



# Garden Club of New Jersey

## News Leaf

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August, September and October**



### President's Message

*"It is the ultimate luxury to combine passion and contribution. It's also a very clear path to happiness". -Sheryl Sandberg*

"Youth Lead the Way" has been our shared theme and vision these last two years. It fills me with immense joy to see our goal embraced with childlike enthusiasm throughout the Garden State. Record numbers of entries were received for National, Regional and State Youth Contests with many garden clubs and youth clubs receiving monetary awards and scholarships as large as \$3,500! New this year, at our Annual Meeting's Awards Ceremony will be three \$200 monetary awards for new Youth Projects. Eight applications for the awards have been received. Youth Chairs, Bob Markey and Beth Siano, did an amazing job to motivate, organize and create visionary projects to engage youth in gardening in New Jersey.

The Garden Club of New Jersey's State Board has done an incredible job with their outreach to achieve all the goals of our State and National Organizations. I am humbled and forever thankful for their efforts. Former GCNJ State Presidents and Rutgers Garden Director, Bruce Crawford, were my mentors, offering wisdom and sage advice that I have used each day and will continue to use going forward in my life. To be in their company was a privilege and an honor. I greatly appreciate the garden club presidents and their members who have really made a difference in their communities and in our state. To interact with clubs and individual members at meetings, events and on the phone were some of the favorite moments of my presidency. Thank you!



Susan O'Donnell with past presidents Vivian Morrison on left and Mary Warshauer on right. Mary will be National President in 2021.



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### President's Message (continued)

Leadership starts with you. It has been a key objective of this administration to give garden club members throughout the state the tools and confidence to be leaders in your clubs and communities. Be positive and extend the invitation to others to come to the table to participate. Most important-- be kind, be inclusive and have a lot of fun in the process!

My last act as President will be to pass the beautiful President's Pin on to Louise Davis, your next State President, at the Annual Meeting on June 8, where the theme will be "From Little Acorns, Mighty Oaks Grow". I wish Louise abundant success and know that during her two years in office, new ideas, like the little acorns, will grow and become part of a wonderful creative process that will help GCNJ to continue to develop and evolve.

Take the time to dig in the dirt, restore your soul and never forget to enjoy the result of your labors.

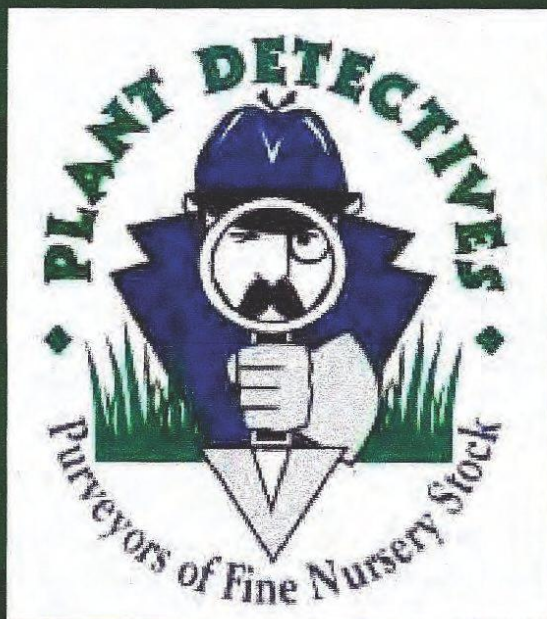
Warmest regards,

*Susan*

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*"I think this is what hooks one to gardening: it is the closest one can come to being present at creation".*

*Phyllis Theroux*



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## CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGION OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS



Central Atlantic Region as of the end of May, will be its own corporation and not be under the umbrella of National Garden Club, Inc.

What does this mean for Garden Club of New Jersey and all its members? Under the leadership of Regional Director, Regina Brown, the new corporation is obtaining 501-C-3 status, incorporation papers, acquiring Directors &

Officers Liability Insurance, establishing a permanent address and many other requirements.

With New Jersey in charge of the 2021 National Garden Club Conference that will include the Presidential Installation of our own Mary Warshauer from the Garden Club of Fair Haven, the GCNJ Executive Board voted not to hold the Central Atlantic Region Conference this fall. Instead, Maryland will host a small conference in late September for 26 individuals including the Regional Director, seven State Presidents and invited CAR Board Members.

When incoming GCNJ President, Louise Davis, returns from this Conference, with necessary information concerning dues, conference liabilities, award and scholarship information, etc., the GCNJ Board will vote on whether to join CAR, based on the benefits versus liabilities.

If you or your club has any feedback or questions on the above information, please contact GCNJ President, Susan O'Donnell, 908-489-2127.

Thank you!

Susan O'Donnell  
*President, GCNJ*

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting, at the Bridgewater Marriott Hotel, Bridgewater, New Jersey, on June 8, 2017. All candidates are to serve a two-year term (2017-2019) unless otherwise noted.

### Officers:

First Vice President  
Jeannie Geremia, Neshanic GC  
Recording Secretary  
Joan Lippi, Terra Nova GC of Edison  
Corresponding Secretary/ Date Recorder  
Mary Lou Phifer, Maplewood GC

### Headquarters & Endowment

#### Trustees:

(three-year term, 2017-2020)  
Diana Kazazis, The Rake & Hoe GC  
Cecelia Millea, Moorestown GC  
Susan O'Donnell, Community GC of Hunterdon County

### District Directors:

District I  
Gail Bassolino, The Pine Lakes GC  
District III  
Onnolee Allieri, Rockaway Valley GC  
District V  
Tille Emmert, Basking Ridge GC  
District VII  
Pat Bowker, West Trenton GC

### Nominating Committee Members:

District I  
Vivian DeMarco, Tenafly GC  
District III  
Caron Menger, New Vernon GC  
District V  
Mary Anna Tramontana, Elizabeth GC  
District VII  
Jolyne Dalzell, Haddonfield GC  
Chris Endris  
*Nominating Committee Chair*  
[chrisendris@gmail.com](mailto:chrisendris@gmail.com)

## Hidden Gardens Tour

**SATURDAY,  
JUNE 3, 2017  
9 AM – 3 PM**

*Presented by  
Allentown Garden Club  
Allentown, NJ*

*For details  
and ticket information:  
[AllentownGardenClub.net](http://AllentownGardenClub.net)*



## Bylaw Recommendations



*The Garden Club of New Jersey State Board approved the following bylaw changes on January 30, 2017. They will be presented for a vote of the general membership at the June 8, 2017, Annual Meeting at the Bridgewater Marriott. Please familiarize yourself with the following...*

### ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

#### TO READ:

Section 8. The Investment Committee shall consult with an investment advisor in the investment and reinvestment of restricted and designated non-restricted funds of GCNJ. The committee shall consist of the Finance Chairman, GCNJ Asst-Treasurer, H & E Chairman, H & E Treasurer **and one other member of the Finance Committee, chosen by the President.** The GCNJ Asst-Treasurer shall be the chairman of the committee. The Treasurer of the H & E Trustees Committee shall be the Vice-Chair and shall act as chair of the Investment Committee in the absence of the GCNJ Asst-Treasurer.

