



Garden Club of New Jersey

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of May, June and July**



President's Message

"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." –Joshua J. Marine

As nature lovers, we certainly have an advantage over the cold, dreary months. My windowsills and tabletops are covered with amaryllis and paper whites that offer color and scents and maybe even a glimmer of hope for a blue ribbon at our February New Jersey Flower Show! Filling birdfeeders outside my kitchen window add amusement with countless nuthatches, finches and woodpeckers. I may be house bound but never bored!

At our Annual Meeting in June, three awards of \$200 each will be given to garden clubs having submitted applications for "NEW" projects with "Youth". Our new "Youth Lead the Way" Award description and application can be seen and duplicated from our GCNJ website under Awards. You have to be in it to win it! Click this site now—<http://www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com>.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting, it will again be held at the Bridgewater Marriott. It is always an exciting day of garden friends, boutiques and educational exhibits. This year, we will have a visit from our 2017-2019 National Garden Club President, Nancy Hargroves, from Virginia. Our keynote speaker is Paul Cowie with the presentation, "The Story of the National 9/11 Trees". It will not only touch the heart but educate.

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President's Message (continued)

Hopefully you had an opportunity to view the holiday decorations at Drumthwacket, done by Garden Club of New Jersey's talented garden clubs. Such ingenuity and magic was created by the Warren Garden Club, the Mountain Lakes Garden Club, the West Trenton Garden Club and the Keyport Garden Club. Thank you to Tille Emmert for chairing the decorating of our beautiful Governor's residence.

On March 3, Shake off your winter blues with a "Digging It at Rutgers Gardens" Seed and Spores Workshop in the greenhouses of Rutgers Gardens. Bruce Crawford will lead us through the do's and don'ts of perennial, annual and vegetable seed sowing. Do you want to know why that butterfly weed failed to propagate last year?

Check out our registration form on the GCNJ website and I'll see you in the Gardens in March!

Warm wishes for a wonderful new year in the garden and see you at the February Flower Show.

Susan

Susan O'Donnell

"Always seek out the seed of triumph in every adversity".

--Og Mandino



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Holidays at Drumthwacket

Drumthwacket is the official residence of the Governor of New Jersey. In addition to being a residence, the home is also an historic house museum and was festively adorned for the holiday season.

In partnership with the Drumthwacket Foundation, members of the Garden Clubs of New Jersey and Garden Club of America created *A Drumthwacket Holiday* by using fresh arrangements and greenery to compliment the architecture and décor of each of the building's public rooms. Our garden clubs from around the state took part in the effort, including clubs from West Trenton, Mountain Lakes, Keyport and Warren.

A Drumthwacket Holiday included the following display presentations:



Parlor: Garden Club of West Trenton

The West Trenton Garden Club decorated the parlor with the traditional décor of the Twelve Days of Christmas. From a partridge topiary to the 12 drummers drumming, the room was adorned with flower arrangements and garlands interspersed with life-like pears. Bows and accents of gold, white, burgundy and blue added to the warmth of the parlor. The fireplaces, with their festive white poinsettias, completed the look.



Music Room: Garden Club of Mountain Lakes

The Garden Club of Mountain Lakes rang in the holiday season in the music room. With the holiday debut of the room's new window treatments and French blue walls, the color scheme was highlighted with shades of rose, apple green and pinecone brown, along with a touch of blue thistle. The classic dignity of the residence inspired the holiday designs, particularly the fresh arrangements on the center table and marble mantel.

Governor's Study: Garden Club of Keyport

The Garden Club of Keyport brought "A Victorian Christmas by the Bay" to the Governor's Study. The bay windows and rich wood color in the room were the backdrop that highlighted Keyport's colorful history. The decorations consisted of assorted old-fashioned Christmas toys, oyster shells and pearls, marine motifs as well as garlands in various faux and live greens, luxurious fabrics and ribbons and bows. Additionally, glittery faux fruits in brilliant greens and red berries enhanced the décor.



Residence Wreaths: Warren Garden Club

The Warren Garden Club created the festive holiday wreaths on the front windows, front door and showcased the front gate. The Warren Garden Club's wreaths complimented the designs provided by the other participating garden clubs.

Photos--Courtesy of NJ Office of Information Technology & NJOIT Creative Services

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Drumthwacket

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Navesink Garden Club in District 8 is in the NEWS!



