



Garden Club of New Jersey

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President's Message



Why do people join a garden club? Why do they stay in a garden club? When garden club members get together, this is a frequent topic of discussion. And it quickly evolves to membership, specifically declining membership, inability to attract new members, greater burden on current members and so it goes.

What can we learn? The main reason people join a garden club is to HAVE FUN. That is closely followed by desire to spend time with others who share common interest in gardening, the environment, community and civic beautification as well as floral design and flower shows.

Not all clubs are experiencing membership issues, so it seemed a good idea to learn what these clubs are doing. Let's start with what I will call Club #1. They attracted nearly twenty new members this year. How did they do that? They began with an energized membership chairman who was anxious to take on the challenge. She began by querying the current members on prospective members, invited them to attend a meeting, had a greeter at the front door to ensure everyone knew they were welcome and matched anyone who joined with a "buddy" for the year. They look forward to year two.

Let's see what we can learn from Club #2. About twenty years ago they recognized a gradual decline in their membership and decided to address the issue. They recognized that it would not and could not be done quickly. The plan was to attract 5-6 new members each year. As did Club #1, they began by querying their current members and ran an ad in the local paper. Prospective members were invited to a tea where 5-6 board members talked about the advantages of joining the club. The prospectives who attended were told they should only join if they were willing to "roll up their sleeves" and become working members of the club. All in attendance joined. They will continue this prospective member tea tradition, which is followed by a provisional year where each



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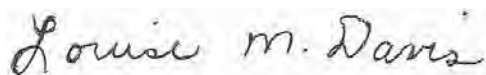
new member is required to participate in all the major events of the club before becoming a full member. They maintain a solid membership.

And then there is Club #3. I would call this a “club of the future”. It was started entirely on Facebook. A new retiree, who wanted to connect with others interested in gardening, ran a Facebook ad. 100 Likes were received in the first 90 days. Those interested were invited to join a “to be formed new club.” The club is now in its second year, has a membership of about 40, meets on Friday night, entered the GCNJ Flower Show in one of the club competition categories this year and is looking forward to adding a youth project. They’re here to stay.

Increasing membership is an attainable goal. It takes some creativity, hard work and general desire to share your love of gardening with others.

Many of us joined the garden club of our mothers and grandmothers. Our daughters and granddaughters want a different kind of club. It's our job to make that happen. The key is to be flexible, try new things, understand what motivates your members, enhance the camaraderie and, of course, HAVE FUN.

Best,



Louise M. Davis

“Supporting Our Local Clubs”

News Leaf Editor to Retire

This will be the last edition for our much loved and long serving Newsleaf Editor, Ruth Korn. She has tirelessly done this job for the last nine years with dedication, competence and professionalism. We cannot thank her enough.

What does this mean? She has produced upwards of forty newsletters, served under five presidents, reviewed more articles than any of us can imagine and never stopped smiling and caring.

During this time, Ruth was responsible for navigating News Leaf from hard copy to its current electronic version. Not an easy task. Doing so, took it from about 8-10 pages to the current 24 pages we currently enjoy. Budget wise, it went from a \$15,000 a year cost to ZERO.

Many may not be aware that Ruth was instrumental in setting up the Constant Contact's member listing and its maintenance for several years. She has been responsible for its use in sending out the numerous emails to reinforce upcoming events and other important news.

Before taking over the Editor position, she served on the editorial staff for three years under Gotti Kelley.

Ruth is truly one of the “hardworking, unsung heroes” who works behind the scenes helping make Garden Club of New Jersey the wonderful organization we all enjoy.

Louise Davis
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Meet the New National Garden Club, Inc., President

Nancy L. Hargroves



Nancy L. Hargroves is a native of Franklin, VA, and now lives in Richmond, VA. Horticulture and floral design have always been a significant part of Nancy's life as she grew up on her family's vegetable plant farm and in her grandmother's

florist business.

Nancy is a graduate of Virginia Tech, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition and a Master of Science Degree in Food Service Management. In her professional career, Nancy was an Assistant Dietitian with Virginia Tech Dining Services; the owner of Colonial Catering in Blacksburg, VA; an Assistant Food Service Supervisor with Roanoke City Schools and Adjunct Faculty Member in Food Science at John Tyler Community College in Chester, VA.

Her love of gardening brought her to her first garden club meeting in 1986 when she moved into the Westham neighborhood in Richmond, VA. She served as the President of the Westham GC from 1987 to 1989 and remains a member. She was a member of the Thomas Jefferson GC from 1993 to 2007 and served as its President from 1995 to 1997. Additionally, Nancy has been a member of the Salisbury GC since 2009.

At the club, district, state and region levels, Nancy held various positions including President of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs from 2005 to 2007 and then moved on to being the Fourth, Third and Second Vice-President of the National Garden Clubs. She and her husband Herbert, have two sons and two daughters.

Her Presidential Theme is "Plant America".

*Information was taken from the May Issue of NGC Newsletter, "Keeping in Touch".

Meet the new Director of the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Regina I. Brown



Regina lives in Smyrna, DE, and was married to the late Kenneth P. Brown. She has two sons, three daughters, two grandsons and two granddaughters.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Delaware State University

and has retired three times-- in 1992 from E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. as a benefits analyst; in 2005 from J.P. Morgan Chase as a tax assistant and in 2016 from the Town of Smyrna as Vice Mayor.

Regina entered the garden club world when in 1993, she and her husband and others founded the Duck Creek Gardeners. They both became active in Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, both rising in the ranks until Regina became State President from 2011-2013. This was her entre onto the Board of the National Garden Club, Inc.

In October 2016, CAR Director Anne Bucher requested that Regina attempt to incorporate NGC-CAR into the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc. and apply for 501-c3 non-profit status. This mission was accomplished and now she has succeeded Anne as the 2017-2019 Director of CAR.

Her theme is "Plant America: Knowledge is Key to Success".

*Information was taken from the April edition of CAR Newsletter, "The Review".



Meet your District 1 Director:

Gail Bassolino



I am your new District 1 Director and look forward to working with the clubs in our Ramapo-Palisades District. It is my hope to assist our district clubs and learn more about their projects and activities throughout my tenure.

Joining The Pines Lake Garden Club, Inc. in Wayne, in 1993, I had served as the chair for many committees such as editor of the club's newsletter and chair for floral design. I currently function as their President, an office that I also held in 1997-1999. I am a National Garden Club Accredited Judge.

It is hoped that the District 1 clubs and their members will move forward with me to solve problems and build a stronger District.

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These are your District Directors. Develop contacts with them to move your clubs forward.



Save the Date

Fall Conference /President's Day Workshops

All Presidents are encouraged to attend and are welcome to bring one Board member with you.

Workshops will be offered in three locations on different days to accommodate your busy schedules and where your clubs are located. The scheduled time is 10 am to 12 noon. The invitation and full details will soon follow.

