



Garden Club of New Jersey

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President's Message

Everything, that slows us down and forces patience, everything, that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace. May Sarton

Summer breezes certainly carry the promise of a slower pace and a chance to enjoy the fruits of our labor. Morning coffee or a sunset beverage on the patio restores the spirit as the hummingbirds swarm their feeders, butterflies flit from blossom to blossom and birds take a dunk in the birdbath. Take time to enjoy the beauty of the habitat you have lovingly created.



"Roots to Wings" is GCNJ's theme for our Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 9, at the Bridgewater Marriott. Kirk Brown will present "Frederick Law Olmsted: Wings to the Angel of the Waters" in a performance especially designed for us. We know that you will be spellbound and inspired. Senator Kip Bateman will help us celebrate GCNJ's role in having the Black Swallowtail designated as the NJ State Butterfly. Awards will be beautifully polished and ready for that picture opportunity with your club. Vendors will entice you with personal and garden shopping; so call your garden buddy now and arrange to attend the Annual Meeting.

Happy birthday to Rutgers Gardens! 100 years ago this May the land and the surrounding area of Horticulture Farm #1 became a facility for plant research and display of local plants for area farmers. It is also a wonderful public garden with beautiful display gardens, horticulture, educational opportunities, public events and a marvelous home for the Garden Club of New Jersey.

You may ask, when did Holly House at Rutgers Gardens become our home? The search for a permanent home began in the late 1970's. A former classroom building in Cook College Test Gardens known as Holly House drew the committee's favor and renovations were made in 1980. On April 27, 1981, officials of Rutgers and GCNJ joined to celebrate the opening and dedication of Holly House and, 35 years later; it is still a

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President's Annual Message (continued)

wonderful collaboration. Hopefully, this will last well into the next 100 years!

Our NGC sponsored schools will continue to educate and inspire. Our Symposium on May 17 and 18 will bring in some of our best instructors from the National Garden Club. Go for a day or both days, as there are registration options open to every member of GCNJ.

Thank you to Brenda Bingham for chairing the Symposium, and a warm thank you to Louise Davis and Carol English for this spring's exceptional Environmental Studies School and Flower Show School. Look for Garden Study School, Landscape Design School and Environmental Studies School this fall.

September 9 will be the day for our Leadership Workshop at Rutgers Gardens. Open to every garden club member, it will promote leadership that enhances your club and brings good leadership forward. Only 150 can attend, so sign up early! Registration will be up after our Annual Meeting. Make plans today that will enable you to carpool to this most important Workshop.

Has your club planned an activity to help "Youth Lead the Way"? If a child learns to get their hands dirty in the soil, more than likely, a love of gardening will remain with them into adulthood. Fairy gardens, butterfly gardens and helping with scout badges can make a difference in the life of a budding sprout. Be part of the challenge to engage youth in nature. Share the passion!

Warmest regards,

Susan
Susan

Every child is a different kind of flower and all together, make this world a beautiful garden. Author: Unknown

JUDGES CREDENTIALS

Joyce Chappell has requested and been granted Master Judge Emeritus Status. Joyce has been a judge for over forty years and has shared her talent as a designer and her gardening expertise with many. We thank her for her dedication to the Flower Show Judging Program.

Judges planning to take the GCNJ Symposium in May for credit are reminded to register and submit the appropriate FSS Form to the Judges Credentials Chair:

Accredited Judges, who are refreshing, must submit a completed FSS Form #13E and \$190 fee.

Life Judges must submit a

completed FSS Form 15E and \$190 fee.

Master Judges who will audit the Symposium must submit a completed FSS Form #15E and \$180 fee.

All Forms, Symposium Registration, and fee must be received by May 2, 2016. Information on the Symposium can be obtained on the GCNJ website, www.gardenclubofnewjersey.org. A most educational –and fun–two days await you.

Jane Bersch
GCNJ Judges Credentials Chair
Symposium Registrar
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THE CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016

- The 91st Annual Meeting of GCNJ will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at the Bridgewater Marriott Hotel, Bridgewater NJ.
- Our theme is “*Roots and Wings*” --celebrating President Susan O’Donnell’s theme “Youth Lead the Way” and GCNJ’s role in designating the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as the state butterfly of New Jersey.
- The **\$50.00** per person registration for the day includes lunch and program.
- Registration and Boutiques open at 8:00 a.m.; the morning session begins at 9:15 a.m.; social hour is at 11:30 a.m.; luncheon is at 12:30 p.m. and the afternoon session is 1:15 to 3:30 p.m.
- Registration forms can be downloaded by clicking <http://njclubs.esiteasp.com/gcnj/home.nxg>. For more information contact the registrar at joanlippi@gmail.com.
- Please RSVP by Friday, May 27, 2016. RSVP early for the best seating. Tables seat ten.
- Our honored guest this year is Anne M. Bucher, Regional Director of the Central Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Shop our boutiques featuring over 10 vendors selling the stylish and the practical items.
- Raffle tickets will be sold as a card of 20 tickets for \$20. Proceeds from the raffle are designated for the many educational and scholarship purposes of the GCNJ.
- The morning session will feature the GCNJ Book of Memory ceremony and the presentations of the GCNJ scholarships and the awards.
- Luncheon is a full course meal including salad, entrée and dessert. A cash bar is available.
- The afternoon session features an interpretive talk by Kirk R. Brown, portraying Frederick Law Olmstead. Find out more at <http://greatgarden speakers.com/listing/kirk-brown.html> -- click on address.
- The program ads are so important to supporting the GCNJ. Every club has something to advertise!
- Full page is \$100, half page \$60 and a third of a page \$40. One line sponsor is listed for \$10.
- The advertising request form is also on the website and examples of ads have been made to help you. Ask your local garden center, landscapers and specialty shops to sponsor an ad.
- A block of eight rooms has been reserved at the Bridgewater Marriott Hotel for Wednesday night, June 8, 2016, at the rate of \$204.00 for a double room. The reservation deadline date is May 18, 2016. Room reservations should be made directly with the Bridgewater Marriott at 1-800-228-9290 or 908-927-9300. There are other hotels nearby which have less expensive rooms.