The Tiger Patch Learning Garden received the award from the PHS at a reception hosted in Philadelphia on Monday, November 14.

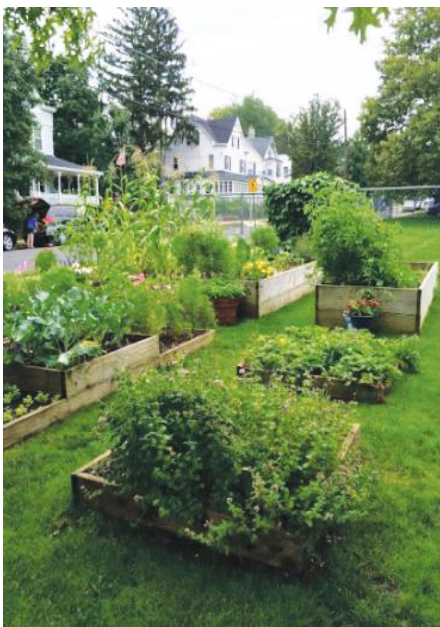
Great Job!

Robyn Kilpatrick

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Two members of the Navesink Garden Club, Laurie Brekke and Hope Hanlon, were recently awarded a Blue Ribbon in the 2016 Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) Gardening and Greening Contest for their creation of a children's learning garden at Atlantic Highlands Elementary School. They were selected from over 300 entries and recognized for their commitment to enhance their neighborhood through their work in this garden.

The garden is called the Tiger Patch Learning Garden.



It got its name from a school-wide contest held by the student council about four years ago. It consists of thirteen raised beds of various heights. The project includes planting seeds, watering the plants and weeding. They planted flowers and vegetables and even tasted the vegetables in the classrooms.



Garden Club of Spring Lake

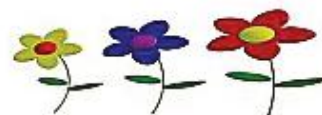
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Kaleidoscope Our 2017 Standard Flower Show

Please note:

This year, the later date of February 23-26, 2017, will find the GCNJ presenting the Flower Show at the Convention Center at Raritan Center in Edison.

To ensure your safe arrival, use 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837, as the destination in your GPS.

This year's hours are:

Thursday, Feb 23, 1:00 PM-9:00 PM

Friday, Feb 24, 10:00 AM-9:00 PM

Saturday, Feb 25, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Sunday, Feb 26, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Ticket prices at the door range from \$15 for adults to \$10 for seniors to \$6 for children, ages 12-17. There won't be any free or discount tickets given this year.

GCNJ's Standard Flower Show's number one priority is to educate the public, including all garden club members. Our theme of Kaleidoscope will showcase color and excitement.

Learn more design:

There will be four kinds of tables, from breakfast trays to dinner for six. There will be new challenges in the petite designs, including staging in a niche. More designs including still life, judges' challenge



Join us on February 23-26 in Edison.

and the category of all-dried flowers will be there for all to enjoy.

Learn more artistic crafts:

Botanical jewelry, decorated shoes and topiaries will be featured. In addition, you will have fantasy themed gardens and the always popular Anderson Window Gardens.

Photography and educational exhibits will have a new focus this year and the youth section will have mosaic, masks, themed designs and fairy gardens. The visiting children are sure to be inspired by the displays in this area. And then there's the Great Zucchini Race, of course, happening on Sunday! Building and racing cars made from a zucchini is an extremely enjoyable event for little visitors. Sign-ups are required from 12-1p.m.

Learn more horticulture:

Part of a flower show is the display of beautifully grown and correctly named plants. Last year, a 100-year-old plant was seen—will it return this year? You can still be part of the horticulture portion of the show—you still have time to force a flowering branch or clip an evergreen, needled or broadleaf, to compete in February.

Learn from the experts:

The NJ Garden and Flower Show, sponsored by the American Consumer Shows, is bringing in more professional landscapers to create the large display gardens. They have also scheduled talks on topics from deer control to vegetable gardening.

There is so much to see and do. When the long winter gets you down, a change of scenery is the answer. Beauty, fragrance and color await you at the "Kaleidoscope" Flower Show. Don't miss it!

