



President's Message

Dear Garden Club of New Jersey Members,

There are so many things to be thankful for as we are being challenged by events totally beyond our control. We are certainly venturing into unexplored territory but have history as a guide as we reset our everyday activities. We have the past Garden Club of New Jersey "The Green Crusade" history dating back to World War II, as a guide to how previous generations handled a complete sea of change in their world, and now, we are tasked to do the same. The GCNJ galvanized its members to help feed our Allies in Europe by donating garden surplus, initially in 1940/1941 to British War Relief Gardens, then followed by the erection of Victory Gardens throughout our country. Many of our clubs created "model or demonstration Victory Gardens, and much surplus food was canned and sent to Europe. It was said that we had 450,000 Victory Gardens in New Jersey."

In 1946, after war's end, food packages were sent to Holland bulb growers who had been impoverished by wartime destruction of their land. The GCNJ sent more than \$3,000.00 to National Council's (NGC) program for Seeds of Peace. It was a time of giving, sharing and hope for mankind's future.

In 2020, the complete shut-down of our Garden State was a necessity, as it became apparent that the global pandemic knew no borders, and that the cancellation of our spring meetings, programs and flower shows was essential. We are so proud of our garden club members and the GCNJ Board as we all do our part by staying home and reconnecting in a new way with our family, neighbors and friends. For many, it's getting rid of years of collecting and accumulating items that have seen better days. It's getting out in our yards and gardens and being reinvigorated by new landscaping designs that we have put off but now have the time to implement.



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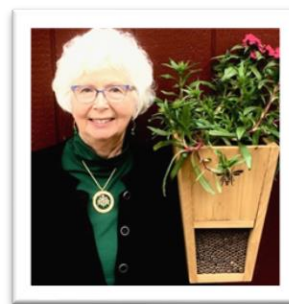
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Yes, my gardening friends, our local garden centers and nurseries have been declared essential. As we are facing one of the greatest of challenges, we know how true it is that having access to a garden center is indeed essential to our wellbeing.

Read through this issue of News Leaf and know that together, we will grow and develop wonderful new GCNJ Projects offering grants to our outstanding GCNJ garden clubs so that they can sponsor Learning Center Programs, projects in their local communities and helping to grow our pollinator population. As we look forward to October 26, 2020 Fall Conference and Presidents' Day, we celebrate you, our fabulous garden club members.

Stay Strong!

Jeannie Geremia,
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GCNJ JUDGES CREDENTIALS

Garden clubs planning to stage a NGC Flower Show-- either a Standard Flower Show, a Small Standard Flower Show, a Horticulture Specialty Flower Show, a Design Specialty Flower Show or a District Show-- are requested to contact this chairman for the names of judges needing a Show for credit. This is especially important since a symposium is planned for October 2020, and because of the new judging and exhibiting requirements for all levels of judges. Garden clubs are requested to allow judges to enter their shows in order to obtain exhibiting credits. Judges should check requirements as stated in emails sent out by Florence Leysene, Judges Council Chairman. Please also check Flower Show School articles appearing in The National Gardener Magazine online.

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Upcoming Events



April 25, 2020: Spring Plant Sale at Leonard Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills, NJ. Visit www.somersetcountyparks.org or call 908-234-2677 for more information. **Cancelled.**

April 25, 2020: Districts IV and V Flower Show will be held at Shady Rest Country Club, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ. **Postponed to April 2021.** Details TBD.

All District Spring, 2020 meetings are **cancelled.**

GCNJ Board meetings through May are **cancelled.**

All meetings at Holly House, GCNJ Headquarters, Rutgers Gardens have been **cancelled** through May 2020.

GCNJ clubs are advised to **cancel** all public meetings for the foreseeable future.

May 2, 2020: Master Gardeners of Ocean County Annual Plant Sale. For more information, call Sue Masoorli at 732-349-1245 or pncnurse@aol.com. **Cancelled.**

May 6, 7, 8, 2020: Flower Show School, Course III, at Holly House--
<https://gardenclubofnewjersey.com/flower-show-school>. **Cancelled.**

May 8-9, 2020: The Garden Club R.F.D. Annual Plant Sale. For more information Contact Colleen Muldowney at 5colleenm0@gmail.com. **Cancelled.**

May 8, 2020: The Garden Club of LBI 2020 Flower Show. **Cancelled.**

May 12-16, 2020: National Garden Clubs, Inc. 91st Annual Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. **Cancelled.**

May 13, 2020: Learn about basic soil science and the essentials of composting with Virginia Lamb. Join the online class from 1-2PM at: <http://www.cpe.rutgers.edu/courses/current/ah0204wa.HTML>. For more information contact Olga at ow31@njaes.rutgers.edu or call 848-932-9271, option 3.