Join your garden club friends in celebrating our GCNJ accomplishments!

Susan O’Donnell, President
The Garden Club of New Jersey
Jolyne Dalzell
Annual Meeting Chair



THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY, INC.
91ST ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016
“Roots and Wings”

Place and Time: Bridgewater Marriott Hotel, 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: Friday May 27, 2016 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. (GCNJ)**

Complete a form for each member attending.

Registrations may be sent individually. Garden clubs do not need to send registrations in a group mailing. Please tell us if you have a specific group/person you would like to sit with. Register EARLY for the best seating.

For further information, contact Joan Lippi at 732-742-3573 or email-- joanlippi@gmail.com.

MAIL your CHECK and this REGISTRATION FORM to the

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

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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 Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

Eight rooms have been reserved for members/guests planning to stay at the Bridgewater Marriott Hotel on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at the rate of \$204.00 for a double room, plus applicable taxes. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel. The reservation cut-off date is May 18, 2016. Mention Garden Club of New Jersey when reserving your room.

The hotel telephone numbers are 908-927-9300 or 1-800-228-9290.



“Roots and Wings

91st Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of New Jersey

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Bridgewater Marriott Hotel in Bridgewater, NJ

Request for Program Ads

Deadline Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Please support the GCNJ with an ad or a sponsorship.

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

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The Frelinghuysen Arboretum Summer Calendar



FLOWERS GALORE TEA & TOUR

Four Wednesdays • \$40. each date

Join us for a lovely garden stroll, followed by a yummy selection of tea sandwiches, pastries and teas. Choose from May 11, June 15, July 13 or September 14

INVENTION OF NATURE: ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT'S NEW WORLD BY ANDREA WULF

Sunday, May 15 • \$30.

NYT best-selling author and historian Andrea Wulf discusses her latest book. Book signing to follow.

COTTAGE GARDEN CONCERTS

Friday evenings • \$15. per concert

June 3, 10, 24, July 15, 22, 29

Summer evenings are a great time to enjoy music in the garden with a cold beverage and cookie.

Visit our website for the complete line-up!

GENIUS LOCI: THE SPIRIT OF THE GARDEN—HONORING THE WORK OF MARTHA BROOKES HUTCHESON

Friday, June 10 • \$30.

Dr. Jean Marie Hartman, from Rutgers University combines history, ecology and biography in her talk on the work of Martha Brooks Hutcheson. A twilight tour, replete with wine and cheese follows.

BIBLICAL BOTANY WALKING TOUR

Sunday, June 19 • \$15.

Biologist, agronomist, Bible scholar and most articulate plant geek, Dr. Jon Greenberg, leads this bible-centric plant tour.

PHILLY FUN OVERNIGHT BUS TRIP

Wednesday/Thursday, June 22-23 • \$350.

Tour four fabulous gardens, dine in three interesting towns, and visit a nationally renowned rare plant nursery. See our website for complete details.



All programs require pre-registration.
Visit arboretumfriends.org for details.

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Our Environment: Gardening without Toxic Chemicals

More than 70 million Americans will garden this year, spending billions of dollars to keep lawns green and flowers and vegetables free from pests and diseases. Last year, stores sold more than two billion dollars' worth of pesticides. But as concerns about tainted groundwater and contaminated food increase, gardeners are seeking more healthful alternatives to toxic chemicals.

We have to learn to understand the delicate relationship we have with nature and to participate without disturbing this important balance. Attract beneficial insects and birds to your garden by planting flowers, supplying water, providing shelter and food. Over 95% of insects in your garden are either beneficial or do no harm.

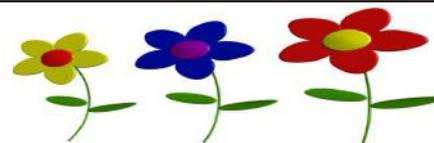
By practicing organic gardening, we keep our plants healthy and pest resistant. Water is one of the most effective weapons against pests. Here are some eco-friendly insect sprays and tips:

- **Basic insect spray:** Mix 2 tablespoons dishwashing liquid (not detergent) and 1 gallon of water. Add sulfur to kill mites and insects (see packaged directions for amount.). Add 1-2 tablespoons baking soda to this basic recipe, and you will kill fungi and insects.
- **Lemon spray:** This not only repels white flies and soft-bodied insects, it will also destroy fleas on your pet. Boil peels of 3 lemons in 1 quart of water, cool, remove peels and place solution in a spray bottle.
- **Hot pepper spray:** This repels insects and helps with black-spot on roses. Mix 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper, 1 quart of water and 1/2 teaspoon of dishwashing liquid.
- **Garlic spray:** Mix 1 quart of water, 2 teaspoons of garlic juice, 1 teaspoon of cayenne pepper and 1 teaspoon of liquid soap.
- **Tomato leaf spray:** Mix 2 cups of tomato leaves in 1 quart of water. Bring to a boil, cool, strain and add 1 teaspoon of dishwashing liquid.
- **Basic oil spray:** Mix 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil, 2 cups of water and 1 teaspoon of dishwashing liquid.
- **Fungus-killing spray:** Mix 2 tablespoons of baking soda, 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil and 1 gallon of water, or mix 1 tablespoon of garlic juice and 1 quart of water.

- **Vinegar spray:** This combats fungal disease and black spot on roses. Mix 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar and 1 gallon of water.
- **Banana peel repellent:** Just place banana peels around the roses or other plants plagued by aphids. As a bonus, the potassium in the peels stimulates large blooms.
- **Peppermint:** This repels ants and the peppermint tea is a good all-purpose insect spray.
- **Lemongrass:** This repels wasps. Place some lemon grass in a vase on your picnic table and wasps will stay away.
- **Plants that repel insects:** borage, dill, onion, fennel, sage, thyme, parsley, garlic.

