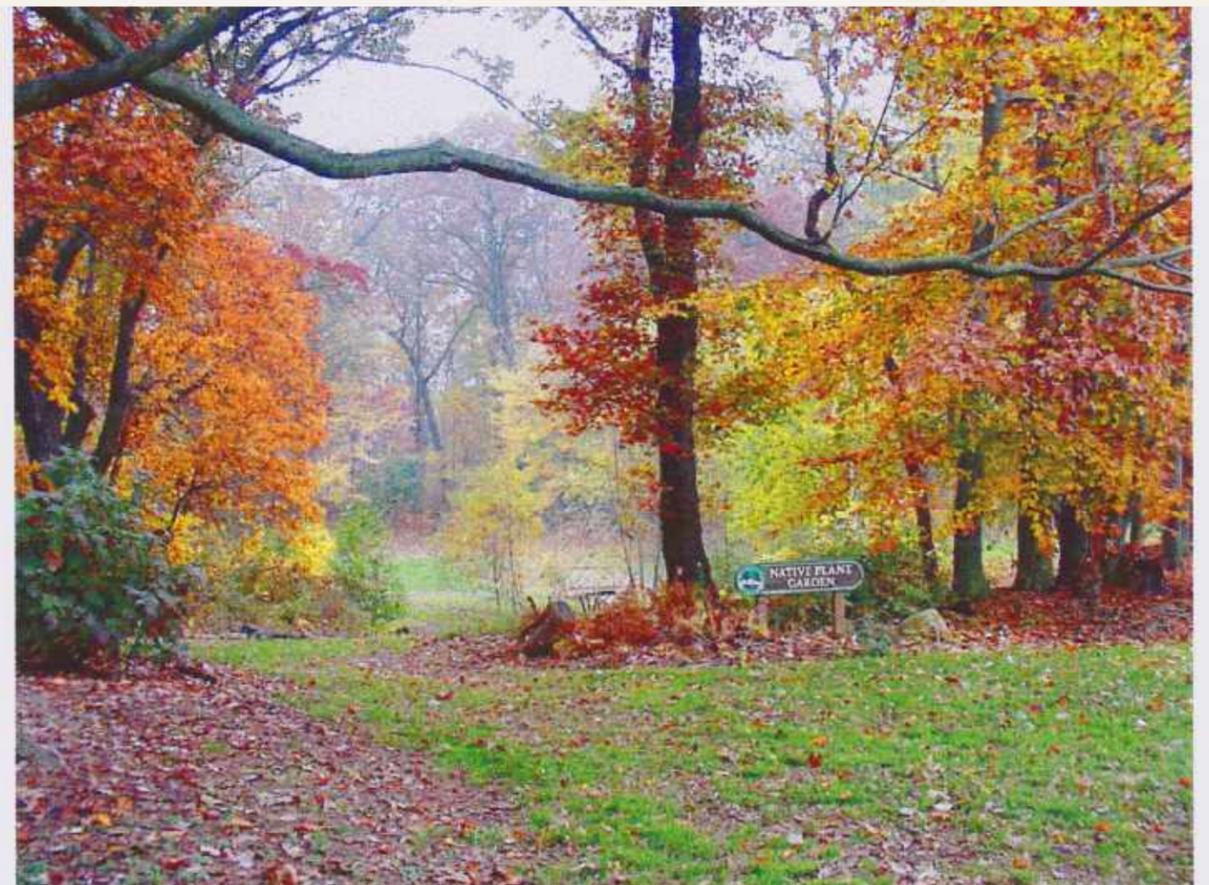
New Jersey is the Garden State. It is one of the thirteen original colonies.

Rutgers University was chartered in 1766. It was the 8<sup>th</sup> institution of higher learning to be founded in the colonies.

The Rutgers Gardens established in 1921, reflects the threefold mission of the land grant colleges; to integrate teaching, research and public outreach to better serve the citizens of the Garden State and the nation. The Rutgers Gardens and the adjoining Heylar Forrest, one of the last stands of virgin forest in central New Jersey, are a green oasis in the heart of the most densely populated state in the nation, providing open space for public enjoyment and recreation away from the most heavily traveled transportation corridor on the east coast. The Gardens are open everyday and admission is free.

The Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ) was founded in 1925. It is a non profit charitable gardening organization led by volunteers. GCNJ and The Rutgers Gardens joined in a cooperative effort in 2001 to establish the newest collection in The Rutgers Gardens, The Rutgers Native and Regional Plant Garden.

The Entrance to The Rutgers Native and Regional Plant Garden 11/04/03



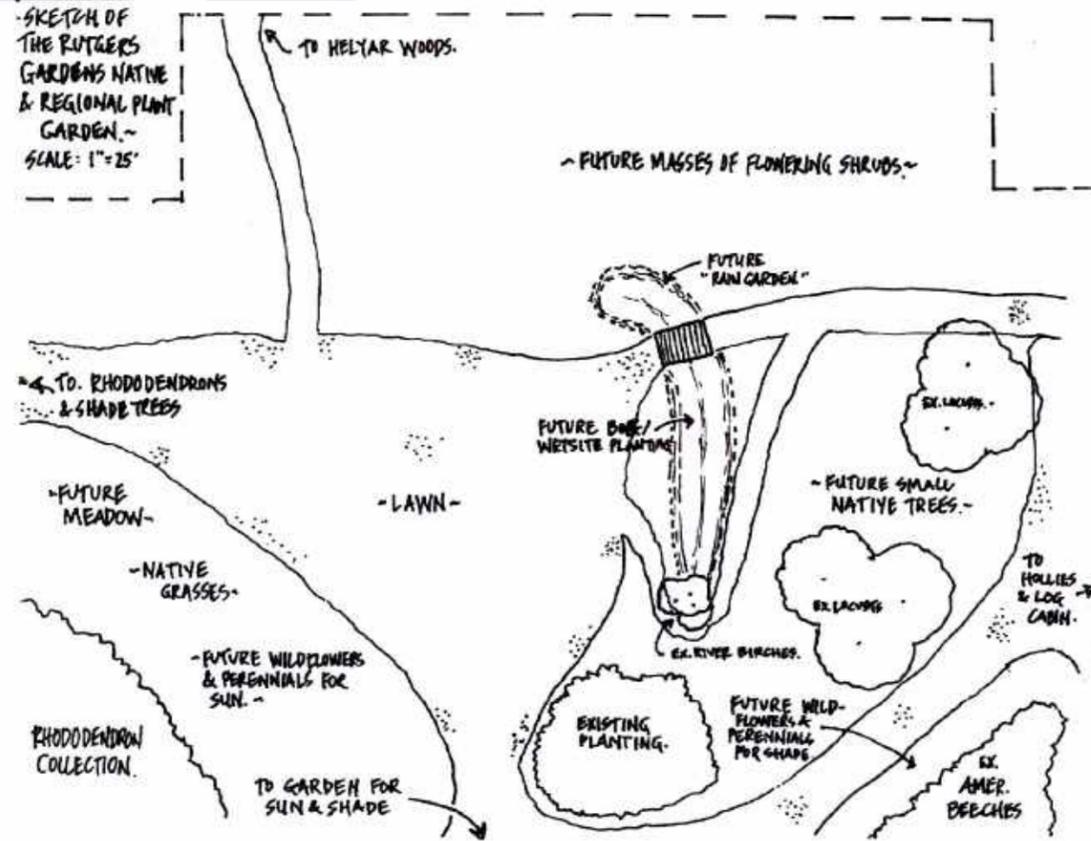
*Marilyn Litvack Honored*



**Former GCNJ President and Former CAR Director Marilyn Litvack was honored for contributing the first one dollar to establish The Garden Club of New Jersey Native and Regional Plant Garden in The Rutgers Gardens. \$5,596 were contributed representing one dollar for every member of the Club. Final contributions exceeded the Goal of one dollar per member.**

**The Project also received a \$1,000.00 Shell Grant.**

**Landscape Plan and Plant List**



**Trees (spring planted 2003)**

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>     | Pagoda Dogwood         |
| <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>         | Black Gum              |
| <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>    | American Hornbeam      |
| <i>Cornus florida</i>          | Flowering Dogwood      |
| <i>Amelanchier laevis</i>      | Allegheny Serviceberry |
| <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> | Tulip Poplar           |
| <i>Asimina triloba</i>         | Paw Paw                |
| <i>Cercis canadensis</i>       | Eastern redbud         |
| <i>Magnolia acuminata</i>      | Cucumber Magnolia      |
| <i>Magnolia virginiana</i>     | Sweetbay Magnolia      |
| <i>Betula nigra</i>            | River Birch            |

**Shrubs and Trees (Fall planting 2003)**

- |                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>   | American Fringetree |
| <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>       | Red Chokeberry      |
| <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>       | Black Chokeberry    |
| <i>Comptonia peregrina</i>      | Sweet Fern Shrub    |
| <i>Hamamelis virginia</i>       | Witch Hazel         |
| <i>Kalmia latifolia</i>         | Mountain Laurel     |
| <i>Myrica pennsylvanica</i>     | Bayberry            |
| <i>Rhododendron arborescens</i> | Smooth Azalea       |
| <i>Rhododendron viscosin</i>    | Swamp Azalea        |

**Helen Hull Wildflowers (spring 2003)**

- |                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i> | Bloodroot               |
| <i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>    | Jack in the Pulpit      |
| <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>   | American Columbine      |
| <i>Mertensia virginica</i>    | Virginia Bluebell's     |
| <i>Phlox divaricata</i>       | Blue Phlox              |
| <i>T. Grandiflorum</i>        | Large Flowered Trillium |
| <i>Erythronium americanum</i> | Trout Lily              |
| <i>H. Americana</i>           | Hepatica                |
| <i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>    | Dutchman's – Breeches   |
| <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>     | Cardinal Flower         |
| <i>Asarum canadense</i>       | Wild Ginger             |
| <i>Iris cristata</i>          | Crested Iris            |

**Groundcovers (Fall planting 2003)**

- |                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Gaultheria procumbens</i> | Wintergreen     |
| <i>Michella repens</i>       | Partridge Berry |
| <i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>   | Foamflower      |

Click here to view Website of Native & Regional Plant Garden .

**Before and After Pictures of Native and Regional Plant Garden**

Below Garden with *Betula nigra* before



Below Garden After



Below Outdoor Classroom site before removal of Oriental Weeping Cherry and planting



Below Outdoor Classroom site after



## Entrance to Native and Regional Plant Garden 2003

Winner of the NCG Operation Wildflower National First Place Award for Out Door Class Room



## 2003 Dedication Native and Regional Plant Garden

GCNJ/TRG Native and Regional Plant Garden Designed by Associate Director Patrick Cullina



## The GCNJ/TRC Helen Hull Wild Flower Collection 2008

Helen Hull Collection Designed by Director Bruce Crawford



## *Filling The Time Capsule*



*Filling Time Capsule*



*Filling Time Capsule*



# Filling Time Capsule



# Planting the Time Capsule



# Planting the Time Capsule



# Party After Planting the Time Capsule



# Party After Planting The Time Capsule



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# Freedom Trail of Great Americans Field of Heroes



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Above: Members participating in Freedom Trail of Great Americans Dedication Ceremony



Gy/Sgt. John Basilone Detachment, HonorGuard



**The Freedom Trail of Great Americans  
and  
The Field of Heroes**

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(Formerly Cook College)

Campus

in participation with

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The Principal Financial Group's

project of

Let Freedom Ring

2005-2007

Guide Book



The Garden Club of New Jersey's  
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to  
The Freedom Trail of Great Americans  
and  
The Field of Heroes

Carole Iuso, GCNJ President

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# America's Freedom Forever

and to all those

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## May God Bless America!

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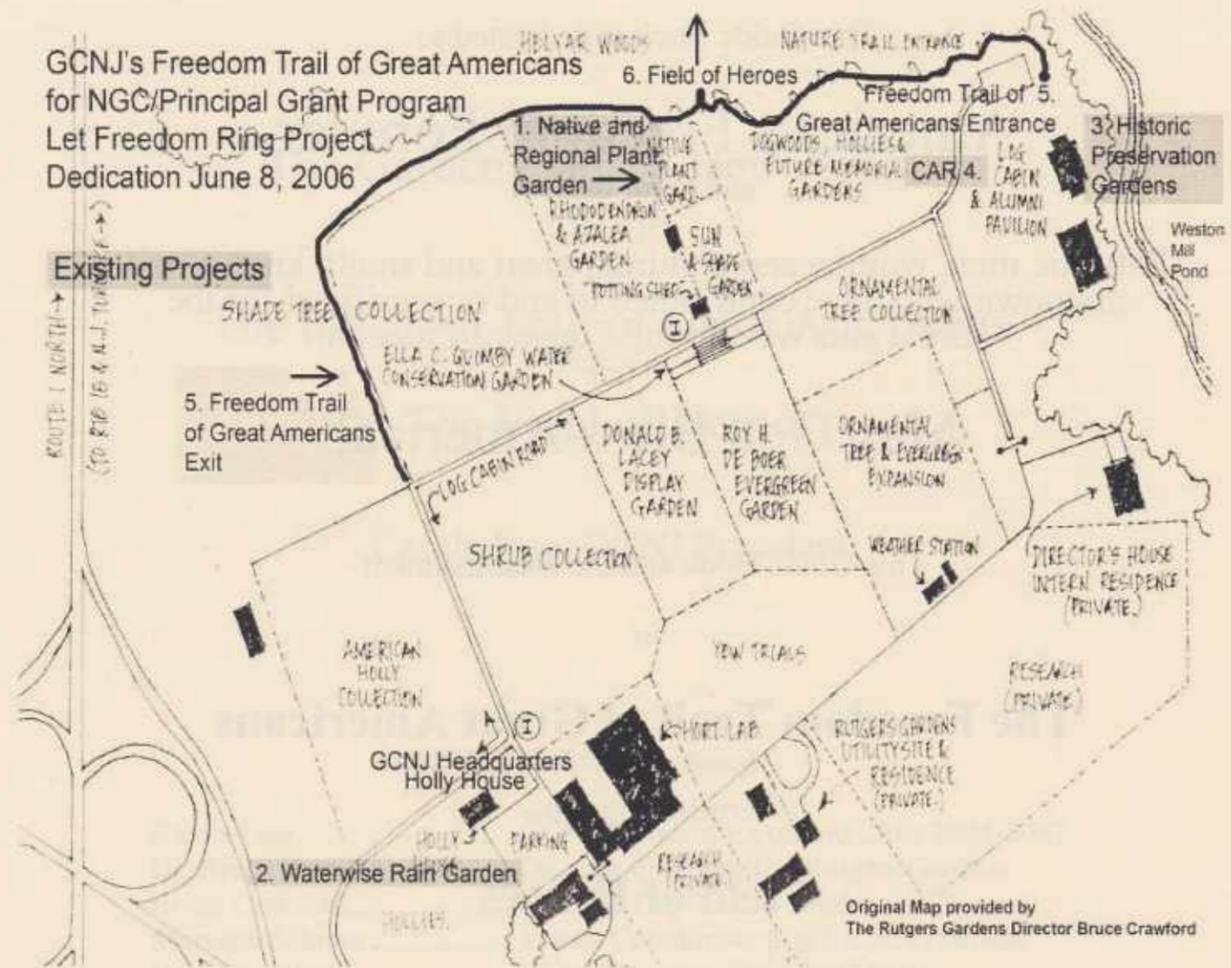
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- 2001-2003 President, Ruth Paul  
Project: 1. The Native and Regional Plant Garden  
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This project won a National Garden Club award plus \$1,000.
- 2003-2005 President, Wini Applegate  
Projects: 2. Waterwise Rain Garden, 3. Historic Preservation Garden at Log Cabin and 4. CAR Halesia (Silver Bell) plantings to honor Helen Hull.  
Grants: Received \$1000.00 Waterwise Grant, \$2000.00 NGC/Principal Financial Historic Preservation Grant, \$320 CAR Grant.
- 2005-2007 President Carole Iuso  
Projects: 5. Freedom Trail of Great Americans, 6. The Field of Heroes and "Tea in the Gardens"  
Grants: Received \$3000.00 NGC/Principal Financial Grant.  
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The Freedom Trail of Great Americans connects all of GCNJ's previous projects in The Rutgers Gardens