Click below to learn more about the show on the GCNJ website and at the New Jersey Flower Show site.

www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com

www.njflowershow.com

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SEEDS AND SPORES WORKSHOP

Friday, March 3, 2017

Digging It at Rutgers Gardens workshops are a wonderfully successful collaboration between GCNJ and Rutgers Gardens! We are eager to offer the fourth in our educational series hoping to entice you to try your hand at germinating seeds this spring for your summer garden and the months that follow.

Spring is the time when seeds are most frequently marketed to gardeners for the sowing of annuals, vegetables and perhaps even perennials... all in great anticipation of a bounty of color or food in the season to come! However, spring is not the only season when gardeners should be sowing seeds. Throughout the year, seeds can be sown for successional crop rotation in vegetable and annual gardens and many seeds will naturally germinate in the summer and fall seasons.

This workshop will touch upon the botany of seeds (and to a lesser extent, spores) and explore how to easily and inexpensively propagate numerous vegetables, annuals and perennials indoors, in advance of the busy gardening season to come!

Join us in the greenhouse at Rutgers Gardens with Rutgers Gardens Director, Bruce Crawford, who always teaches us with ease and humor so much more than the basics!

Registration forms can be found on the GCNJ website. Contact me with any questions.

Nancy Schmaltz, Rutgers Gardens Liaison

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Gardening Study School

During the 2016 Gardening Study School, participants gathered outside of Holly House for a group photo. Hope you join us in 2017. Please "Save the Date" for our next Gardening Study School, to be held October 3 & 4 with an optional exam on October 6, 2017.



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Here are several types of cookware and their effects on your food:

ALUMINUM:

Aluminum will **leach into food**, so choose cookware that has been “anodized,” a process that prevents leaching by sealing in the aluminum.



COPPER:

Copper is an excellent heat conductor. Make sure your copper cookware is **lined with stainless steel** to keep the copper from entering your food. Too much copper in your diet can cause nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.



IRON:

Cast iron cookware can **leach iron into acidic foods**, like tomatoes and other fruits that are cooked in it.



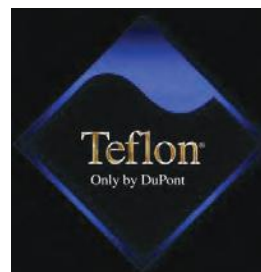
STAINLESS STEEL:

Stainless steel cookware is **quite desirable**, but does not heat evenly. There are no known health risks from stainless steel.



TEFLON:

Teflon is safe and non-toxic, but if heated at very high temperatures (400°-900°F), may cause fumes that linger in our environment.



PLASTICS:

The “plasticizing” chemicals used in some plastic **cling wraps and plastic containers can migrate into our foods and act as endocrine disruptors** that interfere with the body’s own hormones. If you use plastic wrap, buy varieties that are made from **plasticizer-free** polyethylene, such as Glad *Crystal Clear*. When buying food (such as cheese) that comes in cling wrap, it is safer to rewrap them in a plasticizer-free wrap or **unbleached wax paper**.

MICROWAVE OVENS:

Microwaving for a period of time may alter the chemistry of your food by creating new, unnatural proteins. If defrosting or reheating foods in a microwave, **your safest choice is to use microwavable glass**. Even the so-called “microwave safe” plastic containers may contain plasticizers that migrate into the food. Containers made by Rubbermaid and Tupperware are free of plasticizers.

Make mealtime a safe and healthy experience for yourself, your loved ones and our environment.

Ingrid Justick
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Flower Show School April 25 & 26, 2017

Whether you are studying to be a Flower Show Judge, are a current judge or you just want to get more Blue Ribbons at flower shows, here are 10 reasons to attend the Flower Show School in April:

1. Learn what judges are looking for in Table Designs
2. Learn what judges are looking for in Petites
3. Learn how minor bulbs are best displayed
4. Learn how begonias are judged
5. Enter your own horticulture and hear a judge's critique
6. Meet and learn with fellow garden club members
7. Take advantage of the "club two for one" special – ask for details
8. You can come for just one day or both days
9. Support GCNJ and ensure that opportunities like this continue
10. You can work toward becoming a judge

Details and registration forms are on the website at gardenclubofnewjersey.com. Sign up early. Seating is limited.

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JUDGES CREDENTIALS

Congratulations to our two new Master Judges, Gotti Kelley and Barbara Mullin. Also, congratulations to our newly Accredited Judge, Teddie Falcone. Please update your New Jersey Judges Council Membership listing.

