

NEWS LEAF

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As winter ends, spring approaches, and many of our Garden Clubs are working hard on upcoming events. Here are some highlights:

15th Annual Keyport Garden Walk: Free event on June 6, 2026, from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Garden talks start at 9:00 AM.

Women’s Gardeners of Ridgewood Secret Garden Tour: Sunday, June 8, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Cost: \$55.

Moorestown Garden Club's "Song of the Garden" Walk: Features five private gardens and the refurbished Community Garden. June 2, 2026, 12:00 - 8:00 PM, June 3, 2026, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Tickets: \$20 in advance (at Moorestown Community House, Moorestown Hardware Store, and Flaggs Garden Center) or \$25 on the day of the event.

Spring Lake Garden Club Seaside Garden Tour: June 24, 2026.

Seaweeders Garden Club’s Tour, Boutique, and Luncheon: Thursday, June 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$100 and are on sale now.

If Orchid Shows and Flower Shows are to your liking, check these out.

The Orchid Show at the New York Botanical Garden: "Mr. Flower Fantastic’s Concrete Jungle," February 8, 2026 - April 16, 2026.

Deep Cut Orchid Society Show: Held at Dearborn Market, February 20-22, 2026.

The Philadelphia Flower Show: Celebrating its 197th year! The theme is "Rooted: Origins of American Gardening," February 28, 2026 - March 8, 2026.

Let’s not forget the daffodils. Major daffodil-focused events include:

Daffodil Day in Moorestown -April 18, 2026

Daffodil Day at Reeves-Reed Arboretum (expected in April)

Large daffodil displays at Dalton Farms and Historic Allentown

You are invited to the Garden Club of New Jersey Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at the Olde Mill Inn in Basking Ridge, NJ. The day’s events include Awards, Scholarship Winners, Luncheon, shopping at boutiques and a featured presentation on “ Natives: An Introduction” by Karen Fricke. We hope you can join us on this special day!

PS: Check out the website as it isn’t too late to purchase our beautifully crafted 100th Yearbook featuring the history, stories, and photographs of our clubs across the state.

Happy Gardening!

Sue Berdahl, GCNJ President



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Flower Show School IV

April 11, 2026, Procedure on Zoom

April 14, 2026, Horticulture and point scoring

April 15, 2026, Design and point scoring

April 16, 2026, Written exams



Register here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/flower-show-school-iv>

Please join us and register now for the upcoming Flower Show School. Learn about Flower Shows, learn how exhibits are prepared and judged, study and test to become a judge or audit and learn along with us.

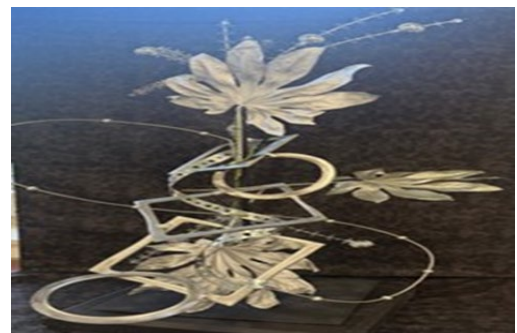
Registration is online, click the link above. Registration information is also on the GGNJ website.

We are excited to have Heidi Muschick instructing us on hellebores and collections on Tuesday, April 14th, Carol English will instruct us on procedure, abstract and reflective designs. What a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow. Please join us. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

Teddi Falcone

Flower Show School Chair

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Abstract & Reflective Design

Natural Disaster Fund

The GCNJ and NGC offers the “Natural Disasters Funds” as a vehicle by which your local garden club can send monies to help in the recovery of areas hit hard by a natural disaster.

Your donation checks should be **made out to GCNJ** with Natural Disasters Fund on the memo line.

Send to: Vivian DeMarco, 324 Magnolia Place, Leonia, NJ 07605

All donations are tax deductible and will be gratefully acknowledged!

If you want to help a specific area in the country, you can also donate to the National Garden Club’s Natural Disaster Fund, to help selected areas. The National Garden Club’s Natural Disaster USA Fund was established in 1997 to receive monetary contributions from states, clubs, and individuals for the purpose of assisting local and state clubs with their garden-related restoration efforts. This fund has helped to replant parks, municipal gardens, and other garden-related sites due to natural disasters caused by floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, ice storms, and wildfires.