May 14, 2020: Rumson Kitchen Tour has been **cancelled** due to the current global health crisis.

May 15, 2020: Moorestown Garden Club Flower Show-- a Design Specialty Show. **Postponed to October 2020.** Details TBD.

May 17, 2020: The Garden Club of Cranford invites you to Tea & Flowers. **Cancelled.**

May 29-30, 2020: West Trenton Garden Club Standard Flower Show called "Spring Time in Paris" is **postponed to a future date TBD.**

June 4, 2020: GCNJ 95th Annual Meeting at the Bridgewater Marriott, 700 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ. **Cancelled.**

June 13, 2020: Rocky Brook Garden Club is sponsoring a Garden Tour, "Along the Garden Path". Event is from 10AM -3PM. Tickets can be purchased at Ely House, 164 North Main St., Hightstown, NJ. Presale ticket price \$15. Day of event \$20. For more info: 604-448-8388.

June 18, 2020: Seaweeders Garden Club of Bay Head & Mantoloking Garden Tour. For more information email pdwitt@gmail.com. **Cancelled. Postponed to a future date TBD.**

June 20, 2020: Garden Club of Long Valley will hold a day-long "Hats Off" Garden Tour. Contact Maria Birch at birch47@gmail.com for more information. **Postponed to a future date TBD.**

September 1, 2020: Districts 1, 2, 3 Flower Show: Small Standard Flower Show entitled "Following in Her Footsteps" is **postponed to a future date TBD**. Contact Linda Westcott at lwescott6@gmail.com for more information.

September 11-12, 2020: Garden Club of Montclair will have a Design Specialty Standard Flower Show at Van Vleck House and Gardens at 21 Van Vleck Street, Montclair. (Contact Florence Leyssenne for further information at florenceleyssene@gmail.com.)

September 16-18, 2020: Flower Show School, Course IV held at Holly House. See ad to right on this page for further information.

September 25-26, 2020: District VIII Flower Show, Presbyterian Church House, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ. Thursday 9/24 entries accepted 12-4 PM. Show open to the public Friday, 9/25 1 – 4 PM and Saturday, 9/26 10AM – 3PM. Contact co-chairs Diana Halliwell at 732-262-8486; Susan Berdahl at 732-688-2026 or Marina Kerber at 732-229-4926 for more information.

October 6, 7 & 9 2020: Gardening Study School, Course III at Holly House. Registrar: Susan Berdahl and GSS Chair: Debra Stuart 732-801-0430. See ad for more information.

October 14-15, 2020: GCNJ Symposium at Holiday Inn/National Conference Center in East Windsor, NJ. Speakers are Julia Clevett for Design and Dale DeFeo for Horticulture. Contact Cecelia Millea at cmillea@msn.com for further information.

October 22, 2020: Warren Garden Club Annual Luncheon at 11AM. Mark Bryan will present "DESIGNS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS". Hawk Pointe Golf Club Rt.31, Washington, NJ 07882. Contact Jayne for tickets: 908 689 1055 - \$50.

October 26, 2020: Fall Conference and Presidents' Day at the Bridgewater Marriott. Further information to come.



SAVE THE DATE

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Course IV

The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.

Holly House

130 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ

September 16-17, Exam September 18, 2020

NGC Flower Show School Course IV

Dorothy Yard, Horticulture Instructor. Studying Helianthus & Succulents

Lynn Frank, Design Instructor. Studying Abstract Design

Two Day Course \$135, with exam for credit \$140

Single day, Horticulture or Design \$75

Two-Day Club Special, two people may attend each day, one offer per club \$135

Note that you do not need to take the courses in order; however, attending

Course I – is a pre-requisite for taking the class for credit.

Judges – This course can be taken as a refresher course.