The dates and locations are:

September 20 - New Brunswick

October 17- Parsippany

October 19 - Wall Township

Looking forward to seeing you in the fall and kicking off my two year theme of "Supporting Our Local Clubs"

Louise Davis






JUDGES CREDENTIALS

Congratulation to three new NGC Accredited Master Judges: Louise Davis, Cecelia Millea and Margaret (Peggy) Smith and to new NGC Accredited Life Judge, Linda Williams. Please update your New Jersey Judges Council Membership listing.

Garden clubs planning to stage a NGC Flower Show—either a Standard Flower Show, a Small-Standard Flower Show, a Horticulture Specialty Flower Show or a Design Specialty Flower Show, are requested to contact this chair for the names of judges needing a Show for credit. This is especially important due to the new judging and exhibiting requirements for all levels of judges. Details and requirements for these shows and their schedules are found in the 2017 Handbook for Flower Shows which may be obtained from Member Services at NGC Headquarters, www.gardenclub.org or by calling 1-800-550-6007.

Currently, in GCNJ, there are 5 Student Judges, 9 Accredited Judges, 6 Life Judges and 26 Master Judges.

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JUDGES COUNCIL

At the last meeting on May 31, 2017, it was agreed upon that Judges Council should meet at least three times a year: April, May, and October.

These are your upcoming meetings that have been scheduled:

October 11, 2017: Tony Todesco. Tony will demonstrate and explain the new designs featured in the 2017 Handbook: Cascade Design, Featured Plant Material, Grouped Mass Design, Low-Profile Design.

April 11, 2018: Agenda TBD

May 31, 2018: Gail Bassolino will chair a Small Standard Flower Show to give New Jersey Accredited Judges and Student Judges an opportunity to get their required judging and exhibiting credits according to the new rules from the 2017 Handbook.

October 31, 2018: Agenda TBD

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The Frelinghuysen Arboretum Fall Calendar

EDIBLE FLOWERS, A GLOBAL HISTORY

Sunday, September 10 • \$15.

Author Constance Kirker's new book is a comprehensive look at this fascinating subject. Light refreshments and a book signing follow the lecture.

This program eligible for 2.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU's

HERB LIBERATION

Saturday, September 16 • \$20.

Karen Bussolini, gardener, photographer and writer, returns for a lively topic on all things herb. She encourages everyone to use herbs throughout the landscape and bring them into your daily life.

This program eligible for 2.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU's

WILLOWOOD OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • \$5. per car

Enjoy autumn's splendor at Willowood Arboretum. Take a guided tour or stroll the grounds using your cell phone to guide you. The Tubbs house will be open for a rare peek at the home life of botanizing brothers, Henry and Robert Tubbs. Talks will be given throughout the day. Horticultural staff share tips on how to properly put your garden to bed and which trees, shrubs and flower are fall-performers. Light refreshments will be provided.

TEA FOR TWO

Sunday, October 1 • \$20.

Learn how tea is grown, how and when it is harvested, and how to prepare infusions and tisanes. Samples and delicious scones accompany the program.

THE LIBERATED LANDSCAPE:

A Lecture by Larry Weaner

Saturday, October 7 • \$40.

Learn how celebrated designer Larry Weaner combines design with the reproductive abilities of plants for compelling, low-maintenance landscapes.

This program eligible for 2.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU's

GLORIOUS SHADE LECTURE by Jenny Rose Carey

Saturday, October 21 • \$20.

Jenny Rose Carey is a renowned educator, historian, and author, and the senior director at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Meadowbrook Farm. Her new book *Glorious Shade* is a stunning look at the world of shade gardens including techniques, design and maintenance tips. A book signing will follow the lecture.

This program eligible for 2.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU's



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Garden Club of New Jersey's New Committee: "Wildlife Habitat"




New administrations beget new committees, and we're delighted to "roll out" our brand new GCNJ Wildlife Habitat Committee as we work to "Plant America"! Our GCNJ Wildlife Habitat Committee encompasses all of our former committees--Community Gardens, Butterflies & BeeGAP and Backyard Wildlife Habitat. Our goal is to grow our declining wildlife population that is suffering from loss of habitat, overuse of pesticides, herbicides and other mitigating factors. We will provide educational tools to help keep you informed of the latest efforts. You will still be able to purchase our award winning "Pollinator Center" signage by going to the GCNJ website to view the six pollinator signs and download the order form generated by G1 Graphics.

We are happy to announce that the new GCNJ Wildlife Habitat Committee received a donation of 350 "Monarch Highway" posters and 800 pollinator brochures that our members can distribute to schools, public gardens, garden centers, libraries and educators. These materials were donated to us by the Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly Garden Club and were provided to this club by the Natural Resources Conservation

Service, part of the USDA, as an educational tool. The GCNJ was also notified that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has generated a 27-page 'Monarch Butterfly Conservation Guide' you can view at www.nj.gov/dep/docs/monarch-guide.pdf. To learn about New Jersey's ongoing monarch butterfly conservation efforts on New Jersey state lands, you can visit www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests.

Remember: Leave leaf litter and any vegetation for overwintering chrysalises, cocoons, bees, birds ----think of how you might provide ongoing habitat for our pollinators. You can email me with your questions and concerns at jgeremia42@gmail.com.

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Garden Club of Long Beach Island Adds Blue Star Memorial to Honor Its Service Men and Women

Further Memorials Planned for Coming Year



The GC of Long Beach Island became the latest club to co-sponsor a Blue Star Memorial Marker. The Club installed a memorial by-way marker on the grounds of the Beach Haven Public Library and dedicated it at a ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, 2017.

The Club worked in conjunction with GCNJ's Blue Star Memorial Committee and the Blue Star Memorial Council of New Jersey to bring the marker to Long Beach Island. Lois Johann of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and Joan Cichalski of GCNJ's Blue Star Committee assisted in the planning and advisement to the Club. Their preparations began in 2016 and culminated in the dedication this past June.

Participating in the ceremony were GCNJ's past President, Susan O'Donnell, Lois Johann of the NJDOT, Mayor Nancy Davis of Beach Haven, GC of Long Beach Island's President, Maryann Chatfield, and Club member, Beverly Reitingger. Ninth District Assemblywoman, Diane Gove, helped to unveil the marker. Elementary school children from Beach Haven School sang, "It's a Grand Old Flag", and the Vincetown Chapter of the American Legion presented and retired the colors.



President of the Garden Club Maryann Chatfield (far right) with Co-Chairs Chris Vohden & Bev Reitingger

Once again, the recent addition of a Blue Star Memorial Marker demonstrated the willingness of garden clubs and town groups to work together to honor our service men and women. Neshanic GC and the GC of West Trenton are currently working on plans to bring Blue Star Memorials to areas near them.

The GCNJ has set a goal to have at least one Blue Star marker in each county of New Jersey by 2021. Currently, there are no markers in the following counties: Cape May, Camden, Gloucester, or Passaic. To find out how your club can participate in this valuable program, use the following link on GCNJ's website, <http://gardenclubofnewjersey.com/blue-star> or contact Joan Cichalski at 732-977-4477 or jjcichalski@comcast.net.