*By gardening in an organic, chemical-free way,
you give back to our environment that has
given us so much.*

Ingrid Justick
732-922-2935



Garden Club of Spring Lake

Annual Seaside Garden Tour

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

Tickets \$25/ Day of Tour \$30
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Gardenclubofspringlake.org



Award Winners At “CELEBRATE--A Party for the Senses”



Bitter cold temperatures did not stop garden club members from celebrating their creativity and growing expertise and providing visitors with a beautiful Show. Congratulations to all who participated in the Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. Standard Flower Show, “Celebrate! – A Party for the Senses”, on February 11-14, 2016. Staged in conjunction with the New Jersey Flower and Garden Show at the New

Jersey Convention and Expo Center in Edison, the Show was chaired by Jeannie Geremia with Patti Bowman, Vice-Chair. The schedule, written by Pat Bowker with Diana Kazazis handling the Youth Section, challenged exhibitors. A big “Thank You” is extended to Townsquare Expos, sponsors of The New Jersey Flower and Garden Show, and to Micaela Vie Brock, their representative.

TOP AWARD WINNERS:

DESIGN: Award of Design Excellence, Table Artistry Award: Patti Bowman (“Special Moments with Dad”); Designer’s Choice Award: Patti Cerrato (“Parade Ready – Happy St. Patrick’s Day!”); Petite Award: Debbie Moran (“Remembering George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and all Presidents past and present”); Judges’ Challenge: Carole Iuso (“Trick or Treat”); Designer’s Choice Award: Gail Bassolino (“Auld Lang Syne – Happy New Year!”)

HORTICULTURE: Award of Horticultural Excellence, GCNJ “CELEBRATE – A Party for the Senses”

Horticulture Award: Allen Juba (A Combination Planting/Planter including *Asplenium nidus* ‘Victoria’, *Ficus pumila*, & *Nephrolepis cordifolia* ‘Puffii’); Grower’s Choice Award: Allen Juba (*Platyserium bifurcatum*, Staghorn fern); Alice Dickson (*Primulina*

‘Betty’); Allen Juba (*Cyclamen persicum* cv., dwarf); Club Competition Award: Garden Club of Fair Haven; GCNJ “CELEBRATE – A Party for the Senses” Horticulture Award: Alice Dickson (*Narcissus* ‘Tete-a-Tete’); Carol English (*Hippeastrum* ‘Design’); Allen Juba (*Myrtus communis*); Debbie Moran (*Gastera liliputana*); Arboreal Award: Ruth Paul (*Cephatotaxis har-ringtonia* ‘Prostrate’); Diane Guidone (*Acuba japonica* ‘Gold Dust’)



SPECIAL EXHIBITS: Artistic Craft Award: Elizabeth Siano (A Botanical Pair of Earrings); Educational Award: Dianne Dickson, West Trenton GC (“What’s a Poor Bug to Do? Bugs Like to Party Too!”); Club Competition Award (“Champagne Toast”): Garden Club of Bay Head & Mantoloking

PHOTOGRAPHY: GCNJ “CELEBRATE –A Party for the Senses” Photography Award: David Chmielewski (Glory Days of Summer, Flowers)

YOUTH TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS: NGC Youth Top Design Award: Cassie Orenstein, Carly Suyker, Sarrah Deorwang; NGC Youth Top Horticulture Award:

Samantha Nocera, Adeline Autrey, Nicholas Fezenko; GCNJ “CELEBRATE – A Party for the Senses” Youth Award: Trevor Brown, Nicholas Fezenko, Margaret Schantz;



ADDITIONAL BLUE RIBBON WINNERS:

DESIGN: Helga Fontus, Pat Bowker, Carol English, Barbara Mullin, Elizabeth Lilleston, Christine Cowles, Alice Dickson, Teddie Falcone

HORTICULTURE: Maya Speelmans(2), Allen Juba(9), Peggy Smith, Pat Lindridge Ingber, Diana



Award Winners (continued)



Reinhardt(3), Jean Piz, Marion Nation(3), Irene Saputo(2), Marilyn Hulme, Marianne & Luann Duwolfe, June Russo, Barbara Majewski(2), Gotti Kelley(2), Diane Guidone, Jane Bersch(2), Toni Ward(2), Mary Lou Phifer, Barbara Mullin, Sandra Witkowski(2), Sharon Shaning, Florine Lewis(2), Joan Lippi(2), Cecelia Millea(2), Gail Bassolino(2), Susan Layman, Kathleen Wintersteen, Debra Rzemieniewski,

Ruth Paul, Susan O'Donnell, Sandy Nielsen, Peggy Koehler(3), Eileen McIntyre, Joan Mattia, Alice Dickson, Susan Layman, Rory Joyce

SPECIAL EXHIBITS: Pat Bowker, Beverly Kazickas, Ruth Paul

PHOTOGRAPHY: Joel Heffner, Richard Pelikan(2), Jacqueline Nelson, Bruce Docherty, Jean Gilio, Anna Daurio, Patti Cerrato, Barbara Spellmeyer, Vivian Bedoya, Inga Bossert, Wally Parker, Nina Sylvester, Ellen Preissler, Joanne Grazide, Roger Nation, David Chmielewski, S. Bassert, Carolyn Johnson

YOUTH: Danica Lee, Lisa Shannon, McKayla Brown, Abby Brown, Daisy Duda, Greta Foli, Andreana Lee, Christopher Nielsen, Chloe Esposito, Will Murphy, Natalie Velasquez, Brandon Bochenek, Jordan Bochenek, Hailey Church, Samantha Mooney, Sarah Serrao, Hannah Doerwang, Kylah Pauser, Cora Geller, Amstel Hartrum, Emma Watts, Sydney Secor, Annika West, Delia Tuohy, Harnav Singh, Arabella Morabito, Arline Bound, Riley Dupuis, Mailssa Morabito, Riley Dupuis, Alissa Stumpf, Mellissa Fiorentino, Emma Sylverter, Abigail McLaughlin, Margaret Schantz

DESIGN 90+ Winners: Richard Biernacki, Jeanie Pelekan, Carol English, Susan O'Donnell, Gail Bassolino, Teddie Falcone, Barbara Carlton-Riker, Peggy Koehler, Jane Bersch, Cecelia Millea