**Salute to Carole Iuso  
The Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ), President 2005-2007**

President Iuso chose The Freedom Trail of Great Americans, terminating in The Field of Heroes, as New Jersey's response to the National Garden Clubs Inc. (NGC) and the Principal Financial Group's 'Let Freedom Ring' project. This project also incorporated NGC's President, Kitty Larkin's Patriotic Tree project. These projects were accomplished by the outstanding cooperation of The Rutgers Gardens and the enthusiastic support of the members and friends of GCNJ.

President Iuso has been an enthusiastic, creative, talented and extremely patriotic leader. She is highly organized and inspirational. She has provided excellent leadership for GCNJ's 5224 members. She is held in high regard and great esteem. She is a visionary with the professional acumen to organize large projects on a grand scale. She has a deep interest in protecting and preserving The Rutgers Gardens.

She will be long remembered, in GCNJ history, for the endless energy, enthusiasm and inspiration that she has demonstrated in leading us in these 'Great and Wonderful' projects.

She envisions the Freedom Trail and the Field of Heroes as a living tribute to the Great American Men and Women who have made untold sacrifices from colonial days to the present, so that Freedom May Ring Throughout America Forever!

## The Freedom Trail of Great Americans

### Entrance Plants

1. Basking Ridge Garden Club ..... Honoring all American Patriots  
*Dicentra exima* ..... E. U.S. 16-\*07

### Benches

1. Sundial Garden Club (2 Benches) ..... Five NJ Signers of Declaration of Independence  
Abraham Clark, John Hart, Francis Hopkinson, Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon
2. Gardeners of Somerset Valley ..... NJ World War II Hero John Basilone  
was the only enlisted Marine to be awarded The Medal of Honor, The Navy Cross and the Purple Heart. He was killed on Iwo Jima at the age of 28. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery.

### Trees

1. Pat Grossi ..... Blue Star Helen Hull  
was Past President of GCNJ and Past President of the National Council of State Garden Clubs. She will always be remembered for her outstanding role in the creation of the Blue Star Memorial Highway honoring the men and women of the American Armed Forces and for her book Wildflowers for Your Garden.  
*Halesia diptera* 'Magnifica' – Two Winged Silverbell ..... S.E. U.S. – 05-\*07
2. GCNJ ..... Rutgers Phillip Alampi  
served as the New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture for 26 years. He was lovingly called 'Mr. Garden State'. He was a stalwart warrior in helping Dr. Hamilton 'Save the Gardens'. New Jersey's Phillip Alampi Beneficial Insect Laboratory was named in his honor.  
*Cercis canadensis* 'Hearts of Gold' – Hearts of Gold Redbud ..... E. & S. Central U.S. – 06-\*07
3. Piscataway Garden Club ..... RW Patrick Henry  
was a very prominent person in the Revolutionary War with great oratorical talent. He will always be remembered for his 'Give me liberty or give me death' speech on March 23, 1775.  
*Cercis canadensis* var. *texensis* 'Traveller' – Traveller Western Redbud ..... S.W. U.S. – 07-\*07
4. Barbara Kramer ..... WWII Colonel Vincent Kramer  
was a specialist in guerrilla warfare with the CIA. He served in the Korean War. He was awarded The Navy Cross and eight battle stars for heroism. He was director of Rutgers Alumni Association for many years. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery.  
*Cercis canadensis* 'Ace of Hearts' – Ace of Hearts Eastern Redbud... E. & S. Central U.S. - ..90-\*06
5. Granddaughters of Loren and Jeanette Johnson ..... RW Abigail Adams  
was the wife of President, John Adams. She was the first to support women's rights and requested Adams to 'remember the ladies'.  
*Cercis canadensis* 'Forest Pansy' – Forest Pansy Redbud ..... E. & S. Central U.S. - 56-\*06
6. Royal Garden Club by the Bay in Perth Amboy ..... RW Benjamin Franklin  
was a 'Founding Father', Printer, Philosopher, Inventor, Scientist, Diplomat and Humorist.  
*Franklinia alatamaha* – Franklin Tree ..... S.E. U.S. (extinct) - 63-\*06
7. Garden Gate Garden Club ..... RW Margaret Cochran Corbin  
Fought alongside her husband, took over the cannon when he fell and was awarded a pension for her bravery (1/2 pay of soldier). The DAR maintains a burial site at West Point in her honor.  
*Cercis canadensis* 'Pauline Lily' – Eastern Redbud ..... E. & S. Central U.S. - 53-\*06
8. Geraldine Blake ..... RW John Hancock  
was the first president of the Continental Congress. The Declaration of Independence was the most important resolution approved during his presidency. He is noted for his large and flamboyant signature on the Declaration of Independence.  
*Cercis Canadensis* 'Silver Cloud' – Silver Cloud Redbud ..... E. & S. Central U.S. - 91-\*06

9. Greater Woodbury Garden Club ..... RW Colonel Christopher Greene  
was the cousin of General Nathanael Greene. He defended Fort Mifflin, New Jersey and was voted a sword for outstanding bravery by Congress. The GC members maintain the herb garden at the Whittall House in his honor.  
*Cercis canadensis* 'Tennessee Pink' – Tennessee Pink Redbud ..... E. & S. Central U.S. - 55-\*06
10. Navesink Garden Club ..... RW Molly Pitcher  
was a NJ heroine of the Battle of Monmouth. She carried water to the soldiers and took her husband's place when he fell. Her true name is thought to be Mary MacAuley.  
*Cercis canadensis* 'Appalachia' – Appalachia Redbud ..... E. & S. Central U.S. - 58-\*06
11. Northfield Garden Club ..... RW Mary Katherine Goddard  
was the First American Woman Newspaper Publisher. She was the first to Print the Declaration Of Independence with All Signers Names.  
*Chionanthus virginicus* var. *henryi*- Southern Fringetree ..... S.E. U.S. - 59-\*06
12. Dorothea Grippo ..... WWII Eleanor Roosevelt  
was the wife of FDR. She was an internationally acclaimed woman of great strength and supporter of human rights. She was a forceful spokesperson for the United Nations and headed their Human Rights Commission.  
*Carpinus caroliniana* – Hornbeam ..... E, Central N. America - 71-\*06
13. Garden Club of Ringwood and Pat Grossi ..... RW Francis Hopkinson  
was one of the five NJ Signers of The Declaration of Independence. He was believed to be the original designer of NJ's Great Seal. He was a lawyer, essayist, poet, artist and musician.  
*Carpinus betulus* – European Hornbeam ..... Europe - 72-\*06
14. Rake and Hoe Garden Club ..... WWI Woodrow Wilson  
was an American President (1913-21) and New Jersey Governor. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for his work on the Treaty of Versailles and The League of Nations.  
*Chionanthus virginicus* – White Fringetree ..... E. U.S. - 82-\*06
15. Maplewood Garden Club ..... SAW Theodore Roosevelt  
led the US Calvary Roughriders in The Spanish-American War. He was our 26th American President (1901-09), He was a leader in conservation, insured construction of Panama Canal and a Nobel Peace Prize winner.  
*Amelanchir x grandiflora* 'Forest Prince' – Forest Prince Serviceberry ..... Hybrid - 78-\*06
16. The Stahlhut Family for 'Paul' ..... RW Paul Revere  
was an American Patriot and a brave and daring hero. He will always be remembered for his Midnight Ride to warn the colonists 'The British Are Coming!'.  
*Koelreuteria* 'Rose Lantern' – Rose Lantern Goldenraintree ..... China, Japan, Korea - 60-\*06
17. Shrewsbury Garden Club ..... PD Dorothy Blair Manson  
was Mayor of Shrewsbury for 12 years. Woman of the year 1974. Outstanding woman in 1981, Girl Scout Leadership Award 1989. She served 55 years with The Girl Scouts.  
*Amelanchir x grandiflora* 'Autumn Brilliance' – Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry ..... Hybrid - 85-\*06
18. Neshanic Garden Club ..... RW Jacob R. Hardenberg  
was a Dutch Reform Minister, avid proponent of the Revolution and Ardent Patriot. He was the first President of Queens College, now Rutgers.  
*Amelanchir x grandiflora* 'Robin Pink' – Robin Hill Pink Serviceberry ..... Hybrid - 80-\*06
19. Pinelands Garden Club of Medford ..... Blue Star Dr. Charles H. Connors  
was chosen by Helen Hull to create the first landscape design for the Blue Star Memorial Highway. He chose the native white Dogwood as the official tree. His Potting Shed still exists in the Rutgers Gardens.  
*Taxodium distichum* 'Peve Minaret' – Peve Minaret Balk Cypress ..... S.E. U.S. – 08-\*07
20. Grandsons of Loren and Jeanette Johnson ..... RW General Francis Marion  
was 'The Swamp Fox', an American Military Leader who led daring raids against the British during the Revolutionary War. He practiced guerrilla warfare using the swamps as his base.  
*Taxodium ascendens* 'Debonair' – Debonair Pond Cypress ..... S.E. U.S. - 57-\*06
21. Grandchildren of Frederick and Eileen Holt ..... Thomas Edison  
was a genius in the practical application of scientific principles. He held over 1300 US and foreign patents. He lived and worked in NJ and was known as 'The Wizard of Menlo Park'.  
*Nyssa sylvatica* – Black Tupelo ..... Eastern N. America - 68-\*06

22. West Trenton Garden Club ..... PD Mary Roebling was an admirable woman. She was active in banking, business, industry, civic and charitable affairs. She was the first female Governor of the New York Stock Exchange.  
*Amelanchir lamareckii* – Downy Serviceberry ..... E. N. America - 51-\*06
23. Rockaway Valley Garden Club ..... PD Rachel Carson was the founder of today's environmental awareness movement. Her book Silent Spring, created a national awakening of our stewardship of the earth.  
*Amelanchir laevis* – Allegheny Serviceberry ..... E. N. America – 09-\*07
24. GCNJ ..... Rutgers Dr. Bruce Hamilton received the GCNJ Betty Merriam Scholarship as a senior. He is the most loved professor at Cook College. The students have honored him with more awards than any other professor. He is considered the 'Savior of the Rutgers Gardens'. He spearheaded the drive to stop developers from building residential and commercial properties on the site in the 80s.  
*Cornus kousa* 'Gold Star' – Gold Star Kousa Dogwood..... Japan, Korea, China – 10-\*07
25. Nancy Frink ..... RW George Washington rested in the shade of the tree's parent located at the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church, according to local legend. The original tree is estimated to be between 600 and 700 years old.  
*Quercus alba* – White Oak..... E. U.S. – 11-\*07
26. GCNJ ..... PD Kitty Larkin has served as President of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. for 2005-2007. She has been a dynamic and enthusiastic leader. Her patriotism led all our members throughout America in the inspirational project of 'Let Freedom Ring' and planting 'Patriotic Trees'.  
*Liriodendron tulipifera* 'Little Volunteer' ..... E. N. America - 83-\*06
27. Pines Lake Garden Club ..... RW General Anthony Wayne was a loyal friend of Washington. His most successful campaign was his attack on the British at Morristown, NJ. His bravery at Brandywine was an inspiration to his men.  
*Aesculus x carnea* 'Ft. McNair' - Ft. McNair Buckeye..... Hybrid - 62-\*06
28. Garden Club of Montclair ..... Grover Cleveland was our 22nd and 24th President. He was born in Caldwell, NJ. He was the only president to serve two nonconsecutive terms. First-term 1885-1889 second term 1893-1897. He was noted for honesty and clean government reform.  
*Aesculus x carnea* 'Briotti' – Briotti Buckeye ..... Hybrid - 70-\*06
29. Rocky Brook Garden Club ..... 19th century Samuel Southard was the 10th Governor of New Jersey, Secretary of the Navy, US Senator, State Attorney General and New Jersey Supreme Court Justice. He was one of New Jersey's most distinguished and influential political leaders.  
*Liriodendron tulipifera* 'Glenn's Gold' – Glenn's Gold Tulip Tree ..... E. & C. U.S. – 12-\*07
30. GCNJ's gift for President Carole Iuso ..... RW Thomas Jefferson was our 3rd President (1801-1809) and author of the Declaration of Independence, the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom and Father of the University of Virginia.  
*Metasequoia glyptostroboides* 'Ogon' – Golden Dawn Redwood..... E. Szechwan, China - 75-\*06
31. Bridgewater Garden Club ..... RW Abraham Clark was one of the five NJ signers of the Declaration of Independence. He served as the Provincial Assembly Clerk and as High Sheriff of Essex. Clark Township is named in his honor.  
*Aesculus pavia splendens* – Red Buckeye..... S.E. U.S. - 67-\*06
32. Allentown Garden Club ..... William A. Newell was a physician, politician, three term member of the US House of Representatives and 18th Governor of NJ. The Newell act created the US Life-Saving Service, which later became the US Coast Guard. He was a Rutgers graduate.  
*Cercidiphyllum japonicum* 'Tidal Wave' – Weeping Katsura Tree ..... China, Japan - 64-\*06
33. Anne Chmielewski for her grandson Tristan Graf ..... RW John Hart was one of the five NJ signers of the Declaration of Independence. Washington and 12,000 soldiers camped at his farm near Hopewell, New Jersey on June 22, 1778  
*Taxodium distichum* 'Fallingwaters' – Fallingwaters Bald Cypress ..... S.E. U.S.-13 -\*07