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Garden Club of New Jersey Scholarship Awards Presented on June 8, 2017

With all the exciting events at GCNJ's Annual Meeting, the awarding of our scholarships was certainly one of the highlights. The basis of these awards is academic excellence, commitment to career, character, involvement and accomplishments in extracurricular activities and financial need. The winners are outstanding students who have dedicated themselves to their chosen field of study. GCNJ awarded 15 scholarships this year. Our endowment funds and money given to the scholarship funds from garden clubs and garden club members have allowed us to distribute \$19,000.

The recipient of the **Dr. Charles H. Connors Scholarship** of \$1,000 was **John Bianco**. John is a junior in the Rutgers Landscape Architecture Program. He plans to graduate in May 2018 and become a registered Landscape Architect.

The **Elizabeth S. Merrian Scholarship for Landscape Design or Ornamental Horticulture** of \$1,000 was received by **Diana Randjelovic**. Diana has finished her junior year at Rutgers University for Landscape Architecture has worked for the Landscape Architecture Department at Rutgers watering the new garden-meadow that her Planting Design Class designed and installed at a new building on campus. For the second half of the summer she will be traveling to Serbia to do research for the Roy DeBoer Travel Prize. In the fall, she will present her research to the Department.



The **Florence S. McNeill Landscape Architect Scholarship** of \$1,000 was awarded to **Nicole Cohen**. Nicole is currently a third year student studying Landscape Architecture at Rutgers University. She is President-elect of the New Jersey Student Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and has already taken on responsibilities of that position. Nicole wants to focus her work on ecological rehabilitation and look deeper into how to successfully remediate damaged landscapes. She is studying abroad in Germany during the summer.

Riley Wood received **The Sun Dial Garden Scholarship** of \$1,000. She will be a freshman entering the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Riley's major will be Marine Biology with a minor in Environmental Science. Within this field, she hopes to do research in remote locations with exotic species.

Sarah Houtsma has been awarded **The Life Members Scholarship** of \$1,500. She is going into her junior year at the University of Georgia. Her major is Horticulture. Last summer, she interned at Polly Hill Arboretum on Martha's Vineyard. Sarah will be studying abroad this summer going to different countries to see various public gardens from around the world.

Kacey Walsh received a **GCNJ Scholarship** of \$1,000. She has completed 2 years at Middlesex County College and will be continuing her education at Rutgers majoring in Marine Biology. Kacey spent her many summers in New Jersey's Barnaget Bay where she developed her love of nature. Kacey's goal is to become a marine biologist.

Helena Lam received a **GCNJ Scholarship** of \$1,500. She attended Middlesex County College as a freshman with a guaranteed transfer to Cornell University. Helena will be attending Cornell as a sophomore, majoring in Environmental and Sustainability Sciences. I'm sure it didn't hurt that she had a straight "A" average.



Garden Club of New Jersey Scholarship Awards Presented on June 8, 2017 *(continued)*

Alyssa Cassini was awarded the **Gene Oneal Scholarship** of \$1,000. She will be attending Gettysburg College in the fall and will be majoring in Biology with a minor in Spanish. Alyssa did a service learning trip to Nicaragua for a month, last summer. Her goal is to do research to find sustainable solutions to help the environment.

Emily Donnell was awarded the **Adella Wotherpoon Scholarship** of \$1,500. She'll be attending Stockton University in September and will be majoring in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Biology or Earth Science. While attending Allentown High School, she also took classes at Mercer County Technical School in Landscape, Maintenance and Design. Her goal is to teach the sciences at the high school level.

Anastasia (Stacey) Giordano was awarded a **GCNJ Scholarship** of \$1,500. She will be a junior at Kean University, majoring in Biology Education. Stacey is currently in a 5-year program and will receive her Bachelor's Degree in Biology in 2019, and her Master's Degree in Secondary Education in 2020. The past two years, she was employed by the Warren County Mosquito Control Commission as an Assistant Biological Inspector. During that period, Stacey also worked on an organic produce farm. Her goal is to become a high school biology teacher or work in a related environmental science/education field.

Jacalyn DeValue received a **GCNJ Scholarship** of \$1,500. She is also receiving the Cornelia H. Kellogg Scholarship from NGC, Inc. for \$4,000. Jacalyn received her Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies and is now at Rutgers pursuing a career in Landscape Architecture. This will enable her to blend her passion for design and environmental well-being—art/science.

Daniel Ilkow was awarded the **Former GCNJ Presidents Scholarship** of \$1,500. He will be a sophomore at Rutgers University and is majoring in Landscape Architecture in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences. Daniel's goal is to own or be part of a landscape architectural business. Past summers have found him working at Dreyer Farms, a family owned nursery and market that has existed since 1904. Daniel also won last year's Central Atlantic Region Scholarship of \$2,500.

Kate Douthat will be receiving the **Linda Kroll Memorial Scholarship** of \$1,000. Kate is working on her PhD at Rutgers University where she has an "A" grade point average. Her major is Ecology & Evolution. She has also attended Vassar and University of Michigan. Kate has worked on a project to examine the effect of plants on water quality and the volume in storm water basins. She has also worked as an intern on an organic vegetable farm. Kate started her own business called "Dogtooth Gardens", focusing on native plants. Her occupational objective after graduation is to work for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection or do similar public research.

Morgan Furze received the **Leon Shen PhD, Esq. Scholarship** of \$2,000. She has been the quintessential scholar applicant. Morgan is in the PhD Program at Harvard University with an almost perfect GPA (one B+). She is enrolled in the Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, majoring in Plant Biology with a minor in Global Change Ecology. Morgan's occupational objective after graduation is science communication (writing, illustration and editing). She has received numerous awards and memberships in various honor societies and possesses the maturity, commitment and skills needed to conduct high-impact research.

The Rutgers Gardens Intern Scholarship is one of the newer scholarships being offered by GCNJ. It is a \$1,000 scholarship that will be offered yearly. The scholarship recipient will work at the Rutgers Gardens during the summer of the year that the scholarship is awarded. The \$1,000 scholarship amount is to be dedicated to the education credit expense of the recipient. This year's winner is Nicole Pellegrino who is a junior. She has a 4.0 grade point average and will return to Rutgers next year.