HORTICULTURE 90+ Winners: Garden Club of Cranford, Peggy Koehler(2), Marilyn Hulme, Diana Reinhardt, Diane Guidone(2), Linda Convey(2), P. Morrissey, Maya Speelmans, Joan Lippi(2), Bernie Knapp, Barbara Tilson, Sandra Witkowski, Janis Iovanella, Pat Bowker(3), Joan Mattia, Allen Juba(4), Kathleen Wintersteen, Gail Bassolino, M. Warshauer

SPECIAL EXHIBITS 90+ Winners: Mary Meddahi, Irene Saputo, Louise Davis, Linda Williams

PHOTOGRAPHY: 90+ Winners: Wally Parker, Bruce Docherty, Vivian Bedoya, Barb Spellmeyer, Pat Scarano, Patti Cerrato

Congratulations to all the participants and winners in "CELEBRATE! A Party for the Senses"

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Tillandsias (Air Plants)

Tillandsia is a genus of around 730 species of evergreen, perennial flowering plants in the family Bromeliaceae. It is native to the forests, mountains



and deserts of Central and South America, the southern United States and the West Indies. **Air plant** is a common name for plants in this genus. Most *Tillandsia* species are epiphytes – i.e. they normally grow without soil while attached to other plants. Some are aerophytes or air plants, which have no roots and grow on shifting desert soil. Generally, the thinner-leaved varieties grow in rainy areas and the thick-leaved varieties in areas more subject to drought. Moisture and nutrients are gathered from the air (dust, decaying leaves and insect matter) through structures on the leaves called trichomes.

Tillandsias have many uses including placement in an open terrarium, mounted on wood, placed in seashells or on a wreath. They are lovely hung as an ornament or used in an open glass ball or on a flat surface such as on a living wall plaque. Have fun adding them to your décor. They are great for college dorms, nursing homes, classrooms and offices.

- **How do you begin:** If you're choosing to place your plant in a container, be sure it has proper ventilation and when you get your plant home, soak it in water for 20-30 minutes.
- **Watering:** Frequency will vary based on indoor conditions. Generally, they want to be watered twice a week. The best way is to place them

under a faucet to completely soak the plant. Let them dry out completely in between watering. You should keep an eye on your plant to look for signs of dehydration (wrinkling and shrinking). About every 2-3 weeks, soak them for roughly two hours and gently shake off the excess water. They will certainly survive with misting, but in order to thrive, a proper watering is recommended.

- **Lighting:** Your air plant wants bright, filtered light. It should be placed no further than 10 feet from a window or other source of light.
- **Fertilizing:** Use a diluted Bromeliad fertilizer according to package directions. Other liquid fertilizers can be used but be sure that they are low in copper as that is TOXIC to the plant.

The GCNJ Flower Show in February, 2016, featured - for the first time - a class for Tillandsias. The class was a huge hit with exhibitors, the public and the judges. Seven of the nine entries received a 90+, earning a Class Commendation. Look for this class again next year when you will have a chance to have fun “designing” in Horticulture!

Please contact me with your questions about air plants and where to purchase them.



Alice Dickson
Horticulture Chair
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908-852-3063



GCNJ Life Membership

The Life Membership Active Member's list has been reviewed and updated. The years from 2001-2016 should be accurate while the additional members that are listed as, "Prior to 2001", may be missing many names.

Please review the following and notify me if you are not on the list or if you know of a status change of someone who is on the list.

Also, there is now a Life Members Scrapbook. If you are a Life Member and would like your picture included in the scrapbook, please send your picture to me.

Life Membership Privileges:

1. You can attend any ONE school or symposium during a fiscal year (but not for credit) at a reduced rate of 10%. There is no discount on luncheon charges.

2. You will have special seating privileges when you attend a conference or other state meetings. Special Life Member Seating must be requested on the reservation form. Registration and meal charges are not included in this privilege status.

3. New Life Members will receive a Life Membership Card and an official thank you letter. In addition you will receive recognition at the Annual Luncheon each June.

Life Membership Eligibility and Cost:

1. You must be an active or sustaining member of a member club of GCNJ.

2. The cost is a tax deductible donation of \$150.00 for either the Headquarters and Endowment Fund or the Scholarship Fund, or your donation can be divided between the funds.

PLEASE NOTE! Life membership is in addition to your regular club membership. It **DOES NOT** cover either GCNJ dues or fees or the individual club dues or fees, but it does provide the privileges listed. Please click on www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com and go to Membership/Life Membership for the application and additional information.

We strongly encourage you to honor your outgoing club president by enrolling him/her in The Life Membership Program as a thank you for his/her time and commitment to your club.

If you have any questions, concerns or recommendations regarding Life Membership, please feel free to contact me.

My contact information is as follows:

16 Dearborn Drive
Holmdel, NJ 07733
or email itsaputo@aol.com
Irene Saputo
Life Membership Chair



Updated Listing of GCNJ Active Life Members as of April, 2016

Active Life Members

Prior to 2001

Onnolee Allieri, Wini Applegate, Jane Bersch, Julia Clevett, Ann Elicker-Morrison, Gotti Kelley, Janet Kinney, Alice Jarvis, Kay McCormack, Grace Starrett, Vivian Morrison, Pat Tillisch, Janet Warshauer, Mary Warshauer

2001-2003

Marie Auermuller, Elke Baier, Elizabeth Brogdon, Brenda Budd, Rita Davino, Pat Dygulski, Ruth Goense, Lillian Heide, Andrienne Langdon, Lil Mensch, Carol Morgan, Carolyn Peterson, Martha Smith

2003-2004

Carol Ann Campi, Rose da Silva Colin, Janet D'Allocia, Barbara England, Mettie Fisher, Betty Frey, Marcia Frifield, Dorothea Grippo, Carole Iuso, Maria Jackson, Elaine Laikin, Jean Lyons, Louise Martorana, Ruth Reeder, Shirley Sommers

2005-2007

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

Brenda Bingham, Donna Gallucci, Jeannie Geremia, Clarabel Kent, Marina Kerber, Peggy Koehler, Carole Kurtz, Gladys Petko, Ingrid Witt

2009

Ann Bonpua, Kathleen Panepinto, Cathy Sutton

2011

Marie Eberhardt, Terry Holman, Kathy Pojawa, Jean Towers, Joan Viggiano

2012

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2013-2014

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Native Sedges - Giving Your Garden an “Edge”



It has often been said (although at the moment I cannot make a reference as to whom) that the quiet and the subdued perform the work in support of those who prefer the limelight! That parallel could also be made for your garden. Just think how many plants scream and vie for your attention, when it is the subtle plants that do the work of holding or pulling the garden's composition together. Ornamental grasses have become all the rage over the past 25 years, and they also fall into those categories of the subdued supporter and the limelight seeker. Whether considering those with tall delicate foliage that sway in the breeze, to forms with colorfully variegated leaves to even those low growing evergreen sedges, the contribution of ornamental grasses is enjoyed by many. I too have found their contribution to be significant and was typically smitten by those evergreen or variegated forms standing in the limelight.