34. Short Hills Home Garden Club ..... Heroes of United Flight #93 These trees are planted in recognition of the valor of the passengers and crew of United Flight #93  
3 *Asimina* 'Herbert,' 'Sunflower,' 'Mitchell' Herbert Pawpaw, Sunflower Pawpaw, Mitchell Pawpaw ..... E., Central U.S. - 86-\*06
35. Garden Club of the Caldwell ..... Grover Cleveland His first term of office (1885-1889) was chosen by the club members because they admired his brave resolve and honesty in dealing with difficult family and political matters. They maintain a garden, correct for the period, at his Birthplace State Historic site in Caldwell, NJ.  
*Quercus lyrata* – Overcup Oak ..... E., S. Central U.S. - 69-\*06
36. Onnolee and Carl Allieri ..... RW Richard Stockton was one of the five NJ signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was captured and held prisoner for several years by the British. They destroyed everything he possessed including his health. He died penniless at 51.  
*Taxodium distichum* 'Cascade Falls' – Cascade Falls Bald Cypress..... S.E. U.S. – 14-\*07
37. Trowel Club ..... Robert Spencer, 911 Robert Andrew Spencer, 35, Red Bank, NJ lost his life in the attack on the World Trade Center.  
*Acer palmatum* 'Sangu Kaku' Red Stem Japanese Maple ..... Japan, China, Korea - 87-\*06
38. Vivian and Andrew Morrison ..... RW John Witherspoon was one of the five NJ signers of the Declaration of Independence. He emigrated from Scotland in 1768 to become president of the College of New Jersey which is now Princeton. The British almost destroyed the College. He devoted all his efforts to rebuilding the College, after the war.  
*Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Slender Silhouette' – Slender Silhouette Sweetgum..... E., Central U.S. - 88-\*06
39. Medford Lakes Garden Club ..... WWII Dwight D. Eisenhower was the 34th American President (1953-61). He was the Commanding General of the Victorious Forces in Europe in World War II. He worked for peace, after the war, and created the worldwide People to People Peace Program.  
*Cladrastis kentukea* 'Sweetshade' Sweetshade Yellowwood ..... S.E. U.S. -79-\*06
40. Garden Club of RFD, Middletown, NJ ..... CW Abraham Lincoln was our 16th American President (1861-65). He was 'The Great Emancipator' and desired Freedom for All. He was assassinated 4/14/1865.  
*Cladrastis kentukea* 'Perkins Pink' – Perkins Pink Yellowwood ..... S.E. U.S. - 81-\*06
41. Seaweeders Garden Club of Bay Head and Mantoloking ..... Heroes 9/11 This tree is 'Planted In Memory' of the Heroes of 9/11/2001.  
*Cercidiphyllum japonicum* 'Amazing Grace' – Amazing Grace Weeping Katsura Tree ..... China, Japan - 84-\*06
42. Garden Club of Fair Haven ..... RW Molly Pitcher was the NJ heroine of the Battle of Monmouth. She carried water to the soldiers and took her husband's place when he fell. Her real name is believed to be Mary MacAuley.  
*Magnolia* 'Jane' – Jane Magnolia ..... Hybrid - 54-\*06
43. Bernardsville Garden Club ..... Millicent Fenwick was an American fashion editor, politician, diplomat and a supporter of civil and women's rights. She served four terms in U.S. Congress and in the United Nations with the rank of Ambassador.  
*Magnolia* 'Ann' Ann Magnolia..... E. China - 66-\*06
44. Fairways Garden Club ..... RW Betsy Ross is believed to be the designer of America's first flag (not yet documented). She has been memorialized for creating our flag symbolizing the freedom and liberty of our new nation.  
*Magnolia* 'Betty' – Betty Magnolia ..... Hybrid - 52-\*06
45. Garden Club of Toms River ..... Jimmy Carter was our 39th American President (1977-1981). He is highly honored and respected for his outstanding work in human rights as Past President.  
*Magnolia x 'Butterflies'* – Butterflies Magnolia ..... Hybrid 73-\*06
46. New Vernon Garden Club ..... WWI Joyce Kilmer is remembered for his poem Trees. He was killed in WWI and awarded the prestigious Croix De Guerre by France. The National Forest in North Carolina is named for him. He is a graduate of Rutgers.  
*Magnolia* 'Coral Lake' - Coral Lake Magnolia..... Hybrid - 15-\*07

47. Peggy and Elmer Matthews ..... CW General Ulysses S. Grant was the 18th American President (1869-1877). He led the Union Army to victory in the Civil War and saved the Union.  
*Nyssa sylvatica* 'Wildfire' – Wildfire Black Tupelo ..... E. N. America - 61-\*06
48. The Alice and Robert W. Jarvis Family ..... RW General Henry Knox was invaluable to the cause of the Revolution. He was a trusted friend of Washington and the First Secretary of War. He commanded the West Point Post 1778-1783, Organized the Society of the Cincinnati to Aid veterans and their widows. He organized an Artillery School in Pluckemin, NJ. He lived with his family in Bedminster, NJ.  
*Nyssa sylvatica* 'Red Rage' – Red Rage Black Tupelo ..... E. N. America - 50-\*06
49. Home Garden Club of Morristown ..... RW George Washington was our 1st American President (1789-1797). He used the Ford Mansion in Morristown as his Headquarters during the bitter winter of 1799-1780. The National Historic Park is located in Morristown and tells of his many battles for our freedom.  
*Prunus x yedoensis* – Yoshino Cherry ..... Hybrid, Japan - 77-\*06
50. Garden Club of Westfield ..... RW John Adams 1st American Vice President and 2nd President (1797-1801). He was the Father of the American Navy, Signer of Declaration of Independence and Diplomat to France and England.  
*Ulmus americana* 'New Harmony' – New Harmony American Elm ..E, Central N. America - 74-\*06
51. Elizabeth Garden Club ..... WWII Admiral 'Bull' Halsey was a Five Star Admiral from Elizabeth, NJ. He led spectacular raids against the enemy at Marshall and Gilbert Islands. He was Commander of the South Pacific Area. His experiences were published as Admiral Halsey's Story.  
*Magnolia denudata* – Yulan Magnolia ..... Central China – 65-\*06
52. Haddonfield Garden Club ..... Colonial Elizabeth Haddon was an American colonist. She arrived in the colonies at age 20. She was a courageous woman who founded Haddonfield, NJ. She was a vigorous supporter of Quaker values.  
*Magnolia* 'Elizabeth' – Elizabeth Magnolia ..... Hybrid 76-\*06

**Key to Historical Periods**

RW..... Revolutionary War	WWI..... World War I
CW..... Civil War	WWII..... World War II
SAW..... Spanish American War	PD..... Present Day

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We greatly appreciate Dr. Bruce Hamilton's suggestion that the existing stand of Pines be used as The Field of Heroes and Director Bruce Crawford's design and construction of the Memorial wall.

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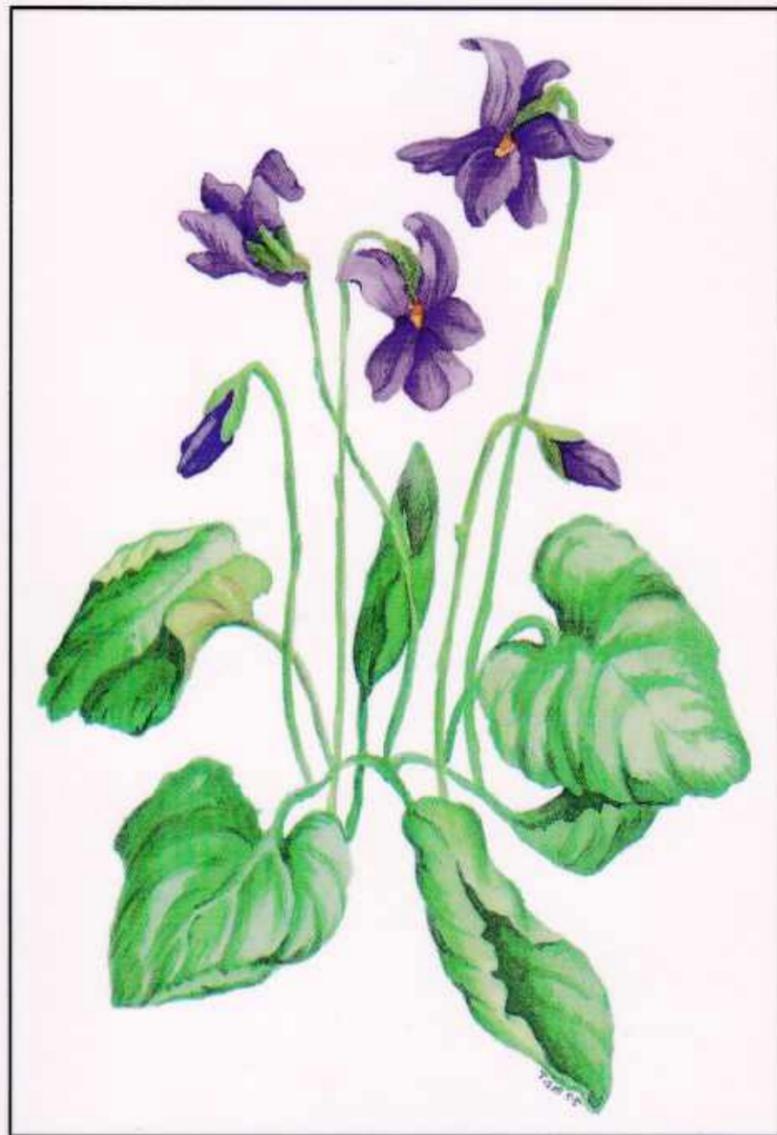
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# DIG IN !



*Entertaining with  
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## **DIG IN! Entertaining with the Garden Club of New Jersey**

Welcome to “Dig In”, The Garden Club of New Jersey’s Cookbook that celebrates our passion for the fresh ingredients from our bountiful gardens, orchards, streams and ocean.

This book brings together many of our best recipes and entertaining tips. We combine the practical with the unusual, the old with the new and added a wide range of suggestions to create elegant feasts.

The Garden Club of New Jersey is a non-profit organization, and the proceeds from this cookbook will provide needed funds to further the education of the public and our members in the fields of gardening , horticulture, botany, landscape design, floral design, conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, environmental education, garden therapy, our continuous work in the Rutgers University Display Gardens and other related garden club objectives.

The Garden Club of New Jersey wishes to thank all who have helped in the preparation of this cookbook and shared their favorite recipes with us.

We hope your journey through “DIG IN” inspires you and it will become a classic in your kitchen.

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## Enduring Excellence



Bruce "Doc" Hamilton with his favorite tree, a descendent of the Kilmer Oak.

### Bruce "Doc" Hamilton Professor, Landscape Architecture

In 1966, when Bruce Hamilton was completing a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin, his career path took an unexpected turn.

Dick Merritt, then director of resident instruction, and Roy DeBoer, professor of landscape architecture, asked him to return to teach at the College of Agriculture and Environmental Science, where he had earned a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture six years earlier.

Hamilton returned and, during the past 40 years, has earned a reputation both as an expert in ornamental horticulture and as one of the best teachers at Cook College (transitioning to the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences). Looking back on his decision to return, Hamilton commented "I couldn't have planned a better career. Teaching at Cook College has been very satisfying."

Hamilton has garnered more teaching awards from students than any other professor at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, including being selected Alpha Zeta Professor of the Year five times. He also was recognized by his peers with the Cook College Excellence in Teaching Award for 1994.

Hamilton has made an indelible mark on Cook Campus. In 1993, as a result of a series of state budget shortfalls, the University and College were forced to reduce maintenance support of Rutgers Gardens. Hamilton accepted directorship of the gardens, helped to raise funds and recruited volunteers to maintain the grounds. Under his leadership, Rutgers Gardens has grown in beauty and ability to serve thousands of visitors per year.

There are few members of the Cook community that have had more influence than Hamilton in shaping the foundation of the community itself. Hamilton chaired the Physical Planning Committee that led to the development of Cook College at its current site rather than at a proposed site in Piscataway, the "Kilmer" campus, which is now the site of Livingston Campus. As chair of the Cook College Building and Grounds Committee, Hamilton fought to maintain Cook's rich pastoral setting. He chaired the committee that developed and made the recommendations for the formation of Cook College and played a role in the decision to name the College after George H. Cook. The Cook legacy is being preserved after the renaming of Cook College by the retention of the name Cook Campus for the location of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences.

In the summer of 2005, Hamilton "passed the torch" to Bruce Crawford, who now serves as director of Rutgers Gardens. Nonetheless, Hamilton maintains an active role in guided tours, hands-on horticulture and as a major participant in the Spring Flower Fair, the Summer Open House and the Fall Foliage Festival.

And of course, he still teaches. In addition to courses taught at the College, he is a very active instructor in the Office of Continuing Professional Education's "short course" program.

Doc Hamilton tries to live by the slogan "think globally, but act locally"—not only by being involved in the Cook community,

but also in his hometown of Franklin Township. He has run twice (but was not elected) for councilman and he has served as planning board chairman of the township. He is the only active founding member of the Meadows Foundation, which is restoring five historic houses in Franklin Township. He can often be seen planting and maintaining the large traffic island at Demott and Easton Avenue. ■

"I couldn't have planned a better career. Teaching at Cook College has been very satisfying."