Life Judges interested in moving towards Master status may want to consider the Symposium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on April 4 & 5, 2017. The NGC website, www.gardenclub.org, lists several other symposiums for this year. At many of these symposiums, the new Flower Show School Handbook and new designs are the topics. All judges will therefore need to have the new Flower Show School Handbook. If one has not already been ordered, they can be ordered from National Garden Club Headquarters at www.gardenclub.org.

Garden clubs planning a standard flower show should contact me for the names of judges who need judging credits.

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Spring Plant Sale at Buck Garden --and Earth Day Celebration! April 22 & 23, 2017

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

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

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



New Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker Dedicated in Toms River



Route 37 West in Toms River is the newest site to proudly display a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker. Erected at the entrance to Winding River Park and directly across from Community Medical Center, the marker is a tribute to those who have served and continue to serve in all branches of the military for our country.

Led by Garden Club of Toms River President, Diana Halliwell, and Allison Stellita, Co-Chair of the club's Blue Star Committee, the dedication ceremony took place on November 5, 2016. Participating were members of the Garden Club of Toms River, veterans, the Blue Star Memorial Committee of the GCNJ, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, elected officials of the Borough of Toms River and local scouts.

The Club received major support and donations to bring the marker to its current location from Len and Linda Adams, the family of Corporal Christopher Monahan, the Jr USMC, Mayor Thomas Kelaher of Toms River, the local American Legion Post 129 as well as numerous other individuals and groups in the surrounding area. A highlight of the ceremony was the stirring rendition of the national anthem by veteran Ronald C. Brooks. After the ceremony, a reception followed at Pinelands Reformed Church.



Congratulations to the Garden Club of Toms River and the borough residents and officials for honoring all veterans with this marker. It takes a community.

The Blue Star Memorial Marker Program was begun at the close of World War II to honor all servicemen and women. The first marker, placed by the Garden Club of New Jersey, was dedicated in 1945 along present-day Route 22 in Plainfield, NJ. There are now more than 2,500 memorials throughout the United States and 36 in the state of New Jersey. There are two types of markers: Memorial Highway Markers (found on designated highways) or Byway Markers (found on other roadways or in military cemeteries or parks). Any garden club that is a member of the GCNJ may sponsor a marker. For more information about participating in this program, please contact GCNJ Blue Star Committee Chair, Joan Cichalski, at 732-977-4477.

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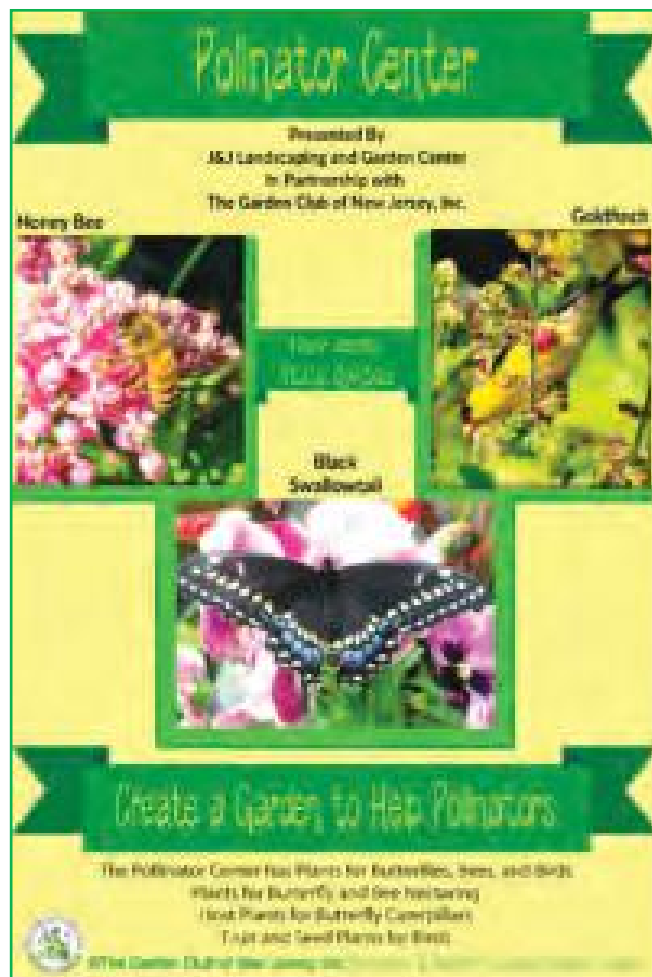