However, as the gardener matures – a much nicer way of saying “getting older” – we tend to look at the world of plants differently and we grow to appreciate the “workers”. For example, consider the sedge, botanically called *Carex*. As a designer, I first considered only those that were evergreen, dismissing the deciduous selections as inferior. Things have changed!

There are over 1,500 species of sedge worldwide, many of which are very difficult to decipher, even when they are in flower. *Carex* is found in the family Cyperaceae and they are typically described as having “edges”. Unbeknownst to me for many years, the descriptive word of edges actually came from a poem by an anonymous author: *Sedges have edges and rushes are round, grasses are hollow and rush all around.* The poetic focus on

edges is a reference to the triangular flower stems and the often sharply toothed margins of the foliage. The name *Carex* comes from the Greek *Keiren*, which means to cut – a reference to the leaf margins. Interestingly, to those that enjoy words, the name sedge was derived from the Old English *Sagu*, which means saw, again a reference to the toothed leaf margins! Aside from the flower stems being triangular, they are also solid and lack nodes, helping to differentiate them from grasses, which have round, hollow stems with nodes. The flowers or inflorescences of sedges are typically not very showy, but do possess a subtle beauty for the inquisitive gardener. Unlike grasses, the flowers of sedges are monoecious, meaning that the male and female organs are found on separate “flowers” within the same plant. In fact, they often exist on the same stem, with the female flowers located just below their male counterparts, allowing the wind-blown pollen to simply drop downwards for pollination. Many of the female flowers have a small tuft of anthers or male flowers as well, and are referred to as androgynous.

As a garden designer, I was initially attracted to the evergreen sedges, many of which are native to



Asia and New Zealand. However, as a child of 8 or so years of age, I was first attracted to *Carex stricta*, the Tussock Sedge. The species epithet of *stricta* is from the Latin for straight or rigid, referring to the upright form of the foliage and flower spikes as it emerges in spring (**pictured above**). The common name comes from the mounded tussocks or

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Native Sedges - Giving Your Garden an “Edge” (continued)



hummocks that develop from the, as yet, undecayed rhizomes and fibrous roots. The mounded nature of the base of the plant, combined with its attractive arching foliage (**as seen above**) first attracted me as a boy and I transplanted it from a woodland section of my parents’ home to a moist area in the garden, where approximately 50 years later, it still flourishes! What makes the age of the plant even more interesting is the lack of maintenance this plant requires compared to its ornamental kin. Other than receiving a haircut each spring, the plant has never been divided, fertilized, watered or otherwise cared for in the least and looks absolutely awesome.

Carex stricta is normally found in moist or boggy soils from North Dakota, east to Quebec and south to Missouri and North Carolina. In sunny locations, the slender foliage gracefully arches upwards to 24-30” tall by 24” across, providing a very elegant and dense appearance. In the shade, the foliage is typically less dense, but still attractive. The inflorescences appear in late April, blending in amongst the emerging and stiffly upright foliage (**pictured below**). The flowers are subtle, yet still

rather attractive when studied individually; the dark purplish-brown male flowers are tightly compressed against the stem while the subtending green female flowers are often hidden within the foliage.

Readily seen throughout Warren County, NJ, *Carex stricta* is often a pioneer plant in wetland areas, thriving in full sun and serving as a slightly higher and drier location for tree seeds to germinate and grow. The trees gradually transition the open area into a shady marsh, which would not have occurred without the sedge! In the garden, plants can be used individually for the very attractive fountain shaped foliage, which provides a great textural contrast for broader foliaged plants. Or it can be used in mass as a groundcover. In moist locations, a massing of Tussock Sedge looks very attractive in combination with sweeps of Sensitive Fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*) or the Ostrich Fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*).

More recently, I have been fascinated by another of our deciduous native sedges, *Carex pensylvanica*, commonly known as Pennsylvania or Oak Sedge. Unlike its previously described cousin, this sedge prefers dry shade and is rhizomatous, allowing it to spread and knit together. In fact, this ability to spread allows it to be used as a great groundcover, thriving in areas where traditional turf is not an option. Although the species epithet indicates Pennsylvania, the plant is actually native to nearly all of Eastern North America, from Manitoba to Mississippi, east to Quebec and Florida. It is often found growing in dry regions in association with Oak trees, hence the common name. In warmer regions, the plant is semi-evergreen, but turns totally tan during the colder winters of NJ (**as pictured below**). The previous year’s foliage typically mats down





tolerate moderate foot traffic. If the appearance is too “wild” for a given garden or gardener, it can also be mowed 2 or 3 times throughout the season for a more manicured look. However, I am unsure as to why someone would look for more work in the garden when the plant requires none! In a shady site, the only weeds that can seed through its thick mat and become problematic are Norway Maples and Poison Ivy. In sun, the plant is less vigorous and weeds become more of an issue. If it is simply left to its own devices in a shady location, it provides a nearly weed-proof groundcover that needs no water, no fertilizing and no cutting. Now that is sustainable!

under the weight of winter’s snow, eliminating any need to cut it back come spring. This foliage actually serves as a mulch, with the new foliage growing through and totally concealing the previous year’s foliage by late-May! The image (as seen above) was taken on May 12. The new foliage is light chartreuse in color, slowly deepening to a medium green by July. Although the 1/8” wide leaves reach a length of 12”, they tend to lay over on each other, with the plants only reaching 6-8” in total height.

