



Calendar: MARCH 2010

Greenhouse Meeting: March 6, 2010 10 AM. Greenhouse.

Garden Club of Teaneck Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:30 PM. Speaker. Bill Muzychko, owner of Bills Figs, Flemington, NJ: **"Growing Figs the New Jersey Way"**. Come hear an innovative gardener tell you how he developed from an avocational raiser of figs--to one who has over 130 varieties. It is no longer a sideline---Bill devised the perfect container for figs, equipped with watering pipes.

The trees are beautiful. Dormant trees are essential -a tree has to rest, and is meant to do so.Listen to him describe his methods of wintering over his trees

This editor bought three trees from Bill: **Neri, Melanzana** and **Stella** figs are in the Greenhouse now.The Common Brown Turkey Fig is the variety behind the Library. Before you come to hear Bill, check his presentation on the Internet:http://figs4fun.com/bills_figs.html

Garden Club meetings & programs are at 7:30 PM at the Rodda Community Center, 250 Colonial Court, Teaneck, N.J., unless noted otherwise.

Members: You can get your 2010 Garden Club Membership List at either a Greenhouse or a Garden Club Meeting.

Garden Club News

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Places to Go, Gardens to See: MARCH

Feb. 27- April 11. **Annual Orchid Show.** Theme: Old Havana. New York Botanical Gardens, Bronx, NY. www.nybc.org

March 11-14: Sussex County Fairgrounds: **SpringFest.** Augusta, NJ. www.springfestgardenshow.com

March 20: **34th Annual Home Gardeners' School.** <http://www.cpe.rutgers.edu/brochures/intros/homegardeners.html> \$49.00 before March 5, 2010 Rutgers University.

**Mark the dates!
Annual Sale!
Coming up Soon!
Sat. April 24-
Sun. May 9, 2010**

Greenhouse News Dania Cheddie

The annual plant sale will begin on Saturday, April 24th and end on Sunday, May 9th. Plugs and seeds will be arriving shortly, and every group member will be needed to plant and care for them.

The Nominating Committee was selected and will make their report in April. The elections for the Greenhouse Board members will be held at the last meeting of the season, in May. (cont'd-p.2)

Greenhouse members **Len Schwartz** and **Pat Libutti** represented the Greenhouse at the Town's first Sustainability meeting. The group ("Green Team") will be looking into how the Town can become more green. Len and Pat will present a report in April. Thank you, Len and Pat.

See you on March 6th at 10:00 am.

Horticultural Director's Note Christina Gels Mackensen

Geranium plugs were picked up and quickly transplanted. Many thanks to the efficient geranium group and everyone who pitched in to help. Seeds have been ordered - and annuals will be ready for pick-up this month (March.) We'll need every group's help for transplanting the plugs.

Member News

Helen Sins Hurlbut died on Feb.2, 2010. She came from West Leyden, in the Tughill Plateau area of Northern New York. She was educated as a teacher and a nurse, and raised four children (Michael, Katie, Clifford and Mary.)

Helen was a nurse at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital for many years--until she and Paul spent time in Milan, Italy. She perfected her Italian speech --and cooking. Helen joined the Garden Club and the Greenhouse as an Herb Group member in 1990. The Hurlbuts produced the Garden Club Newsletter from 1995-1999. Her friendly and gentle nature will be missed by many, as well as her wonderful homemade bread, brought to September picnics.

Paul Hurlbut thanks the members of the Garden Club for their condolence cards and attendance at the wake and funeral, the floral arrangement and generous contribution in Helen's name to Doctors Without Borders.

Sara Jones lost her brother, Bishop Rufus B. Polk, 76, of Winston, GA, on February 13, 2010. The service was held in Douglasville, Georgia. The Garden Club extends heartfelt sympathy to Sara on her loss.

Best wishes for good health are extended to **Helen Humphreys** and the **Jon Ross family**, who have experienced recent illness.

Mary Topolsky, Garden Designer and Garden Club member, is teaching three courses at the Teaneck Community School. They are; Monday March 23rd: **Organic Gardening**; April 12, 19 and 26; a **three part class on creative cultivating** and **Grow Your Own Veggies** on Wednesday, May 12.

School Program with Hawthorne

Grades Two, Three and Four will once again come to the Greenhouse for hands-on lessons. **Helen Humphreys** will teach Garbage Gardening (Grade Two), and **Pat Libutti** will teach both **Progagation** (Grade 3) and **Herbs** (Grade 4.) Welcome, children!

Resources to Use: Gardening & Kids

KidsGardening.org: This site is rich with materials for both educators and students. A **newsletter** for the topic can be sent to you each month. **Grant and funding** information is available. Check the **articles**-full of ideas!

Try: **The Children's Gardening Program** from New York Botanical Garden. http://www.nybg.org/edu/childrens_garden.php. This site is a mecca for teachers, parents and children. See how the Garden plans education for children. Sign up for their e-notes.

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**Despite
the snow---
flowers
and
butterflies
will come
back!**