Garden Clubs Get Access to Pollinator Signage



We have great news for garden clubs regarding our new “Creating Pollinator Centers” signage. Our GCNJ President, Susan O’Donnell, in working with our GCNJ Butterflies & BeeGAP Committee, determined that the best way to move forward with our goal of seeing the new pollinator center signage in garden centers/nurseries, public/private gardens, and schools and museums, was to give each of our district directors a complete set of the six signs. The district directors are able to “loan” these signs out to garden clubs in their districts, thereby enabling possible recipients to be able to view the beauty and educational value of these signs. The handouts, while good, really don’t do justice to the signs. The six signs can be viewed on the GCNJ website by clicking on www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com, going to “Club Projects”, scrolling down to “Butterflies & BeeGAP” and viewing the Monarch sign, the Black Swallowtail sign, the Multi-Butterfly sign, the Bee sign and the Bird sign, plus the order form and the custom “Pollinator Center” sign. We have asked the district directors to determine the district recipient of the custom Pollinator Center sign so that it can be donated in the future to that particular partner. For example District VI has designated Rutgers Gardens as their intended recipient, so the Pollinator Center sign will say: “Pollinator Center, Presented by Rutgers Gardens, In Partnership with District VI, The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.” Any questions, please reach out to your District Director or me at my new email: igeremia42@gmail.com.

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Two of the signs you can receive “on loan” or order.



A Heart of Gold

Gardeners are a strange group of folks when it comes to selecting plants. If it is too easy to grow, we often disregard the plant, viewing it as something horticulturally “beneath us”. However, if it is too challenging to grow, we complain bitterly and hold the plant in contempt as if it was purposely trying to undermine our horticultural prowess! Many years back, I found myself falling into this pattern of plant snobbery and caught myself belittling some beautiful and easily grown plants. Fortunately, I moved on! One of the original plants that I felt was “beneath me” was a member of the Papaveraceae or Poppy Family – the very easy to grow and attractive group of plants collectively known as Bleeding Heart.

Probably, the most well-known Bleeding Heart is the form native to Siberia, China, Korea and Japan, which was formerly known in the botanical world as *Dicentra spectabilis* (as pictured on the right). Unbeknownst to most – including myself – in August of 2006, the botanical name was officially changed to *Lamprocapnos spectabilis*. *Dicentra* is from the Greek *Dis* (or twice) and *Kentron* meaning spurs. It is an apt description, since each flower has two spurs on the outer petals of the flower.

The name was crafted by Johann J. Bernhardt (1774-1850), who served as the Director of the Botanic Garden at Gartenstraße from 1799 until his death. He was noted for his herbarium of 60,000 plants that span the continents of North and South America, Africa and Asia, which now resides in the Missouri Botanic Garden! Interestingly, *Lamprocapnos* is not a new name, as one might suspect, since it was first penned in 1850 by Stephan Endlicher (1804-1849), an Austrian botanist and Director of the Botanic Garden of Vienna. It became the acknowledged proper name when molecular testing determined that this species was significantly different than others found in the genus



Dicentra. *Lamprocapnos* is from the Greek *Lampros* for shining and *Kapnos* for smoke, referring to how the dissected foliage resembles plumes of shimmering smoke from a distance! *Lamprocapnos spectabilis* was first brought into the gardening spotlight in 1846 by the Scottish botanist and plant explorer Robert Fortune (1812-1880), who collected it on the Island of Chusan off the coast of China. Its popularity spread rapidly and even as early as the 1880's, it was deemed a popular and relatively common perennial!



Lamprocapnos spectabilis is a very long-lived perennial and thrives best in light shade and humus-rich, moisture-retentive soils. Mature

plants will grow to 24-30" tall and 30-36" across. The individual flowers are typically 1½" long and consist of two heart shaped, pink outer petals and two white inner petals. It resembles the traditional symbol of a heart d'amour (as pictured above), enhanced by a small, heart-shaped white pendant hanging from the base of the flower. With upwards of 18 flowers arranged along an arching 2-3' long flower stem, it is easy to see how this plant grew to become a very popular and commonly used plant during the Victorian period. During late July and August, the plant begins to enter dormancy and the foliage yellows – not a desirable ornamental trait! As such, it is best to position the plant to the back of a plant massing or to simply cut back the stems and hope



the neighboring plants fill in the resulting hole. A white flowered selection named 'Alba' is also readily available. It sports a smaller stature, growing to 20" tall and wide with grayish green foliage. However, it too enters dormancy early. In 1997, Hadsden Garden of England introduced a form with golden yellow foliage named, 'Gold Heart' **(as pictured on right)**. The foliage certainly brightens a shady location and looks great when paired with dark green foliage plants, such as Hellebore or Mahonia. In summer, the foliage fades to a brighter chartreuse yellow, masking most of the plant's transition to dormancy in late summer!



