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# NEWS LEAF - August 2018

Fall Issue

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## President's Letter

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At the National Garden Club Annual Meeting in May, I was honored to be asked to speak before one of the dinners. This is what I said:

*"...As garden clubs and garden club members, we are devoted to one of the oldest crafts and hobbies known in human history.*

*Archaeologists have found outdoor spaces that were designed to grow plants, protected from pests and intruders that date back to 10,000 BC. Egyptian tomb paintings show ornamental gardens that must have existed in 1,500 BC. In Ancient Greece, we know that Aristotle had a garden somewhere around 350 BC and the oldest Gardening book that is still in existence is Roman and dates to 27 BC. Truly an important and ancient craft learned and passed on through approximately 12 millennia!.."*



Now, despite this incredible history, it took all the way until 1744 for a truly popular work to be published , a work that finally asked that seminal question on the mind of every Gardener ... You may be familiar with this opening passage:

“ Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?”

And we all know the answer.....with a lot of .....hard work, love, devotion!

Gardening isn't just an ancient endeavor, it's so many things ... it can mean something different to each participant , historically ....a way to feed the family and sustain life, now for most ,it's a wonderful mixture of beauty, art, renewal each Spring and some great outdoor connections with the Earth and the very essence of living things.

How lucky are we, to be here sharing this vibrant, living and yet ancient passion ....

*Louise Davis*

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## Fall President's Workshop

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If you're a club president, plan to bring 1-2 of your board members and attend one of our fall workshops. These meetings are designed to enhance your leadership skills, address challenges you may be encountering and share experiences with fellow club presidents. You'll leave the meetings with new confidence, ideas and enthusiasm for your club's coming year. Look forward to seeing you there.



A special invitation to all president's will be sent with more details on how to register for these events.

The dates and locations are:

- September 12 | 10am- Noon at Holly House  
126 Log Cabin Road, East Brunswick
- September 13 | 10am- Noon at Frelinghuysen Arboretum  
353 East Hanover Ave., Morris Township
- October 17 | 10a.m.-Noon at Plant Design Events Studio, Wall Township  
2510 Belmar Blvd, Wall Township  
Located in building where Quick Chek is, upstairs office section of building

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## Gardening Study School

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Mark your Calendar!

GARDENING STUDY SCHOOLS Course I, Series IX at Holly House will be held on:

The logo for Garden School, featuring the words "GARDEN" and "SCHOOL" stacked vertically in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

October 2 and 3, 2018 optional exam Friday, Oct 5

Note:

Due to popular demand, the optional exam will also be offered in Bergen County on Thursday, Oct 4 with location to be determined.

Certification as Gardening Consultant available after successful completion of Courses I – IV

Master Gardeners will receive 10 CEUs for taking the two day course.

For a registration form and the schedule, please visit the GCNJ Website .

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## Symposium

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The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. has a Symposium planned for October 9-10, 2018 at the Holiday Inn of East Windsor, off Exit 8 of the New Jersey Turnpike. Darlene Newell will be the Horticulture Instructor and Mary Huntoon, the Design Instructor. Chrysanthemums and conifers will be studied. The Design Types to be studied are Low-Profile Design and Grouped Mass Design. Botanical Arts Horticulture will be the Allied Topic presented by Darlene Newell. Handbook Changes Regarding Botanical Arts Design is the Allied Topic which Mary Huntoon will present. The brochure for the Symposium is available at

<http://gardenclubofnewjersey.com/gcnj-35th-symposium>.

Registrations and check payable to The Garden Club of New Jersey can be mailed to Registrar, Jane Bersch, 386 Tavistock Drive, Medford, NJ 08055-9261, prior to September 24, 2018 to avoid a late fee. Out of State Judges must contact their State Judges Credentials Chairman for eligibility. State Judges Credentials Chairman will notify GCNJ Judges Credentials Chairman, Jane Bersch, of eligibility.

All Garden Club members and the public are welcome to come. We look forward to having you join us.

Tammy Feuer, Symposium Chairman

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## Flower Show School

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The next Flower Show School will be held March 20-21 exam 22, 2019 at Holly House.

Wednesday is horticulture with Dot Yard. We will study ivies and conifers. Thursday is table designs with Gina Jogan.

Only those who have completed Course I are eligible to take the exam.

Additional information will be on the website.

[gardenclubofnewjersey.com/flower-show-school/](http://gardenclubofnewjersey.com/flower-show-school/)

Carol English- Flower Show School Chairman  
[overbrook@comcast.net](mailto:overbrook@comcast.net)

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## New Jersey State Flower Show

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Next year's show will be April 25-28, 2019 at the New Jersey Convention & Expo Center. For more information and to help with the show, contact this year's chair:

Richard Biernacki  
[Rtb303@verizon.net](mailto:Rtb303@verizon.net)

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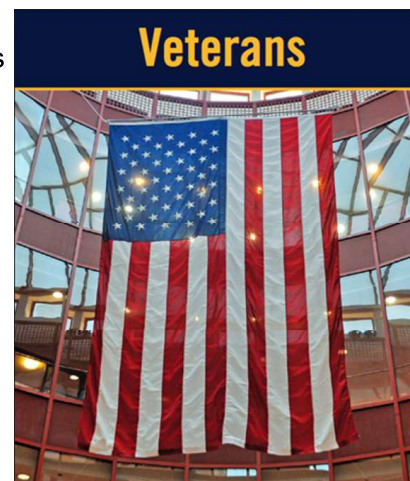
## Lyons Hospital Garden Therapy

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The Garden Club of New Jersey and their dedicated members have brought smiles to both residents and staff at the Lyons Veterans' Hospital. Each Friday, for decades, under the direction of committee members and with the dedication of Club volunteers, many hours were spent creating beautiful floral designs, retrieving and cleaning the vases from the previous week and distributing the new arrangements throughout the facility.