**Rationale: To establish the Investment Committee, currently a Finance sub-committee, as a separate standing committee.**

### ARTICLE XIII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Currently Reads:

Section 9. Elections shall be by ballot when there is more than one candidate for office, otherwise by voice vote.

STRIKE: Elections shall be by ballot when there is more than one candidate for office, otherwise by voice vote.

INSERT: All elections shall be by ballot and a majority vote shall elect. However, in the event that there is only one nominee for any elected office to be filled, the chair shall declare the nominee elected.

#### TO READ:

**Section 9. All elections shall be by ballot and a majority vote shall elect. However, in the event that there is only one nominee for any elected office to be filled, the chair shall declare the nominee elected.**

**Rationale: Robert's Rules 11th Edition made this change.**

### ARTICLE XIV – FINANCES

Currently reads:

Section 3. The annual dues shall be:

A. GCNJ Garden Club: \$5.00 per capita, includes subscription to News Leaf newsletter and dues to NGC.

1. Members joining after January 1st to the end of the fiscal year will be charged \$2.50 per capita.

2. There will be a charge of \$10.00 together with the current year's dues for reinstatement of clubs which have been dropped for nonpayment of dues.

B. Affiliate membership: \$15.00 per society or organization.

C. Youth Garden Club: \$3.00 per club, paid by the sponsoring garden club.

D. Sustaining membership: \$15.00.

E. Dues are non-refundable.

Recommendation:

A. Strike \$5.00, insert \$7.00

1. Strike in entirety

B. Strike \$15.00, insert \$25.00

C. Strike \$3.00, insert \$20.00

D. Strike in entirety, insert #2. above

#### TO READ:

Section 3. The annual dues shall be:

A. GCNJ Garden Club: **\$7.00** per capita, includes dues to NGC.

B. Affiliate membership: **\$25.00** per society or organization.

C. Youth Garden Club: **\$20.00** per club, paid by the sponsoring club.

D. There will be a charge of \$10.00 together with the current year's dues for reinstatement of clubs which have been dropped for nonpayment of dues.

E. Dues are non-refundable.

**Rationale: Approved by GCNJ Board April 18, 2016. Dues were increased because of recent NGC dues increase. Sustaining memberships were deleted as they have become obsolete in recent years. The prorated membership has been deemed ineffective and difficult to implement.**

### ADD: ARTICLE XVIII – BYLAWS

#### TO READ:

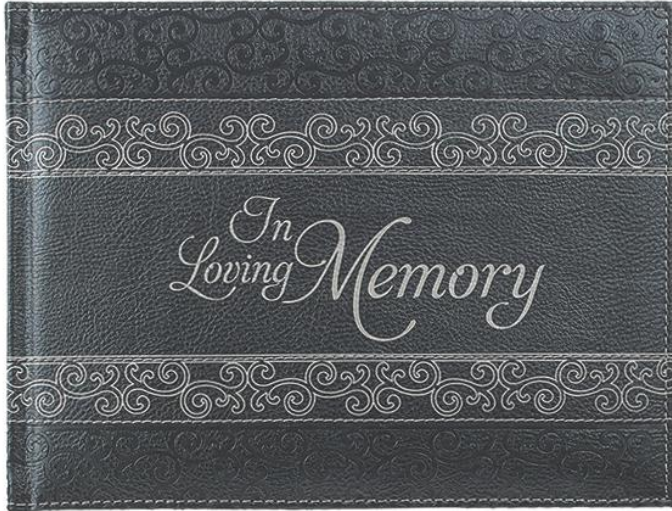
**Section 1: These Bylaws are subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation Act and the Certificate of Incorporation of the GCNJ, as they may be amended from time to time. If any provision of these Bylaws is inconsistent with a provision of the Act or the Certificate of Incorporation, the provision of the Act or the Certificate of Incorporation shall govern to the extent of such inconsistency.**

Rationale: Attorney recommendation.





## GCNJ BOOK OF MEMORY



Would your garden club like to honor and memorialize a deceased member of your club? You can do that by making a monetary donation of \$25 or more to the GCNJ Scholarship Fund. This fund

provides money to students in horticulture and gardening related fields. This is truly a thoughtful and memorable way to remember a club member who has died.

Additionally, the names of deceased garden club members will be inscribed into the GCNJ Book of Memory and read at the Annual Meeting Memorial Service.

When making a donation, a form for the Book of Memory can be found on the website of GCNJ under forms. Checks should be made payable to Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. Click on the address below and look for the Book of Memory Form listed under "Miscellaneous." <http://gardenclubofnewjersey.com/formsdownloadable-documents/>

If you need further assistance, please contact Bea Allen, Book of Memory Chair, at (908) 788-2937 or [allenbd@comcast.net](mailto:allenbd@comcast.net).

### The Frelinghuysen Arboretum **SUMMER** Programs



#### PROSECCO, PELLEGRINO, AND PLANTS WITH DAVID CULP (MAY 5)

Plantsman David Culp talks about exciting new plants and then helps us shop for some of his favorites. This is a member only event that gives you first plant picks at our annual plant sale before we open to the public. Sign-up online and become a member today!



#### 22nd ANNUAL PLANT SALE MAY 6 & 7 • 9am-3pm

Stop by for an amazing selection of vegetables, herbs, perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees, vines, tropicals, and deer resistant plants too!

#### AMERICAN HOME LANDSCAPES: A DESIGN GUIDE TO CREATING PERIOD GARDEN STYLES (MAY 13)

Speaker and Author Denise Wiles Adams walks us through historical landscape design and adapting them to modern needs. Book sale and signing follows.



**AZALEAS AND RHODODENDRONS: SELECTION, PLANTING AND CARE (MAY 20)** Speaker Marc Zukovich's talk will cover purchase, planting and maintenance of various cultivars of these beautiful plants.

**HERITAGE ROSES WITH SHAUNA MOORE (JUNE 3)** June is synonymous with roses and Shauna Moore provides us with an exploration of this multifaceted group.

#### WOODY PLANT PROPAGATION WORKSHOP AT WILLOWOOD ARBORETUM (JUNE 10)

In this hands-on workshop, learn how to expand your plant inventory with Barrett Wilson, Plant Curator and Propagator for Morris County Park Commission. Demos, propagation methods and more.