Although the Asian form is undoubtedly the most well renowned Bleeding Heart, there remain a number of other species within the genus *Dicentra* that are ideal garden plants. *Dicentra cucullaria* is the type species for the genus and is a wonderful addition to the shade garden. It is a northeastern North American native that sports small, 1" long white flowers in mid to late March **(as pictured on right)**. The flowers resemble a pair of long johns hanging upside down, which gave rise to the common name of Dutchman's Britches.



Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778) originally named the plant *Fumaria cucullaria* in 1753. *Fumaria* originated from the Latin *Fum* for smoke, once again a reference to the smoky gray cut-leaf foliage. Although it was Bernhardt in 1833 who properly renamed the plant, the genus *Fumaria* still exists with approximately 60 species to its credit.



Cucullus. (Figure from Aesernia.)

A cucullus was a small hood worn by Roman children in chilly weather **(as shown to the left)**. Evidently the flowers also resemble this piece of clothing and gave rise to the epithet name! Only reaching 8-12" tall, this spring ephemeral is great for naturalizing into a dry woodland garden **(as pictured below right at Jenny Jump State Park in Warren County, NJ)** and, as is true of all Bleeding Hearts, it is deer resistant!

Mention should also be made of two other very garden worthy and easily grown species native to North America: *Dicentra exima* from eastern North America and *Dicentra formosa* from the Pacific coast. Originally named *Fumaria exima* in 1815 by the English barrister and legal reformer, Charles Henry Bellenden Ker (1785-1871), it was properly named in 1843 by the American botanist and physician, John Torrey (1796-1873). The species epithet *exima* comes from the Latin *Eximius*, meaning special or remarkable, while *formosa* is from the Latin *Formosus*, meaning beautiful and finely formed. Adrian Hardy Haworth (1767-1833), an English botanist and entomologist, originally



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A Heart of Gold *(continued)*

named the west coast native *Furmaria formosa* in 1800, only to be properly renamed in 1842 by the German botanist Wilhelm Gerhard Walpers (1816-1853). Both these species' names aptly describe these two plants that on initial inspection look nearly identical. Both have dissected, gray green, fern-like foliage that grows to 18" tall with clumps that slowly expand to 18-24" wide. Both have heart-shaped flowers, although they are not as dramatic as those of *Lamprocapnos*. Those of *Dicentra exima* range from pink to purplish red, while the slightly larger flowers of *Dicentra formosa* range from yellow and creamy white to pink and purple. One major advantage these two species impart to the garden is the length of bloom; both flower prodigiously from early May through June, and then sporadically to frost without the foliage going dormant in late summer. Both species have white flowered forms and numerous hybrids are available between the two species.

It is obvious that easily grown plants need not equate to boring or unattractive plants, nor dismissed as something horticulturally "beneath us". Regardless of the repeated changes in the botanical names over the years, Bleeding Hearts remain a garden stalwart, providing a long period of floral interest and asking so little in return. As we contemplate our spring garden to come this winter, consider all the advantages that this group of plants can provide the garden. For the erudite gardener, it is certainly clear that on a number of levels, these plants truly are the "Heart of Gold" for your garden!



Bruce Crawford is the Director of Rutgers Gardens and an adjunct professor in Landscape Architecture Department at Rutgers University. In addition to managing, designing and developing the 180 acres of the Rutgers Gardens, he teaches and shares his love of fun and unusual plants with students, garden clubs, Master Gardeners, community groups and Gardens visitors. Much to his dismay, he has rarely met a plant that he doesn't like!



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Update on the new Handbook for Flower Shows

As you may know, the new Handbook for Flower Shows has been completed and can be purchased from the National Garden Club. Especially if you plan to attend the Flower Show School in April, you should buy your Handbook now so that you can familiarize yourself with the changes that this new book will bring.