The Natural Disaster USA Fund is supported solely by the generous donations of dedicated garden club members and has extended a helping hand by awarding grants to many fellow garden clubs across the country.

Make checks payable to Natural Disaster USA Fund and mail to the attention of the NGC Treasurer, at Headquarters, 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110-3492.

If you need funds for a specific project you can apply for \$500 from Garden Club of New Jersey.

[Click Here for Further Information and Application Form](#)

Your club can apply for a grant from The National Garden Club’s Natural Disaster Fund for up to \$5,000 per project. Click on the following link: . [Natural Disaster Grant Application](#).

Vivian DeMarco
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THE BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER PROGRAM



In the next few issues of the News Leaf, we will share some information regarding this very special program, explaining what it is, when, where, and why it began and how we can continue supporting this program with our garden clubs today.

What is the Blue Star Memorial Marker Program?

The Blue Star Memorial Marker Program is a nationwide program to honor U.S. service men and women of the past, present, and future generations. This program began in New Jersey at the close of World War II and has grown into a nation-wide recognition of those who serve in the military.

When and how did this program begin?

In the final years of World War II, members of the Garden Club of New Jersey, led by its President, Mrs.

Lewis Hull, and its Roadside Chair, Mrs. Vance Hood, in collaboration with N.J. Highway Commissioner, Spencer Miller Jr., sought a way to recognize service men and women who would soon be returning from battle. A section of Route 22 between Mountainside and North Plainfield was selected and named the Blue Star Drive, for the Blue Star service flag used by families to denote a member in the armed forces. Citizens were invited to plant dogwood trees for members of their families in the armed forces, with the slogan, "a dollar plants a tree on Blue Star Drive." This site was planted with 1,000 flowering dogwoods, native to New Jersey, by the Garden Club of New Jersey. In January 1945, the New Jersey State Legislature commemorated the Blue Star Drive by a joint resolution. The concept grew and was supported by the National Council of Garden Clubs, which proposed that highways be designated in every state to pay tribute to men and women in service.

In the next issue of News Leaf, learn about who may initiate a Blue Star Memorial Marker, how does a club participate in the Blue Star Program, and why would a club sponsor a Blue Star Memorial Marker.

If you have any interest or questions, please contact

Rose Wolverton

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Engaging Youth in Garden Activities So We Have Future Gardeners

A garden becomes a living classroom for children and teens, opening a new world of understanding about the connections in nature and the environment. These youth gardeners will grow up to become responsible adults, who are more aware of positive roles they may choose to take to protect our natural resources, and practice sustainability. They may be the movers and shakers of the future to find ways to protect wildlife and pollinator habitat.

BENEFITS TO YOUTH WHO GARDEN – Spending time outdoors improves mental health. It's good exercise and gardening with others is fun, providing healthy social interaction, leadership and team experience, problem solving, practice with patience, and environmental responsibility and stewardship. Participating in community garden activities engages youth in understanding the value of community service while working with community leaders as role models.

WAYS A GARDEN CLUB CAN SUPPORT YOUTH GARDENERS- This may be as simple as a club offering one youth program a year or initiating or sponsoring a youth garden club that meets



throughout the year, or encouraging a garden club member or youth committee to visit a youth group to provide a gardening activity. Every time you teach a child or teen about gardening and the environment, you inspire them to become introduced to the idea that they can garden; that they may become our future gardeners, farmers, and grow to be parents who may teach their own children to garden!

***Invite Youth to garden with your garden club**

If involved in a community garden, sponsor a Kids & Family Gardening Day. Always remind them to bring drinking water and plan time to go over garden safety rules and safe handling of tools. It is suggested to have participants' parents sign a Release of Responsibility. It's helpful to be aware of anyone who may be allergic to bee stings if that information is voluntarily provided. Be sure photo releases are signed before taking photos. See the link for the photo release form on the GCNJ website.

* Include a Youth Division in a flower show. Invite participants from area youth garden clubs, scouts, area schools, YMCA groups, campers, the nearest FFA, Farmers Market families, local library patrons, church youth groups, community center groups, to garden. Allow enough advance notice so the youth group can budget for this activity. School groups often lock in their budget by September for the school year.