# Tribute to Dr. Bruce Hamilton

Alpha Zeta is honored to present the 2007/2008 Teacher of the Year Award to  
Dr. Bruce Hamilton

“For over 30 years, Dr. Bruce Hamilton, also known simply as “Doc” around campus, has been a shining example of the ideals exemplified by the Fraternity of Alpha Zeta as well as an outstanding member of the Rutgers community. There is not a Landscape Architect or Horticulturist in New Jersey who does not know his name or some of his work. Through his time spent At Rutgers, he has not only educated numerous undergraduate and graduate students in his landscape plan courses or his Jr./Sr. Colloquium trip to the Yucatán, but he has also devoted countless hours to the survival of one of Rutgers most valuable assets: Rutgers Gardens. His leadership in education, devotion to service, and sound character has made him a worthy candidate for this award. The Fraternity of Alpha Zeta is honored to present the 2007/2008 Teacher of the Year Award to one of its own, Dr. Bruce Hamilton.”

*A tribute to Dr. Bruce Hamilton*  
*A Sower of the Seeds of Success*  
The Garden Club of New Jersey  
Holly House Garden Bench Dedication  
October 22, 2007

Dr. Bruce Hamilton has ‘Sown the Seeds of Success’ throughout his entire professional life. He has written a living legacy not in paper and ink but in the hearts and minds of his students. He has sown seeds of love for learning, for caring for family, friends, classmates, and for the less fortunate people in our country and around the world. He has sown seeds of beauty and love for nature in his chosen fields of Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Architecture. He has sown seeds of concern and care for our environment. He has sown seeds of concern for water conservation. He has sown seeds of responsibility, making each student realize that they are an integral part of life on planet Earth... That their choices and actions are important and may have a significant impact on the quality of life in our country and around the world. These seeds have been sown in the fertile soil of our youth. They have been watered, cared for and nurtured with love. We cannot know what fruit they will bear in the future but the potential is for a bountiful overflowing harvest!!!! Dr. Hamilton’s living legacy and his Hamiltonian concepts will live long beyond our years, as his students share them with their friends and colleagues and teach their children, who will in turn teach their children down through the ages. He is truly a great sower of seeds, a great teacher and a great humanitarian who ‘Thinks Globally but Acts Locally’.  
Note: The Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ) has had a very special relationship with Dr. Hamilton since his college days. He was awarded the GCNJ Elizabeth B. Merriam Scholarship Award in his junior year. This scholarship is awarded to the most outstanding Rutgers student majoring in Landscape Design or Ornamental Horticulture. This began GCNJ’s long relationship with Dr. Hamilton and it still exists today.  
This tribute was inspired by the successful life of Dr. Hamilton who embodies the theme of our GCNJ President Onnolee Allieri, ‘Together... Let’s Sow Seeds of Success’.  
By: A Student of Dr. Hamilton

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The Garden Club of New Jersey extends its sincere appreciation and deep gratitude to Director Bruce Crawford for creating the excellent and superior design of the Helen Hull Wild Flower Collection

and

extends its heartfelt admiration and devotion to Dr. Bruce Hamilton for his friendship and stalwart support of our many projects during his entire career

and

extends its great appreciation to Diane Nelson for sharing her exquisite photographs of the Helen Hull Wild Flowers for this guidebook. They are indeed beautiful and in Helen's own words 'Great and Wonderful'

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to

## New Jersey's Children of Today and Tomorrow

It is our fervent hope and desire that these wildflowers will grow in grace and beauty through out the years and inspire our young people to

'Nurture The Earth, Plant Natives and Plant Organically'

### NGC President Barbara May Was Honored at the Dedication of The Helen Hull Wild Flower Collection

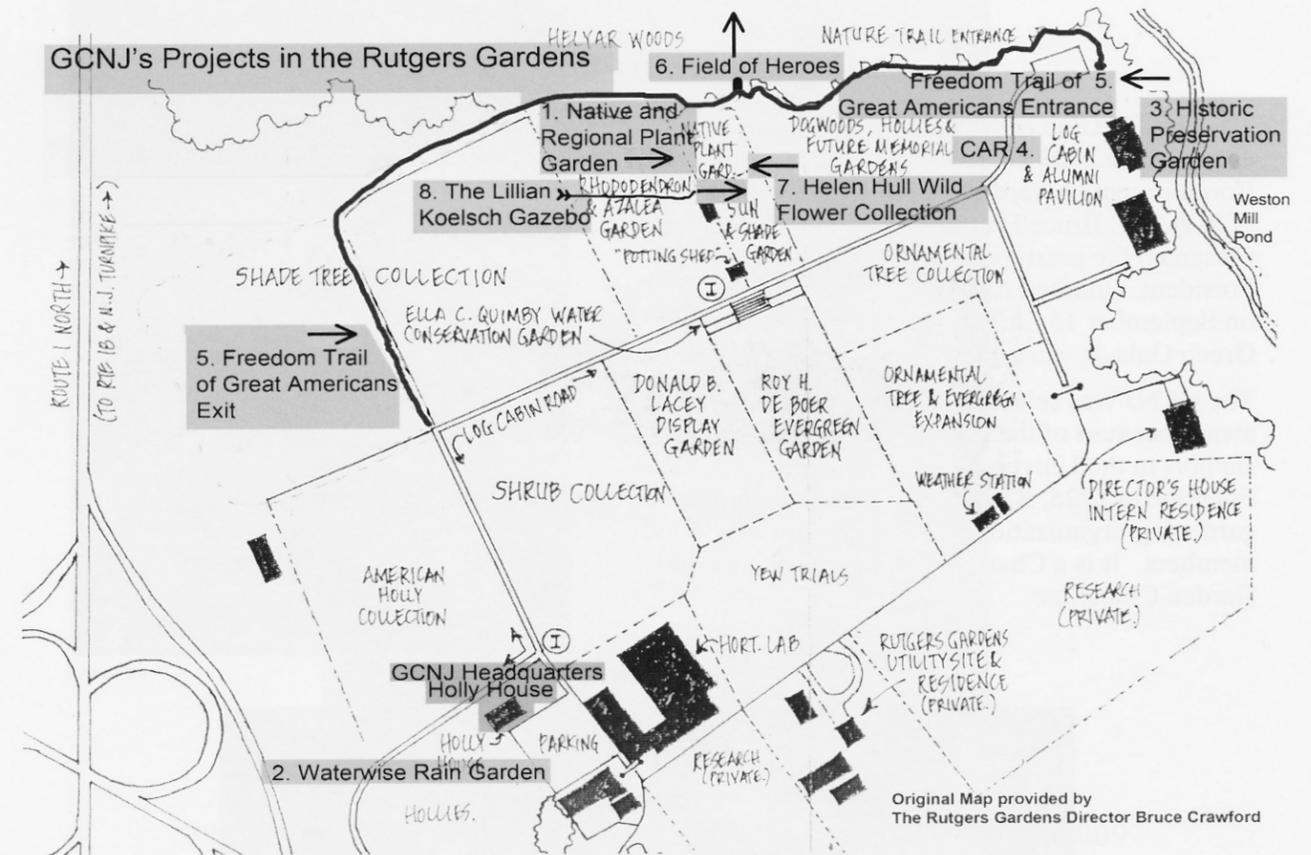
A long-awaited dream of The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. (GCNJ) was accomplished on Monday, August 25, 2008! The Helen Hull Wild Flower Collection was added to the Native and Regional Plant Garden in The Rutgers Gardens. The collection consisted of four each of Helen's selection of the twelve most dependable wildflowers derived from her nationwide survey, while she was National President. This list was included in her book Wild Flowers for Your Garden, published in 1951. GCNJ President, Onnolee Allieri, dedicated the collection to National Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Barbara May, in recognition of her outstanding and excellent leadership in creating a Nationwide interest in nurturing the earth, planting natives and planting organically.



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TRG Director Emeritus	TRG Director	GCNJ President	V-President	Past Pres.	Past Pres.	Past Pres.
Dr. Hamilton	Crawford	Allieri	Warshauer	Applegate	Paul	Iuso

This Guidebook and the establishment of the Helen Hull Wild Flower Collection has been made possible by the outstanding cooperation of The Rutgers Gardens, The National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) The NGC Operation Wild Flower Grant Program and the Principal Financial Group Grant Program. GCNJ is greatly indebted to all our sponsors.



### GCNJ/ The Rutgers Gardens Projects

- 2001-2003 **President, Ruth Paul**  
Project: 1. The Native and Regional Plant Garden Designed by Patrick Cullina  
Grants: Petals Grant and 2 Operation Wild Flower Grants  
Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place National Award for Outdoor Classroom and Native Trail
- 2003-2005 **President, Wini Applegate**  
Projects: 2. Waterwise Rain Garden, 3. Historic Preservation Garden at Log Cabin and 4. Central Atlantic Region, Inc. (CAR) Halesia (Silver Bell) plantings to honor Helen Hull.  
Grants: Waterwise Grant, NGC/Principal Financial Historic Preservation Grant, and a CAR Grant.
- 2005-2007 **President Carole Iuso**  
Projects: 5. Freedom Trail of Great Americans, 6. The Field of Heroes and 'Tea in the Gardens'  
Grants: NGC/Principal Financial Grant, Operation Wild Flower Grant  
Awards: The National Garden Clubs, Inc. Award of Excellence, A Principal Financial Award. The Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit
- 2007-2009 **President Onnolee Allieri**  
Project: 7. The Helen Hull Wild Flower Collection and A Kid's Day in The Rutgers Gardens 8. The Lillian Koelsch Gazebo  
Grants: Operation Wildflower Grant, Principal Financial Grant  
Awards: The Prestigious Rutgers Gardens DOC Award

The Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ) was awarded the 2008 DOC (Dedication and Outstanding Commitment) Award by The Rutgers Gardens (TRG). Dr. Bruce Hamilton, Director Emeritus, presented the prestigious award to the club's President, Onnolee Allieri. The ceremony took place on September 13, in The Rutgers Gardens at the Green Gala. It was a happy and joyous celebration.

The GCNJ was selected as the second recipient of the award because of their many years of dedicated support to the University and The Rutgers Gardens. Founded in 1925, it is the oldest and the largest gardening organization in the state with over 5000 members. It is a Charter member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc



Johnson



Gotti Kelley

TRG Director, Bruce Crawford, and GCNJ President, Onnolee Allieri, 'Look Forward to The Future' continuing the excellent cooperation between the Garden Club of New Jersey and The Rutgers Gardens.



### Salute to Onnolee Allieri

#### The Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ), President 2007-2009

President Allieri chose 'Together... Let's Sow Seeds of Success' as her response to the National Garden Clubs Inc. (NGC) and the Principal Financial Group's theme of 'Let's Go Native', NGC President, Barbara May's theme of 'Nurture The Earth/Plant Natives/Plant Organically' and CAR Director, Marilyn Whitmore's, theme 'Restore our Heritage with Native Plants'. These themes were interpreted by planting a Helen Hull Wild Flower Collection in The GCNJ/The Rutgers Gardens, Native and Regional Plant Garden and by holding the first ever Native Gardening with Kids Day in The Rutgers Garden. This project was also used as a NGC Operation Wildflower Workshop.

President Allieri has the rare ability of making the most difficult challenges appear easy because of her natural leadership abilities. She has a magnetic personality that inspires success in all her endeavors. She has been a staunch supporter of the Legacy of Helen Hull. She is the personification of love, joy and happiness.

President Allieri is our second GCNJ President from Boonton, with the first being our honored Helen Hull. She gardens in the same natural conditions as those where Helen 'labored in love' to create her garden 'lo these many years ago'. The same sun, moon and stars shine upon her. She thrills to the same kind of birds, bees and butterflies... but most of all, her heart rejoices, when she sees the opening blossoms of 'Helen's Wild Flowers in Her Own Garden'.

The Garden Club of New Jersey has been richly blessed by our Two Boonton Presidents.

### Entrance to Native and Regional Plant Garden 2003

Winner of NGC Operation Wildflower National First Place Award for Outdoor Classroom



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### 2003 Dedication Native and Regional Plant Garden

GCNJ/TRG Native and Regional Plant Garden Designed by Associate Director Patrick Cullina



Barbara Skinner

### The GCNJ/TRG Helen Hull Wild Flower Collection 2008

Helen Hull Collection Designed By Director Bruce Crawford



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Diane Nelson

*Bloodroot*  
(*Sanguinaria canadensis*)

**Habitat:** Deciduous Woodlands pH 5 - 7

**Perennial:** Blooms Early Spring (March)

**Helen Hull's Most Dependable Rating:** First

**Also Dependable:** none reported

**Comment:** Bloodroot is truly a 'Harbinger of Spring'. It is usually the first to peek out after the long winter. The ethereal white floret has six to eight petals with golden stamens. It is charmingly protected by a single leaf cloak wrapped around its six to ten inch stem. The florets last but a few days. However, the foliage will usually provide an enchanting groundcover throughout the summer.

The roots are red in color, thereby giving the plant its common name, Bloodroot. It is said that Native Americans used it as a ceremonial paint.



Diane Nelson

*Jack-in-the-Pulpit*  
(*Arisaema triphyllum*)

**Habitat:** Deciduous Woodlands pH 5 - 6

**Perennial:** Blooms in Spring

**Helen Hull's Most Dependable Rating:** Second

**Also Dependable:** *A. atrorubens*, *A. dracontium*

**Comment:** The Jack-in-the-Pulpit is a delightful surprise for children and adults alike when they discover it in the woodlands!

This fantasy flower is formed by an extended tube with an elongated spathe, forming a hood to protect the 'cleric'. It has one or two three leaved stems.

The plant is dioecious, needing both male and female to bear the brilliant red berries, in the fall. It has the curious ability to change its sex. The red berries should be planted as soon as they ripen.



Diane Nelson

*Common American Columbine*  
(*Aquilegia canadensis*)

**Habitat:** Deciduous Woodlands, Sunny Meadows      **pH** 5 – 7

**Perennial:** Blooms in May

**Helen Hull's Most Dependable Rating:** Aquilegia, Mertensia and Blue Phlox all tied for third place.

**Also Dependable:** A. caerulea, A. chrysantha, A. elegantula, A. flavescens, A. truncata

**Comment:** Aquilegia is one of our most wide spread native wild flowers. Some variety can be found growing in every state. It is happy in many diverse growing conditions. It may be found in sunny meadows, shady deciduous woodlands or even in rocky outcroppings, as indicated in the photograph above. This great diversity influenced the National Garden Clubs to select it as our national symbol.

The red and yellow variety is the one native to New Jersey. It is very easy to grow and readily sets seeds. It is a perennial and will usually bloom the second year. It naturally reseeds itself or you may collect the seeds to sow in a new location.

The plant's long tubes are stored with an abundant nectar supply, making it a favorite among hummingbirds and butterflies.