Carol English, Registrar, overbrook@comcast.net (908) 931-1426

Registration coming soon on the GCNJ website

Gail Bassolino, Chairperson, cbassolino@aol.com (973) 650-9783

Classes are held at Holly House, Rutgers Gardens

130 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ



Save the Date.....Gardening Study School

October 6th, 7th and 9th

Course III . . . Series IX

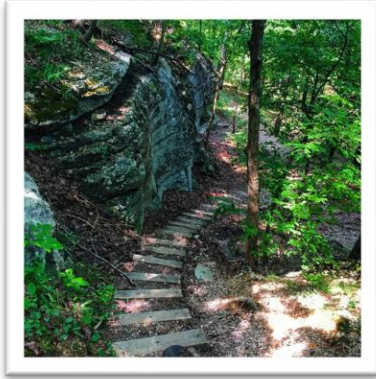
Master Gardeners -- earn 10 CEUs for taking the 2-day course

The 2020 course will consist of the following classes:

- FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE PLANT GROWTH
- NEW PLANT DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION
- CONTAINER GARDENING – OUTDOOR
- HOUSEPLANT BASICS
- TEACHING TOUR OF A BOTANICAL GARDEN
- HYBRIDIZING

Held at Holly House, 126 Ryders Lane,
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
Debra Stuart, GSS Chair
Susan Berdahl, GSS Registrar
For more information, please check the GCNJ
website at www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com

Paths to Discovery Through Outdoor Learning Centers



Love of Nature

By Carolyn Henderson

Under canopy of majestic oaks, leaves swaying, gentle breeze, rustling of the dancing leaves, flying chirps, all species, joyous laughter, melodic sounds, like violins, bees abound, peace surrounds in backyard paradise.

As I partake of nature's scene, eye affix whites, magnolia high, reminisce of mother in the sky. Lessons of nature, she did give, exploration through wooded path, wildflowers we did name, birds' identity, toadstools find, love of nature by her design.

This poem evokes what we want our visitors to experience from spending time in our outdoor learning centers. The plan is to establish Rutgers Gardens Learning Centers by developing designated pathways, installing signage to support subjects of flora and fauna, commissioning installation of large sculptures, addition of interactive activities and the expansion of native and pollinator plantings. This would all be geared towards enlightening and educating everyone about pollination/pollinators and our need to protect and assist them.

The good news is we are on our way!

1. A Garden Library is in place and already receiving extensive use. It is positioned outside of Holly House in Rutgers Gardens on Cook Campus.
2. The Native and Regional Plant and Wildflower Gardens will be expanded and improved this year, thanks to a generous gift from former GCNJ President, Barbara Mullin. Two gorgeous 19th century James Beesby benches have been purchased and will be installed this spring. Funds raised from the wreath fundraiser, that many of you supported, will also be used for plantings and signage in this area.
3. Grants have been written and were submitted in April, in the hopes of receiving funds to purchase our first large sculpture. These funds will also be used to provide grants to our many garden clubs who will hopefully develop their own learning centers.
4. The plan is to connect all the projects of past presidents with distinct and well-marked pathways, leading visitors into wonderful learning center areas to explore and learn. This will hopefully put Rutgers Gardens on everyone's list to visit and enjoy.

Please remember that, as we begin to get back to business, after these stressful times, we will be happy to visit your clubs, present the entire plan and help you to understand how your club can participate in this worthy project .

Please write to us at Tlfalcone52@gmail.com or patjohnwilson@hotmail.com. We are here to help you. Come visit the Gardens and enjoy the ongoing process.

We welcome donations to this project at any time. Consider donating in memory or in honor of a special someone, or just donating so that your club can be a part of this exciting endeavor.

Thank you so much to everyone that already sponsored a wreath in December and thereby gave your support to developing "Paths to Discovery Through Outdoor Learning Centers."