* Donate flowerpots, soil, garden gloves, seeds, plants, tools or children's gardening books etc, to a youth group or community garden activity event that engages children.

Pre-schools, Head Start Programs, schools, YMCA's, home school groups, and scout troops are just a few examples of groups that could benefit. Donating pizza or refreshments is often a need for Gardening Days with kids.

*Provide a Children's Gardening Workshop at your local library or for a nearby youth garden club , camp or scout meeting.

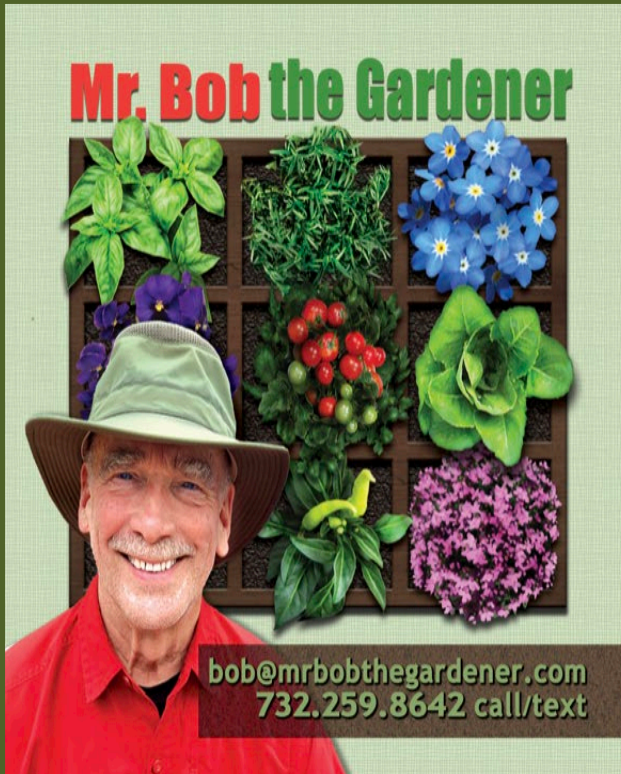
The Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly Garden GC was successful in applying for a recent mini grant from the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Affairs to use materials for floral design and Youth Holiday Greens' Workshops. This was exciting for the KNMBG Youth Garden Club members who met after school. A second workshop was offered for families with moms and dads participating with their whole family, some designing holiday swags for their first time. Materials were provided for a workshop at a local nursing home too. The grant covered the purchase of greens, flowers, ribbon, containers, oasis, and art supplies to create a unique art element to attach to each design. There were other opportunities to present similar youth design workshops to a home school group and to families

with children of all ages at a local library. Teens from the Warren Hills High School and a home school group made swags that were donated to Habitat for Humanity Homes in Warren County that benefited families with children. An entire street with Habitat Homes decorated their front doors with these decorations made by youth. Local garden clubs have tremendous opportunities to network with youth in their community with countless positive outcomes. Sometimes it just takes a phone call or email to make a connection. This can truly make a difference to engaging youth to help ensure that there will be future gardeners, farmers, and garden club members.



Contact me to brainstorm youth activity ideas. I would like to visit a few garden club youth activities and write about them in News Leaf.

If you have a Youth activity to share, contact Diana Dove at (908) 763-9648 or dianadove13@gmail.com.



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L.B. I. in Action



Joyce Lubach, LBI's chair for the collection and Ship Bottom Police Chief Jon Potter

TOYS FOR CHILDREN

For the past four years, The Garden Club of Long Beach Island has collected toys at their Holiday Luncheon in support of the Ship Bottom Police Department.

This year, the sponsorship was for RWJ Barnabas Children's Specialized Hospital in Tom's River. The event, which was held at Calloway's Restaurant in West Creek, was an extraordinary success.

The Club's 189 members responded to the request by donating an overwhelming number of toys and gifts. Teddy bears, art supplies, dolly strollers, books and puzzles were piled at the entrance to the restaurant. Most Garden Club members brought multiple items. Police Chief Potter arrived at the event with a large truck, to transport everything to the hospital. Thanks went out to The Garden Club for responding to this request to bring some holiday cheer to young hospital patients .