Diane Nelson

*Mertensia – Virginia Bluebells*  
(*Mertensia virginica*)

**Habitat:** Deciduous Woodlands      **pH** 5 - 7

**Perennial:** Ephemeral Blooms in Early Spring      Plant with maidenhair ferns

**Helen Hull's Most Dependable Rating:** Tied Third placed Fourth      **Note:** Aquilegia, Mertensia and Blue Phlox all tied for third place.

**Also Dependable:** M. ciliata, M. lanceolata

**Comments:** What a happy day it is, when we discover the Mertensia has awakened, from its long winter's rest. It will share its bountiful rosy pink buds, opening to a heavenly blue, during April and May.

The lovely florets are a delight to our native bees. They stay busy buzzing about from blossom to blossom, as they happily pollinate this favorite plant.

The plant will soon return to its dormant stage. Helen suggested planting maidenhair ferns to serve as a reminder that this lovely plant is once again asleep and we must wait until next spring to enjoy its beauty.







Diane Nelson

*Dutchman's Breeches*  
(*Dicentra cucullaria*)

**Habitat:** Deciduous Woodlands

**pH** 6 - 7

**Perennial:** Ephemeral Blooms in Early Spring

Plant with maidenhair ferns

**Helen Hull's Most Dependable Rating:** Ninth

**Also Dependable:** *D. formosa*

**Comments:** This charming woodland native is well named. It looks, for all the world, like a tiny Dutchman's laundry hanging out to dry. The lovely fern-like foliage is short lived. All evidence of the plant will soon be gone, until next spring. Helen recommended planting maidenhair ferns as a marker. The ferns will come up as the foliage dies down. This will serve as a reminder that the plant is dormant.

Dutchman's Breeches will frequently self-sow and develop a sizable clump, over time. Ants are attracted to the seeds. They will carry them back to their nests; eat the outside covering while discarding the seeds. The seeds will usually germinate and make new plants. They are often found growing at the base of trees, in the woodlands.



Diane Nelson

*Cardinal Flower*  
(*Lobelia cardinalis*)

**Habitat:** Deciduous Woodlands and Sunny Meadows **pH** 6 - 7

**Perennial:** Blooms Late Summer

**Helen Hull's Most Dependable Rating:** Tenth

**Also Dependable:** *L. caerulea*, *L. chrysantha*, *L. elegantula*, *L. flavescens*, *L. truncata*

**Comments:** The brilliant red of the Cardinal flower is such a dramatic addition to native gardens. It is a vigorous grower but rather short-lived, as a perennial. Moisture is necessary to its survival. It will often self seed and establish lovely clumps. The vibrant color is striking in the summer garden.

It is much loved by the Butterflies and Hummingbirds. The tubular flowers are filled with nectar thereby providing delightful and flavorful nourishment to its pollinators.

The common name, Cardinal flower, was derived from its similarity to the scarlet color of the religious vestments of a Cardinal.



## The Garden Club of New Jersey Salutes Helen Hull



Helen Smith Hull

Graduated from Vassar with degree in physics • Employed by U S Bureau of Standards • Married Dr. Lewis M. Hull • Moved to Boonton, NJ • Dedicated her life to the world of gardening and protecting the environment • President of the Garden Club of New Jersey 1944 – 1946 • Established the Blue Star Memorial Drive along with Mrs. Hood • Supported the drive until it stretched from coast to coast honoring men and women of the U S Armed Forces • President of National Council of State Garden Clubs 1947 – 1949 • Author of Wild Flowers for your Garden, Gardening with Wild Flowers • Guest Editor of Handbook on Ferns (Brooklyn Botanic) • One of the Editors of the original 10,000 Garden Questions Answered • Editorial Board of Home Garden Magazine • Editorial Board of Flower Grower Magazine • One of the authors of A Treasury of American Gardening • Editor of The Green Crusade • Fellow of Royal Horticulture Society (London) • Past President of American Horticulture Council • Listed in Who's Who in America for more than 20 Years • Listed in Who's Who of American Women • Received a Citation from The National Council of State Garden Clubs which read, "Helen S. Hull – In recognition of her continuing services to the organization, Her distinguished literary contributions to horticulture and her dedicated efforts to promote World Peace through her initiation of the World Gardening Program." by Jean Oneal archivist 1960 • Served as a Director of The American Horticultural Council • Awarded the highest honor of The National Garden Institute, The 1948 Medal "For making the Greatest Contribution to Gardening in the United States" • Directed the Garden Club of New Jersey's first Environmental Day in cooperation with Cook College of Rutgers University • Honored by The Garden Club of New Jersey in a Tree Planting Ceremony at her home in Boonton in 1977.

### *The Founding Years, continued*

*The keen mind and quick grasp of every problem and question made Mrs. Lewis M. Hull's incumbency almost electric. Life was now full of hurdles and war had darkened the skies of almost the whole world. We needed leadership and guidance as never before, and we got it.*

*One of the greatest calls upon the garden club world was from the huge hospitals that sprang up in various parts of the state. War Services became at once a major committee and the entirely new field of Gardening Therapy, something heretofore unknown, became a tremendous success with psychiatric patients and war prisoners at Camp Kilmer.*

*At Atlantic City, transformed from a holiday resort to a place of healing for the sick and broken men, small gardens were created in the sands and flowers bloomed in strange places.*

*Another far-reaching accomplishment of this period was the creation of our now-famous Blue Star Drive. Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Hood dreamed this one up and now the entire country has followed in their footsteps, projecting this form of memorial from coast to coast. A dogwood tree planted to honor each son and daughter of the state who served the nation in the armed forces—what could be a lovelier way to honor them? The slogan "A dollar plants a tree" had popular appeal and money flowed in.*

*Much remains that could be told of the work done in the war years and the years immediately following, but suffice it to say we have been growing in stature and importance.*



MRS. LEWIS M. HULL  
President, 1944-1946

### Highlights of Mrs. Hull's Administration

**1944:** War Services organized; Gardening Therapy initiated; Blue Star Drive originated; first Garden State Flower Show held; weekly Victory Gardening radio program conducted for eight months; creation of two new classes of membership—Life and Associate; incorporation under title "The Garden Club of New Jersey."

**1945:** Resolution No. 1 passed, designating Blue Star Drive a State Memorial Highway. Mrs. Hull invited to address both houses of State Legislature.

**Bill A59** passed by State Legislature, enabling Parkways and Freeways; cooperation in New York Times Garden Week netted \$1200 for American Red Cross (repeated in 1946); goal of \$25,000 for planting trees on Blue Star Drive reached; 20th Anniversary Yearbook published; American Theatre Wing play, "Song of the Radish," based on incident of Gardening Therapy; Flower Show of the Air given on WOR; second Garden State Flower Show held; Louis Bromfield speaker at Fall Conference. Annual meeting held V-E Day, May 8, 1945.

**1946:** First Course in Flower Show Judging under National Council standards; exhibited at 30th International Flower Show (last time of participation).

In 1947 Mrs. Hull became President of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, from which she received a citation in 1960: "Helen S. Hull—In recognition of her continuing services to the organization, her distinguished literary contribution to Horticulture and more recently, her dedicated efforts to promote World Peace through her initiation of the World Gardening Program. — Compiled by Gene Oneal, Archivist

The President, left, and Board members, Mrs. Vance R. Hood, Mrs. Arthur J. Sullivan, Mrs. William J. Walters and Mrs. Herman J. Cook, witnessing the signing of the first Parkway bill. They were invited by Governor Walter E. Edge in recognition of the educational program of the garden clubs terminating a ten year struggle for this legislation.



Excerpts from GCNJ Green Crusade 1965

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THE MONTVILLE MORRIS STAR

THE MOUNTAIN LAKES NEWS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1977



● **TREE DEDICATION** — A tree was recently dedicated by the Garden Club of New Jersey in honor of past president Mrs. Lewis M. Hull. Shown here at the presentation are (l to r) Dr. Lewis M. Hull (Mrs. Hull's husband), Mrs. Anthony Bennett, Mrs. Hull, Loren Y. Johnson (Environmental Action Chairman GCNJ), Mrs. John Evans (President GCNJ), Mrs. George Brightenback, and Mrs. W. Brooks Evert. (Times-Bulletin: Tom Kuntz)

## GCNJ Dedicates Tree

Boonton — Mrs. Lewis M. Hull was honored this past week with a special tree dedication ceremony at her home in Boonton. The Environmental Action Committee of The Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ) dedicated the tree as a living tribute to Hull for her outstanding contribution to the protection of the environment and her keynote speech on GCNJ Environmental Day.

The lecture, "The Garden Club of New Jersey and The National Council of State Garden Club's Environmental History," presented by Hull, was received with great enthusiasm at the Environmental Forum held in cooperation with Cook College of Rutgers University.

### Historical Note:

Mrs. Hull personally selected a Japanese Weeping Cherry and supervised the installation at her home in Boonton.

Her selection of a Japanese tree, instead of an American Native, represented her efforts to promote World Peace through the initiation of the International World Gardening Program.

Mrs. Loren Young Johnson  
First GCNJ Environmental Action Chair  
First GCNJ/Cook College/ Rutgers Environmental Day Chair 1977

Let Us Always Remember

The Legacy of Helen Hull

*Helen Smith Hull's spirit left this earthly realm,*

*On the morning of Good Friday, April 13, 1979.*

Let us always remember...

her words of wisdom...

her dynamic leadership...

her dedication to world peace...

her concern for the environment...

and

her love for the native plants of our land.

She has left us a 'Great and Wonderful' legacy!

Let us continue, with renewed inspiration, the work we have begun to.....

'Save The Native Plants of New Jersey for Our Children of Today and Tomorrow!!!!'

Jeanette Johnson, Chair  
Operation Wildflower/Plant Natives  
Springtime 2009

# Kid's Day in Rutgers Gardens

Welcome by **President Allieri, Mary Warshauer, Winni Applegate and Jan Warshauer.**

The welcome took place in Holly House, GCNJ's Headquarters, located in the internationally acclaimed Native American Holly Collection.



**New Jersey Farm Delicious Orchards** contributed warm apple cider and doughnuts to start the Day! The kids were delighted! Each student was presented with a Kid's Day in the Rutgers Gardens' T-shirt, as a remembrance of this happy event! **Carl Allieri, husband of President Allieri**, generously arranged to have the shirts printed and adsorbed all the cost. The art work for the T-shirts was donate by one of Warren Community Garden volunteers who is an artist and a board member of the Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly Gardens. **Mrs. Mimi Powers** of Washington Boro. **The Abilities of Northwest Jersey Print Shop** printed the shirts. The shop employs adults with disabilities.

**Winni Applegate, GCNJ Former President and The National Garden Club's Environmental School**

**Chair** gave a fascinating and enlightening demonstration of the Enviroscope. She taught the Children about the Avenda bottle top recycling project. She led the children to the Holly House Rain Garden and explained this important environmental concept. The Rain Garden was one of Winni's projects when she served as GCNJ president 2003 2005. All the plants are New Jersey natives and are great pollinators. This project received a 'WaterWise' grant from National.



**Director Bruce Crawford of The Rutgers Gardens and an Adjunct Professor at the University** led the children through the Bamboo Forest. Bamboo is being used as an environmentally friendly material in many products being produced today. This is a favorite spot in the Gardens. It is dark and filled with mystery. The Kids loved it!

The Magnolia Korbus was next on the tour. This is one of the outstanding features in the Gardens. It is a popular spot for photographers. You can walk into the tree's canopy and be completely surrounded by trunks, limbs and branches that are wonderful for hugging! This is the Oriental equivalent to our Native America Magnolia virginia which the kids also saw growing.



# Kid's Day in Rutgers Gardens Continued



We visited the Art Rudolph Shade Garden and The Edwin J. and Ida M. Odken's Memorial Garden. These Gardens include some natives along with cultivars, hybrids and introduced varieties. The children were excited to find two large Adirondack Chairs. These were a surprise feature, created by Director Crawford for the Otkin's Garden. The children planted 150

bulbs in this garden. The bulbs were selected and provided by Director Crawford and the Rutgers Gardens. Director Crawford also explained GCNJ's Native and Regional Plant Garden along with new Helen Hull Collection of Wildflowers.



I consider this project a wonderful success, even though we were unable to attract the number of kids that we had originally hoped would attend. I am very much in favor of continuing the project because I believe our children of today need to have a close relationship with the environmental studies of Rutgers, our State University and the Rutgers Gardens. We have no way of knowing what 'Great and Wonderful' environmental results, in the future, may be achieved by our Youth Gardeners of Today!

## The Bamboo Garden at Rutgers Gardens



# Daffodil Blooms

Dee Syncox, Chairman

“Golden Days” was a special National Garden Club project initiated by President Renee Blaschke.

Mary Warshauer, GCNJ President designated **Daffodil Blooms** as GCNJ’s response to the National Project and encouraged the participation of all the members clubs in GCNJ join in the effort. Dee Syncox was the project chairman. The purpose of this project was to encourage clubs to plant daffodils at multiple sites in their communities, such



*Bernardsville GC gets award.*

as churches, schools, parks, public facilities, as well as their homes.

Daffodil Blooms established prizes of \$100 for clubs that had over 50 members and clubs that had 50 members or less, additionally a \$50 prize was available for a youth group award for the group that planted the largest number of daffodils. Clubs were encouraged to have contests among members and the GCNJ board established a contest among themselves.

The following clubs received a cash prize for planting the most daffodils in the contest. The Garden club of Fair Haven received two awards - the club with 50 members and under and the youth group award. The Bernardsville Garden Club received the award for the club with over 50 members.

The largest winner was the state of New Jersey! 56,269 new daffodil bulbs consisting of Golden Days and Jersey Girls were planted during the Daffodil Blooms Project.

“For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.”

William Wordsworth



Dee Syncox, Chairman



# Garden Education Day

4/13/11

by Ellen Preissler

In February 2010, I was asked to chair an event for GCNJ – A Garden Education Day for the State to be held at Colonial Nursery on April 13, 2011. With over a year to plan, we stayed close to the GCNJ model in our bylaws. There would be four (4) speakers, demonstrations and vendors all pertaining to horticulture. In March 2010, I nominated Susan Berdahl to be my Vice-Chairman and we decided on a name for the event: “Garden Thyme” and began distributing flyers to the state board for input. By the summer, we determined most of our costs for speakers and rentals, but realized the parking lot at the nursery was too small. Would there be a charge to come to the event? What about a rain date? Could we use a valet parking service? After the Financial Committee review, all of these concerns were raised and we had to wait to book any speakers until the budget could be passed at the September board meeting.