Brenda Bingham, Jane Bersch, Florence Leyssene and Carol English recently attended the symposium in Atlanta, GA, where they were immersed in learning about the changes in the new Handbook and Carol has been kind enough to start us off in the learning process by providing the following listing:

- ✓ There will be 4 types of flower

GCNJ Dues Increase Reminder IMPORTANT!

As annual member dues are payable on April 1, please remember that a dues increase was approved last April and becomes effective now.

The yearly dues to GCNJ increased from \$5.00 per member to \$7.00 per member.

The insurance fee was increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per member resulting in an increase from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per member.

The rationale for this has been the recent increases in the dues that GCNJ must pay to National Garden Club and higher insurance costs.

If you haven't already done so, clubs may wish to consider raising their dues for their members accordingly, so as to not absorb the dues increase.

- shows: Standard, Small Standard, Horticulture Specialty Flower Show and Design Specialty Flower Show.
- ✓ There will be up to 5 Divisions in a Flower Show: Horticulture, Design, Education, Youth/ Sponsored Groups and Botanical Arts.
- ✓ The Botanical Arts Section will include certain arboreal exhibits, gardens, miniature gardens, topiaries, collage, plaque, hanging designs, pot-et-fleur, topiary, artistic craft and photography.
- ✓ There will be no limit to the amount of Top Awards given in any flower show as long as requirements are met.
- ✓ Several scales of points have been changed and there are new ribbons for some top awards.

- ✓ **All** flower shows (that have been evaluated and reach state criteria) will be sent to National. If any or all of those shows reach National criteria, they will be given an award. THERE IS NO LIMIT.
- ✓ There are new designs and a designation for advanced designs.
- ✓ Rules have changed for judges to refresh.
- ✓ Student judges will have to take Course I first before any other Flower Show School course.

Plan to attend the Flower Show School in April so you can see how the changes will actually work and perhaps, get your questions answered. Early orders have begun shipping. Go to www.gardenclub.org to place your order.

Carol English, *Chair*
Flower Show School



February 23-26, 2017
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MEET
Smokey Bear
Sat, Feb 25
12 pm - 2 pm





Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2017

23-26 State Flower Show at Raritan Convention Center in Edison. Theme is "Kaleidoscope" reflecting overall theme of "Color Your World." Contact Joan Lippi, Chair, joanlippi@gmail.com or Vice Chair Pat Bowker, kellysaunt.pb@gmail.com. See page 5.

MARCH, 2017

3 Digging at Rutgers Gardens with Bruce Crawford-Seeds & Spores. See page 6.

4 7th Annual Community Garden Conference at Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morristown. 973-326-7603. Peter Hatch, keynote speaker, of Monticello. See page 17.

11-19 Philadelphia Flower Show--Theme is Holland.

15 District I Annual Meeting at 10a.m. at Wyckoff Library, 200 Woodland Avenue, Wyckoff, hosted by the Wyckoff GC. Contact Vivian De Marco, District I Director for further information at vivcape7@aol.com.

24 District VIII Annual Meeting at 9:30a.m. at Woman's Club of Little Silver hosted by Little Silver GC. Contact Marina Kerber, District VIII Director, for further information at 732-229-4926.

APRIL, 2017

1 Pruning Workshop at Bamboo Brook at Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave., Morristown. 973-326-7603. See page 17.

10 Judges Council at Holly House, 9-noon.

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GCNJ Board Meeting at Holly House at 10 a.m.

22-23

Spring Plant Sale at Buck Garden and the Earth Day Celebration--Saturday, 10am-5pm & Sunday, 12 noon-5pm. Guided tours of Garden and lectures by Rutgers Master Gardeners of Somerset. See page 9.

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Flower Show School IV at Holly House.

Contact Carol English for more information at 908-931-1326 or

overbrook@comcast.net or contact

Florence Leyssene, Registrar, at 973-857-1867 or florenceleyssene@gmail.com.

See page 8.

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District VII Annual Meeting at 9 a.m. at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 204 Wayne Avenue, Haddonfield. Each attending club is asked to bring a breakfast food. All members are welcome. Contact Jeanette Leeds, District VII Director, for further information at drleeds@netzero.net.