Teddie Falcone

Chairman of Rutgers Learning Centers

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Update of Garden Club of New Jersey Lifetime Membership

The following members were added to the roster for

GCNJ Lifetime Membership for the years 2017—2019:

2017 Gail Bassolino, Elizabeth Hansom, Carol Johnson, Nancy Smith,
Pamela Sutton

2018 Cecilia Millea, Patricia Polunas, Muriel Komolski

2019 Diana Dove, Pamela Marhan, Joanne Mallon

National Lifetime Membership: Marina Kerber

Pamela Sutton

Chairman Life Membership

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HEALTH AND HABITAT

Native Shade Trees ... A Natural Remedy



American Linden Tree (*Tilia americana*)

Common Hackberry Tree (*Celtis occidentalis*)



“Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people”

Franklin D. Roosevelt - February 1937

FDR’s wise perspective on the environment in 1937 is as applicable today as it was 83 years ago, perhaps, even more so. Currently, in April 2020, the world’s population is 7.8 billion people (with 330 million residing in the United States). These numbers are indicative of the stress that people put on the environment. Two major impacts are water and air pollution. This makes a tree’s ability to filter water through its roots, while also removing air pollutants, providing oxygen and storing carbon, all vital to our well-being.

Trees are an answer to some of the most pressing environmental problems that we face. They naturally filter carbon dioxide (CO₂) out of the air by absorbing and storing it as cellulose in their trunks, branches and leaves, through a process known as sequestration. Trees act as the earth’s purification system by absorbing CO₂ and other airborne contaminants while releasing oxygen, leading to cleaner breathing conditions and potentially, lower incidences of respiratory ailments.

Research shows that increased air pollution worsens chronic respiratory diseases such as asthma, bronchitis, and emphysema and can bring on acute cardiac and pulmonary episodes. According to the Centers for Disease Control, these health issues affect approximately 20% of middle age to older Americans. One

mature tree can lessen these health problems by absorbing 10 pounds of air pollutants per year and in return, releasing 260 pounds of oxygen, enough to support 2 people. The presence of trees can also have a positive influence on reducing anxiety and hypertension while improving overall human health and well-being.

What Can We Do? ... Plant A Tree!

The biodiversity of trees, in providing natural habitats for pollinators, birds and other wildlife while improving our own health and the environment's most pressing problems, make them invaluable to our long-term survival. Steps to tackle global air pollution include stopping deforestation and planting billions of trees worldwide. A good place to start is by planting native trees in our own yards and communities. The following are 4 species of trees native to New Jersey that can accumulate large amounts of CO₂, making them natural remedies to some of earth's ailments.

American Linden (*Tilia americana*) - common name Basswood

The linden tree's fragrant, pale yellow flowers, a favorite of bees, bloom from May to July. This variety is a stately looking fast grower that can reach 100 feet tall at maturity. The tree needs plenty of space to thrive, growing as much as 24 inches per year.

Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) - common name Oak

The oak grows quickly to 100 feet in full sun with a majestic rounded shape. It is the New Jersey State Tree and #1 recommendation by Douglas Tallamy for supporting a wide variety of pollinators, birds, insects and wildlife. Also, the oak is a good choice for planting along streets because it has a strong, deep root system and tolerates the road salt used in winter.

Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*) and Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) - Maple

The maple is a major source of pollen in early spring, before other plants have flowered, making it an important food source for bees. Considered one of the best shade trees, it can quickly grow up to 60 feet. When planting, be aware that the tree roots are shallow and spread, potentially causing damage to driveways and sidewalks. The *Acer rubrum* cultivar, "Red Sunset", has gorgeous orange to red colors in the fall.

Common Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*) - common name Nettle Tree

The hackberry is fast growing to 60 feet, drought tolerant, and thrives in a wide range of soil conditions making it suitable as a lawn or street tree. Common Hackberry is a wildlife friendly deciduous tree. It is *monoecious* (separate male and female flowers on the same plant) with tiny, green flowers in April to May that provide nourishment for pollinators. The female flowers produce round, fleshy, purple, berry-like fruits valued by birds as a food source. The berries can be messy, so avoid planting this tree near walkways. Lastly, Common Hackberry is a host plant for butterfly and moth larvae (caterpillars), including the Wild Cherry Sphinx (*Sphinx drupiferarum*), the Tawny Emperor (*Asterocampa clyton*), the American Snout (*Libytheana carinenta*), the Question Mark (*Polygonia interrogationis*) and the Mourning Cloak (*Nymphalis antiopa*).

Native trees provide life-essential services. Plant one today!

Beverly Kazickas

Environmental Committee Chair

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AWARDS UPDATE...

What a challenging time we are living in... social distancing created a situation that made the Awards Committee have a "virtually meeting" this year.