In January 2011, the budget finally passed and we could begin the process of booking the speakers we had lined up, and by February vendors and exhibitors were selected, and a valet parking service would be hired by the nursery. We would also use any tables and the tent that the nursery could provide. We only had to rent the chairs and microphone, purchase green burlap for the tables and provide invitations, programs and name tags.

So, on this rainy Wednesday in April, a GCNJ Garden Education Day was held at Colonial Nursery in Lincroft, NJ from 10 am to 2 pm. After a year in the planning, I am happy to report that we had 14 garden clubs represented with approximately 106 people in attendance (26 members of the public and 80 GCNJ Garden Club members) with four (4) speakers on various topics, eight (8) displays and three (3) vendors. The venue, chosen because of its beautiful new greenhouses, was the perfect backdrop. Colonial

Nursery offers landscape design, water gardens, seasonal plantings, vegetables and raised beds to put them in. In a tent on the side of the greenhouse, there were four speakers on horticulture (topics included: Pruning & Deadheading, Daffodils, Spring Ephemerals and Front Yard Farmer). There were exhibits on swamp pinks (endangered wildflower), rain gardens, herbs in the garden, rain barrels, mulching trees, composting and Victory gardens. Several vendors including: Foolish Ginger (from Asbury Park), E&M Gold Beekeepers and Faerie Petal Designs. And a special treat was Yoga in the Garden (Greenhouse) to keep us all limber. Many thanks to all who helped, especially the Refreshments.

Committee Chairman (Mary Warshauer) and the clubs (Grow & Show, GC of Fair Haven, Little Silver GC and Shrewsbury GC) who brought food. And finally, thank you to Daniel Coneeny, owner of Colonial Nursery.



Chairman Ellen Preissler (R) Vice-Chair Susan Bardahl (L)  
Photo courtesy of News Leaf

## Beautify Blight



Michele Lawrence, G-Arden Unit Leader  
Terra Nova Garden Club

The vegetable garden at the Triple C Ranch and Nature Center in Edison, New Jersey, was an overgrown, weed-tangled eyesore, surrounded by a hole-ridden, dilapidated fence. In the past, some adult volunteers had planted the plot but now had moved on to other projects. Certainly, this unsightly garden was not a proper reflection on the last working horse farm in the county, a place where visitors came to enjoy the outdoors and learn about the environment. However, the Edison Wetlands Association (EWA), the grass-roots environmental organization who owns and operates the ranch, did not have the volunteer support to renovate the plot. They were elated when approached to partner with the Terra Nova Garden Club's high school youth group, G-Arden Unit, to rejuvenate this neglected garden. Coincidentally, Disney had just initiated their "Give-a-Day, Get a Disney Day" program to encourage family volunteerism and G-Arden Unit saw it as a perfect opportunity to reach out and involve others in the garden project. After winning Disney's approval as a worthwhile nonprofit group, the teen garden club was allowed to post on Disney's website and five families chose to sign up to help. These families spent the day at the Triple C Ranch digging trenches and preparing the planting beds for the new garden.

With the award of two \$5000 Supplemental Environmental Program grants from the EWA, the G-Arden Unit teenagers and Terra Nova Garden Club members worked every Sunday morning for 2 years to eliminate the weeds, fortify the soil, implement an irrigation system, replace the fence and put down pebble paths – even in 90 degree weather. When the beds were readied, they planted tomatoes, beans,

## Beautify Blight Continued

cucumbers, squash, peppers, and potatoes. As a natural pest deterrent, G-Arden Unit planted marigolds on the perimeter of the garden. Adjacent to the vegetable garden, the teens also created a native plant flower garden, with a solar-powered fountain. By providing a welcoming habitat with food, water and shelter, vegetable plant pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, are attracted to the area and linger to help assure crop success. Finally, this past summer the renovation project was completed and the crop was abundant enough to share over 25 lbs of vegetables with "Hands for Hope," a food bank in Edison, New Jersey.



The success of this project and the teenager's donation of their farm-grown vegetables to the food bank were chronicled in the area's local newspaper, Home News Tribune (<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2009910290303>), and on two internet websites: WildNJ.tv (<http://wildnewjersey.tv/2010/08/04/wnj-exclusive-highschoolers-help-community-garden-rise-from-empty-ground-in-edison.aspx>) and NJToday.net (<http://njtoday.net/2010/08/24/high-school-students-help-grow-vegetables-for-food-pantry/>).



G-Arden Unit's "Beautify Blight" endeavor was exhibited in poster form at the Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ) Operation Wildflower Workshop on March 25, 2010 and at GCNJ Annual Meeting on June 3, 2010. Additionally, G-Arden Unit was awarded the GCNJ's President's Recognition Certificate and the GCNJ "Mrs. David P. Barry Silver Trophy" award at the annual meeting.

Although these recognitions were greatly appreciated by the high school gardeners, their true sense of satisfaction came from realizing they had made such a profound impact on the local environment and those less fortunate, in their effort to "beautify blight." They will continue to plant and tend the Triple C Ranch gardens for the enjoyment of visiting nature enthusiasts and look forward to donating their vegetable bounty to the needy for years to come.

# History Of Garden Club of New Jersey Landscape Design School From 1987 to 2011

by Nancy Smaltz

The Garden Club of New Jersey presented Course I of Series I of Landscape Design School on January 13 and 14, 1958. Welcomed to the inaugural course by President Mrs. Clarence Slocum students attended the first lecture given by Professor Hubert B. Owens, Director of Landscape Architecture, University of Georgia and National Council advisor for LDS. After completing the series of four schools with 44 hours of classroom instruction, 27 students were awarded the National Council Certificate as Appraiser of Landscape Design. New Jersey distinguished itself by being the first state to complete the series in 1960 and again in 1962 for completing Series II. In April 2012 GCNJ will have completed Course IV of Series XVI.

Since those beginning years and through the past 25 years since 1987, there have been changes to the program but the fundamentals remain the same. Landscape Design School covers all aspects of how to understand and recognize what makes good design, teaches the tools and techniques to achieve good design and why it is important in our private and public spaces. Landscape Design School is a very special program that teaches us the technical aspects of what is really a most creative and personal process – gardening!

National Garden Clubs, Inc. continues to provide the curriculum for each course based on material from the selected reference book 'Stewards of the Land', a compilation of articles written by various landscape design professionals. Each course

covers nine chapters and an additional optional topic chosen for its uniqueness or relevance to the area of horticulture. In 2009, Dr. Chris Obrupta, Water Resources Specialist, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, introduced the students to the environmental significance of creating Rain Gardens in the Home Landscape. LDS continues to attract working professionals in the field of Landscape Architecture such as Denise and Eric Mattes who cover the subject of the history



*Professor DeBoer*

of landscape architecture through the centuries and bring us into the modern design world as well; nursery owners such as Steve Kristoph who specializes in propagation of woody plants; specialists in the field of landscape history such as Marta McDowell who researches historic gardens and teaches at the New York Botanical Gardens and others such as Kirk Brown who has a significant background in landscape design and who brings his costumed interpretation of John Bartram to many venues. Our programs are held at Holly House, GCNJ Headquarters, located at the entrance to Rutgers Gardens. Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens has been a regular supporter of this school and brings his vast knowledge and love of all things horticultural to the student audience in a style all his own with refreshing moments of laughter!

Through the decades LDS has benefited greatly from the continued support of Roy DeBoer, former Chairman of the School of Landscape Architecture, Cook College, Rutgers University and

# Landscape Design School Continued



*GCNJ Planting Juniperus virginiana to Honor Professor DeBoer on his retirement. Johnson*

Bruce Hamilton, Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture and former Director of Rutgers Gardens. Roy was an instructor at the first class in 1958 and continued as a regular contributor until 2005 – that's almost 50 years of continuity! Bruce, known to all affectionately as 'Doc', has warned many students over the years against pruning shrubs into meatball and rocket shapes – not an insignificant legacy! Both have retired recently but their presence will always be felt by the strong foundation they helped to lay down and the love of good design they imparted to LDS students.

The requirements to complete this series and gain a certificate have remained the same through the decades – attendance at 40 hours of instruction from Series I through IV and a passing grade. However the certificate originally known as Appraiser of Landscape Design became Landscape

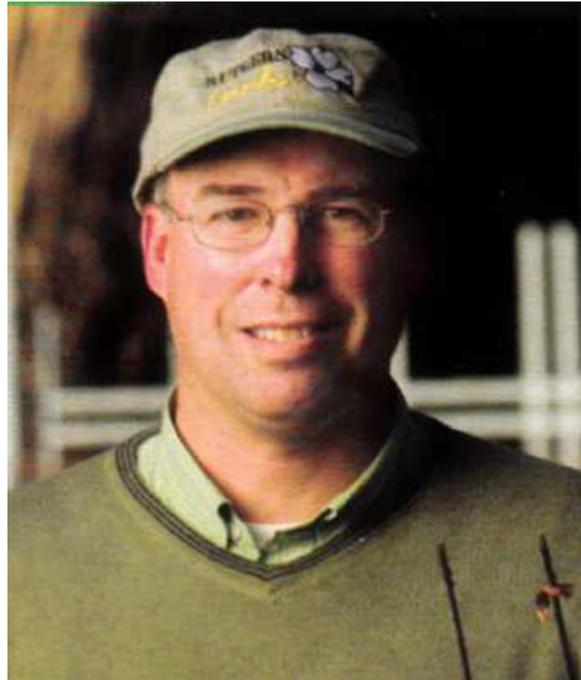
Design Critic and is presently known as Landscape Design Consultant. Similarly, the Landscape Design Critics' Council has seen a name change to, simply, Landscape Design Council. Interest in the LD Council has been renewed and LD Consultants were invited to attend Bubbles and Blooms on June 6, 2011 with Brian Bosenberg, one of New Jersey's foremost leading landscapes architects.

New Jersey begins the years 2012 with 14 Master Landscape Design Consultants, 11 Landscape Design Consultants, 1 Emeritus Consultant and 12 Provisional Student Consultants. We look forward to growing the program in the next 25 years and continuing to attract those interested in gaining more knowledge and appreciation of the gardens around us, the natural environment and the landscape design process.



*Kirk Brown lecturing as John Bartram at Haddonfield, Moorestown & Pinelands GC's Johnson*

# A History Snapshot of Rutgers Gardens from 2005 to 2011



by  
Bruce Crawford, Director  
Rutgers Gardens

## The Mission of Rutgers Gardens in 2011:

To promote and provide accurate information about the art of environmentally sensitive horticulture with an emphasis upon the relationship between plants, human health and nutrition in the designed, as well as in the natural landscape.

Unfortunately, the original mission and much of the history of Rutgers Gardens were never recorded – it was considered to be a research facility and recording its history simply did not appear to be a priority! One of the aims of the past 6 years was to piece together this history, such that it could be respected as the Gardens moved to the future. From our gleanings, the University purchased two farms between 1917

and 1923 that now form the cultivated portion of the Gardens. The suspected purpose was to conduct research and to display ornamental plants. Evidently, the University thought there might be a housing boom in NJ and wished to demonstrate to farmers that ornamentals were a viable crop! From 1923 to 1987 operations of the Gardens were funded through the Horticultural Department and NJ Agricultural Extension Station. After 1988, funding was cut and the Gardens suddenly became not only a community oriented garden, but a community funded garden. Since its inception, oversight of Rutgers Gardens was an ancillary part of a full-time professor's position. In August 2005, a full-time position of Director was created with the purpose of reconnecting the Gardens with the University, while simultaneously enhancing its connection to the community.

From 2005 to present the major focus has been upon the needs of the existing Gardens visitors and making their visitation experience more meaningful. An initial mission statement was crafted in 2006 that promotes education, so it only made sense to start an adult education program, which coincidentally began in 2006. The biggest programmatic addition has been the Friday afternoon Farm Market, beginning in 2007. During the past summer of 2011, I counted over 60 cars parked at any given time in the early afternoon for the market, a big jump from the 12 or so cars in 2007. Also of great joy to me has been the addition of a children's summer camp and after school programs – it is helping to teach a whole new generation about plants. There have been many physical additions to the Gardens as well, including the Otkens Memorial or Big Chair Garden (2006), the Lillian Koelsch Gazebo (2008), the Children's

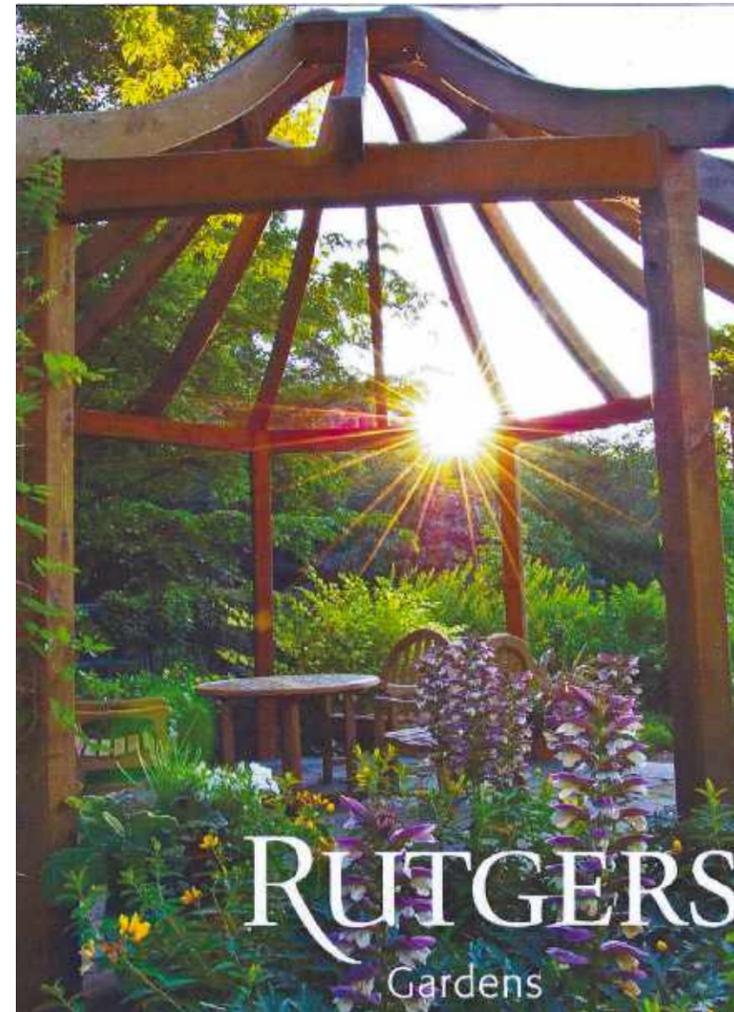


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Community Vegetable Garden (2009), 2 new greenhouses (2009), the Ornamental Rain Garden (2010), and a plant breeding facility that will begin in 2012. Physical additions are exciting, but it is really how these additions enhance the social and personal experience of the visitor that is most important.