#### 2ND ANNUAL MORRIS COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN GATES WEEKEND (JULY DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED)

The goal is to showcase the beauty and diversity of Morris County's Community Gardens by highlighting the people, plants and planting techniques that make our gardens thrive as well as to foster civic engagement, support local food pantries and enhance the quality of life in Morris County, New Jersey.

All programs require pre-registration.  
Visit [arboretumfriends.org](http://arboretumfriends.org) for details.

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## AWARD WINNERS AT “KALEIDOSCOPE”

A colorful explosion of designs and horticulture was presented by gardeners and members of the Garden Club of New Jersey at the Standard Flower Show, “Kaleidoscope”. Exciting and creative designs, inspirational exhibits and a bounty of horticulture filled the space at the New Jersey Convention and Expo Center in Edison where the Standard Flower Show was staged in conjunction with the New Jersey Flower and Garden Show. The total number of exhibits was awesome:

56 Design Exhibits

146 Photographs

190 Entries made by GCNJ Youth

213 Horticulture Entries

7 Educational Exhibits

25 Special Exhibits

There were entries from the youth of Rake & Hoe GC, GC of Long Valley, Neshanic GC, the Seagulls of Bay Head and Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly GC. Their educational Invitational Exhibits promoted the objectives of GCNJ. Accolades are extended to the Chair, Joan Lippi; Pat Bowker, Vice-Chair, and to the committee. A big “THANK YOU” is extended to Maria and Carol of the American Consumer Shows, sponsors of the New Jersey Flower and Garden Show, for their assistance.

**Congratulations to all the participants and winners in “Kaleidoscope”.**

Jane Bersch  
Judges Chair

[janebersch@aol.com](mailto:janebersch@aol.com)



And the  
Winners  
are...

**DESIGN:** *Award of Design Excellence, Award of Distinction*, Petite Award: Mary Warshauer (“Color Theory”, “Psychedelic”); *Club Competition Award*: Rockaway Valley Garden Club (“Color Schemes”); *Designer’s Choice Award*: Bobbie Grecco (“Focus on Color”); *Judges Challenge Award*: Linda Williams (“Prismatic Colors”); *Table Artistry Award*: Tanya Ashuck (“Paint the Town Red”)

**HORTICULTURE:** *Award of Horticultural Excellence, Arboreal Award*: Ruth Paul (Cephalotaxus harringtonia ‘Prostrata’, Doris Duke Japanese Plum Yew); *Grower’s Choice Award* (3): Pat Scarano (Tillandsia on driftwood), Janice Olsen (Phalaenopsis Orchid ‘Taida Little Monkey’), Florine Lewis (Hedera helix -Topiary); *Arboreal Award*: Luann Dewolfe

(Ilex x meserveae ‘Conapri’); *Kaleidoscope Flower Show Award* (4): Eileen McIntire (Aloe x hybrid), Carol English (Hippeastrum ‘Evergreen’), Joan Lippi (Polypodium formosanum), Karen Marcus (Hamamelis x intermedia ‘Arnold ‘s Promise’); *Club Competition Award*: Rake & Hoe GC (Display of Needled Evergreens)

**SPECIAL EXHIBITS:** *Artistic Craft Award*: Rita Smith (“Nonpareils”-a bracelet); *Club Competition Award*: GC of Westfield (From Monet to Matisse); *Educational Award*: Terra Nova Garden Club: Exhibit 6: “An Unexpected Oasis in Middlesex County”, *Kaleidoscope Photography Award*: Bob Geremia (Picture of Eagles in Backyard Animals)







## **YOUTH TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS:**

Youth Top Exhibitor Award for Horticulture: Margaret Schwaetz, Nicholas Fezenko, Arabella Morabito; Youth Top Exhibitor Award for Design: Emma Sylvester, Riley Dupuis, Lexi Strauss;

Kaleidoscope Youth Artistic Craft Award: Abby Brown, Arabella Morabito, C.J. Strauss.

## **ADDITIONAL BLUE RIBBON WINNERS:**

*Youth Top Exhibitor Award for Educational Exhibits:* Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly GC Youth Gardeners ("If You Plant it, They Will Come");

*Kaleidoscope Youth Award for Photography:* Savana Uhrig, Cecelia Orenstein, Caylee Mannix. An exhibit of Woodsy Owl/Smokey Bear contest winners featured poster winners Noyonika Yaday, Alexander Dayel, Katie Farrar, Ryan Chakrabarty and Kailey Hernandez, members of the youth clubs of either Terra Nova GC, Little Silver GC or Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly GC Youth Gardeners

## **DESIGN:**

Deborah Moran, Pat Bowker, Barbara Mullin(2), Pat Scarano, Mary Anne Finch, Peggy Koehler, Jane Bersch

## **HORTICULTURE:**

Patricia Lindridge Ingber, Pat Scarano, Marion Nation (3), Dorothy Bukowski, Toni Ward, Alice Dickson (2), Jean Pizutelli (2), Diana Reinhardt (3), Gotti Kelley (3), Janine Voell, Pat Bowker (2), Ingeborg Bossert, Jane Bersch (3), Ann Harris, Ruth Paul (2), Margaret Smith (2), Debbie Moran, Alice Dickson (4), Jean Mattia, Kathleen Wintersteen, Sandra Witkowski, Teddie Falcone, Joan Lippi (3), Shaun Morrissey, Jill Crovch, Jeannie Geremia, Florine Lewis, Mary Lou Phifer, Barbara Mullin, Patti Bowman, Yuko Ikura, Jane Maloney, Joan Mattia (4), Irene Saputo (2), Toni Ward, Linda Convey(2), Eileen McIntyre, Sharon Shanning, Sandy Witkowski (2)

## **90+ WINNERS:**

### **DESIGN:**

New Vernon GC, Ingrid Fair, Cathy Miller, Chris Endris, Helga Fontus, Teddie Falcone, Alick Dickson, Pat Scarano

### **HORTICULTURE:**

Mary Anne Finch (3) Louise Davis, Charlotte Ryden, Barbara Majewski, Janine Voell, Gotti Kelley, Patricia Lindridge Ingber, Barbara Mullin, Joan Lippi, Florine Lewis (2), Kathleen Wintersteen, Sandra Witkowski

### **SPECIAL EXHIBITS:**

### **ARTISTIC CRAFTS:**

Linda Pastorino, Pat Bowker, Linda Williams, Bernie Knapp

### **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Betsy Guzensik (2), Pat Hartzachinam, Toni Ward, Bob Geremia, Stephanie Kavoly, Diana Swain, Roger Nation, Margo Partridge (2), Nancy Nicholls Schomp, Nigel Nation, Debbie Moran, Beverly Kazakas, Jeannie Geremia (2), Nina Sylvester, David Chmielewski