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Awards Presented at GCNJ Annual Meeting June 8, 2017

Belvidere GC

#14b Pinelands GC Trophy
#23 Violet M. Bennett Environmental Trophy
#52 GCNJ Special Award (small club) \$200
CAR 2016 Jean Ladson Award (small club) \$100

Country GC

#13 Thomas Turner Cooke Memorial Award
#16a Florence S. McNeil Membership
Participation Trophy (under 50 members)
#28 Membership Award for highest increase in
membership (under 50 members)
#40 Moorestown GC Trophy

Maplewood GC

#15a Myra Brooks Garden Therapy Trophy

Navesink GC

#42 Hanover Garden Club Trophy
#52 GCNJ Special Award (medium club) \$200

GC of Spring Lake

#14a Hazel Bowne Sternat Civic Beautification Trophy
#20 Marguerite and Vincent T. Mulligan Garden Therapy
Trophy

Washington Valley GC

#61 GC of Long Beach Island Award \$100

Seaweeders GC

NGC #51 a(iii) Decoration of an Historic Building \$300
NGC #73 Civic Project with Native Plants (medium club)
runner-up

Little Silver GC

NGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
Grade 2 Alexander Dayal 2017 NJ (1st Place)
NGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
2016 CAR
Grade 2 Lyra Silverman (Honorable Mention)
Grade 2 Whitney Hobson (Honorable Mention)

GC of Long Valley

Youth Award #4 (Grades 9-12) Certificate of Merit with
Gold Seal

Rolling Hills GC

CAR 2016 Publicity Press Book Award (Small Club) 3rd
Place

Neshanic GC

#3 GCNJ Continuing Project Award \$100
#26 East Orange GC Trophy
#59 Bernardsville GC Trophy
NGC #44Aii 2017 Publicity Press Book Award
(medium club) Certificate of Merit
CAR 2016 Publicity Press Book Award (medium club) 1st
Place

Terra Nova GC

CAR 2016 Civic Development/improvement Award
(medium club) \$100
NGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
2017 NJ (winners)

Grade 1 Ryan Chakraborty (1st Place)

Grade 3 Noyonika Yadav (1st Place)

Grade 5 Katie Farrar (1st Place)

NGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
2016 CAR (winners)

Grade 3 Gabriella Politi (Honorable Mention)

Grade 4 Mariana DelaHoz (2nd Place)

Grade 4 Sean Lacko (Honorable Mention)

Warren GC

#31 Basking Ridge GC Trophy
#35 Holly Club of Sea Girt Trophy
#54 Edison GC Trophy
Creating Pollinator Centers Award (winner) Boehm
Porcelain Plate

Rake and Hoe GC

#67 GC of Westfield Trophy
Youth Junior Award #1 c Certificate of Merit
Youth Junior Award #6 Certificate of Merit with Gold Seal
NGC #44Aiii Publicity Press Book Award Certificate of
Merit
NGC #16A5 2017 Yearbook Award (large club)
Certificate of Commendation

Pinelands GC

CAR 2016 Violet S. Thoron Award (winner) plaque
CAR 2016 Jean Ladson Award (large club) \$100

Jane Bersch - Pinelands GC

NGC Four Star Member

Mary Ann Finch - Seaweeders GC

NGC Four Star Member

Patti Bowman - GC of Long Valley

#17 Lenore Pletcher Trophy 2016 GCNJ Flower Show
#30 Marilyn J. Litvack Trophy

Cathy Shaloo - Bayberry GC

New Jersey 2017 Perennial Bloom Award Winner
CAR 2017 Perennial Bloom State Finalist Award

Bayberry GC

Youth Lead the Way Award \$200

Rockaway Valley GC

#25 Wyckoff GC Trophy
#27 Lillian Koelsch Trophy
#47 GC of Mountain Lakes Trophy
#52 GCNJ Special Award \$200
Youth Lead the Way Award \$200

Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly Garden GC

Youth Junior Award #2a Anne De Roner Junior
Gardeners Horticulture Trophy
Youth Intermediate Award #3 Certificate of Merit with Gold
Seal

Youth High School Award #2 GC of Long Beach
Island Youth Award \$100

Youth Lead the Way Award \$200

NGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
2017 NJ (Winner)

Grade 4 Kailey Hernandez (1st Place)

NGC Youth Essay Contest 2017 NJ (winner)

Grade 11 Joseph Finnegan (1st Place)

NGC Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
2016 CAR

Grade 3 Kaitlyn O'Rourke (Honorable Mention)

Grade 5 Kyla Pauser (2nd place)

Grade 5 Special Education Samantha Mooney
(1st Place)



Awards Presented at GCNJ Annual Meeting June 8, 2017 *(continued)*

Bound Brook GC

#53a Demarest GC Yearbook Award (small club)

Shrewsbury GC

#53b Demarest GC Yearbook Award (medium club)

GC of Long Beach Island

#34 Garden Club of NJ Award

#63 Medford Lakes GC Trophy

#53c Demarest Garden Club Trophy (large club)

NGC Youth Poetry Contest 2017 NJ (winners)

Grade 4 Anna Sotkow (1st Place)

Grade 5 Ryleigh McDonald (1st Place)

Grade 6 Grace Schriever (1st Place)

NGC Youth Sculpture Contest 2017 NJ (winner)

Grade 4 Anna Sauchelli (1st Place)

NGC Youth Essay Contest 2017 NJ (winner)

Grade 12 Rose Morizzo (1st Place)

Youth HS #3 Watchung GC High School Essay

Contest Rose Morizzo (1st place)\$100

NGC Poetry Contest 2016 CAR Winners

Grade 5 Schuyler Beetel 1st place

Grade 6 Jackson Ruff 1st Place

NGC High School Essay Contest

Grade 10 Jacqueline Unger 2016 (CAR 1st place and NGC overall winner)

Greater Woodbury GC

CAR 2016 Standard Flower Show Schedule Award (medium club) 3rd Place

GC of Fair Haven

CAR 2016 Small Standard Flower Show Schedule Award (medium club) 2nd Place

West Trenton GC

#16b Doris L.Cavanaugh Membership

Participation Trophy (50 or more members)

#28 Membership Award for highest increase in membership (large club)

#41 Pines Lake GC Trophy

#49 Woodbridge GC Trophy

#65 Ringwood GC Trophy

#66 Green Thumb GC of Cranford Publications Trophy

#64 Jane S. R. Bersch Trophy

NGC #16A4 Yearbook Award (medium club)

Certificate of Commendation

CAR 2016 Standard FS Flower Show Schedule

Award (medium club) 1st place \$50

Garden Club of Cranford

#37 Elizabeth GC Trophy

Moorestown GC

#10a Mrs. Reginald Wilson Memorial Award - Beth Berry

#11 Myra Brooks Memorial Trophy - Cecelia Millea

#21 Amelia Stewart Perpetual Trophy - Christine Jacoby

#29 Glenn Ferrari Memorial Trophy - Debbie Brown Zellner

#58 Pines Lake GC Trophy - Jean Pollock

#68 Roberta McNally Table Artistry Trophy - Christine Germano

#69 Doris Bryan Educational Exhibit Trophy - Lee Renner
Youth #8 New Vernon GC Trophy - Nadia Millea (\$50 to club)

#4 Helen Hull Silver Bowl

#18 Dorothy M. Schick Trophy

#38 Garden Club RFD Trophy

#48 Community GC of Hunterdon County

#70 Ruth W. Paul Home Flower Show Trophy

#3 Mrs. David George Silver Cup

NGC Flower Show Achievement Award (Blue Rosette)