Welcome Winter

The Youth Committee of the Garden Club of LBI met with local third to sixth grade students on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at the LBI Branch of the Ocean County Library, to create a floral arrangement to welcome the winter season. The reindeer- decorated containers were first filled with a bed of local evergreens including juniper, white pine, and princess pine.

This set the stage for the “star” flower, a beautiful white spider mum. Rose and red-and-white variegated carnations were nestled among the greens . Hypericum berries and frosted pinecones along with “reindeer antlers” added further interest to the arrangement. The children made a small drawing of their favorite winter activity that added a personal artistic touch to their arrangement.



The

group, led by co-chairs Ginny Scarlatelli and Jeannette Michelson along with members Paula Cofone and Suzan Priolo, asked the children to write their answers to “The Best Part of Winter is.....” The overwhelming response was “Snow!” Arielle, age 7, said, “building a snowman,” while James, age 8, replied, “making a snowman and then knocking it down!” Christmas and presents were favorite answers but Lilith, age 9, said, “What I love is everything!!”

Bridgewater Garden Club Cares for a Therapy Garden

The Therapy Garden was built in 2012 by a landscaper who donated and installed the infrastructure behind the building at the Adult Day Center of Somerset County. It was assumed that it would be maintained, but unfortunately there was no consistency regarding its maintenance.

Diann Robinson, Executive Director of the Adult Day Center, said efforts to maintain the garden by Beth Spinelli and the Bridgewater Gardeners help the center immensely. “There is no way we could do this on our own. The Therapy Garden brings beauty and joy to members,” said Ms. Robinson.

It was Elizabeth {Beth} Spinelli, a long-term member of the Bridgewater Garden Club, who first noticed that this large piece of property was filled with garbage, dead plants, and leaves. Beth took the initiative to collaborate with Diann Robinson to transform the space into a garden. Beth and the BGC gardeners design, maintain, plant, trim, weed, etc., the Therapy Garden from early April through November.

Diann Robinson thanked Beth for taking the lead and scheduling her team of gardeners for weekly garden maintenance and planting. Beth in turn is thankful for the Bridgewater Garden Club Team made up of Arlene Dolegiewitz, Pam Kaye, Clare Waldron, Tricia Smith, Karen Oldenburg, Jessica Wu, Brenda Santora, Ellen Hulsen, Debbie Miller, Johanna Spinelli, and Tom Ritter, who worked with her.

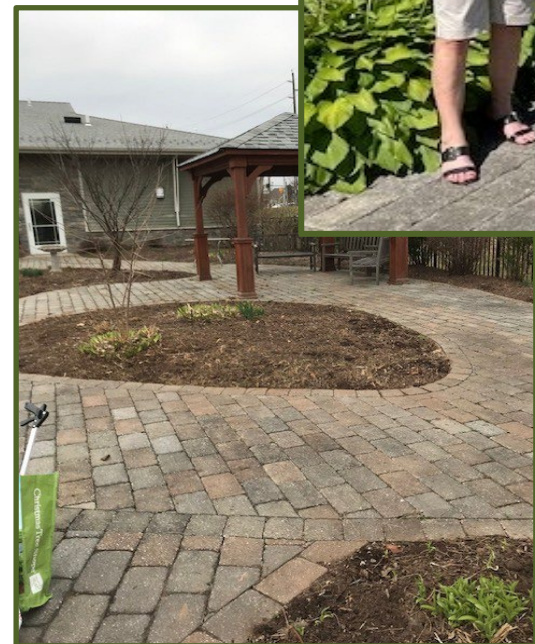
The goal, Beth said was to make the garden appealing to all who attend the Adult Day Center for walking or just sitting down for a while to enjoy the nature of the beautiful garden.

Beth and BGC welcome adults who are willing to help us during the daytime in the garden, or on a Saturday. Landscapers and businesses willing to donate plants, dirt, rocks, fertilizer, etc. to the therapy garden would be greatly appreciated.

Contact **Beth Spinelli** at spinelligirls@aol.com.