The future of the Gardens will continue its focus upon enhancing the visitors experience and on how University departments could display or actively use the Gardens for research. Obtaining information vital for understanding the needs of the visitors was gathered through an online survey that ran for one year starting in August of 2010. In September of



**Lillian Koelsch, Former GCNJ  
President 1981 - 1983**  
**Home Garden Clubs:**  
Toms River GC and  
Trimmers Garden Club of Pine Lakes

Honored GCNJ with a financial bequest with her dear friend Barbara Hartman to oversee the use of the funds.

**Director Bruce Crawford was responsible for the construction of the Gazebo, shown on the left and is enjoyed by all.**

2008, Roy K. DeBoer completed an initial master plan; some ideas have changed over the past 3 years, but many of the initial design concepts, including a radically different visitor's center off Ryders Lane whose outer skin changes color with the seasons and dominant visual axis into the Gardens remain appropriate. Going hand in hand with the master plan is the development of an advisory board to assist in the development and implementation of a new Master Plan, the planning of which will start soon. The Advisory Board will also be the body that actually hires future Directors of Rutgers Gardens. Let's hope that is many, many years away!

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# Headquarters & Endowment Committee

Joyce Koontz, Chairman's Report



Joyce Koontz

Madam Director, Madam President. As GCNJ Headquarters & Endowment Chairman, I would like to recognize fellow members of our leadership team. Serving through fiscal year 2005: Marianne Buck, Gerry Blake, Roberta McNally; 2006: Georgia DeBlon, Anna Godwin, Peggy Matthews; 2007: Nancy Gahtan, Marilyn Litvack, myself. All were elected for three years or appointed by your president to fill out terms of those who resigned.

Now, for a bit of trivia: Seventy-five years ago two buildings were being constructed, one in NY and the other in NJ. In NYC the largest skyscraper in the world, the Empire State Building, was completed in 1931. In NJ on Cook College campus, building 6102, a warehouse for food processing, was

completed on Horticultural Farm 1. Fifty years later in 1981, having renovated and leased building 6102 for the next twenty-five years, some very enterprising ladies from the GCNJ named their new headquarters, Holly House.

Soon to be seventy-five, she's a grand old gal with some bumps and bruises, aches and pains. These past few years she has been going through her second overhaul. Our old lease expires on February 16, 2006 and our new lease, signed several years ago, is renewed until February 2031, when Holly House will be 100 years old!

Your H&E trustees endeavor to work in harmony with the Office of Continuing Professional Education, with whom our organization shares not only Holly House, but also a partnership in education and service to the New Jersey community. In cooperation with Rutgers Facilities, our committee investigates safety issues and suggests improvements to the physical plant itself. This year, four large florescent lights were installed in the Holly House attic so our valued volunteers could see and safely store or remove flower show properties.

Arrangements to meet at Holly House to tour both our facility and Rutgers Gardens can be made through the GCNJ date recorder. Whenever a club or organization visits, a volunteer Executive Board member will be there to serve as our good will ambassador and your host. We appreciate their donation of time.

Your Headquarters & Endowment Trustees also appreciate the generous spirit of those who honor Holly House with charitable bequests to our endowment fund, to include donations from life members, member clubs, and other organizations. We thank you for supporting our annual raffle. And, please enjoy the day!

Joyce Koontz  
GCNJ H&E Chairman  
June 1, 2005

## Train a Teacher to Teach

Anne Chmielewski, Chairman's report

Train-A-Teacher To Teach-A-Child (TAT)

### Education is our best defense

Educating our children to love and respect our environment creates Stewart's to our environment and to the earth. Through the program TAT Train-A-Teacher to Teach-A-Child, we support accredited environmental studies, so New Jersey teachers have the best skills and tools to educate New Jersey school children about our environment.

CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE. Help them to learn and embrace positive actions to solve the environmental issues they will inherit. Provide them with knowledge that they can use to be a part of the solution.

### Garden Club of New Jersey Train a Teacher (TAT) Report

Dr. Nicholas Smith-Sebasto (Dr. Nick) of Kean University, has provided a report on the Composting Curriculum which was developed over the past two year cycle. The funding provided by the garden club of New Jersey through the Train A Teacher Program (TAT) supplemented a lot of other work with teachers and students. In particular, in concert with funds received from the US EPA, for high schools and one elementary school were selected to receive advanced training in how to conduct a resource recovery audit. Each school actually performed an audit. Each school received a presentation about composting.

In Dr. Nick's courses, several preservice teachers have experienced the composting system at Kean and have performed the mathematical analysis presented in one of the units. On July 17, Dr. Nick presented to a group of students and their teachers from Perth Amboy High School. They had a tour of the Food Scraps Composting Laboratory at Kean where they solve first-hand how the food scraps are processed into compost. They then visited the Kean Liberty Hall Farm, where they saw how produce is grown using the compost instead of synthetic, petroleum-based fertilizer. Lastly, they had lunch at Ursino, Kean's new farm-to-table restaurant, where they dined on food grown on the farm.

Dr. Nick plans to provide the Perth Amboy teachers with copies of the lesson plans developed with the funds provided by the garden club of New Jersey.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Chmielewski TAT

# Senior Citizen Report from Adrianna Langan

Former NGC, Inc. and GCNJ Senior Citizen-Retirement Community Chairman, CAR and NGC Natural Disasters USA Chairman, CAR Perennial Bloom Chairman

When I moved from Staten Island to The Fairways, a newly developed lifestyle retirement community in Lakewood in September 1999, I was immediately interviewed by the editor of our community newspaper, The Legend. Normally, newcomers would have a paragraph written about them, introducing them to the community, however, she was so intrigued with my affiliation with Garden Clubs, as past president of the FGCNYS, and NGC Master Flower Show Judge, with positions on the NGC, Inc. Board as well as Central Atlantic Regional Board and FGCNYS Board, that she devoted a half page to my interview and the mission of Garden Clubs. By the end of the interview she had convinced me to write a monthly gardening column for The Legend.

This column drew so much attention that by January 2000 our Activity Director asked me to form a Garden Club. I could see that the potential for membership was evident, and since I had to be affiliated with a Garden Club because of my judging status, I accepted the challenge and consented to form the club.

Following NGC's guidelines, I formed a planning committee, wrote Bi-laws, secured local speakers for three programs at no cost, planned a introductory meeting date where refreshments would be served (my motto is "if you feed them they will come!"), had designs on view as well as wreaths, and other Garden Club craft items, and introduced all present to the Garden Club scene. The meeting was held in March 2000. Sixty-Five people attended and Sixty Charter members joined that day, and the Fairways Garden Club was born and immediately affiliated with GCNJ and NGC, Inc. By the end of the year we had 100 members, and peaked the next year at 230 members. Our club is most successful winning many awards, and is the pride of our community.

We invite neighboring clubs to our Open Meetings. When the Jumping Brook Community was completed in Neptune, some of the residents wanted to form a Garden Club and they were referred to me. I was delighted to encourage them, answer all their questions, and give them all the necessary assistance as NGC Guidelines, and a set of By-laws I had developed, as well as, samples of year books. They were most grateful and now have a very successful club! When a neighboring new community, The Enclave, was developed, I invited them to the Fairways Open Meetings and encourage them to form their own Garden Club. I agreed to mentor them and give them all the necessary assistance including NGC Guidelines, Bi-laws, pertinent information regarding programs, copies of our yearbooks, ideas for programs, and assistance obtaining speakers. They successfully form their club and our affiliated with GCNJ as well as NGC, Inc.

As Senior Citizen and Retirement Community Chairman for GCNJ and formally NGC, and Central Atlantic Region, this chairman recognized the potential for increasing Garden Club Membership by inviting residents of retirement communities to Garden Club events. She has found from her experience, in her community, that newly retired people are very eager to participate in new activities, and after years on the workforce, are delighted to get in touch with, and espresso newly found creativity on the Garden Club scene.

Adrienne Langan, September 7, 2011

## NGC Presidents Project "Plant Natives & Plant Organically" School Gardens Project 2007-2009

Garden club name: Warren Junior Gardeners of the Warren Garden Club, Contact: Diana Dove  
Address: Attn: Diana Dove/Butterfly Garden  
Memorial School, 300 W. Stuart St., Washington, NJ 07882  
Garden Club's State: New Jersey Region: Central Atlantic Region  
School Name: Memorial School for Grades 3-6

Participants: Intermediate Level participants (52) 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> graders (8-12 yr.) assisted by Green Team  
Leaders: High School participants (16+) 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> graders (14-18 yr.)

**Brief description of project: The Warren Junior Gardeners grow native plants in "The Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly Garden" to benefit butterflies, birds, & wildlife bringing together a school and community**

The Warren Junior Gardeners of Washington, New Jersey are the stewards of their student-driven, schoolyard wildlife habitat community garden. For 10 years, the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders of Memorial School have nurtured their garden. They have grown over 200 plant varieties including an emphasis of NATIVE PLANTS on a quarter acre plot that once was just a grassy slope in front of the school. Teen helpers and community volunteers, called Green Team Leaders, volunteered to work side-by-side with the young gardeners throughout the year.

Over the years, the garden project has been recognized by the National Garden Association and NJ's Governor ranking the project as the Top Environmental Project in the State. It has been certified by the USDA as a "Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program" focusing on its design of NATIVE PLANTS benefiting wildlife.

Native Plant Education becomes the topic for hands on cross curricular activities in the quarter acre schoolyard wildlife habitat garden that now is an outdoor learning lab. It is also the topic for select WJG meeting topics. Educational Outreach extends to the high school and community where partnerships have formed with community service organizations, scouts, and senior citizens. The garden has also become a resource for the after-care children at Memorial School who are photographing native plants and using the plants as the subjects for creative writing and sketching. School classes leave their classroom surrounding themselves with native plants for outdoor based learning!

We've gone global...At an International level...Our garden is an "AT&T Champion of the Environment" winner representing the United States. In addition, two of our WJG teacher-advisors recently returned from Mexico's Monarch migration site having shared native plant information with Mexican children there through ERIC's Monarch Teacher Network.

Our butterfly garden of native plants has become our bridge to learning!



# Proclamations



**National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Let Freedom Ring Day In The Rutgers Gardens  
Proclamation**

Whereas, The Garden Club of New Jersey is responding to The National Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Principal Financial Group's nationwide project of 'Let Freedom Ring'; and

Whereas, The Garden Club of New Jersey is working in cooperation with The Rutgers Gardens of Rutgers The State University, and the Veterans with this project; and

Whereas, The Garden Club of New Jersey is establishing a 'Freedom Trail of Great Americans' by planting shrubs and trees to honor Great Americans from Colonial Days to the present who have made untold sacrifices so that Americans can 'Live in the Home of the Brave and Land of the Free'; and

Whereas, The Freedom Trail of Great Americans will include a Field of Heroes that is being established as a Blue Star Memorial in remembrance of the First Blue Star Memorial that was first created in 1944 in New Jersey and now spreads east and west, north and south through out our land to honor all men and women who served in World War II and now honors all men and women who have served, who are serving and who will serve in the American Armed Forces; and

Whereas, This project supports the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Project of planting Patriotic Trees; and

Whereas, The Garden Club of New Jersey is planning a grand and glorious gardening festival called 'Tea in the Gardens' on June 8, 2006, during National Gardening Week that will showcase the many aspects of 'Gardening in The Garden State' and will be open to the general public;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved in recognition of The Garden Club of New Jersey and The Rutgers Gardens' creation of the Freedom Trail of Great Americans and The Field of Heroes, The National Garden Clubs Inc. Designates June 8, 2006 as LET FREEDOM RING DAY IN THE RUTGERS GARDENS



  
Kitty Larkin, 2005-2007 President, NGC, Inc.

# Proclamations

The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.



*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. is concerned about the continued loss of our native Swamp Pink (*Helonias bullata*); and

WHEREAS, Loss of Swamp Pink's forested wetland habitat and the plant's subsequent decline in distribution prompted the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to designate Swamp Pink as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act in September 1988; and

WHEREAS, A species designated as threatened is likely to be in danger of extinction in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, Once found inhabiting wetland areas from New York to Georgia, Swamp Pink is now only found along the coastal plain from New Jersey to Virginia and in isolated areas in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Containing more than 70% of the known sites, New Jersey represents the global stronghold for Swamp Pink; and

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of New Jersey's 2009-2011 theme is 'Nurture Our World for a Beautiful Tomorrow' and the goal is 'To Help Save New Jersey's Swamp Pink for the Children of the World'; and

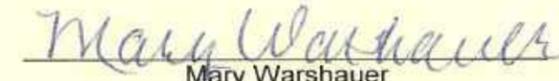
WHEREAS, The Garden Club of New Jersey has joined hands with The Rutgers Gardens under the direction of Director Bruce Crawford, Dr. Bruce Hamilton, Director Emeritus, Dr. Jeanne Marie Hartman, Swamp Pink Authority and Director of Hartman Laboratory, of Rutgers University and Ari Novy, Swamp Pink Researcher with the Hartman Laboratory and Doctoral Candidate of Rutgers University to establish a Swamp Pink Research Project within The Rutgers Gardens of Rutgers University in an effort to 'Help Save the New Jersey Swamp Pink for the Children of the World'.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Warshauer, President of the Garden Club of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

May 1, 2010 to May 1, 2011  
as  
'The Year of New Jersey's Swamp Pink'  
And hereby encourage every club and each of our 5,000 members  
to join me in this quest of worldwide significance.

Given, under my hand and the Seal Of The Garden Club Of New Jersey this 25th day of March, 2010



  
Mary Warshauer

# Proclamations

## The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.

### Proclamation

- WHEREAS The Lewis W. Barton Arboretum was founded in Medford, New Jersey in 1981.
- WHEREAS The Arboretum includes 160 acres of landscaped grounds, courtyard gardens, wildflower meadows, natural woodlands and wetlands, all a part of the Medford Leas Retirement Community.
- WHEREAS The development of the Arboretum was in cooperation with the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania.
- WHEREAS The Horticultural Staff works closely with Rutgers University which sponsors a yearly seminar at Medford Leas with state agencies and environmental groups.
- WHEREAS The arboretum serves as a horticultural resource for South Jersey, providing information through classes and seminars.
- WHEREAS The Arboretum has requested membership in The Garden Club of New Jersey as an Affiliate Member

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WINI APPLGATE, President of The Garden Club of New Jersey do hereby proclaim that the Lewis W. Barton Arboretum is accepted as an Affiliate Member of the Garden Club of New Jersey in this our 80<sup>th</sup> year of existence.



