

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

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Ho Wan Ching, Michael McCue, Teaneck Municipal Library Director, Mary Topolsky, Christina Mackensen

The Beautification of the Municipal Green at the Library: A Progress Report

On Saturday April 17th, Garden Club volunteers gathered to do plantings presented and approved at the Town Council meeting on March 9th. Led by Mary Topolsky, professional garden designer and lecturer, volunteers included Christina Mackensen, Nancy Cochrane, Ho Wan Ching, Marty Steeil, Paul Hurlbut, Jon Ross, Lili Steinberg, Stella Franco and Dania Cheddie. Jane Furman's help in recruiting workers was invaluable.

The design for the two beds is seasonal in theme. From the old Library entrance (facing Teaneck Road.), you can see an autumn theme with three *lex verticillatas* (winterberry), a *Hamamelis 'Diane'* (witch hazel) a *Cornus 'Ivory halo'* (dogwood.) Grasses and sedum (*'Autumn Joy'*) are interspersed. It should be a

glorious display of red berries and twigs with golden grasses to set it off.

The bed facing the Library parking lot is dedicated to spring and summer. It was built on a group of existing azaleas dedicated to a library associate, Shirley Bloom. We added five azaleas, three hydrangeas (*'Endless Summer'*) a *'Knockout'*® rose, and a *Viburnum 'carlesii'*. To add a vertical element, *Cercis canadensis 'Lavender Twist'* (redbud tree) was placed near the entrance to the Library. Transplanted daylilies were interspersed throughout.

Thanks go to the Township, which paid for the plant material. Also, thanks to Township Manager William Broughton, Fran Wilson and the DPW staff who removed the old plantings and transported the plants from the nursery--- and Aura who contacted all for the Photo-Op.

--Mary Topolsky/P. Libutti, Photo Pat Pacheco© 2010

Calendar: June 2010

Away we go to warm breezes, hammocks, flowers and vegetable gardens. It was wonderful to see the coming together of all members' time, talent, and good will in sales, parties and problem solving. We heard speakers discourse and have had a profitable Sale .

We thank the officers of our Club who have given so much of their spirit and energy to support our mission. Aura Altieri and Dania Cheddie deserve a special salute for their leadership. A salute also goes to Christina Mackensen, who led the Plant Sale (and tselling the after Sale plants at the Flea Market! Hooray!)

The last Greenhouse Meeting for 2009-2010 is May 22, 10 AM, Greenhouse . The slate of officers is to be ratified by vote on May 22.

The first Greenhouse meeting of the 2010-2011 year is **Saturday October 2.**

The **Spring Luncheon** will be held at Vitale's Restaurant on June 12, noon.

The first Garden Club meeting of the 2010-2011 year is **October 14 , 2010, 7:30 PM, Rodda Center.**



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Garden Club Officers' Slate: Term 2010-2012

On May 13, the Garden Club meeting heard the recommended slate for the next term. There will be an election on June 12 at the Spring Luncheon, Vitale's Restaurant

Recommended slate:

President: Deborah Morgan, **First Vice President, Membership:** TBA, **Second Vice President, Program:** Cynthia McCay, **Corresponding Secretary:** TBA, **Recording Secretary:** Stella Franco, **Treasurer:** Christina Mackensen, **Hospitality:** Barbara Twidle, **Newsletter Team:** Martin Steeil, Deborah Morgan.



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Welcome, New Members!

Let's give a loud Garden Club welcome to new members **Martin Steeil**, 254 Vandelinde Ave. and **Lucy Lebron**, 10 Palisade Avenue, Bogota, NJ 07603,. Please also note the change in **Sheila Mason's** address to 195 John St .#1 , Englewood, NJ 07631.

Executive Board of the Garden Club, Teaneck

President: Aura Altieri. 1st Vice President: Deborah Morgan. 2nd Vice President: TBA,. 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.

An Invitation to Keep Alive An Historic Endeavor--Help With Our Herb Garden

Herb Garden leader **Nancy Cochrane** will be calling on you to donate a small amount of your time to maintain the Grace Kriegel Herb Garden. This year, the Herb Group and the Propagation Group provided new herb plants for the Garden, including Shiso Breton, Orange Thyme, two kinds of basil, Borage and many others. Nancy has cared for the plants from last year and will be introducing new varieties, including a Vicks plant. All who come, look for the sixteen identified wildflowers in the Garden (such as Wild Geranium, May Apple and Grand Alexander), as well as the many cultivated ones.

Help is needed --Nancy will be at the Garden on Saturday, May 29th from 9 am - 12 noon. If you have no Memorial Day weekend plans, come and work for any amount of time.

That would be great! If you can't make it and would be willing to water the plants a couple of times during the summer, you can contact Nancy by email or phone (use the membership list to get contact info.) The general public will be reminded that the Garden is for looking and enjoying, not for harvesting. You will see signage.