We met in teams of two by telephone with copies of the awards that were submitted by 23 clubs in competition for 56 awards. The projects submitted were wonderful... a lot of great activities are happening in various communities throughout our state. It was great fun reading each submission, and it was hard to choose an award recipient. Happily, in almost each case, we were able to find another award that was equally germane to the project. Many thanks and kudos to each club that applied.



We are now evaluating which award winners will be moved along for CAR-SGC consideration. As our President has indicated, we will be presenting our GCNJ Awards., Regional Awards and National Awards at our Fall Conference in October.

Now for another award for clubs to consider...THE PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD. This is a C.A.R. Award that honors a long-time member or members of your garden club whose contributions, participation and enthusiastic leadership have inspired club members throughout the years. In grateful appreciation for their gracious and selfless support, a PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD is presented to them and a tree or shrub is planted in their honor. The Application and Certificate can be found on the CAR-SGC Website (Type "CAR-SGC" into your browser; access the Menu box; move down to Members; and put in the Password, "FLOWERR"). **The club deadline for selecting a nominee(s) is June 1, 2020.**

Additionally, C.A.R. awards a GOLDEN PERENNIAL BLOOM AWARD to each state. For a club's candidate to be considered for this award, the application must be submitted to your club's district director by **July 1, 2020**. The application may include up to four pages of supporting data, as well as a 4x6 picture of the candidate. Each District Awards Chairman will then select one winner for their District and forward it to the State Awards Chair, Peggy Morrissey, 142 Osborne Avenue, Bay Head, NJ 08742 by **August 1, 2020**.

Next, the Awards Chair and the President will select the GCNJ State winner to be forwarded on to the C.A.R. Perennial Bloom Award Chairperson by **August 31, 2020**. The C.A.R. Chairperson will then select the Region's Golden Bloom Award winner from all the State winners. That person will be presented at the C.A.R. Fall Meeting. All GCNJ winners will be recognized, as well, at the Regional Fall Conference and at the GCNJ Fall Conference in October.

Please consider choosing a deserving member of your club for this lovely award. Like the faithful perennials in our gardens, these members have led, inspired and supported their clubs and communities over the years. Please contact me by email or phone with any questions.

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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The GCNJ Scholarship Committee and Scholarship Chair, Trish Polunas, have selected seven students to receive college scholarship awards for the 2020-2021 school year.



Students received letters announcing their selection following the February 12th meeting of the Committee and the March 5th funding approval by the GCNJ Investment Committee. Now, due to cancelling of the June 4th Annual Meeting, individual letters with their scholarship checks will be sent to the seven selected students. We are hoping to also present certificates to these students at our Fall Conference in October at the Bridgewater Marriott.

Remember, high school and college students, who are New Jersey residents, may apply for a generous financial scholarship by completing the application located on the GCNJ website. They do not have to be attending school in New Jersey, but they must be full time students and follow the directions for sending in their application. Even if they have already received a scholarship, these students may apply again for the upcoming year. All scholarship applications must be received by the Scholarship Chair on or before February 1st of the year in which they apply. If you have any questions about GCNJ financial scholarships, please contact me.

Trish Polunas

Scholarship Chairman

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CRAWFORD'S CORNER

Vegetable Gardening in Containers

- Containers have always been popular among gardeners, but the interest has grown significantly in recent years based upon the various styles of containers available at local garden centers. Container gardening has its own set of challenges, not the least of which is simply keeping the container watered! The year to come appears to be a bit different as many experienced and beginning gardeners are looking to grow vegetables, and container gardening is a very viable way to produce food for the family.



- For those that have not considered using containers to grow vegetables, it offers a number of advantages that traditional methods lack. The obvious fact is the container is moveable! If an area starts to receive less light or a neighboring plant has grown to the point whereby it is shading another plant, they can easily be shuffled about. It also allows you to totally change the soil to match the needs of a particular vegetable. For example, carrots prefer a soil with greater tilth or workability, which allows the carrots to develop longer tap roots versus short and stubby! You can also move or place a container near a deck railing or another supportive element for vining plants like cucumbers and squash. For early spring and late fall, containers are also easy to cover with plastic or fabrics to ward off those unexpected late or early frosts.