In a recent letter, Lyons Associate Director, John Griffith thanked the Garden Club of New Jersey not only for the beautiful floral arrangements but for the many warm smiles and kind words our many volunteers shared over the years.

While being proud and honoring our past contributions, with time the VA has changed and now it's time for us to evolve our program as well. In the coming



year, our club volunteers will begin working directly with the residents. Our members will assist residents as they learn floral design and together the volunteers and residents will create the arrangements that will be displayed throughout their living area. These changes will both enhance the volunteer experience, and bring tremendous pride to the residents as they learn new skills while enjoying beautiful floral arrangements.

For more information contact the chair:  
Ellen Bogusky  
ellenbogusky@hotmail.com.

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## Book of Memory

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GCNJ sadly lost the following members in 2017-2018:

- Helen Anderson and Helene Golden - Demarest
- Linda Van Hoorebeck - Belvidere
- Mary Ann Vaccaro - Bridgewater
- Georgia Besecker - Chester
- Frieda Miller, Barbara Quick, Glenna Simpson - Neshanic
- Gloria Langon - Washington Valley
- Mary Ferns Kelly, Mary Ellen Mix - Basking Ridge
- Eileen Kilian - Elizabeth
- Marilyn Litvack - New Providence (past President of GCNJ)
- Betty List - GC of Westfield, Inc.
- Joan Heusser Walton, Diane Fay Dickinson - Medford Lakes
- Teena Hartung - Navesink
- Marie Casalino, Barbara Zwolinski - R.F.D.
- Winifred Applegate, Marianne Buck - Seaweeders GC  
(Winifred was past President of GCNJ)  
(Marianne co-authored the book "Conditioning of Flowers and Foliage")
- Barbara Corbin
- Ruth Johnson, Martha Evins - Essex Fells



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## 2018 GCNJ Awards

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Awards 2018	Recipients
GCNJ Continuing Project Award \$100	Belvidere Garden Club
<b>Helen Hull Silver Bowl</b>	<b>The Garden Club of Montclair</b>
Mrs. David L. George Silver Cup	The Garden Club of Montclair
<b>Mrs. David L. George Silver Cup</b>	<b>Michele Tomasik The GC of Montclair</b>
Myra Brooks Memorial Trophy for Creativity in Flower Arranging	Barbara Baletti/ The GC of Montclair
<b>Hazel Brown Stemat Civic Beautification Trophy</b>	<b>Maplewood Garden Club</b>
Myra Brooks Garden Therapy Trophy	The Chester Garden Club
<b>Smoke Rise Garden Club Therapy Trophy</b>	<b>Warren Garden Club</b>
Florence S. McNeil Membership Participation Trophy	Warren Garden Club
<b>Doris L. Cavanaugh Membership Participation Trophy</b>	<b>Rake and Hoe Garden Club</b>
Lenore Pletcher Trophy	Mary Warshauer/Fairhaven Garden Club
<b>Dorothy M. Schick</b>	<b>The Garden Club of Montclair</b>
Ruth B. Somerville Trophy	The Garden Club of Long Valley
<b>Marguerite &amp; Vincent T. Mulligan Garden Therapy Trophy</b>	<b>The Garden Club of Cranford</b>
Amelia Stewart Perpetual Trophy	Claire Stepleton/The Garden Club of Montclair
<b>Clara Hunter Garden Therapy Trophy</b>	<b>Bridgewater Garden Club</b>
Violet M. Bennett Environmental Trophy	The Garden Club of Long Beach Island
<b>Wyckoff Garden club Trophy</b>	<b>The Garden Club of Long Beach Island</b>
East Orange Silver Trophy	The Country Garden Club
<b>Lillian Koelsch Trophy</b>	<b>Garden Club of Essex Fells</b>
Membership Award for highest increase in Members	Maplewood Garden Club (Large Club)
<b>(scholarship for 2 people to attend GCNJ school lectures)</b>	<b>Wall Township Garden Club (Small Club)</b>
Glenn Ferrari Memorial Trophy	Michele Tomasik/The Garden Club of Montclair
<b>Marilyn J. Litvack Trophy</b>	<b>Pat Bowker The West Trenton Garden Club</b>
Basking Ridge Garden Club Trophy	Moorestown Garden Club
<b>Panther Valley Garden Club Trophy</b>	<b>The Garden Club of Long Valley</b>
Garden Club of New Jersey Award	The Garden Club of Long Beach Island
<b>Elizabeth Garden Club Flower Show Trophy</b>	<b>The Garden Club of Mountain Lakes</b>
Garden Club RFD Trophy	The Garden Club of West Trenton
<b>Pines Lake Garden Club Trophy</b>	<b>Little Silver Garden Club</b>
Hanover Garden Club Trophy	The Neshanic Garden Club
<b>Doris R. Galione Collector's Showcase Trophy</b>	<b>Claire Stepleton/The Garden Club of Montclair</b>
Patricia Grossi Petite Award Trophy	Deborah Hirsch/The Garden Club of Montclair
<b>Community GC of Hunterdon County Trophy</b>	<b>The Garden Club of Long Valley</b>
Woodbridge Garden Club Trophy	The Garden Club of Long Beach Island
<b>GCNJ Special Award(\$200 to each club)</b>	<b>Shrewsbury Garden Club (Small Club)</b>
	Terra Nova Garden Club (Medium Club)
	<b>(Large Club)</b>
Demarest GC Yearbook Award	The Pines Lake Garden Club, Inc. (Small Club)
	<b>Pinelands Garden Club (Medium Club)</b>
	Maplewood Garden Club (Large Club)
<b>Edison Garden Club Trophy</b>	<b>The Garden Club of Long Valley</b>
Bernardsville GC Trophy	The Women Gardeners of Ridgewood
<b>GCNJ Flower Show Incentive Award (2Trophies)</b>	<b>Montclair Garden Club</b>
Medford Lakes Garden Club Trophy for a Native Garden	Maplewood Garden Club
<b>Jane S.R. Bersch Trophy</b>	<b>The Garden Club of Spring Lake</b>
Ringwood Garden Club Trophy	Moorestown Garden Club
<b>Green Thumb GC of Cranford Publications Trophy</b>	<b>Seaweeders Garden Club of Bay Head and Mantoloking</b>
GC of Westfield Trophy(finest Publicity Press Book)	The Neshanic Garden Club
<b>Roberta McNally Table Artistry Trophy</b>	<b>Pat Bowker The Garden Club of West Trenton</b>
Doris Bryan Educational Exhibit Trophy	Heidi Furman/The Garden Club of West Trenton