## **90+ WINNERS:**

Teddie Falcone, Debbie Moran, Janine Voell, Trenton GC

## **YOUTH:**

Adeline Autry (2), Arlene Bound (2), McKayla Brown (4), Kyra Lay, Alissa Stumpf, Alexander Raffetto, Logan Reechia, Trevor Brown (2), Arabell Morabito (2), L. Stone, J. Laspisa, J. Mupo, S. Nucum, R. Martinex, Isabella Justus, Charlotte Donley, Andrew Chiles, Alison Dodge, Jude Bombliss, Nicholas Fezenko (5), Gabby Pinto, Margaret Schantz, Amanda Saba, Kyra Lay (2), M. Florentino, S. Alfieri, E. Tamayo, S. Sheikh, R. Dupuis, O. Russo, J. Phraner, M. Morabito, A. Lombardi, K. Wensel, T. Brown, L. Strauss, Emma Sylvester (2), Savana Uhrig (2), Margaret Schantz, Cassandra Orenstein (2), Precious Ouma, Rihanna Allas, Abby Brown, Amanda Fitz, Victoria Martinez, Landon McDonald, Kyla Pauser, Noyonika Yaday, Alexander Dayel, Katie Farrar, Ryan Chakrabarty, Kailey Hernandez



## THE CALL TO THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY'S 92ND ANNUAL MEETING

*"From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow..."*

The 92nd Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday June 8, 2017, at The Bridgewater Marriott, 700 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ.

Doors open: 8:00 AM; Morning Session: 9:15 AM; Social Hour: 11:30 AM; Luncheon: 12:30 PM; Afternoon Session: 1:15 PM-3:30 PM.

Registration fee of \$50.00 per person includes luncheon of chicken or vegetarian entrée, salad and dessert. Reserve early for the best seating – **there is no open seating in the morning. Please RSVP by Friday May 26.** A late fee of \$5.00 will apply to reservations received after that date. Registration forms are on the GCNJ website, [www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com](http://www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com) and on page 9 of this newsletter.

Our guest of honor is Nancy L. Hargroves, newly installed president of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Our special VIP is Mary Warshauer of the Garden Club of Fair Haven, who is the newly installed Second Vice President of the National Garden Club, Inc. Nancy will install the incoming GCNJ President, Louise Davis, and other officers of the GCNJ Board.

Eleven boutique vendors will offer varied and unique shopping: A Remembrance of You, Le Fashion Cottage, Chelsea Market, Plant Design Events, Hidden Spring Lavender Farms, Rutgers Gardens plus more favorites and new faces.

The theme of this 92nd Annual Meeting is "From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow." The featured speaker is Paul Cowie, certified arborist and a graduate of Rutgers University. His topic is "The Story of the 9/11 Memorial Trees". Involved with the project from its beginning, Paul will share his photographs, stories and emotional impact of the project.

A block of 8 rooms is set aside for Wednesday night, June 7, at a reduced rate of \$205.00 plus tax. Reservations must be made directly with The Bridgewater Marriott, by calling 800-228-9290 or 908-927-9300. **The cutoff date to reserve a room is May 17, 2017.**

Send congratulations, announce an event or recognize an achievement by placing an ad in our program booklet. A full-page ad costs \$100, half page \$60 and a third of a page is \$40. Add your name to a sponsors' list for \$10. Fill out the separate Ad Request Form posted on the website and on page 10 of this newsletter. **Deadline for ads is May 19, 2017.**

A raffle is planned to raise money for the GCNJ scholarships and educational programs. Buy a raffle card with 20 tickets for \$20. Only cash or check will be accepted. There will be 8 beautiful baskets, 4 planted containers and a hotel package totaling 13 exciting prizes.

**IT'S A PARTY, A CELEBRATION, AN INSTALLATION, A TRIBUTE, A BOUTIQUE—  
AND A LOT OF FUN!**

We look forward to your attendance!

Susan O'Donnell, *President, Garden Club of New Jersey*  
Jolyne Dalzell, *Annual Meeting Chairperson*





# THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY, INC. 92nd ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

“From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow”

## “The Story of the 9/11 Memorial Trees”

The featured speaker is Paul Cowie.

**Place and Time:** The Bridgewater Marriott , 700 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ.  
Doors open at 8:00 a.m. The meeting begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.

**Registration Deadline: May 26, 2017** Surcharge of \$5/person after the deadline.

Registration fee & luncheon: \$50.00 person (includes gratuity)

Make check payable to The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. or GCNJ

Complete a form for each member attending. We will make an effort to seat club members together. Register EARLY for the best seating.

*WEAR YOUR BEE PIN - “The most creative use of a bee pin will win a prize. No swarms, just one bee!  
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For information, contact registrar Joan Lippi, 732-742-3573, email address, [joanlippi@gmail.com](mailto:joanlippi@gmail.com)

MAIL your CHECK and this REGISTRATION FORM to:

Joan Lippi, 55 River Drive, Apt 804, Jersey City, NJ 07310

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NGC Life Member \_\_\_\_\_ GCNJ Life Member \_\_\_\_\_ C.A.R. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

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Gardening Consultant \_\_\_\_\_ Club President \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Please check if you wish to sit at a GCNJ Life Members' Table.

( ) Please check if you are planning to stay overnight at the hotel on Wed. June 7, 2017.

Eight rooms have been reserved for members/guests planning to stay at the hotel on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at the rate of \$205.00 plus tax for a double room. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel. The reservation cut-off date is May 17, 2017. Mention Garden Club of New Jersey when reserving your room. The hotel telephone number is 1-908-927-9300 or 1-800-228-9290.

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# Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of New Jersey

Request for Program Ads

Deadline May 19, 2017

Pages are approximately 8" by 5". Prices are the same as last year. Reserve your space today.

**Please fill out a request form for each ad desired.**

Full Page @ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Half Page @ \$60 \_\_\_\_\_

One Third Page @ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Listing@ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Garden Club, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person or Business Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide **artwork in jpeg format** by email to Alison Stellita or include business card with payment. If you would like the editor to create a simple ad, please include all information on a Word document. This booklet is in **black and white only**.

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The 92th Annual Meeting takes place on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at The Bridgewater Marriott in Bridgewater, NJ.

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## Meet Us at the Marriott on June 8

### “From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow”

Don't miss this 92nd Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of New Jersey. It's a party, a celebration, a tribute, an installation, an inspiration and a lot of fun. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 8, 2017, at The Bridgewater Marriott, 700 Commons Way, Bridgewater NJ. The Registration fee of \$50.00 per person covers the morning business session, luncheon and the afternoon session. Deadline to RSVP is May 26. Reserve early for the best seating!