CAR 2016 Environmental Concern Award (large club) \$100

CAR 2016 Small Standard FS Schedule Award (large club) 1st place \$50

Garden Club of New Jersey

NGC Award of Excellence for 'Pollinator Centers' - \$500

Susan O'Donnell

#33 Certificate for Distinguished Service

Jane Bianco, Pat Bowker, Chris Endris, Joan Lippi and Sandra Nielsen

Presidential Citations



2016-2017 Yearbook Awards

Excellent with Gold Seal

Demarest GC
Ramsey Area GC
Ringwood GC
Women Gardeners of Ridgewood
GC of Montclair
Maplewood GC
Town and Country GC
GC of Mountain Lakes
GC of New Vernon
Rockaway Valley GC
Belvidere GC
Bound Brook GC
Bridgewater GC
Chester GC
Community G C of Hunterdon
County
Country GC
GC of Hunterdon Hills
GC of Long Valley
Neshanic GC
Warren GC
Washington Valley GC
Basking Ridge GC
GC of Cranford
Elizabeth GC

Green Thumb GC
GC of Watchung
GC of Westfield
Dogwood GC
Rake and Hoe GC
GC of Metuchen
Rocky Brook GC
Royal GC
Woodbridge GC
Garden Gate GC
Moorestown GC
Mount Laurel GC
Pinelands GC
West Trenton GC
Bayberry GC
GC of Fair Haven
Fairways GC
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GC of Long Beach Island
Navesink GC
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GC of Marlton
Pines Lake GC
Wall Township GC

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All Seasons GC
Holly Club of Sea Girt
Jumping Brook GC



Our Environment: Home Safe Household Alternatives

Each year, United States industries produce over 300 million tons of hazardous waste in manufacturing of consumer goods. That equals more than one ton per man, woman and child living in the U.S. today. And we add even more when we use and dispose of these products. Convenience items, disposable products and an array of non-biodegradable packaging contribute to the pollution of our air, soil and water. Over 60,000 chemicals are contained in various household products and over 1,000 new synthetic chemicals come to the market each year. You can help curb the massive tide of pollution by using the following non-toxic household alternatives.

All-Purpose Cleaners:

Ammonia and chlorine are found in most all-purpose cleaners. Mixed together they form a very toxic chloramine gas. So please clean with a gentle soap. I prefer Dr. Bronner's Peppermint Soap.

Automatic Dishwashing Products:



Dishwashing products contain harsh detergents with high concentration of phosphates. Released into lakes and streams, phosphates kill fish and other aquatic life. So please use 50% borax and 50% washing soda in your machines.

Deodorizers:

The cresol, phenol and formaldehyde in deodorizers are associated with numerous health problems. To absorb odor, place baking soda or white vinegar in small dishes. Most importantly, if you use paint and are not able to open windows, a natural lavender spray will also deodorize the air. Houseplants absorb pollutants and purify the air.

Disinfectants:

Disinfectants contain a number of toxins, including phenol, formaldehyde, cresol, ammonia and chlorine. Some of the toxic fumes can even escape through tightly closed containers. Instead, mix ½ cup of Borax with 1 gallon of water to disinfect. I use ½ teaspoon grapefruit seed extract (available at health food stores) in two quarts of water; it eliminates 800+ types of bacteria. Full strength white vinegar is also very effective.



Drain Cleaners:

Drain Cleaners contain the most damaging toxins – lye, hydrochloric acids and sulfuric acids. To keep drains clean, pour ¼ cup baking soda, followed by ½ cup white vinegar in each drain. When “fizzing” stops, flush with hot water. Once a month, I pour one cup of regular Coca-Cola in each drain to dissolve any bacteria. I let the Coke penetrate over night.



Furniture Polish:

Furniture polish contains many toxic chemicals. Blend 1/3 cup of lemon juice with 2/3 cups of olive oil. This not only polishes, but also removes old wax build up.

Glass Cleaners:

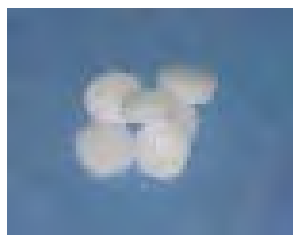
Glass cleaners contain ammonia that is a poison. Use full strength white vinegar instead.

Laundry Cleaners:

They are non-biodegradable detergents made from petroleum, so please use laundry soaps without phosphates.

Mold and Mildew Cleaners:

These contain pesticides. Full strength white vinegar will remove mold and mildew. No rinsing is necessary.



Mothballs:

Mothballs contain py-dichlorobenzene. Place some lavender, rosemary or whole cloves in a gauze bag to keep moths away.

Oven Cleaners:

Clean your oven with a paste made of baking soda and water.

Toilet Cleaners:

For your toilet, use soap and borax to disinfect. For stubborn stains, use full strength white vinegar. Let penetrate over night.

Do your part for a clean environment!

Ingrid Justick
732-922-2935



Spicy Sumacs

I continue to be intrigued by the debate over Native Plants. Without question, they are important for providing food and habitat for various animals and insects, and many provide attractive additions to the garden. In spite of their many benefits, numerous gardeners still deem natives as unattractive or weedy. Sumac is a fine example. In high school, I too thought it was merely a roadside weed. However, as I studied plants, I came to understand the beauty of this plant and the advantages of its tough constitution when properly sited in the landscape. Unfortunately, it is amazing how many people still malign Sumac as not only weedy, but poisonous! Both are not true and, hopefully, we can begin to dispel this ill reputation!

Found in the Anacardiaceae or cashew family, the common name of Sumac is from the ancient Aramaic word of *Summaq*, meaning dark red. It is in reference to the dark red spice that is made from the fruits of *Rhus coriaria*, a southern European Sumac that is

popular in Greek and Middle Eastern cuisine. It imparts a lemon-like taste and is used as a rub for meats or as a light garnish on salads. Common names are often easier to remember, but I prefer botanical names since they severely reduce the confusion that often occurs with common names. Poison Sumac, *Toxicodendron radicans*, was once lumped in the genus *Rhus*, but was shifted to this new genus, along with Poison Ivy and Poison Oak. Plants in this genus contain oils of urushiol, a chemical that creates severe dermatological rashes. In fact, Poison Sumac often results in rashes far more severe than Poison Ivy or Oak, and the 35 species of *Rhus* are now the recipients of this unfounded reputation for being poisonous! The genus name of *Rhus* was authored in 1753 by Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778) and is derived from the Greek word *Reo*, which means stream or flow or *Rhu*, meaning flux. One of the important medicinal uses of Sumac was to reduce the hemorrhaging of blood, or any fluid for that matter, from the body. Linnaeus's understanding of the use of plants and the Greek language was impressive, although, as we shall see, he was not without fault!