With a touch of imagination, this habit of lying over on its neighbor yields the appearance of water flowing downstream (as seen below)! The advantage of this groundcover versus most others is its ability to

One maintenance chore that does help the appearance of the plant, especially if it is to be used as a groundcover panel in a more formal area, is to edge the panel much as you would normal turf. It simply makes the area appear neat. The inflorescences appear in April, but they are more diminutive and less pronounced as seen on *Carex stricta*.

Aside from using the plant as a turf substitute or a groundcover, the plant also makes a great ground plane through which other woody and herbaceous plants can emerge. This is similar to the layering of herbaceous materials in the prairies of the Midwest. The lowest vegetation is always the sedges, with taller flowering plants and grasses layered above. For the shady garden, this improves weed management and provides a more overall cohesive appearance.



Defining a person as a “mature gardener” should never be confused with considering that person as an inventive or even a good gardener. However, there is much to be said about a person who has jeopardized many a plant’s health and has learned from the experience! My experiences with *Carex* span nearly 50 years of gardening, from a plant whose beautiful silhouette captured the interest of an 8-year-old, to a plant that a 58 year old has only

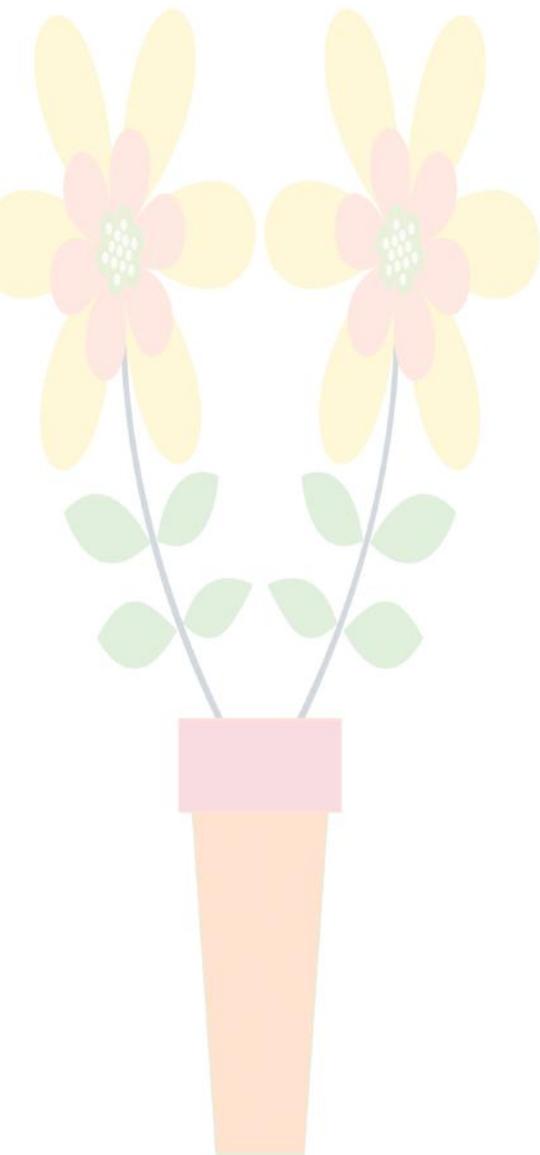


begun to understand its full design potential! This foretells the full story of plants, gardens and gardeners. There will always be plants that demand to be in the limelight, but it is only appropriate that the spotlight be given to the subdued, who support the garden and make it cohesive. The world of our deciduous native sedges can definitely give your garden an edge!

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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It's all happening at the Log Cabin located in the beautiful Rutgers Gardens, 126 Log Cabin Road, East Brunswick. The format is the same as last year, now with new material and more interaction between clubs. The tours of Rutgers Gardens, after the workshop, and Bruce Crawford's plants that will be for sale, all add to the day's value.

The workshop is planned to develop the keys to leadership, uncovering your hidden talents as a leader and a focus on skills needed for a successful garden club. It highlights how the GCNJ is a resource you can tap into. Registration forms will be posted to www.gardenclubofnewjersey and can also be obtained by writing to Joan Lippi at joanlippi@gmail.com.

Plan now to attend on September 9. There is a limit of 150 participants and a small fee will apply. Look for further information in the next News Leaf.

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GCNJ Butterflies & BeeGAP/Backyard Wildlife Habitat

What a year this has been so far for gardening! "Grow it and they will come," should be our motto as it's so true. The blue orchard mason bees that we bought last year were a wise investment. They join the other 399 species of native bees and honey bees to produce an amazing array of flowering plants, trees and shrubs. Our number one goal is to keep up the work we started by educating the public to our pollinators' needs of an adequate supply of food, water, shelter and nesting sites so their populations will recover from loss of habitat, pesticides, herbicides and indiscriminate mowing.

We can all work to ensure this isn't just wishful thinking. We can take steps in our own yards, gardens, public and community gardens by seeing that these requirements are met and going to the National Pollinator Garden Network website to register our gardens in the "Million Pollinator Garden Challenge." You can then follow up

at the National Wildlife Federation's website and obtain certification for a "Wildlife Habitat". Those of you who have already done this are fortunate, indeed, as you will have received their outstanding National Wildlife April-May 2016 Special Magazine Issue: Garden for Wildlife----Nurturing Native Bees. We ask that you continue to build on our success of obtaining the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as our official state butterfly and reach out again to your local legislators, asking them to support the following bills:

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- ✓ Assembly Bill A3397 (It seeks to classify neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use pesticides.)
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As a direct effect of excess CO² production, the oceans absorb as much as 25% of all human carbon dioxide emissions. The gas then combines with other elements to form compounds such as carbonic acid. Over the last 250 years, surface acidity of the ocean has increased by an estimated 30%. The acidity is expected to increase by 150% by 2100. The effect of over acidification of the ocean on sea creatures such as shellfish is similar to osteoporosis in humans. The acid effectively is dissolving the skeletons of the creatures. The effect of ocean acidification may soon challenge marine life on a scale that the planet has not seen for millions of years.

Pollution of air and soil by chemical compounds, that take many years to breakdown, is imminent. Most of these chemicals are the bi-products of our modern lifestyle and are created by industry and motor vehicles.