- Although we often think more about the plants that we use in the container rather than the container itself or the soil within the container, the latter two are critical parts to the equation. The best container for plants remains the traditional terra cotta clay pot. For outdoor containers, drainage holes in the bottom are clearly a necessity, but terra cotta is in itself porous, permitting both water and air to pass through the sides of the container. Not only does this provide improved drainage and aeration of the soil, but the act of the water evaporating from the sides of the container serves to cool the container and the roots within, much like evaporating perspiration cools us! This is important since garden soils are buffered from temperature extremes and do not fluctuate as greatly in temperature as does air temperature. Consequently, roots have adapted to more moderate temperatures and perform poorly at warm or cold extremes. Having said that and if money is tight, nearly anything with drainage holes at the base can serve as a vessel for growing food. I have seen large black nursery pots, old plastic or metal pails and even old charcoal BBQ's used as containers.

Even more important than the container is the soil used within the container! It should be well-aerated and well-drained, able to resist compaction and offer good tilth for ease of root growth. Although it seems only natural to use straight topsoil since that is a plant's normal growing medium, it is actually a poor choice since it will become highly compacted in a container. This compaction results in significantly smaller pore spaces and less aeration, leading to ponding of water in the container and very poor root growth. A soilless mixture of peat moss and perlite is the standard mixture for most commercial applications. The drawback to this soil mix is the lack of fertility as it is a sterile medium without any nutrients. Fertilizer can be added inorganically in the form of slow release granular fertilizers that are spread on top of the soil once it has been planted or fertilizers that are mixed into the water when irrigating. The challenge of course is overfertilizing, especially with Nitrogen that can promote excessive vegetative growth and reduced fruit set. It should be noted, that any "vegetable" that contains seeds, such as a pepper or cucumber, is technically a fruit! Fertility can be added organically through the addition of compost. Upwards of 50%, by volume of compost, can be blended into the mix. The compost has a relatively low nutrient value of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium, with available percentages of 1:1:1 or less. The nutrients are released slowly as the organic matter gradually decomposes, which will still necessitate additional fertilizing over the course of a season. For those looking to add these nutrients organically, consider fish emulsion, which is nearly odorless once it is diluted. Otherwise, use a liquid feed every other week that is $\frac{1}{2}$ the concentration that is normally suggested. Another consideration would be to blend a small amount of topsoil into the mix – up to 25% by volume. It is important to make certain the soil is well blended into the mixture. Adding topsoil has the advantage of increasing the weight of the container, preventing it from blowing over when growing taller vegetables such as tomatoes. It has also been found that the various fungi in the soil develop beneficial mycorrhizal associations with the plants and improve the ability of the plants to absorb nutrients. Make certain as well that the soil level is one inch or so below the rim of the pot once planted, as it allows water to soak into the pot rather than spill over.



Traditionally, the design concept for containers is "Thriller, Spiller and Filler". The Thriller is the focal point of the container or group of containers. The Spiller plants trail over the edges, serving to soften the edges of a container while providing interest for the sides of the container. The Filler is a green or colorful plant that supports and helps to highlight the Thriller while filling in the open space and soil. Obviously, when growing vegetables in containers, the focus is more on food production than aesthetics, but you can still follow some of the traditional rules. In

the image above of tomatoes planted at Chanticleer Garden, Oregano 'Kent Beauty' serves as a Spiller on the left while Creeping Thyme is the Spiller on the right while a silver artichoke plant serves as Filler.

The chart below provides a general guideline of the minimum container size necessary for a given crop. A #1 container holds about 1 gallon of liquid, a #2 holds two gallons, and so on. Obviously, the larger the container, the less frequently it will need to be watered and these are simply guidelines for the smallest container if your porch size is limited.