Of the 35 species of Sumac, the Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus typhina*) and the Aromatic Sumac (*Rhus aromatica*) are two of my favorite native Sumacs for the garden! The Staghorn Sumac gets its name from the velvet-like pubescence that appears on the current year's growth (**pictured at left**). The species epithet refers to its similarity in appearance of the current year's growth to the fuzzy female flowers of Cattail, which is botanically known as



Spicy Sumacs (continued)



Typha! Interestingly, this plant had two botanical names well into the 1900's! In 1753, Linnaeus originally named this plant *Datisca hirta* and in 1756, he mistakenly thought a sample to be an entirely different

plant and renamed it *Rhus typhina*. In 1892, the American botanist and chief dendrologist for the US Forest service, George Bishop Sudworth (1864-1927), noted that the names referenced the same plant and renamed the plant *Rhus hirta* with *Rhus typhina* as a synonym. Unfortunately, the synonym name was accepted too well and remained the name of choice, although occasionally one will see *R. hirta* used in the literature. Staghorn Sumac can reach arborescent heights of 15+ feet and, like many other sumacs, it likes to colonize. It is this tendency to spread that also gives this genus a weedy reputation. The leaves are compound, possessing a central rachis or 'stem'



with an attractive red blush at its base and upwards of 27 leaflets arranged along the rachis. The entire leaf, which includes the rachis and leaflets, are typically 1-2' in length and provide the plant with a lacy, tropical appearance. In June through early July, the flowers appear in 2-4" long panicles. **(Red blush and flowers are visible in image above.)**

Fall color is a beautiful bevy of yellows, oranges and scarlets while the winter outline is attractively coarse and open **(see image below left)**. The plants are dioecious, meaning that some plants only bear female flowers, while others only male. Those with female flowers give rise to fruits that are individually just over 1/8" in diameter and very hairy. The fruits are gathered into dense, ornamental cones that reach 6-8" in length and ripen to bright red come August **(pictured at the right)**. These cones remain ornamental throughout most of the winter with the seeds providing food for a number of bird species. The plants thrive in hot, dry, sunny locations and extend as far north as Eastern Quebec and Minnesota.



Rhus typhina 'Tiger Eyes'[™] is a recent introduction with attractive dissected foliage that is chartreuse in color.

Rhus aromatica or Fragrant Sumac thrives in similar hot, dry locations, but is an entirely different appearing plant. The plant was once again named by Linnaeus. The stems emit a fragrant aroma when crushed, giving rise to the species epithet. The leaves consist of three glossy leaflets and although it lacks the tropical





appearance of its cousin, the foliage serves as a larval food source for the Banded Hairstreak butterfly (*Satyrrium calanus*). Similar to *Rhus typhina* it also tends to sucker and spread, but it develops a mounded habit that reaches a more subdued height that varies from 3-8'. The plants are mostly dioecious, with both male and female yellow flowers gracing the bare stems in April or early May. The fall color is an attractive red to reddish purple and the winter habit is delicate and twiggy with small clusters of red berries developing on the female plants that are also favored by birds. The cultivar named 'Gro-low' has proven to

be a wonderful addition to a gardener's tool bag! It only reaches 2' tall by 6' wide and has a less dense, more open appearance than the straight species. It performs admirably at keeping weeds at bay and has spectacular red fall color (**pictured above left and right**). I have enjoyed pairing this plant with any of the *Amsonia* cultivars; it grows to roughly the same height and its yellow spring flowers look great when paired with the blue flowers of *Amsonia* (**pictured on bottom left**). In addition, the yellow fall color of the *Amsonia* nicely compliments that of the Sumac come late October and November! It makes an ideal plant for decorating dry, sunny slopes and has also proven to be rather deer resistant.



The much maligned Sumac not only has an interesting story to share with the roots of its name, but it provides wonderful seasonal interest and is greatly appreciated by our wildlife. Granted, it is a plant that can spread and will need to be controlled where that proves to be problematic. However, a poisonous weed it certainly is not! With the diversity of foliar colors and textures (exemplified by *Rhus typhina* 'Tiger Eyes'[™] (**pictured top of page 18**), the flowers and the ever-changing textures of the plant throughout the seasons, Sumacs provide a breadth of visual interest that endures throughout the year. In addition, their stout constitution allows them to



Spicy Sumacs *(continued)*



accept baking sun and drought making them ideal candidates for situations where many other plants

would fail. Indeed, Sumacs provide the needed “spice” for the garden as well as for the dinner table!

Bruce Crawford is the Managing Director of Rutgers Gardens, a 180-acre outdoor teaching classroom, horticultural research facility and arboretum; an adjunct professor in Landscape Architecture at the Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences; regularly participates in the Rutgers-Continuing Education Program and is the past president of the Garden State Gardens Consortium. He can be reached at 732-932-8451.



GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL Course IV Series VIII

SAVE THE DATE ~ October 3, 4 & 6, 2017

Tuesday & Wednesday (Classes)

Friday (Optional Exam)

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

Course IV will consist of the following classes:

- **Outdoor Identification of Plants – Hands-On Activity**
- **Specialized Styles of Gardening - Permaculture, Organic, Shade, Rain, Rock Gardens, etc.**
- **Techniques for Growing Woody Ornamentals**
- **Techniques for Growing Fruit**
- **Home Irrigation Techniques and Options**
- **Planting for Pollinators – Environmental Importance of Planting and Maintaining a Pollinator Friendly Garden**

To Be Held at Holly House
126 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Beverly Kazickas, GSS Chair
Ellen Preissler, GSS Registrar

For more information, please check the GCNJ website at
www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com



Instructors

Bruce Crawford

Director of Rutgers Gardens since 2005 and adjunct professor in the Landscape Architecture Department at Rutgers University. As Director of Rutgers Gardens, Bruce oversees a 180 acre outdoor teaching classroom, horticultural research facility and arboretum.

Kim Eierman

An Environmental Horticulturist and Founder of EcoBeneficial, a horticulture consulting company specializing in ecological gardening. Kim teaches at New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Mt. Cuba Center.

Steven Kristoph

Adjunct Professor at Rutgers University for over 25 years. Steve is known for his love of plants, extensive knowledge and for teaching Rutgers' longest running and most popular course ... Landscape Plants Identification.

Peter Nitzsche

Expert in the strawberry breeding program of Rutgers University as well as other areas of small fruit production.

Robert Dobson

Instructor of Irrigation and Turf classes at the Home Gardeners School. Bob is President of Middleton Sprinkler Company as well as past president of the Irrigation Association.

Purpose and Goals

- To create increased interest and knowledge in gardening, horticulture and design.
- Garden club members successfully completing the series of four courses are awarded the designation of Gardening Consultant.
- Attendees from the general public may attain Consultant status by joining a garden club during the course series or shortly after completion.