From bare earth to wonderful plantings in the Therapy Garden



I'll be Gnome for Christmas With The Washington Valley Garden Club

The Washington Valley Garden Club (WVGC) again participated in the Somerset County's Festival of Trees held annually at the Environmental Education Center on Lord Stirling Road in Basking Ridge. Fifty-eight trees were on display with over 2,700 people visiting during the month-long exhibit. Ballots were available for visitors to vote for their favorites. WVGC's tree titled, "I'll be Gnome for Christmas," was among the top five vote getters. Most of the ornaments were made by club members, as well as the roof, door, and window boxes. Felted fairies and birds, dried flowers, and vines added to the forest home of the Gnomes. A poem about the lives of gnomes supported the project.





DRUMTHWACKET 2025



What a special celebration was had at Drumthwacket this holiday season. The public open houses seem to get more popular every year. This year, the five free open houses were sold out in the first 20 minutes of going online! The participating garden clubs, Essex Fells, Keyport, Metuchen, Mountain Lakes, Sea-Weeder's, Warren, and West Trenton, did a marvelous job interpreting the theme of the American Revolution and the upcoming Semi-quincentennial. With a unifying red, white, and blue color scheme, the design flow from room to room was lovely.

A highlight for all was the debut of the Van Nuys Barn. The barn was originally built in the 18th century in a location approximately 10 miles north of Princeton. The timbers had been lovingly stored for many years, awaiting their perfect placement. Drumthwacket became that chosen location. The beautiful barn now serves as an educational and entertaining venue on the grounds of the Governor's Mansion. All the visitors enjoyed seeing the barn resplendent in its holiday beauty with a 6' wreath hung on the imposing window and four beautiful swags dressing the antique timbers.

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Crawford's Corner

Redbuds are Red-Hot!

Trees are an essential part of every garden and yet, mysteriously, they are often the most overlooked. They provide value to the garden by visually connecting the sky with the ground, by creating the 'walls' of outdoor spaces, and softening or hiding architectural blunders! They create playful shadows, and flowering trees can bring the colors of the ground plane into the canopy. Many flowering trees display white flowers, but some sport shades of pink and purple. One tree with pink to magenta blooms and a diverse array of cultivars is *Cercis canadensis*, the Eastern Redbud (pictured to right in mid-April).



Cercis is a small genus with around 10 species of small trees and shrubs native to areas throughout North America, southern Europe, western and central Asia and China. Eastern Redbud is found growing from New Jersey south to Florida and west to Nebraska and Mexico! Both the genus name of *Cercis* and this species were crafted and described in 1753 by the Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus (1707-1758). Oddly, the plant does not extend into Canada, or at least into Canada as we know it today. In 1753 Canada was a French colony and extended further south into the region bordered by the Appalachian Mountains and the Missouri River. As a result, Linnaeus was most accurate in describing this plant as a Canadian native!



Cercis canadensis is a small tree, with a circular crown, reaching 15-25' in height by 30' in width. A member of the Fabaceae or pea family, it is able to utilize the nitrogen in the atmosphere, allowing it to grow in more nutrient poor soils. Come late April into early May, the tree produces clusters of rosy-pink flowers on the sides of the branches rather than at the apical buds (as seen at left), a process known as Cauliflory. The flowers are pea-like in appearance and are edible, bearing a very similar taste to, as one may have guessed, peas! They were eaten both raw and boiled by the Native Americans and I enjoy them as a colorful addition to salads. Likewise, the bean-like pods that follow are edible when small and the seeds can be roasted. The pods

also inspired Linnaeus when he crafted the genus; *Cercis* is from the Greek *Kerkis* meaning weavers shuttle, which the pods closely resemble in appearance.

The dark green leaves of the tree are heart shaped and often provide a clear yellow fall color. In fact, the renewed interest of late for the tree is not for the flower, but for the exciting diversity of new foliar colors as well as forms. The first redbud introduced for its foliage was 'Forest Pansy'. It appeared as a chance seedling in 1947 at Forest Nursery in McMinnville, Tennessee, and features dark purple foliage with rosy lavender flowers. Oddly, it did not really become



popular with gardeners until the 1990's and served as the kickoff for a number of new Redbud selections. In 2002, homeowners in Greensboro, N. C., could not figure out why their tree would not produce green foliage, regardless of how much fertilizer they provided. As it turned out, it had yellow foliage and the cultivar 'Hearts of Gold' was born! Personally, I was not convinced a bright yellow tree looked