*Rake & Hoe  
Garden Club  
of Westfield*

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**The Frelinghuysen Arboretum Upcoming Programs**



**MUSHROOM PAPER MAKING WORKSHOP (AUG 9)**  
Use bracket fungi to create beautiful earth-toned paper with mycologist **Dorothy Smullen** in this hands-on class.

**FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE HACKENSACK RIVER WATERSHED (AUG 28)**  
Explore an urban wilderness where humans and wildlife have learned to co-exist with Riverkeeper **Captain Hugh Carola**.

**BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP (SEPT 8)**  
**Pamela Wilson** leads this beginner level workshop to create a basket for gathering herbs, flowers, or vegetables.

**BIBLICAL BOTANY WALKING TOUR (SEPT 16)**  
See the Arboretum's plant collections through the lens of the Old Testament, guided by botanical expert **Dr. Jon Greenberg**

**HAIKU IN THE GARDEN (SEPT 29)**  
Learn how to observe nature in the garden and compose a haiku poem with **Dr. Deborah Gerrish**, award-winning poet.

**SEEING FLOWERS: DISCOVER THE HIDDEN LIFE OF FLOWERS (SEPT 30)**  
Accomplished writer **Teri Dunn Chase** shows us a whole new world of beauty and intricacy up close with flowers.

**HOMEGROWN VEGETABLE CENTERPIECES (OCT 4)**  
Floral designer **Marge Hulstrunk** shows how to construct beautiful arrangements with veggies from the garden.

**WHAT'S IN A NAME? PLANT TAXONOMY (OCT 11)**  
Horticulturist **Marc Zukovich** focuses on the true meaning behind plant names, as well as where they originated.

**AVANT-GARDENING AT BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK (OCT 14)**  
BBP's **Rashid Poulson** explains how the park is managing landscapes with organic and ecologically friendly methods.

**AMERICAN EDEN (OCT 21)**  
**Victoria Johnson's** new book is a biography of **David Hosack**, pioneering physician and botanist of the Early Republic.

**A WORLD WITHOUT FLOWERS: A GEOLOGIC HISTORY OF PLANTS (OCT 28)**  
Join **Jamie Boyer** of the NYBG to explore the world of plants that existed before the dawn of flowering plants.

**2018 TREE SYMPOSIUM (NOV 10)**  
Hear speakers **Tom Umbrello**, **John Beirne**, **Neil Hendrickson**, and **William Bryant Logan** speak on trees in a day-long focus on their role in history, ecology and human culture.



All programs require pre-registration.  
Visit [arboretumfriends.org](http://arboretumfriends.org) for details.  
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973.326.7603 Registration/Membership

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*Speaker*  
Floral Designer **Richard Kisco**

Tuesday, December 4, 2018  
11:00 am - 3:30 pm

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*The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt,  
head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture  
a garden is to feed not just the body, but the  
soul.*

— Alfred Austin

*"Supporting Our Local Clubs"*

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