PROGRAM

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30-9:45	Welcome and Announcements
9:45-12:15	Specialized Styles of Gardening (Crawford) 2 1/2 hours
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Planting for Pollinators (Eierman) 1 hour
2:00-2:15	Break
2:15-3:45	Techniques for Growing Woody Ornamentals (Kristoph) 1 1/2 hours
3:45-4:00	Review & Wrap Up (optional)

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30-9:45	Welcome and Announcements
9:45-12:15	Outdoor ID of Plants (Crawford) 2 1/2 hours
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:30	Techniques for Growing Fruit (Nitzsche) 1 1/2 hours
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-3:45	Home Irrigation Techniques (Dobson) 1 hour
3:45-4:00	Review & Wrap Up (optional)

Friday, October 6

Optional Exam

9:30 a.m.	Registration
10:00-noon	Test (optional)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Gardening Study Schools Course IV is the fourth in a series of four courses. Attendance is open to all garden club members, master gardeners and guests. To receive full credit for certification, one must attend the two-day course at the cost of \$95, pass the written exam on Friday, October 6, be an active garden club member and fulfill the required reading. The exam is optional for those who are attending for enrichment only.

Front seats will be reserved for students taking the course for credit. Students must have their attendance card punched at the beginning of each session and may not leave until the conclusion of the class to receive full credit. Students should bring their own supplies, i.e., pen, pencil, notepaper, etc.

DIRECTIONS TO HOLLY HOUSE

From Garden State Parkway, North: Take Exit 129 to NJ Turnpike South (Trenton). Take Exit 9 (New Brunswick) onto US 18N, quickly exit onto US 1 South then continue as below *

From Garden State Parkway, South: Take Exit 130 to US 1 South. * Exit right onto Ryder's Lane via the jug handle under the overpass. Immediately move into the left lane to make the 1st left turn onto Log Cabin Road. Turn and follow the signs to Holly House.

From NJ Turnpike: Take Exit 9 (New Brunswick) onto US 18N, quickly exit onto US 1 South and then continue as above*

Please note that if you are using either a GPS or online mapping service the directions may be wrong when using our Ryders Lane address. Please use 130 Log Cabin Road, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 as the address.

RECOMMENDED READING

FOR COURSE IV

(Required if Taking Exam)

The National Gardener (official publication of the National Garden Club) - 4 issues per year

Subscription is available from the NGC, Inc. website: www.gardenclub.org

Please allow sufficient time for delivery

For More Information Visit:

<http://njclubs.esiteasp.com/gcnj/home>

Master Gardeners receive 5 CEU per day. Earn a total of 10 CEU for the 2 day course.

Courses cover all aspects of growing from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, pruning and selected topics of local interest.

GSS HOSPITALITY: Terese Blake

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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195 Highway 18 S, East Brunswick, NJ 08016
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Ask for Alex at ext 617, for special rate of \$75.95 plus tax. Please mention Garden Club of New Jersey and include the GSS dates.

GARDENING STUDY SCHOOLS

Course IV

Series VIII

October 3, 4 & 6 (exam), 2017

Holly House

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REGISTRATION FORM

GARDENING STUDY SCHOOLS, COURSE IV

October 3, 4 & 6 (exam), 2017

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Local Club _____ Dist# _____

Master Gardener: yes/no County _____

Pre-Registration Deadline September 25, 2017

Course Fee (Two Days) \$ 95 _____

One Day Fee (Tuesday or Wednesday) \$ 50 _____
(circle day attending)

Club Special (Limit "One" per Club) \$160 _____
*Two people may attend both days

Additional Fees:

Exam Fee for Credit (optional) \$ 5 _____

Refresher Fee (consultants only) \$ 5 _____

Lunch on Tuesday (optional) \$ 10 _____

Lunch on Wednesday (optional) \$ 10 _____

Cancellation Fee \$ 10 _____

Late Fee after September 25 \$ 10 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

*Please list other student name:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GCNJ
Mail registration form and check to:

Ellen Preissler, Registrar
67 Obre Place, Shrewsbury, N.J. 07702

Please keep a copy for your records.



Long Beach Island GC

Continuing to Work to Bring Back the Monarch

The Birds and Wildlife Committee, chaired by Judie Alloway and Teresa Hagan, has been busy since last spring when the “Raising Awareness for the Monarch Butterfly” Project began.

The co-chairs and their volunteers have planted ten large, beautiful green and white pots with milkweed as well as hyssop, salvia, coreopsis and phlox for breeding stations for the Monarch. Along with the plants, there is a sign giving valuable information on the Monarch butterfly and the planting of milkweed, the only plant where they will lay their eggs.

The breeding stations have been placed on the North End of Long Beach Island at Kubels, in Barnegat Light, at Scojos, Wally’s, Five Six and at the Surf City Library—all in Surf City. On the South End, the pots are at the Beach Haven Library, Pearl Street Market and Kaplers—all in Beach Haven—and at Faria’s in Ship Bottom and at Gifted by the Sea in Brant Beach.

Each location also has more detailed instructional material available on what you can do to join in the rescue of the Monarch. It is hoped that the breeding stations and information will raise awareness with locals and summer visitors alike.

The next step for this very active committee is to plant a garden of milkweed in Barnegat Light.

Join us in reversing the decline of the Monarch by planting milkweed (*Asclepias*) in your garden.



Breeding planters placed at various businesses on the island - Lesley Taylor (GC member) and Mike Tomko of Wally's

We are a Community!

You’ve heard the saying, “It takes a community to do something right.” Well, it did in this case. In my nine years spent as Editor of News Leaf, I had the support of the members of the GCNJ State Board and its four State Presidents: Mary Warshauer (who will be National Garden Club President in 2021), Vivian Morrison, Barbara Mullin and Susan O’Donnell plus that of our new President, Louise Davis.

Each edition was enhanced by the work of my Editorial Staff (see the left column on page 2 for their names). Without their scrutinizing eyes, good grasp of grammar and spelling and a willingness to give of their time eight times a year, the News Leaf editions might have been left with a multitude of errors in spelling, spacing and clarity. My present Advertising Manager, Alison Stellita, and her predecessors must also be thanked for their ability to find the advertisers whose participation in News Leaf enabled GCNJ to afford to produce their newsletter. When we departed from the printed newsletter that was mailed to each member, and entered the world of email, our advertisers afforded us the opportunity of producing a cost-free product.

All these years, we had a wonderful printer, Pat Pflieger, of Jersey Printing, who has been a friend, a patient guide and advisor to GCNJ since the beginning of News Leaf, under the editorship of Ellie Huson. During that time, we evolved from a printed newsletter of 8 pages to an electronic newsletter of up to 25 pages with connecting links and Smileboxes to view events like the Flower Show each February or the Annual Meeting each June. At Jersey Printing we also had the services of Kim Chenoweth who was responsible for carrying out my formatting directions. Her stamp was on every issue with each picture of a flower she inserted.

Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens, became a regular contributor, teaching us a multitude of odd and interesting facts while addressing areas of the “Garden”. Ingrid Justick became a News Leaf presence with her articles that taught us the better ways of dealing with the environment, using natural concoctions instead of chemicals. Clubs around the state very much contributed as they took part in the unveiling

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of new Blue Star Markers, helped in the efforts of Habitat for Humanity, participated in Drumthwacket or worked hard with their youth groups and beamed when they won awards at the Annual Flower Show in Edison. It was all recorded in News Leaf.