Have you been to the 9/11 Memorial Plaza? There are 420 oak trees installed on the site. These Memorial Trees provide an oasis of calm and the cycle of life, and as they change with the seasons, they show respect for the people who were lost in the tragedy. How this was done is the topic of the afternoon program given by Paul Cowie. As consulting arborist, he was treating, pampering and monitoring each tree in order to get a high quality tree.

Hear his story and see his illustrations as he describes the planning, growing, installation and nurturing of these trees to which he and his associates

have formed special attachments. The result is a plaza covered in living trees of honor, responsibility, pride, comfort and spiritual uplifting.



**Paul Cowie** is the owner and president of Paul Cowie & Associates, Inc. (PC+A), a Rutgers University graduate and certified arborist.

The new National Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Nancy L.

Hargroves, will speak and officiate at this year's installation of new officers. Trophies and scholarships will be awarded. Raffle prizes will support GCNJ projects.

Shop the boutique for gifts for yourself and others. Old favorites will be back as well as new vendors.

Last but not least, we are having an informal contest to see who can come up with the most unusual way to wear a bee pin (use either the bee sold by GCNJ, or use a similar bee pin).

Using just one crystal bee, get your creative juices flowing and think of a clever way to use this accessory. These lovely bee pins were originated by outgoing President Susan O'Donnell as a way to raise funds for her special project, Youth Lead the Way.

For more information, please contact Annual Meeting Chair Jolyne Dalzell at [jolynedalzell@aol.com](mailto:jolynedalzell@aol.com) or Vice Chair Joan Lippi at 732-742-3573 or [joanlippi@gmail.com](mailto:joanlippi@gmail.com).





## Judges Council

### SAVE THE DATES!!!

#### NOT TO BE MISSED!!!

##### May 31, 2017

Due to the rising number of questions regarding the new Handbook, we will have an additional Judges Council Meeting at 9:30 am at Holly House.

##### Many reasons to attend:

- ✓ If you could not attend the Judges Council Meeting with Dorthy Yard in April;
- ✓ If you are writing a schedule for the upcoming year and have questions about the changes in the new Handbook;
- ✓ If you want to learn more about the new credentials for judges;
- ✓ If you have questions about how to put together a Book of Evidence;

- ✓ If you want to talk about new designs and see examples;
- ✓ If you would like to discuss the possibility of having a Judges Council Flower Show in 2018 to help everyone get their credentials!

- ✓ and much more...

##### October 11, 2017

Tony Todesco will come to our Judges Council Meeting to discuss and present the new designs from the new Handbook.

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## JUDGES CREDENTIALS

Notifications of eligibility to attend a symposium for credit have been sent to Florida for Life Judge Louise Davis and to Pennsylvania for Life Judges Carol English, Jeannie Geremia, Peggy Koehler, Cecelia Millea, Margaret (Peggy) Smith and for Accredited Judge, Susan O'Donnell. Upon successful completion of these Symposiums, all will be moving up in status to Accredited Master Judge or Accredited Life Judge, respectively.

Garden clubs planning to stage a flower show post July 1, 2017, will need to use the new NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2017, as a guideline. Judges must be aware of new requirements to maintain their status and for refreshing and auditing. The Handbook may be obtained from NGC Member Services at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) or by calling 1-800-550-6007.

Garden clubs planning a show are requested to contact this chair for the names of judges needing a judging assignment. This will enable all GCNJ judges to be eligible to receive credit for the next GCNJ Symposium in the fall of 2018. Garden clubs are urged to plan one of the four types of Flower Shows: a Small Standard Flower Show, a Standard Flower Show, or one

of the two new Specialty Shows, a Horticulture Specialty Flower Show or a Design Specialty Flower Show. Two other possibilities are a Youth Small Standard Flower Show or a Youth Standard Flower Show. The 2017 Handbook for Flower Shows contains details.

In GCNJ, there are 24 Master Judges, 8 Life Judges, 10 Accredited Judges and 5 Student Judges.

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### 2001-2003

Marie Auermuller, Elizabeth Brogdon, Brenda Budd, Rita Davino, Pat Dygalski, Ruth Goense, Lillian Heide, Andrienne Langdon, Lil Mensch, Carol Morgan, Martha Smith

### 2003-2004

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Beatrice Allen, Kay Cross, Marilyn Flagler, Theodora Landy, Jeanne Monaghan, Linda Parker, Helen Peaff, Andrea Rudnor, Margaret Sailor, Debra Sikorski, June Smith, Marilyn Thomas, Edith Vansegoern

### 2007-2008

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### 2011

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# A Much Needed 'Weed' For Your Garden

Every gardener has a palette of go-to plants that may provide attractive foliage, a long floral display, fragrance, food for pollinators or, perhaps, all of the above! I have long admired **Joe-Pye Weed** for all of these traits and above all, its impressive stature!

It is a member of the Asteraceae or Aster Family that was first named *Eupatorium* by Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778) in 1753. Oddly, this very attractive group of plants was initially named after a rather ruthless and aggressive King Mithridates VI (132BC-63BC) who ruled Pontus (now Northern Turkey) and was known as Eupator Mithridates. Mithridates would take sub-lethal doses of poison in order for his body to develop resistance to the poison—a practice that became known as Mithridatism. *Eupatorium*, and now *Eutrochium*, are species that typically contain many semi-toxic chemicals. Hence, you can understand why Linnaeus crafted the name in honor of Eupator Mithridates!

The genus name, *Eutrochium*, was penned by Constantine Samuel Rafinesque Schmalz in 1838, from the Greek *Eu* meaning well or truly and *Troche* for wheel in reference to the whorled or wheel-like appearance of the foliage (**as seen to the right, in the meadow planting of *Eutrochium fistulosum***). The arrangement of the leaves is actually one of the reasons for the name change; those plants with opposite leaves retained the name *Eupatorium*, while those with whorled leaves received the new name, *Eutrochium*.

The common name of Joe-Pye Weed has several different stories concerning its origin. The most likely version focuses around a Mohegan chief who lived in Western Massachusetts during the mid-Eighteenth Century. Originally named Shauquethqueat, he took the Christian name of Joe Pye. Well versed in the uses of herbal remedies, he believed that a tea of sweet-scented Joe-Pye Weed, *Eutrochium purpureum*, would reduce fevers.

