



Garden Club News

December 2009
Autumn /Winter



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www.gardenclubofteaneck.org/

Calendar: December 2009

Greenhouse Meeting: December 5, 2009, 10 AM at The Greenhouse, foot of Lindbergh Blvd. Next meeting: **Jan.2, 2010, 10 AM.** The Grant Committee was looking into various grant proposal ideas. Also, Christina was in contact with someone who was providing her with options to conserve energy, through repairing sections of the roof that need repairs, instead of doing the entire roof. The Wednesday group was busy sealing up spaces around the perimeter of the Greenhouse.

Garden Club of Teaneck: PARTY! December 10, 2009 at 7:30 PM

Come one, come all! This party is just before the Solstice, Dec. 21, 17:46. It is the time when the Earth's "axis" is tilted furthest away from the Sun. Celebrate the tomatoes you DID harvest, the sunflower that brightened someone's day and the weed that didn't get away. Think of others who could use food at this time and **bring a contribution for the Center for Food Action (no glass containers for donations, please.)**

Bring good cheer --and more--to share. Your tastiest dish for the party table is needed. For variety, bring: according to your last name and type of party food:

Appetizers-last name starting A-F,

Salads, last name G- L

Entrees- last name M- R

Desserts last name S-Z.

Bring enough for at least ten servings. Paper Goods and beverages provided. Questions? Call Cynthia or Aura.

NO Garden Club Meeting in January, 2010. Look forward to the speaker on February 11, 2010. Garden Club meetings & programs are at 7:30 PM at the Rodda Community Center, 250 Colonial Court, Teaneck, N.J., unless noted otherwise.

December, 2009 events in the metropolitan area:

Cloisters Museum and Gardens. See the flower and fruit decorations and check for **concerts:** www.metmuseum.org/tickets/calendar/view.asp?id=2939

Holiday Train Show at The New York Botanical Garden (Nov. 21-January 10, 2010)

2010: Places to Go, Gardens to See

New Jersey State Flower & Garden Show Feb, 18-21, 2010.

macevents.com/show.cfm/eventID/121

Philadelphia Flower Show Garden Club Tour is on Tuesday, March 3, 2010

Theme this year: "Passport to the World" www.theflowershow.com

Branchbrook Park Cherry Blossom Festival: April 15-22, 2010.

www.branchbrookpark.org/about1.htm

Try a new place in 2010: Kikuit : The John Rockefeller Estate. Besides the beautiful interior, the estate has many gardens.. <http://www.hudsonvalley.org/content/view/12/42/>

“Residents Learn the A to Z of Herbs” was the headline in the Thursday, November 19, *Teaneck Suburbanite*. Well-Sweep Farm’s Cyrus Hyde’s visit was covered and included the note that he distributed over 20 herbs to a large group of gardeners for smelling and touching. The herbs included “feverfew, winter tarragon, rose scented geraniums, lovage, carob and Vietnamese coriander.” Source:<http://www.northjersey.com/community/clubs/events/>

Horticultural Director’s Note

Christina thanks all the group members for doing cuttings and propagations. Geraniums have been ordered. The red ones have been increased by 1 lot. **Clean your benches!- Get rid of debris underneath!**

Member News

The Garden Club wishes a speedy recovery to **Helen Hurlbut**, Herb Group Member for many years (1990-) and wife of **Paul Hurlbut**. “Get Well “ wishes are extended to **Jane Trimboli**. We look forward to seeing all in good health .

The Garden Club welcomes new members: **Ho W Ching** of Teaneck (hwching@yahoo.com) and **Carolyn Brady**, Pinehurst, NC.

New e-mails: Nancy Cochrane, msnancycochrane@yahoo.com, **John Lewis**, JlandEI@verizon.net, and **Geneen Purvis**, yukon3101@optonline.net

News about The Newsletter:We now have a significant amount of our members with access to email. We are trying a cost saving approach:starting now, those who have email will get the Newsletter by email and print. In January, 2010, those who have email will receive their newsletter by email **only**. All others will get their Newsletter by mail. Then we’ll look at **savings**, which could easily amount to \$350 a year out of \$800..

EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Garden Club, Teaneck, New Jersey

President: **Aura Altieri**. 1st Vice President: **Deborah Morgan**. 2nd Vice President: **Catherine Lloyd**. Treasurer: TBA Recording Secretary: **Stella Franco**. Corresponding Secretary: **Ann Hirsch**. Board Member: **Elyse Constantin**. Board Member: **Victor Plummer**. Greenhouse Director: **Dania Cheddie**. Immediate Past President: **Pat Pacheco**. Newsletter Team: **Patricia O’Brien Libutti**, Editor, **Stella Franco**, Circulation. **Deadline for articles and items for January, 2010: Dec. 15 2009.**

Recipes from the Garden

“FRESHEN-UP” PARSLEY DOG BISCUITS

Parsley is one of the few things that are plentiful in gardens now---let it go to the dogs!These are treats for pups-and owners.Fresh doggie breathe is a possibility!

2 cups whole wheat flour, or more as needed
1 cup shredded carrots
1/4 cup shredded peeled apple
2 1/2 tablespoons honey
3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
1 cup warm water

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, carrots, apple, honey and parsley, then add the warm water. Mix thoroughly. If the dough is sticky, add more flour. Turn the dough out onto a floured board and roll into a circle 1/4 inch thick. Cut out biscuits with a **bone-shaped cookie cutter** and place on a nonstick baking sheet. Bake the biscuits for 9 to 12 minutes, depending on the size, until the edges are brown. Let cool on a rack, then pass out the biscuits -----as deserved. (From Chester Garden Club.http://homelandia.net/blogs/cgclub_blog/archive/2008/08/25/Recipes-for-Goodies.aspx)



Waldo, left, and Buddy, right, both deserve a biscuit!

Portrait of Waldo Irene O'Brien Nunn