Onnolee Allieri wrote about Scholarship winners for six years while Cecelia Millea was responsible for the listings of awards for four years. Jane Bersch gave us the names of new judges and updates, if needed. Jeannie Geremia helped us explore the pollinator world while Joan Lippi was involved in keeping us up to date with information for the State Flower Show and the Annual Meeting. Sandra Nielson, our webmaster, always uploaded our ads, for further exposure, and the links to each edition of the News Leaf was also on the website so that members could check them out for pertinent information. Our GCNJ chairs for the various schools, like Carol English and Beverly Kazickas, also provided News Leaf with timely information so that members across the state could take part in expanding their knowledge in various aspects of the world of gardening. The list goes on, as the contributors are many. As I said at the beginning, "It takes a community!"

It has been a great pleasure working with everyone over the past nine years. Hopefully we achieved the production of a newsletter that represented you well. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this position.

Ruth Korn
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Seaweeder's Garden Club of Bay Head & Mantoloking

Sea Gulls Jr. Garden Club



Courtney Jacobs, a former Sea Gull, was responsible for the gardens at the local Bay Head Elementary School. Last fall, Courtney had planted a Native Pollinator Garden with the other current Sea Gulls, as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project.

All perennials were used and the plants survived and are thriving. Seaweeder's GC members are very proud of Courtney and her efforts.

Under the direction of Ariane Raffetto and Claudia Jacobs, co-chairs, the Sea Gulls meet once a month from September to June, after school at the Bay Head Elementary School, and membership is open to interested students from Grades 3-8.



Meetings are focused on learning about gardening through hands-on projects, like the Native Pollinator Garden or creating entries for the Garden State Flower Show. In addition, in the past year, Seaweeder's have

guided their "Sea Gulls" to plant fall bulbs at the school, make boxwood tree arrangements, grow and plant sunflowers from seed, take a field trip to Barlow's Flower Farm to learn about plant propagation and finally, plant potted arrangements for kindergarten and 8th grade graduations.

Please reach out if your club has questions in connection with your developing youth group.

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER, 2017

- 10 Edible Flowers, A Global History at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum-See page 6.
- 12-16 Fall National Board Meeting in St. Louis, MO.
- 15-16 GC of Montclair invites the public to "Incredible Journeys", a Standard Flower Show at The Van Vleck House and Gardens, 21 Van Vleck St., Montclair, featuring Photography, Youth, Senior, Horticulture, Flower Design & Education Exhibits. Visit website at TheGardenClubofMontclair.com or call Terri Breen at 973-226-3395 for information. See page 5.
- 16 Greater Woodbury "Flower Power" Std. Flower Show, 12:30-3:30pm at 37 S. Jackson St., Woodbury.
- 16 Herb Liberation at Frelinghuysen Arboretum-See Page 6.
- 17 Willowwood Open House at Willowwood Arboretum-See page 6.
- 20 Fall Conference/President's Day Workshop in New Brunswick, 10am-12noon. More information to follow. See page 4.
- 20 GC of Mountain Lakes presents a fundraiser featuring Kathryn Aalto, a landscape designer and author of NY Times Best Seller, "The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh". The event will take place from 10am-1pm at the Rockaway River Country Club, 39 Pocono Road, Denville. Cost: \$35. Contact Heather Scott at 847-736-7790 or heathesteenscott@me.com for more information.
- 22-23 GC of Long Valley presents a Flower Show with the theme, "How Green is Our Valley", at the Washington Township Public Library on 37 E. Springtown Road at 1-5pm on 9/22 & 10am-4pm on 9/23. There is no charge. Contact Teddie Falcone at 908-813-2894 for more information.
- 25 GCNJ State Board Meeting at 10 am at Holly House.

OCTOBER, 2017

- 3,4,6 Gardening Study School, Course IV, Series VIII, at Holly House--see page 18 &19 for more

information. Call Beverly Kazickas, Chair, at 231-321-7004.

- 6-7 West Trenton GC Flower Show, "To Earth with Love", will be held at the Ewing Township Senior & Community Center, 999 Lower Ferry Road in Ewing on Friday from 1-6pm and Saturday from 10am-5pm. For more information, call 609-883-5804 & go to www.westtrentongc.com.
- 7 The Liberated Landscape, a lecture by Larry Weaner at Frelinghuysen Arboretum-See page 6.
- 11 Judges Council at Holly House at 9:30am with Guest speaker-Tony Todesco. See page 6.
- 16 GCNJ State Board Meeting at 10 AM at Holly House
- 17 Fall Conference/President's Day Workshop in Parsippany, 10am-12noon. More information to follow. See page 4.
- 19 Fall Conference/President's Day Workshop in Wall Township, 10am-12noon. More information to follow. See page 4.
- 21 Glorious Shade Lecture by Jenny Rose Carey at Frelinghuysen Arboretum. See page 6.
- 26 Warren GC will have its Annual Luncheon at the Hawke Point Golf Club at 4 Club House Drive, Rt. 31S, Washington, at 11am-3pm. The speaker is Beth Riley, owner of The Potted Garden in Madison, whose topic is, "Say It With Flowers". Cost: \$45. Contact Betty Smith at 908-689-3744 for more information.

DECEMBER, 2017

- 5 The Dogwood GC of Princeton invites you to celebrate the holidays at Mercer Oaks Golf Club, Princeton Junction with Cheryl Wilkes, guest speaker. Cost: \$50 for reservations-RSVP Doris Mapes at 609-921-3165 or DoMapes@aol.com. See page 13.
- 17 LBI's 52nd Annual Holiday Tour of Homes-10am-4pm. Tea at Brant Beach Yacht Club, 11am-3pm & Boutique at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 10am-4pm. Contact Bonnie at Johnbon1599@comcast.com or 908-812-5080.



Calendar of Events (continued)

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JANUARY, 2018

- 22 GCNJ State Board Meeting at Holly House at 10am.

APRIL, 2018

- 11 Judges Council at Holly House - Agenda TBD.

MAY, 2018

- 1-4 Flower Show School 1 at Holly House. Contact Carol English for details.
14 GCNJ State Board Meeting at 10am at Holly House.
21-24 NGC Conference in Philadelphia, PA.
31 Judges Council at Holly House. Gail Bassolino is chairing a Small Standard Flower Show. See page 6.

JUNE, 2018

- 18 GCNJ State Board Meeting at 10am at Holly House.

SEPTEMBER, 2018

- 17 GCNJ State Board Meeting at 10am at Holly House.
25-30 NGC Fall Board Meeting at Rosen Hotel, Orlando, FL.

OCTOBER, 2018

- 2,3,5 Garden Study School at Holly House.
9-10 2018 Symposium, Holiday Inn, East Windsor, contact Tammy Feuer at 856-848-6513 or [email tfeur@verizon.net](mailto:tfeur@verizon.net).
31 Judges Council at Holly House –Agenda TBD.

NOVEMBER, 2018

- 6-8 Flower Show School II at Holly House.

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MAY, 2021

- NGC Convention in New Jersey—third week of May.**