appropriate in the garden although, the foliage ages to green by mid-summer and only the youngest foliage is golden. In 2009, while at Rutgers Gardens, we decided to use this tree as a 'cut-back' shrub in a mixed border, whereby we annually cut it back to 12 to 18" from the ground (**as pictured above in mid-March**). Most importantly, the cuts were always made above the graft union. When treated in this manner, the plant continuously produces new growth and golden yellow foliage all summer, reaching 6' tall and wide by August (**as seen at left with *Yucca* 'Color Guard'**).

It makes a great backdrop for blue or purple flowers and is definitely appropriate for the garden! This technique can be used for any of the new foliage selections as well.



Pendulous or weeping forms have also been a focus of new introductions. The cultivar 'Covey', also known as Lavender Twist™ was one of the first weeping introductions and was found in 1991 at the home of Connie Covey in Westfield, New York. It has larger than normal leaves with a strongly pendulous habit and lavender pink flowers. Untrained, it will awkwardly grow to 8-10' tall. However, if planted such that it lays on the ground above a retaining wall, it will gracefully grow along the top and cascade over and down the wall (**as seen on the left**). The taller the wall, the more dramatic the display! It is even more dramatic to drape it over a series of rocks, allowing the stems to follow every

contour of the rocks, almost as if they were poured over the stones. It also makes for a beautiful espalier should that be an appropriate need for your garden!

Hardy in zones 4-9, Eastern Redbud grows best in full sun to filtered shade. Ideally, soils should be humus rich and well-drained since boggy soils have proven to be lethal. If your soil drains overly well, consider *Cercis canadensis* var. *texensis*. Native to Texas and Oklahoma, it has adapted to much drier conditions. This variety also provides deep maroon flowers and glossy, deep green foliage. It has proven to be slightly less hardy, preferring to grow in zones 6-9 and is more compact in size, reaching 15-20' tall and slightly wider. Ideal for planting under utility lines, there is a beautiful specimen at Willowood Arboretum (**pictured below in early May with the far smaller *Cercis chinensis***) that I have come to truly appreciate! Regardless of the selection,

Redbuds are finicky when field dug and are best purchased as a container grown plant.

In nature, Eastern Redbud has always been one of my favorite trees for brightening the edge of woodlands come April and May. It looks great paired with Alabama Snow Wreath (*Neivusia alabamensis*) and Azaleas like the Piedmont Azalea (*Rhododendron canescens*). Also consider a host of herbaceous plants like the pink flowered Bleeding Heart (*Lamprocapnos spectabilis*) or the blue flowers of Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*) and Narrow Leaved Lungwort (*Pulmonaria angustifolia*). Eastern Redbud truly connects the garden canopy with the floor!

Whether it is the straight species or some of the more recent selections noted for their foliage or unusual form, *Cercis canadensis* remains a stalwart for NJ gardens. If you have not happened upon some of these great new selections or considered some of their fun garden applications, spring is certainly the time to start looking at your garden and planning for how these Redbuds could best add some red-hot interest to your garden!



Bruce Crawford
Manager of Horticulture, Morris County Parks Commission

**THE CALL TO THE 100th GCNJ ANNUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026**

Grow Native, Grow Strong

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BASKING RIDGE, NJ 07920**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026
REGISTRATION: 8:00 AM**

Dear Club Presidents, Members and Honored Guests:

The 100th Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of New Jersey will be held on June 3, 2026, at the Olde Mill Inn in Basking Ridge, NJ.

Registration is \$75 per person, non-refundable after May 15. The registration deadline is May 25, 2026. Registration begins at 8:00AM; the morning session at 9:00AM; social hour at 11:30AM; luncheon at 12:30PM and the afternoon session at 1:30 PM.

Please [click here](#) for registration form.

There will be open seating for both morning and afternoon sessions with the exception of Life Members, Honor Tables, Scholarship and Awards recipients having reserved tables in the AM and Life Members and Honor Tables in the PM.