*Eutrochium purpureum* also happens to be one of the more popular species for the garden. It is native to the eastern half of North America and is common to moist swales (marshy depressions) and meadows. Growing to 4-8' foot tall, this species sports attractive

purple stems that inspired the species epithet by Linnaeus. A whorl of 3-4 leaves growing up to 12" long appears at each node, along the length of the stem. In late July through early September, the stems are topped by 8-12" domes of vanilla scented pink flowers that are highly ornamental and much coveted by butterflies and other pollinators. Its tall height makes it ideal for use in tall grass meadows or near the back of the border.

Reaching a similar stature and native to Eastern North America is *Eutrochium fistulosum* or Hollow Joe-Pye Weed. The species epithet means "hollow and closed at both ends", a reference to the hollow green stems, which the common name also references. The large, dark green leaves reach 12" in length and are arranged in whorls of 4-7 at each node along the stem. This plant sports light pink flowers that are arranged into large, dome-shaped compound inflorescences that can reach upwards of 15" in diameter! As the flowers fade come autumn, they often take on an attractive, ghostly pale tan appearance.

For those in need of a more compact plant, *Eutrochium maculatum* and its cultivars reach a relatively modest 5-6+' in height. It is native to the



northern half of North America. The species epithet *maculatum* comes from the Latin *macula* for spot and refers to the spotted stems, a physical trait that is also reflected in the common name of Spotted Joe-Pye Weed. Although the species is not seen frequently in garden settings, the two cultivars, 'Gateway'







and ‘Phantom’, have become increasingly popular. ‘Gateway’ (as seen above with an Eastern Tiger Swallowtail) is the larger of the two, growing to just over 6’ in height and displaying large 12” diameter, pink floral trusses from late July through mid-September. ‘Phantom’ (pictured in mass below at Chicago Botanic Garden) also produces 12” diameter trusses with purple-pink flowers on more compact stems reaching 4 ½’ in height. In addition, ‘Phantom’ also has better resistance to outbreaks of powdery mildew on the foliage.

The shortest species is *Eutrochium dubium*, the Coastal Plain Joe-Pye Weed. As the common name implies, it is native to the Eastern Coast of North America, stretching from Maine to South Carolina. It is from the Latin meaning doubtful, indicating that it is unlike all the others in the genus. It was penned by the German botanist, pharmacist and plant taxonomist, Carl Ludwig von Willdenow (1765-1812). Most certainly, it is unlike all the other species since it grows to a far more subdued height of 3-5’. It is a more appropriate size for most home garden situations, although it can reach to 6’, if conditions are ideal. The 6” long leaves feature 3 strongly impressed veins that are arranged in whorls of 3-4 at each node.



This species features two cultivars that have proven to be very garden worthy: ‘Little Joe’ and ‘Baby Joe’. ‘Little Joe’ (inflorescence pictured below) was found in a batch of seedlings at the Conard-Pyle Nursery in Pennsylvania and was patented in 2005. It differs from the typical seedling plant by having a more upright and compact habit, only reaching 3-4’ in height. The light lavender trusses grow to 5” in diameter and the plants display improved tolerance to drought. ‘Baby Joe’ was found in a batch of seedlings in a greenhouse in the town of Rijpwetering, the Netherlands, in September of 2003. Being a ‘Baby’, it is the shortest growing form, reaching the subdued height of 2-3’ with attractive 6” diameter trusses of light purple flowers. For both of



these cultivars, I have noticed that they initially reach slightly taller heights during the first few years following planting, only to “settle down” to the sizes mentioned with maturity.

In the garden, all of the species make ideal candidates for perennial borders, mixed borders or meadow-like displays. Other than cutting the dried stems back to near the base of the plant in mid to late winter, they require minimal maintenance and all are long lived. Considering that the plant is in the same family as Asters and Black-eyed Susan, one would think that the lack of the showy outer ring of ray flowers or ‘petals’ would create a less than spectacular floral display. However, the sheer number of tiny disc flowers that compose the domed inflorescences more than compensates for a garden-worthy display.

I have seen ‘Little Joe’ effectively paired with *Hydrangea paniculata* ‘Limelight’ (as pictured on next page); the similarity of and repetition of the flower shape between the two plants is very attractive. In addition, come autumn, the dark brown seed heads





of 'Little Joe' look attractive adjacent to the now pink flowers of the Hydrangea.

In the wild, I have often seen Joe-Pye paired

with the equally tall New York Iron Weed, *Vernonia noveboracensis*. The combination of the purple flowers of the *Vernonia* (**as seen below**) with the pink of *Eutrochium* is very becoming and well worth repeating in the garden! All the species are highly sought after by our native pollinators, especially the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly, which flirts and dances about the flowers throughout its bloom period! Come autumn, the flowers typically turn to an attractive light tan to chocolate brown in color and continue to provide interest for the garden well into winter.

Plants that are titled as a weed, especially when it is part of the common name, are typically challenged to find acceptance among the gardening world. All the species of *Eutrochium* are more than worthy garden candidates with a height and size for every garden.



In fact, in order for these plants to not only be more visually effective, but to also magnify their benefit for our native pollinators, this one weed should be used generously, regardless of your garden size!

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 immediate past-president of the Garden State Gardens Consortium.



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# Our Environment

## A Guide to Natural Pest Control

Now that spring has arrived, it will not be long before **uninvited creatures** invade your garden. It may be beetles feasting on your flowers or deer devouring the tomato plants. Follow these guidelines to **get rid of animal pests without resorting to dangerous poisons**.

**Deer:** They have a taste for a wide range of plants but are mistrustful of certain scents. Organic deer repellents, such as "Liquid Fence" or "Deer-Away" are available. Experiment with homemade repellents. My favorite: in a blender, mix 2 eggs, 4 cups water, 1 cup of skim milk, and add a few drops of liquid soap. Let it stand for 24 hours. Then place this mixture in a sprayer and mist plants. Repeat after heavy rains.

**Rabbits:** Repellents such as those used for deer are effective or sprinkle cayenne pepper or blood meal around plants. Make your own hot pepper spray by mixing 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper with 1 quart of water.



### Slugs and snails:

They eat holes through broad-leaf plants. To limit damage, place a few empty tuna or cat food cans in the soil, up to their brims. Then pour beer into them. Slugs and snails are attracted to beer and drown in the cans. Install beer traps in the spring before they have a chance to reproduce.

### Japanese Beetles:

They are very fond of rosebushes and butterfly bushes, but they eat virtually any plant. To fight back, put soapy water in a wide bowl and hold it under the branches of beetle-affected plants. Then

gently shake the branches and most of the beetles will

drop into the bowl and drown. A long-term solution is to apply Milky Spore Disease Powder (available in garden centers) to your lawn, near your flowers. Call your local garden center for the most effective time to apply; it differs from year to year according to the weather. In two years, the disease treatment will take hold, killing beetle grubs in the soil. The disease is harmless to humans, pets and beneficial insects.

