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President's Letter

The membership of the Garden Club of New Jersey is an amazing group of people and it has been a privilege to be your President for these past two years. Both the accomplishments of the local clubs and the individuals within them, inspire and amaze me. I have rarely seen an organization where so much talent, ideas, energy and commitment abounds. I know that, far into the future, each of you will continue to make a difference in your clubs and communities. When I leave this position in June it will be with full confidence in a bright future for the Garden Club of New Jersey



Thank you for the wonderful support these past two years.

Louise Davis

Drumthwacket

2018 marked the 35th consecutive year the Garden Club of New Jersey lead the way decorating Drumthwacket, the official residence of our Governor, for the holidays. Our current Governor and First Lady were most impressed with the décor and used it for the majority of their holiday entertaining. A special thank-you to this year's chair Nancy Bigelsen, her vice chair Cindy Happer and the local clubs that participated: Belvidere GC, Bernardsville GC, Essex Fells GC, Keyport GC, GC of Mountain Lakes, Warren GC, and West Trenton GC. Many members work most of the year planning, designing and constructing their decorations. GCNJ provides no funding for this project. The anniversary and clubs will be recognized at the Annual Meeting on June 6th.



Our Environment: Earth Friendly Gardening

by Ingrid Justick

Please, do make a conscious effort to **eliminate or minimize use of toxic pesticides, herbicides and chemical fertilizers** in your garden. Choose **organic** alternatives. If you take good care of your plants, your garden will be healthier and have fewer problems with insects and disease. Invite beneficial insects to your garden by **planting a variety of flowers**, especially wildflowers. If problems arise, please try the following earth friendly sprays:



All Purpose Insect Spray: Mix 3 tbsp. baking soda, 2 tbsp. Murphy's Oil soap, 2 tbsp. canola oil, 2 tbsp. vinegar and 2 gal. warm water. Apply with hand sprayer.

Fungus Spray: Mix 1/2 cup molasses, 1/2 cup powdered milk, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 gal. water.

Powdery Mildew Spray:

Mix 4 tbsp. baking soda, 2 tbsp. Murphy's Oil soap, 1 gal. water.

Slug Spray: Mix 1 1/2 cups ammonia, 1 tbsp. Murphy's Oil soap, 1 1/2 cups water. Spray over area where you see signs of slug activity.

White Fly Spray: Mix 1 cup sour milk (leave milk at room temperature for 48 hours), 2 tbsp. flour, 1 quart warm water.

Disease Preventing Spray:

Mix 1 cup chamomile tea, 1 tsp. liquid dish soap, 1/2 tsp. vegetable oil, 1/2 tsp. peppermint oil (or 1 tbsp. Dr. Bronner's peppermint soap), 1 gallon water.

Mole Tonic:

Mix 1 1/2 tbsp. Tabasco sauce, 1 tbsp. liquid dishwashing soap, 1 tsp. chili powder, 1 quart water. Pour small amount of mixture into mole runways. Or, insert sticks of unwrapped Juicy Fruit gum slit lengthwise into the runs.

Rose Care:

Rose Spray:

Mix 1 gal. water, 1 tbsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. oil. For aphids, add 1 tsp. liquid soap.

Mildew Spray for Roses: Mix 1 tbsp. baby shampoo, 1 tbsp. hydrogen peroxide, 1 tbsp. instant tea granules, 2 cups of water.

Soil Enhancement: Work banana peels into soil near roses; the potassium will help the plants fend-off pests and diseases, and deliver beautiful blossoms.

Other Tips:

Every time you use eggs, crush the shell, soak in water overnight and pour the water on your plants to provide them with calcium. Sprinkle cayenne pepper around plants to keep cats, dogs, rabbits, squirrels away. Aspirin keeps plants healthy. With regular doses every two months, indoor and outdoor plants will grow more, bloom better and have fewer fungus and pest problems. Dissolve 1 regular strength uncoated aspirin tablets in 1 gallon water.

Terry Blake, Chairman

CAR Director's Project: Regina Brown

Regina Brown's Project for her term was offering two School Scholarships to each of the 7 Central Atlantic Region states. Congratulations to Terese Blake and Linda William who were the NJ recipients. They used their scholarships to attend Landscaping Design School Course I offered in March.



Proposed By-laws Change

To be voted on at the June 6, 2019 Annual Meeting

Article VIII, Section 8 of the Bylaws

CURRENTLY READS: H&E shall be responsible for the collection, expenditures and/or investment of the Headquarters and Endowment Fund, with the approval of the Executive Board.

STRIKE: and/or investment

INSERT: "and" between collection, expenditure

TO READ: H&E shall be responsible for the collection and expenditure of the Headquarters and Endowment Fund, with the approval of the Executive Board.