*Wini Applegate*

WINI APPLGATE  
President

April 11, 2005

# Proclamations



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of New Jersey, founded in 1925, is a nonprofit educational gardening organization led by volunteers who actively work to provide education in the fields of horticulture, landscaping, environmental concerns, civic beautification, gardening therapy, creative design, historic preservation, preservation of native plants for members of all ages; and

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of New Jersey is involved in a special 'Let Freedom Ring' project working in cooperation with The Rutgers Gardens, of Rutgers University located on Cook College Campus to create 'The Freedom Trail of Great Americans' to honor, by planting trees and shrubs, those men and women who have made untold personal sacrifices from colonial days to the present so that America Can be free; and

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of New Jersey has joined with all the clubs across our nation in the patriotic project of 'Let Freedom Ring' sponsored by their parent organization, The National Garden Clubs, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Freedom Trail of Great Americans will end in a grove of native pine trees standing as 'silent sentinels' in 'The field of Heroes' planned as a Blue Star Memorial honoring all men and women in the American Armed Forces who have served, who are serving and who will serve; and

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of New Jersey is planning a special 'Let Freedom Ring' Ceremony of Dedication on June 8, 2006 to be held in The Rutgers Gardens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

JUNE 8, 2006

AS

LET FREEDOM RING THROUGHOUT NEW JERSEY DAY

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, eighth day of June in the year two thousand six and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and thirtieth.



*Jon S. Corzine*

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

# Proclamations



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc., founded in 1925, is a non-profit, charitable gardening organization led by volunteers who actively work to provide education in the fields of horticulture, environmental concerns, civic beautification, creative design and garden therapy to adults, junior and high school gardeners across New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. is concerned about the loss of our native wildflowers and plants and is involved in a "Green Crusade" to save these specimens; and

WHEREAS, members of The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. are involved in a special project working in cooperation with Rutgers, the State University, to renovate the Native and Regional Plant Garden located on the campus of Cook College; and

WHEREAS, the club's goal is to protect and preserve a representative selection of New Jersey's flowering ground covers, wildflowers, flowering shrubs and flowering trees for New Jersey's children of today and future generations in the Rutgers Native and Regional Plant Garden;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. McGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

APRIL 23 to APRIL 30, 2003

as

HELP SAVE THE WILDFLOWERS AND NATIVE PLANTS  
OF NEW JERSEY FOR OUR CHILDREN WEEK

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of New Jersey, this  
fifteenth day of April in the year of  
of Our Lord two thousand three and of  
the Independence of the United States,  
the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

GOVERNOR



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## The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of New Jersey is commemorating the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the origination of The Blue Star Drive in New Jersey and The National Garden Clubs, Inc. are commemorating the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary nationwide, during 2009.

WHEREAS, The Blue Star Memorial Highway is a network of co-operation between National Garden Clubs, Inc. and all State Departments of Transportation across America honoring all men and women of the American Armed Forces who have served, who are serving and who will serve in the future.

WHEREAS, Pinelands Garden Club, a member of The Garden Club of New Jersey and The National Garden Clubs, Inc. established the Medford Circle as a Blue Star By-Way in 1978 - 1979 in co-operation with The Garden Club of New Jersey and The New Jersey Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, The Medford Circle was eliminated by the New Jersey Department of Transportation in 1996 and The Pinelands Garden Club of Medford requested a new site at Route 70 and Chairville Road which was Rededicated on November 8, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARY WARSHAUER, President of The Garden Club of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim November 9, 2009 as the Blue Star Sixty-fifth Anniversary Remembrance Day for Pinelands Garden Club of Medford Township New Jersey honoring all service men and women of the American Armed Forces, who have served, who are serving and who will serve in the future.



MARY WARSHAUER  
PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

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## THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

**WHEREAS,** THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY, INC. TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN COMPLETING A PROJECT TO "SAVE THE WILDFLOWERS AND NATIVE PLANTS OF NEW JERSEY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS."

**WHEREAS,** THE RUTGERS GARDENS, THE BOTANICAL GARDEN ON THE CAMPUS OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, HAS COOPERATED WITH DISTINCTION IN ESTABLISHING A GARDEN OF NATIVE AND REGIONAL PLANTS FOR EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH, FORMAL AND INFORMAL CONSERVATION, CONSERVATION EVALUATION AND EVENTUAL DISTRIBUTION.

**WHEREAS,** THE SHELL GRANT PROGRAM AND THE NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. AWARDED THE PROJECT A \$1,000 GRANT, AND THE 126 CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THE STATE CONTRIBUTED A TOTAL OF \$5,596 REPRESENTING ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH MEMBER.

**BE IT RESOLVED :** THAT SPECIAL THANKS BE CONVEYED TO JEANETTE JOHNSON FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND THANKS BE ACCORDED THE ENTIRE COMMITTEE OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY. AND THAT SPECIAL THANKS BE CONVEYED TO PATRICK CULLINA AND THE STAFF OF RUTGERS GARDENS.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT THIS GARDEN BE DEDICATED TO THE CHILDREN OF NEW JERSEY.**



*Wini Applegate*  
WINI APPELEGATE  
PRESIDENT

SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

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## The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.

### Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of New Jersey is commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the origination of The Blue Star Drive in New Jersey and The National Garden Clubs, Inc. will be commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary nationwide, in 2005.

WHEREAS, The Blue Star Memorial Highway is a network of co-operation between National Garden Clubs, Inc. and all State Departments of Transportation across America honoring all men and women of the American Armed Forces who have served, who are serving and who will serve in the future.

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WHEREAS, The Medford Circle was eliminated by the New Jersey Department of Transportation in 1996 and The Pinelands Garden Club of Medford has requested a new site at Route 70 and Chairville Road for a Re-dedication of their Blue Star By-Way.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WINI APPELEGATE, President of The Garden Club of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim Route 70 in Medford Township as a Blue Star By-Way joining the national network honoring all service men and women of the American Armed Forces, who have served, who are serving and who will serve in the future.



*Wini Applegate*  
WINI APPELEGATE  
PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2004



## National Garden Club, Inc.

The Largest Gardening Organization in The World

*Flower Arranger of the Year*

### Helen S. Hull Calendar Award

*Awarded to*

**Deirdre Gross**

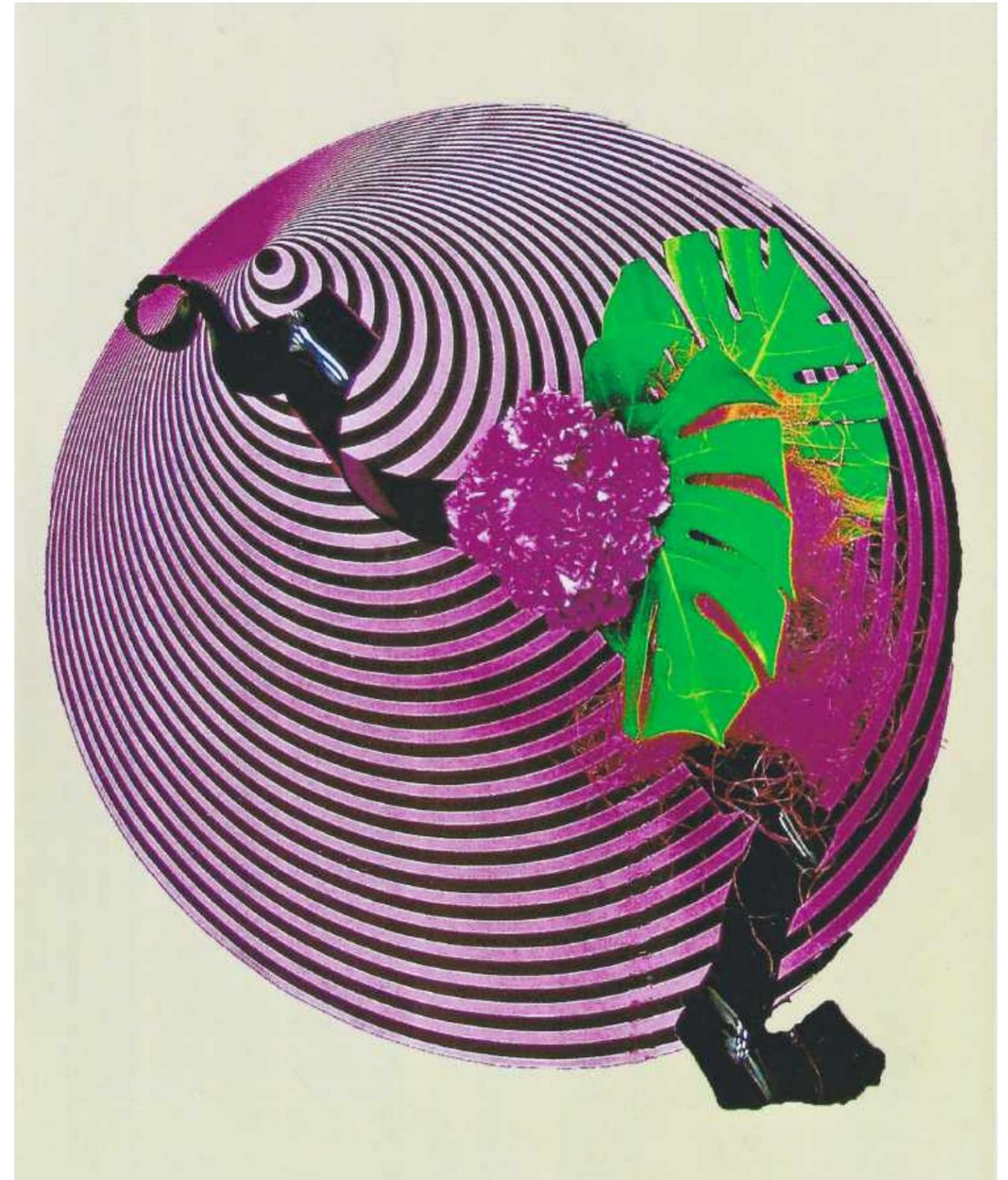
*Medford, New Jersey*

*Pinelands Garden Club*

### Going in Circles

An Op Art Design featuring a grouping of Dianthus and  
Monstera Leaves

(This is a three dimensional design  
photographed from above.)



**Going in Circles**  
(Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring)

## *Twenty-five Year History Committee*

**Compiled and edited by  
President Mary Warshauer's  
25 Year History Committee**

**Chairman..... Jeanette Johnson, GCNJ First Environmental Action Committee Chairman under President Bennett. GCNJ American Land Trust Chairman, New Jersey's Project was Saving the New Jersey Pine Barrens. GCNJ placed second, in this Nation Wide, National Garden Clubs Bicentennial project. Recipient of Helen Hull's last copies of The Green Crusade. When asked what should be done with them, she answered, " Do with them as you will". They have been given to special people through out the years. Awarded GCNJ Medal by President Onnolee Allieri.**

**Professional Writer..... Jeannie Geremia - Jeannie is one of our most dedicated gardeners. She is filled with dynamic energy and endless creativity. She is a NGC Master Judge, GCNJ Community Garden Chair and CAR Community Chair of NGC. Jeannie is a professional writer for Publisher and Editor of The Gardener News, Tom Castronovo. This is an excellent gardening and environmental publication for New Jersey. Jeannie has written many lovely and knowledgeable articles and she won the prestigious Person of the Year award for her excellent work. All of her work for the Gardener News is copyrighted and may only be used by permission from Editor Castronovo. You may read Jeannie's past articles by going to <http://www.GardenerNews.com> on the internet, then choose Read Online.**

**Researcher..... Teresa Blake - Teresa served us well as our researcher. She did an exceptionally fine job in researching the past history in Helen Hull's First GCNJ History, The Green Crusade. She entered the entire history on our GCNJ website. We encourage everyone to become familiar with this 'labor of love' by our great Leader Helen Hull.**

**Proofreader..... Ruth Black - we were very fortunate to have Ruth's remarkable expertise in proofreading in the early stages of our work and were greatly distressed by her early and untimely death. She is greatly missed but we shall always remember her with admiration, love and affection.**

**President Ruth Paul..... 40th GCNJ President 2001-2003 Her State Project, Help Save New Jersey Native Plants for our children was a fabulous success. Her slogan, was**

## *Twenty-five Year History Committee*

**a spin off from the Blue Star, "A Dollar Helps Save The Native Plants of New Jersey". Each of our 5,596 members contributed one dollar each for a total of \$5,596 to establish the Children's Native and Regional Plant Garden in Rutgers Garden. The project was awarded a Blue Ribbon by National and an extra surprise of a \$1,000 Monetary Award.**

**Nancy Gahtan..... Outstanding Environmentalist and Chairman of GCNJ's 9/11 Freedom Tree Dedication. President Paul selected an American Elm to be planted at Holly House in remembrance of the tragic loss of lives.**

**Diane Kazazis.....President of Rake and Hoe Garden Club. She is actively involved in creating Pollinator Centers. She is an avid computer enthusiast and delights in computer documentation.**

**We are very proud and especially appreciative for the excellent contributions by our Chairmen. We believe these reports, in the words of each Chairman add a special enrichment to the GCNJ's history, making it uniquely personal, as recorded by each of our leaders. We extend a heartfelt 'Thank You' to each of them for their 'Labor of Love' in helping to make The Garden Club of New Jersey the outstanding organization it is, spreading horticultural, environmental and creative knowledge throughout the Garden State. 'The Garden State is our Garden'.**

**L & J Johnson, Historical Research, Computer Design and Photography.**

*Garden Club of New Jersey*

*President 2009–2011*



*President Mary Warshauer*

*This Twenty Five Year History  
of  
The Garden Club of New Jersey  
is  
Compiled with Great Admiration,  
Sincere Affection and Many Happy  
Memories Honoring*

*President Mary Warshauer's outstanding leadership.  
We Congratulate and honor her on her nomination  
as our next*

*President of the National Garden Club  
and Wish her Great and Wonderful Success!!!*

*Sincerely,*

*The Committee for the Publication of  
President Warshauer's Twenty Five Year History  
of  
The Garden Club of New Jersey*