**Voles:** This tiny rodent can consume close to their body weight in tubers and bulbs each day. When you plant bulbs, arrange a handful of sharp crushed gravel around them in the hole, to keep voles away.



### Woodchucks or groundhogs:

You will see them in your garden early in the morning or late in the afternoon munching on a variety of green vegetation. Place fresh fruit in a humane trap; after the door closes, transfer the animal many, many miles away from your home. Release in a wooded area, as they have been known to return. I found "Yard-Guard Electronic Pest Chaser" a safe, green, non-toxic solution to keep destructive pests away. It is available at Home Depot.



*Enjoy your beautiful garden in a pest-free, non-toxic environment.*

Ingrid Justick  
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## GCNJ Backyard Wildlife Habitat

We are all anticipating incoming National President Nancy Hargroves and her “Plant America” theme and eagerly await incoming GCNJ President Louise Davis’s theme inspiring us all to enrich our communities with our dynamic garden club members in the forefront.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. already has given the states a “head start” by partnering with a seed company to provide each of the BeeGAP State Chairs with pollinator seed packets to distribute to members. We are grateful to Becky Hassebrook, NGC BeeGAP Chair, for her role in procuring the seed packets, and I’m happy to report that these seed packets are being distributed by the GCNJ District Directors to clubs who actively care for pollinator gardens in any role.

Becky told me that she didn’t know if BeeGAP and the partnership with Crown Bees would remain, but that National Garden Clubs would still have pollinators front and center as we need them in order to “Plant America”.

This is welcome news, indeed, as National Garden Club Presidents Linda Nelson and Sandra Robinson were remarkable advocates for our environment and engaged us in continuing efforts to stem the devastating losses of wildlife species including bee, butterfly and amphibians by several related projects. But it was a challenge to synthesize all of the abundant information into a precise course of action. Every State Chair had to make choices on continuing education with Crown Bees, amphibians, butterflies, habitat, the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, Bee A Wildlife Action Hero and more.

In New Jersey, we created a “tool” for our garden clubs by creating “Pollinator Center” signage. It became a way to educate our gardeners and the public into incorporating wildlife-friendly habitats into our yards, public/private gardens and communities. With that said, it was determined that Backyard Wildlife Habitat embraced our birds, bees, butterflies, bats and amphibians in one manageable and all-encompassing committee.

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## “JERSEY GIRLS”

At the February, 2017, Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas (CFAA) Seminar in Orlando, FL, six “Jersey Girls” provided a creative design program titled, **“Destination for Creation”**. Inspired by Deirdre Gross, these designers, from left to right in picture, **Pat Bowman, Sandy Nielsen, Brenda Bingham, Florence Leyssene, Carol English and Cecelia Millea** each presented an original design and concluded with an awesome wave-like structure consisting of six separate units, but united. Jan Warshauer was the commentator of the program. The “Jersey Girls” were, indeed, a big hit that evening.



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## **“A New Kind of Bucket List” Garden Club of New Jersey’s Habitat for Humanity Program.**

Peggy Koehler, GCNJ Habitat for Humanity Project Chair and Margaret Esposito, Co-Chair, together with Linda Bradway, Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity Advisor, collaborated to introduce new homeowners to gardening and to provide basic garden tools and information. Although the program began in Somerset County, they are trying to expand it throughout New Jersey, as garden clubs across the state join in this effort.

The Garden Club of Toms River became involved after they found that Hurricane Sandy had done considerable damage to a Myrtle Beach oceanfront home, owned by a single mother with two young children. A “Bucket” presentation was made on January 13 by President Diana Halliwell and Toms River club members, Nancy Bianchini and Linda Wilhems. The “Bucket” included garden books and seeds as well as garden tools and supplies. In addition, the children were given new throws for their beds. Toms River plans to have this program as an on-going club project. Contact Diana Halliwell for information about their experience at [halliwelld1@msn.com](mailto:halliwelld1@msn.com) or email Peggy Koehler directly and join the clubs that are already part of this new program.



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Choose plants that flower at different times of the year to provide nectar and pollen source throughout the growing season. Make available a variety of shapes and colors to attract different pollinators. Don't forget natives and "weeds". Thistle is a favorite, just deadhead before going to seed. Skip double flowered hybrids: they don't produce enough pollen. Butterflies and moths prefer landing on flat flowers while bees and birds like tubular shaped flowers. Host plants are also necessary. Provide shallow containers with marbles and a little water for hydration. Butterflies like muddy water where they get needed salts and nutrients.

Liatris spicata (Blazing star) mid-late summer  
 Passiflora (Passionflower) mid-late summer  
 Perovskia atriplicifolia (Russian Sage) mid-summer/fall  
 Solidago (Goldenrod) mid-summer/fall  
 Vernonia noveboracensis (Ironweed) late summer  
 Helenium autumnale (Sneezeweed) late summer/fall  
 Symphyotrichum novae-angliae (New England Aster) late summer/early fall

Integrated Pest Management Practices are the best way to manage pests. Pesticides should always be used as a last resort. Always read the label. Choose those that are the least toxic to pollinators. Alternatives are available: Bacillus Thuringiensis(Bt), insecticidal soap, horticultural oil, or neem oil.

An excellent resource is: [www.xerces.org](http://www.xerces.org). Enter "Plant Lists Northeast" in search bar.

Source: Cabarrus County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association.

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## Perennials

Amsonia hubrichtii (Blue star) spring  
 Penstemon (Beardtongue) spring  
 Sedum (Stonecrop) spring  
 Trifolium repens (Clover) spring  
 Geranium (Cranesbill) spring/summer  
 Scabiosa 'Butterfly Blue' (Pincushion flower) spring/fall  
 Taraxacum (Dandelion) spring/fall  
 Stokesia laevis (Stoke's Aster) late spring/early summer  
 Oenothera (Sundrops) early summer  
 Gaillardia (Blanketflower) early summer/early fall  
 Physostegia virginiana (Obedient Plant) early summer/early fall  
 Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan) early summer/early fall  
 Achillea millefolium (Yarrow) summer  
 Asclepias (Milkweed) summer  
 Coreopsis (Tickseed) summer  
 Echinacea purpurea (Purple Coneflower) summer  
 Monarda fistulosa and punctata (Bee Balm) summer  
 Agastache foeniculum (Anise hyssop) summer/early fall  
 Pycnanthemum muticum (Mountain Mint) summer/early fall  
 Eutrochium purpureum (Joe-Pye Weed) mid-late summer



## Annuals

Ageratum	Lantana
Alyssum	Lavender
Bachelor buttons	Lobelia
Borage	Marigold
Calendula	Mexican Sunflower
Cosmos	Nasturtium
Dianthus	Petunia
Fuchsia	Salvia
Gomphrena	Sunflower
Herbs (Let them flower)	Verbena
Impatiens	Zinnia





## PRESIDENT'S 50/50 RAFFLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUTH PROGRAMS



On Sunday, February 26, 2017, the PRESIDENT'S 50/50 RAFFLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUTH PROGRAMS was closed and the lucky ticket drawn. Having raised a total of \$11,480, the winning ticket was worth \$5,740! Our winner was a member of the public who bought the winning ticket at the State Flower Show on the third day of the Show. The winnings are going to their college fund with just a little set aside for a celebratory dinner!