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the hotel for Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, at the rate of \$239 plus tax for a single/double room. The reservation deadline date is May 19, 2026 and can be done online by clicking on the link below: <https://www.reseze.net/servlet/WebresResDesk?hotelid=1822&groupId=597608&arrivalDate=20260602>

OR by calling directly the hotel: 908-221-1100. Remember to mention The Garden Club of NJ event when reserving your room.

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

The afternoon session will feature the Installation of Officers and a presentation by Karen Fricke, MGEC: An Introduction to Native Plants.

Karen, a member of The Garden Club of Montclair, grew up on a farm in central Illinois and was digging in the dirt before she could walk. Throughout her varied career—as a magazine editor, high school teacher, graduate student, stay-at-home mother of four, and fiber artist—she always returned to the garden.

She became a Master Gardener in Maryland in 2014 and later worked at a plant nursery, where she developed and led its educational workshop program. In 2022, Karen and her husband moved to New Jersey to be closer to their children and grandchildren, and she joined the Essex County Master Gardeners. She has since established the Pollinator Pathway in her new community of Caldwell, NJ.

Mark your calendar for June 3, 2026, and join us for this special day.



Sue Berdahl
President, GCNJ

Mary Warshauer & Florence Leysse
Annual Meeting Co-Chairmen

Upcoming Events

February 8-April 16--The Orchid Show at New York Botanical Garden: "Mr. Flower Fantastic's Concrete Jungle"-orchids collide with concrete in a reimagining of Big Apple.

February 28-March 8—The Philadelphia Flower Show. Theme is "Rooted: Origins of American Gardening"

April 8—District 1 Spring Meeting Contact Evelyn Pachner for more information at epachner157@gmail.com or call 201-666-7675

April 23—Warren Garden Club hosts their Spring Luncheon at 11am at Hawk Pointe Golf club, 4 Clubhouse Dr, Washington, NJ. Patty Smith is the featured floral designer. There will be a plated lunch, cash bar, and a raffle of garden related items. Tickets are \$60. Contact Carol Ayers at 108 Fox Run Road, Stewartsville, NJ 08886 or email Carol at carolcos2001@yahoo.com for more information.

May 21—The Garden Club of Long Beach Island presents "Art in Bloom"-18 floral arrangements inspired by art presented in the show. Address: Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences, 1120 Long Beach Blvd, Loveladies, NJ. Free & open to the public from 1-5pm. For more information contact Barbara Duff at 303-9600-7222 or email duff@buzzinc.net

June 2 & 3—Moorestown Garden Club's "Song of the Garden Walk"-5 private gardens & the refurbished Community Garden—open 12-8pm on June 2 and 10am-3pm on June 3—Tickets: \$20 in advance at Moorestown Community House, Moorestown Hardware Store and Flagg's Garden Center or \$25 on day of event

June 3—Garden Club of New Jersey Annual Meeting at the Olde Mill Inn in Basking Ridge, NJ—Awards, Scholarship Winners, Luncheon, Boutique, Shopping, and Speaker, Karen Fricke—"Natives: An Introduction"

June 6—15th Annual Keyport Garden Walk—10am-5pm. Garden talks at 9am and 1pm at Keyport Borough Hall, 70 W. Front St.

June 8—Women Gardeners of Ridgewood Secret Garden Tour: 10am-4pm Cost: \$55

June 17—Seaweeder's GC of Bay Head & Mantoloking invites you to join their biennial garden tour, "A Wonderland of Gardens" which showcases 8 beautiful private gardens and concludes with a luncheon at Bay Head Yacht Club (111 Metcalf St., Bay Head) that reflects the whimsy of the Mad Hatters Tea Party. There will be two seatings with each guest receiving a Seaweeder's Garden Club tote. A Club boutique will also offer a sophisticated range of garden friendly gift items. Cost for tour and luncheon is \$100. Contact Karen Benziger at 914-217-6646 or KJM4659@gmail.com.

June 24—Spring Lake Garden Club Seaside Garden Tour-For information and ticket sales, visit gardenclubofspringlake.com. Tickets go on sale May 1, 2026.

Information for the next issue



May 1 is the deadline for articles and current club events for the
Summer Edition of News Leaf

Please send articles and upcoming event information to

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Go to the GCNJ website at

www.gardenclubofnewjersey.org

for more information.