Container Sizes and information for Various Crops

Crop	Comments	Inches Between Plants	Week to Optimum age to transplant outdoors	Minimum container size	Amount of light necessary	Days from seed to harvest
Beans	Several plantings, 2 wk intervals	2-3"		#2 Cont.	Full Day	45-65
Beets	Thin plants when 6-8"	2-3"		# 1 Cont.	Full Day	50-60
Carrots	Several plantings, 2 wk intervals	2-3"		# 1 Cont.	Full Day	65-80
Cabbage	Requires fertile soil	12-18"		#5 Cont.	Partial	65-120
Chard (Swiss)	Harvest leaves for long yield	4-6"		# 1 Cont.	Partial	30-40
Cucumbers	Support vining types	14-18"	3-4	#5 Cont.	Full Day	70-80
Eggplant	Requires fertile soil	1 plant per container	6-8	#5 Cont.	Full Day	75-100
Kale	Harvest leaves	10-15"		#5 Cont.	Partial	55-65
Leaf Lettuce	Harvest leaves	4-6"	3-4	# 1 Cont.	Partial	45-60
Mustard Greens	Several plantings, 2 wk intervals	4-5"		# 1 Cont.	Partial	35-40
Onions	Require moisture	2-3"	6-8	# 1 Cont.	Partial	80-100
Parsley	Harvest regularly		-	# 1 Cont.	Partial	70-90
Pepper	Require hot weather	1 plant per container	6-8	#2 Cont.	Full Day	90-120
Radish	Several plantings, 1 wk interval	1"		#1 Cont.	Partial	20-35
Squash	Plant only bush types	1 plant per container	3-4	#5 Cont.	Full Day	50-70
Tomatoes	Stake and prune or cage	1 plant per container	5-6	#5 Cont.	Full Day	55-100
Tomatoes, cherry	Stake and prune or cage	1 plant per container	5-6	#1 Cont.	Full Day	55-100
Turnips	Harvest leaves and roots	2-3"		#3 Cont.	Partial	30-60

From Texas A&M Department of Horticultural Sciences AND Virginia Cooperative Extension

Vegetable gardening in containers is not only great for adults but can be a great way to expose young children and grandchildren to a whole new outdoor activity that is fun and, most

obviously, very sustainable. Often looking at a plot of ground can be intimidating, but containers make the process less overwhelming, easier to maintain and often let you appreciate the ornamental aspect of vegetables. What could be more fun than the Eggplant pictured below with a groundcover of Thyme! Enjoy making your own edible and perhaps very attractive portable masterpieces.



Bruce Crawford
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BLUE STARS MOVING FORWARD



The Blue Star Memorial Program is moving forward in New Jersey!! Although we have to “hold” on dedications, we are trying to work remotely to bring these markers to every county by 2021!

Here's what's in the works:

- **HADDONFIELD:** The marker is being made and they had hoped to dedicate Memorial Day weekend. When more is known, they will decide upon their dedication date, but Camden County will have its marker this year!
- **NESHANIC:** This marker is also on order, with hopes to dedicate this spring, summer, or fall.
- **GREATER WOODBURY:** This club wants to bring a Blue Star to Gloucester County, and we will work with them to make this happen!
- **SUSSEX:** Thanks to our President, Jeannie Geremia's, connections with the New Jersey State Fair personnel, we are working to bring a marker to Sussex County that will be on the State Fairgrounds itself!! Look for more news soon!
- **CAPE MAY** and **PASSAIC** Counties: Thanks to Lois Johann of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, we are working together to bring markers to these counties. Sites have been chosen and the paperwork is in process.

So, it will be a busy time when all these “pending” projects come to fruition! Thanks to all who are working so hard to bring tributes to our military personnel!

Joan Cichalski,
Chairman of GCNJ Blue Star Committee
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Nominating Committee



The committee recommends the following candidates for 2-year terms unless otherwise indicated.

Officers

2nd VP - Barbara Mullin

3rd VP - Mary Warshauer

District Directors

District 2 - Pam Sutton

District 6 - TBD

District 4 - Marg Peterson

District 8 - Marina Kerber

Nominating Committee

District 2 - Julie Morgan

District 6 - Pat Scarano

District 4 - Teddie Falcone

District 8 - Diana Halliwell

H&E Committee

New appointees term begins September 2020 and terminates June 2023

Diana Kazazis and Beverly Kazickas

Please note that we are still looking for a candidate for District 6 Director. Please contact Diana Kazazis at diana.kazazis@gmail.com if you have any recommendations. The Nominating Committee is thankful to all of you who have stepped up and are willing to take on these new responsibilities! Voting will occur at the next general meeting.

Information for the next issue:

July 1 is the deadline for articles for the Fall News Leaf as well as listings of upcoming club events and online ads.

Send articles and upcoming events to Karen Eardley at k.eardley@live.com

Go to GCNJ website at www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com for more information.

Happy Summer, Stay Safe!