The Raffle was such a success, thanks to the participation of our local clubs (1,345 tickets) and board members (540 tickets) who sold tickets prior to the State Flower Show as well as the members of the

general public who purchased 409 tickets during the Show! A great group effort!!!

As always, there were folks who stood out. The East Brunswick Garden Club was the Top Seller in the Local Club category, with \$500 of tickets sold. They were closely followed by Rake & Hoe Garden Club that sold \$465 of tickets. Diana Dove from the Karen Nash Butterfly Garden was the Top Seller in the Individual category with \$350 of tickets sold.

The raffle proceeds are to be used for Youth Projects. The first three \$200 grants will be awarded at the Annual Meeting on June 8. We're excited to see who wins and learn about their outstanding youth projects. We also hope that other clubs will be inspired to develop their own great projects!

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Raffles Chair

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# Calendar of Events

## MAY, 2017

- 6-7 22nd Annual Plant Sale 9am-3pm at Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morristown, 973-326-7603. See page 5.
- 12-14 Rutgers Spring Flower Fair. For more information visit [rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu/springflowerfair](http://rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu/springflowerfair). See page 16.
- 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](mailto:lpaula101@gmail.com) or 732-681-9189 for further information.
- 13 The Annual Herb & Perennial Sale of the Haddonfield GC will be held at Kings Court on Kings Highway, rain or shine, from 9am-3pm. Featured are culinary herbs, spices, herb & flowering baskets for Mother's Day, homemade baked goods & great plants from members' gardens. Proceeds support Haddonfield Memorial High School scholarships, town pocket gardens, workshop & lectures.
- 18-20 NGC Convention in Richmond, VA. P. Allen Smith is speaker.
- 17 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](http://www.brgcnj.com).
- 24 Home GC of Morristown is sponsoring a Bus Tour to Long Island Golden Age Estates. You will tour the house and garden at Old Westbury Gardens and the gardens at

Planting Fields Gardens. Cost: \$65. Call Pam at 973-713-6352 for tickets and information.

31 Judges Council at Holly House at 9:30 am.

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- 3 Allentown GC will hold their Hidden Gardens Tour of numerous private gardens in Allentown from 9am-3pm. For further information, contact Terry Brown at 609-259-0334. See page 3.
- 3-4 Keyport GC's Keyport Garden Walk-11am-3pm. Pick up your complimentary Garden Guide at Waterfront Pavilion on American Legion Drive. Hear speakers from 9:30-10:30am at Keyport Borough Hall, 70 West Front St., Keyport. Register by emailing [info@keyportgardenwalk.org](mailto:info@keyportgardenwalk.org). Christan Summers of Tula House will speak on Alexander von Humboldt on 6/3 while Marta McDowell, author of "All the Presidents' Gardens" will speak on 6/4. Questions-call Clare Skeen at 732-687-9519. See page 12.
- 8 GCNJ Annual Meeting at Bridgewater Marriott, 8am-3pm.
- 10 GC of Hunterdon Hills & Tewksbury Historical Society will hold their first Biennial House & Garden Tour, "At Home in Tewksbury" from 10am-4pm, rain or shine. Tickets: \$40 in advance/\$50 at door. 4 Historical Homes & Gardens and 1 Spectacular Garden. Purchase advance tickets at [www.gardenclubhunterdonhills.com](http://www.gardenclubhunterdonhills.com) or [www.tewksburyhistory.net](http://www.tewksburyhistory.net).
- 12 GCNJ District Meeting for Districts 2 & 3 at 1:30pm at the home of Caron Menger. For information, call Caron at 201-400-1946 or Karen Donovan at 973-762-5484.
- 14 GC of Westfield will sponsor a trip to Old Westbury Gardens & Mansion, Old Westbury, NY, plus a side trip to Theodore Roosevelt's Museum & grounds, Oyster Bay, NY. Bus leaves Lord & Taylor, Westfield at 9am. Pack a lunch or buy a box lunch. Cost: \$80 plus \$13 for box lunch, if ordering. Contact Phyllis Pappas at [npappas121@comcast.net](mailto:npappas121@comcast.net) or 732-382-2255 for more information.
- 17 Belvidere GC's 12th Annual Secret Gardens Self-Guided Tour. Tour 10 gardens beginning at 334 Hardwick St., Belvidere, 10am-3pm.



# Calendar of Events (continued)

## JUNE, 2017 (continued)

- Light snack is provided. Tickets: \$15 day of tour. For more information, contact Charlene Loux at 908-475-3409 or email [cloux72@gmail.com](mailto:cloux72@gmail.com).
- 19 GCNJ State Board Meeting at 10am at Geiger Center. Directions to follow.
- 28 GC of Spring Lake will have their Annual Seaside Garden Tour with tickets \$30 in advance and \$35 day of. For advance tickets or information, call 908-414-9802 or 732-882-6281. See page 18 for more.

## SEPTEMBER, 2017

- 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](http://TheGardenClubofMontclair.com) or call Terri Breen at 973-226-3395 for information.
- 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 10 am-1 pm at the Rockaway River Country Club, 39 Pocono Road, Denville. Cost: \$35. Contact Heather Scott at 847-736-7790 or [heathersteenscott@me.com](mailto:heathersteenscott@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 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.

- 11 Judges Council at Holly House at 9:30 am.
- 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.

## 2018

### JANUARY, 2018

- 22 GCNJ State Board Meeting 10 am at Holly House

### APRIL, 2018

- 11 Judges Council at Holly House

### MAY, 2018

- 8-11 Flower Show School I at Holly House
- 14 GCNJ State Board Meeting at 10 am at Holly House
- 21-24 NGC Conference in Philadelphia, PA

### JUNE, 2018

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

### SEPTEMBER, 2018

- 17 GCNJ State Board Meeting at 10 am 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.
- 23-25 Flower Show School II at Holly House.
- 31 Judges Council at Holly House.

## 2021

### MAY, 2021

NGC Convention in New Jersey-third week