RATIONALE: Conforming to By-law Article X Committees, Section 8.



New Jersey State Flower Show

"A Day in the Gardens of Art"

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

The Artist's Garden Gates are Open!

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



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

Richard Biernacki, Chairman

<mailto:rtb303@verizon.net>

94th GCNJ Annual Meeting

THE CALL TO THE 94th ANNUAL MEETING

“Celebrating Life”

Thursday, JUNE 6, 2019

REGISTRATION: 8:00AM

BRIDGEWATER MARRIOTT HOTEL
700 COMMONS WAY
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

Dear Club Presidents, Members and Honored Guests:

The 94th Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of New Jersey will be held on June 6, 2019 at the Bridgewater Marriott Hotel. At this time we will welcome the CAR-SGC Assistant Director, Angie Raitano, who will install the new officers for the 2019-21 term.

Registration is \$55 per person, non refundable after June 1, 2019. The registration deadline is May 31, 2019. Registration begins at 8:00AM; the morning session at 9:15AM; social hour at 11:30AM; luncheon at 12:30PM and the afternoon session at 1:15PM.

Registration must be done online at:

<https://gardenclubofnewjersey.wildapricot.org/event-3308821>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Louise Davis
President, Garden Club of NJ

Florence Leyssene
Annual Meeting Chairman

Upcoming Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

Allenhurst Garden Club

PO Box 282

Allenhurst NJ 07711

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

Garden Club R.F.D. Plant Sale: May 10, 2019: 1 - 6 pm | May 11, 2019: 9 am - 3 pm

To help you gather the correct annuals, perennials and vegetables for your garden, deer resistant plants will be featured and plants that you will love, and the deer won't! Master Gardeners will be at our Help Desk to answer any questions and provide information from Rutgers Gardens. In addition, there will be wonderful hanging baskets, mini roses, herbs, and plants grown in our members' gardens | Contact Colleen Muldowney 908-309-7791 or <mailto:5colleenm0@gmail.com>

The Garden Club of Long Valley Plant Sale: May 11, 2019 | 9 am - 3 pm

Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) building, 46 East Mill Road, Long Valley NJ | Hundreds of plants from the gardens of Garden Club of Long Valley members and a special selection of native plants for sale. There will also be many beautiful annuals and colorful hanging baskets for the perfect Mother's Day gift.

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

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

Keyport Garden Club 2019 Garden Walk | June 1 - 2, 2019 | 11 am - 3 pm

Headquarters is at the Pavilion on American Legion Drive, Keyport | Cost: Always free | Contact Kim Mundrane-Tuohy (201-736-7906) or Terry Burns (732-351-2167) or <mailto:info@keyportgardenwalk.org>

Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills & Tewksbury Historical Society Garden & Historical House Tour | June 8, 2019 | 10 am - 4 pm

Cost: \$40 in advance and \$50 day of tour | For information and advance tickets visit www.gardenclubhunterdonhills.com or www.tewksburyhistory.net

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

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

Garden Club of Neshanic Flower Show "90 Years of Gardening": September 13-14, 2019 | Friday, September 13th 1 pm - 7 pm | Saturday, September 14th 10 am - 3 pm

Hillsborough Municipal Building, 279 South Branch River Road, Hillsborough NJ 08848 | Cost: Free Admission/Donation | Contact Diana Reinhardt, 908-369-4362, greinhardt9@gmail.com or Jean Stives, 908-359-6480, mjstives50@comcast.net

Warren Garden Club Annual Fundraising Luncheon: October 24th 2019 | 11 am

Hawk Pointe Golf Club, RT.31 South, Washington NJ 07882 | Theme "Flower Power" with Program by Pattie Bierwirth owner of Flowers by the River Califon NJ | Tickets: \$50 Contact B. Smith to purchase tickets or for additional information 908-689-3744



Garden Club of Spring Lake

Annual Seaside Garden Tour
Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Tickets \$30/ Day of Tour \$35

Purchase Tickets in Spring Lake at
Kate&Co Camel's Eye
J.Mclaughlin Frederick Galleries
Clayton Limousine
Day of Tour at Spring Lake Train Station
Warren Avenue

For Advance Tickets/Info call:
732-449-1589/ 203-550-6654
Or visit our website at:
Gardenclubofspringlake.org



Saturday
and Sunday

June 1 & 2, 2019

11:00AM - 3:00PM

Garden Talks, 9:30am ~ 11am

Visit Keyport Gardens and Enjoy Live Music!

Free Event - rain or shine

"Best Outdoor Attraction"

2018 Asbury Park Press "Best of the Best" Poll

www.keyportgardenwalk.org

info@keyportgardenwalk.org

732-351-2167





The breath of flowers is far sweeter in the air than in the hand. -Frances Bacon

“Supporting Our Local Clubs”

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