Pollution isn't just limited to the air. Soil is another place where pollution is taking hold. Common toxic substances include heavy metal, nitrates and plastics. A lot of the plastics that are discarded end up in the ocean. Those plastics

tend to go unseen by humans as the pollution is usually blown out to sea by prevailing winds. Articles have appeared in the news repeatedly about the plastic islands discovered in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. In December 2015, President Obama signed (NJ) Congressman Pallone's Microbead Free Waters Act, banning plastic microbeads in products, including washes and toothpastes. It is reported that 8 trillion microbeads were entering the country's aquatic habitats a day. Although microbeads are now banned, products containing them will remain on the shelf until July 1, 2018.



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MAY 2016

- 2-6 87th NGC Annual Convention-Bloomin' on the Grand. Grand Rapids, Michigan. Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.
- 4 Allenhurst GC presents "A Walk Down Memory Lane" at 11:30am. Luncheon & Boutique at Mr. C's Bistro. Tickets: \$40. 732-531-0221 for information.
- 5 Women Gardeners of Ridgewood's Secret Gardens Tour, 10am-5pm (rain/shine), Tickets: \$25 in advance/\$30 after 6/3. See ad for details on page 18.
- 5,6,7 Maplewood GC's 79th Annual Plant Sale in the Maplewood Parking Lot, 187 Boyden Ave., Maplewood. Thurs., 12-8pm; Fri., 8am-8pm; Sat., 8am-4pm. For more information, visit www.maplewoodgardenclub.org.
- 6-7 Garden Club R.F.D. Annual Plant Sale at Little Red Schoolhouse, Dwight & Middletown Roads, Middletown. New varieties & unique assortments plus Home Grown. May 6-11am-6pm; May 7 9am-3pm.
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- 6,7,8 Rutgers Spring Flower Fair, Ultimate Plant Sale benefiting the Gardens Internship Program. For more information visit <http://www.rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu/springflowerfair>
- 7 GC of Oakland's Annual Plant Sale-parking grounds of Ponds Church on Oak Street & Route 202, Oakland; 7:30am-2pm, rain or shine.
- 7 Haddonfield GC's Annual Herb & Perennial Sale at 9am-3pm on Kings Court, rain or shine! Featuring culinary herbs, homemade goods, floral arrangements (Mother's Day) and plants grown by members.
- 7 Shrewsbury GC's Gardener's Market in the Gazebo in Shrewsbury, 419 Sycamore Ave., 8:30am-1:30pm.
- 9 The Short Hills Home GC hosts a Small Standard Flower Show at Greenwood Gardens, Short Hills.

- 11 Town & Country GC of the Chathams presents Marta McDowell, author of "All the President's Gardens" at Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown. Tickets: \$30; 10:45am-1pm; light lunch. Contact Barbara at bwhitm@hotmail.com.
- 11, 15 The Frelinghuysen Arboretum Summer Calendar. See information at www.arboretumfriends.org for May, June and July.
- 12 Long Beach Island GC Standard Flower Show at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Center.
- 17-18 Judges Symposium at Holiday Inn in East Windsor. Instructors are Char Mutschler-Design and Gay Austin-Horticulture.
- 20 Districts 4 and 5 will hold a joint district meeting at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

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- 1 Navesink GC trip to Wave Hill, a public garden & cultural center in Riverdale. Cost: \$95. Price includes bus, access to Glyndor Gallery, Wave Hill House & Café, Perkins Visitor Center & shop, 1 hour guided tour, boxed lunch. For more information, call Ronnie at 732-859-4366.
- 3,10,24 The Frelinghuysen Arboretum Summer Concerts. Visit www.arboretumfriends.org for details.
- 4 Maplewood GC will have a Garden Walk through 6 local gardens.
- 4-5 Keyport GC presents Keyport Garden Walk, at Waterfront Park, 11:00am - 3:00pm. GardenTalks @ 9:30am - Keyport Borough Hall, 70 West Front Street. Judy Glattstein & Steve Kristoph-speakers. Visit www.keyportgardenwalk.org. For more information or call Clare at 732-687-9519.
- 5-11 National Garden Week
- 5 The Women Gardeners of Ridgewood presents "Secret Gardens of Ridgewood 2016 Tour", 10am-5pm. Light refreshments. Cost: \$25 in advance. Contact Sharon Gilsenan at 201-445-1865 or go to www.thewomengardenersofridgewood.com for details.
- 8 Home GC of Morristown presents "Foodscaping" with Charlie Nardozzi at Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown, at 12:30pm with light refreshments and garden boutique. Cost: \$25 in advance/\$30 at door. Call Betsy at 973-343-6261.
- 8 Grow & Show GC of Interlaken's Bus trip to Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Ticket: \$75-includes transportation, fees, tour, lunch and ends at gift shop! 8:15am-3:30pm from Interlaken Borough Hall, 100 Grassmere Ave., Interlaken. For reservations or info, call Joann at 732-531-3476.
- 8 Wyckoff Area GC—bus trip to Chanticleer Gardens.