The poster included on this page is the work of **Bob O'Brien**, a talented graphic artist who also is a frequent shopper at the Garden Club Plant Sale. Bob shared his class project (Pratt) in which he was inspired by the Plant Sale.

Thanks, Bob. This copy is reproduced with permission, © 2010, Bob O'Brien.

Check it out on the Garden Club website so you can see it in full color. (www.gardenclubofteaneck.org)





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Places to Go, Gardens to See

New York Botanical Garden Emily Dickenson Poetry in the Garden. www.nybg.org This aesthetic exhibit ends June 12---tour flower garden interspersed with Emily's well known poetry.

Sustainability GROW(s)TM Up! is a daylong program (June 12) addressing recent progress on the emerging world of no-spray, sustainable rose gardening. Learn cutting-edge, environmentally friendly techniques to grow great roses. To attend, go to www.nybg.org and register online.

Ridgewood Women Gardeners "Secret Gardens" Tour: Sunday June 6, 2010, 10-5 pm. rain or shine; Monday June 7, from 9-4, rain or shine. Tickets: \$20, prepaid. See www.womengardenersofridgewood.com.

Plant Exchange Spirit Thriving at the Local Level

Members were noted giving other members: **Dania Cheddie:** Hosta, **Sara Jones,** begonias and petunias, **George Tipton,** Oxalis and pumpkin seeds, **Mary Jane Tipton:** Mint and Sage, **Lily Cheng:** Succulents and sedum, **Pat Libutti,** Herbs and Begonia rex, **Marguerite Ross,** seed packet of the Three Sisters and Cactus, **Michael Pontecorvo,** Lime Zinnia seeds, **Fred Dolch,** Yellow tomatoes and Lovage, Despina Metataxos, Diplopnea., **Yolanda Napoliello,** Succulents and Iris. **What have you shared with your fellow members this year?**

From the Horticultural Director

Our Garden Club Plant Sale once again was very successful. Sales were brisk on the three weekends at the Greenhouse. Leftover plants were sold at the Flea Market at the Armory in Teaneck Saturday, May 15th. Selling plants at the Flea Market was a first --- so they said. But apparently the customers had planting on their minds because our stand was mobbed. We sold out completely. Thanks to the Friday Group members who pitched in at the last minute and contributed to a grand finale to The Sale
---Christina Mackensen

Report: The Teaneck Advisory Commission on Sustainability

Greenhouse members were invited to join as guests at the meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Board, newly formed to work at turning Teaneck green. The Township has joined over 200 other townships in New Jersey in registering for their intent to use green thinking across the town.

Appointed members, one being Nancy Cochrane (Chair of the Shade Tree Committee), will head committees that need members. The issues focused on are what is involved in "going green." They include education, environment, global warming, pollution, biodiversity, buying locally, community outreach, green building and sustainable agriculture. Look for a time to join---it is right up the Garden Club's alley! To learn more, try <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/>

Poem

"Nature" is what we see--
 The hill--the afternoon--
 Squirrel--Eclipse--The Bumble bee--
 Nay--Nature is heaven--
 Nature is what we hear--
 The bobolink--The sea--
 Thunder--The cricket--
 Nay--Nature is harmony--
 Nature is what we know--
 Yet have no art to say--
 So impotent our wisdom is
 To her simplicity
 .----Emily Dickenson



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Join in celebrating The Garden Club's successful year!

SPRING LUNCHEON June 12 Noon

Vitale's Restaurant 293 Queen Anne Rd. Teaneck, NJ 07666

www.vitales.com

Sit Down Lunch Menu Price: \$26.50

Appetizer---Choice of 1 : Bruschetta, Eggplant Rollantine or Soup

Pasta---Choice of: Penne Sauce:Vodka Sauce, Pomodoro Sauce, Plum Tomato Sauce, Carbonara Sauce

Salad---Choice of Field Green Salad or Caesar Salad

Entrees---Choice of 3: Chicken Parmesan, Chicken Marsala, Chicken Italiano, Chicken Mason, Chicken Francese, Salmon Horseradish, Baked Alaskan Cod, Sirloin Steak

Coffee-Tea-Dessert

-----Please fill out, cut and mail with check -----

Name: _____

Number attending: _____ *(guests)*

Phone Number: _____

The price is \$26.50 (**including gratuity and tax.***) Call Aura Altieri to let her know you are coming.Please make the check for \$26.50 to "The Garden Club of Teaneck." Mail it with the above form to:*Aura Altieri*..Because Vitale's needs a head count for preparation, please mail your check so it is received no later than *Thursday, June 10th* .

***Gratuity with a large group is normally 18%, tax is 7% of the lunch price.**