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Rake & Hoe GC of Westfield presents "A Victorian Spring" Flower Show at Presbyterian Church, Westfield, 1-7pm. Tickets: \$15 in advance/\$20 day of. There will be English Tea, floral designs, and Victorian crafts and customs. For more information, contact Diana Kazazis, 908-654-8783.

MAY, 2017

6-7

22nd Annual Plant Sale 9am-3pm at Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morristown, 973-326-7603. See page 17.



Calendar of Events *(continued)*

MAY, 2017 *(continued)*

- 7 Basking Ridge GC presents the Forever Spring Luncheon at Basking Ridge Country Club at 10:30am-2:30pm and featuring floral designer and author, Cathy Miller. For more information visit www.brgcnj.com.
- 12-14 Rutgers Spring Flower Fair. See page 14.
- 12-13 GC of Fair Haven's Annual Plant Sale on Friday from 4-7pm and Saturday from 9am-noon at Fair Haven Fire House, 645 River Road, Fair Haven. It features member-grown perennials, specialty shrubs, hanging baskets, garden boutique & a Master Gardener's Help Table. For further information call Kathryn at 732-609-2401.
- 12-13 GC R.F.D.'s Annual Plant Sale on Friday from 12 noon to 6pm and Saturday from 9am-3pm at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 951 Middletown-Lincroft Road, Middletown. The featured plants will be the hydrangeas and Lavender 'Phenomenal', along with member-grown perennials. Regular annuals and perennials, hanging baskets and vegetables will also be for sale. A Master Gardener's Help Desk will provide personalized solutions & Rutgers Fact Sheets. Contact Linda Paula, Chair, at lpaula101@gmail.com or 732-681-9189 for further information.
- 16-20 NGC Convention in Richmond, VA. P. Allen Smith is speaker.
- 24 Home GC of Morristown bus trip to

Innisfree Gardens in Millbrook, NY--a 185-acre garden inspired by gardens depicted on scrolls of Chinese poet, painter and gardener, Wang Wei (701-761 A.D.). Cost: \$60. Leave 8:30am from Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown, and return at 6:30pm. Mail check to Home GC of Morristown, NJ, c/o Winifred Bunch, 7 Mohawk Place, Randolph, NJ 07869. Call Betsy at 973-479-4197 for more information.

JUNE, 2017

- 8 GCNJ Annual Meeting at Bridgewater Marriott, 9am-4pm.
- 28 GC of Spring Lake presents the Annual Seaside Garden Tour. Visit website at www.gardenclubofspringlake.org and see page 4 for more information.

SEPTEMBER, 2017

- 12-16 Fall National Board Meeting in St. Louis, MO.
- 25 GCNJ State Board Meeting at 10 a.m. at Agriculture Museum on College Farm Road at Rutgers Gardens.

OCTOBER, 2017

- 3,4,6 Gardening Study School at Holly House
- 24, 25, 26 Landscape Design School at Agriculture Museum, College Farm Road at Rutgers Gardens.

NOVEMBER, 2017

- 6 GCNJ Board Meeting at Holly House at 10 a.m.



Calendar of Events (continued)

2018			
JANUARY, 2018			
22	GCNJ Board Meeting 10 a.m. at Holly House	14	GCNJ Board Meeting at 10 a.m. at Holly House
		21-24	NGC Conference in Philadelphia, PA
APRIL, 2018		2021	
11	Judges Council at Holly House	MAY, 2021	
			NGC Convention in New Jersey-Date to be determined.
MAY, 2018			
9-11	Flower Show School I at Holly House		

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum Upcoming Programs



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BENJAMIN BLACKBURN LECTURE (FEBRUARY 4)
Speaker R. William Thomas of Chanticleer will lecture from his book, "The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration & Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer."

7TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARDEN CONFERENCE
(MARCH 4) Keynote speaker Peter Hatch, of Monticello, and a roster of great sessions including plant breeding, composting, irrigation and more.

WINTER APPEAL: FINDING BEAUTY THROUGH STRUCTURE (MARCH 12)
Mark Inzano, Manager of Horticulture, presents a talk on some of his favorite plants with "good bones."
A short tour of the grounds and hot cocoa and cookies follow.

CREATING AN INVITING GARDEN WITH STYLE
(MARCH 26) Susan Cohen, APLD, focuses on three overarching garden styles that cover it all in this engaging lecture.

PRUNING WORKSHOP AT BAMBOO BROOK (APRIL 1)
Learn the how's and why's from the experts in this hands-on program.



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