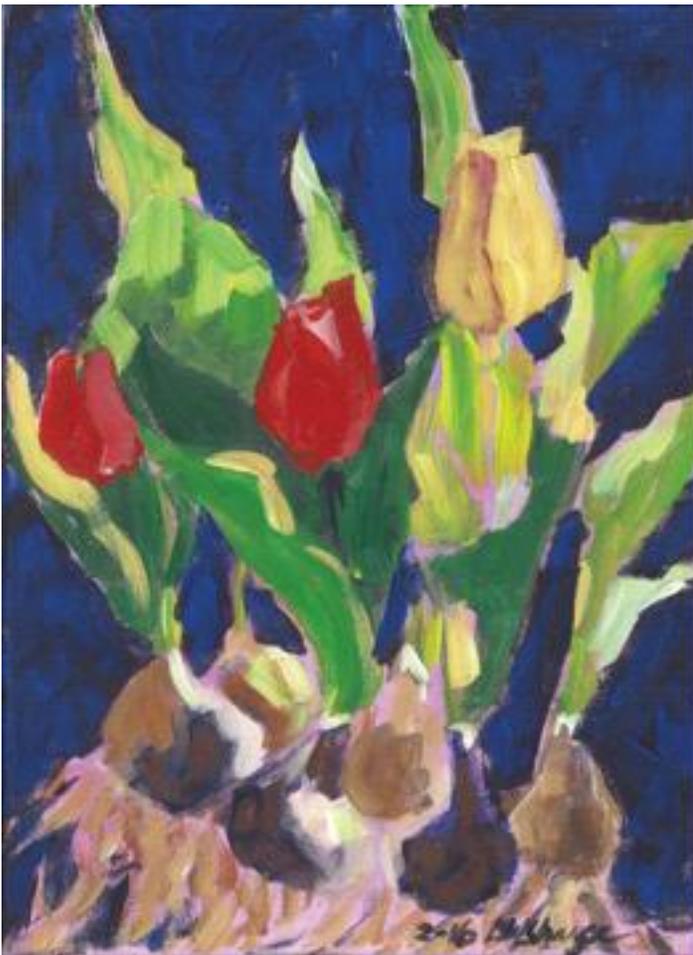


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- 9 GCNJ Annual Meeting at Bridgewater Marriott, 9:00am-4pm. Cost: \$50. Theme is "Roots and Wings". Featured speaker is Kirk R. Brown.
- 11 Belvidere GC's 11th Annual Secret Gardens Tour—a self-guided tour of 7 private gardens. 10am-3pm—start at 334 Hardwick St., Belvidere. Tickets: \$15 day of. Light snack. Contact Charlene at 908-475-3409 or cloux72@gmail.com.
- 15 Tenafly GC—bus trip to the Grounds for Sculpture.
- 16 Seaweeders GC of Bay Head & Mantoloking's self-guided tour, "Gardens & Treasures"; 10am-3pm. Luncheon at The Bay Head Yacht Club with a garden boutique. Ticket: \$60. For more information, write betsypearce94@gmail.com or call 732-892-7838.
- 17-18 Terra Nova GC of Edison presents a Small Standard Flower Show, "A Tribute to Thomas A. Edison", at N. Edison Public Library, 777 Grove St., Edison—3-5pm Friday & 10am-3pm Saturday. No charge.
- 18 GCRFD of Middletown's 75th Anniversary celebration.
- 20 GCNJ Board Meeting at Holly House at 10am.
- 25 Rocky Brook GC presents "Wonderland in the Gardens"—A Garden Tour—10am-3pm (Rain or shine). Features private gardens in Hightstown & Cranbury. Advance Tickets: \$15 at Weichert Realtors, 609-448-8388. Day of: \$20 (child-\$5) at Ely House, 164 N. Main St., Hightstown.
- 29 GC of Spring Lake presents Annual Seaside Garden Tour. 10am-3pm. Refreshments. Tickets \$25/\$30 day of Tour. Visit www.Gardenclubofspringlake.org.

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- 15,22,29 The Frelinghuysen Arboretum Summer Concerts. See page 19.
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SEPTEMBER, 2016

- 9 Leadership Workshop at Pavilion in Rutgers Gardens. See page 17.
- 21-24 NGC Board Meeting in Portland, Maine. Tri-Refresher included.
- 29-30 Environmental Study Schools, "The Living Earth," Series I, Course IV. See page 21.

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- 4,5,7 Garden Study School at Holly House (exam on 7th). See page 12.
- 10 GCNJ Board Meeting at Holly House at 10am.
- 13 GC of Watchung's fundraiser, "A Scentsational Night", Creating Your Own Fragrance by Sue Phillips at St. Mary's Stony Hill, Murray Hill, 225 Mt. Blvd., Watchung. 7-9pm; Tickets: \$50 in advance/\$60 after 9/13. Contact Colleen at 908-754-5766 for reservation.
- 18-19-21 Landscape Design School at Holly House (exam on 21st). Contact Alice Dickson at 908-852-3063 for further information. Also see page 12.
- 23-25 CAR Conference hosted by The Federated Garden Clubs of New York State. Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs, NY. See page 22.

- 26-28 Symposium follows the CAR Conference on October 23-25, at same location. Information for both events on CAR website, www.ngccar.org. See page 22.

NOVEMBER, 2016

- 7 GCNJ Board Meeting at Holly House at 10am.

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FEBRUARY, 2017

- 23-26 State Flower Show at Raritan Convention Center in Edison.

MARCH, 2017

- 21-22 Environmental School-contact Louis Davis for more information at 973-402-4043.
- 27 GCNJ Board Meeting at Holly House at 10am.

APRIL, 2017

- 10-12 Judges Council at Holly House.
- 25,26,27 Flower Show School IV at Holly House. Contact Carol English for more information at 908-931-1426.

MAY, 2017

- 16-21 NGC Convention in Richmond, VA

JUNE, 2017

- 8 GCNJ Annual Meeting at Bridgewater Marriott, 9am-4pm.

SEPTEMBER, 2017

- 13-15 Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis

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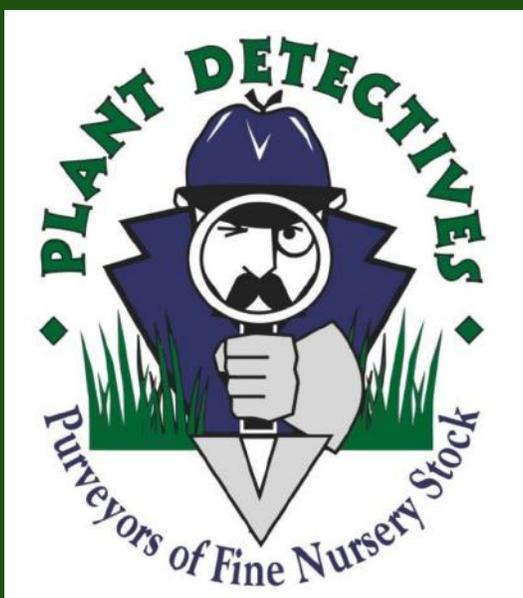
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- May 21-24 NGC Convention in Philadelphia, PA.

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- NGC Convention in New Jersey



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