



# Garden Club News

## May 2016

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### GARDEN CLUB of TEANECK EVENTS: APRIL-JUNE 2016

**Thurs., April 28th:** Presale for members only, Greenhouse, 5-8 PM.

**Thurs., April 28th:** Run-through for the Sale, Greenhouse, 6 PM.

**Sat., April 30th-Sun., May 8th:** Greenhouse.

#### ANNUAL PLANT SALE.

(See the flyer on p.7 for schedules for each day.)

**Thurs., May 12:** Meeting of the Garden Club of Teaneck, Rodda Center, Multipurpose Room 2B (Second Floor), 250 Colonial Ct., Teaneck, NJ, 07666. 7 PM, Refreshments, 7:20 PM, Announcements, 7:30, Speaker, Joel Flagler: "Horticultural Therapy." The public is welcome.

**Sat., May 14th:** Spring Fest, Teaneck Creek Conservancy, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM.

**Sat., May 21st:** Annual General Meeting and Election, Greenhouse, 10 AM.

**Thurs., June 2nd,** Annual Celebration and Handover Dinner, 6:30 PM, Rose's Englewood Restaurant.

### GARDEN CLUB of TEANECK NEWS

#### Garden Club to Elect Officers on May 21

There will be an Election at the Annual General meeting on May 21, 10:00 AM, at the Greenhouse. The newly adopted *Constitution and Bylaws* is the basis for the election. The *Bylaws* specify that there is to be one election for the whole Club. Further, one Treasurer and one Recording Secretary are to be elected to serve the whole Club. The slate on p.8 lists the candidates

#### Members: Help to Advertise the Plant Sale

The Plant Sale ads are in the *Suburbanite* and *Patch*. But the best advertising is often word of mouth. You can do that: forward the attractive (and humorous) flyer, designed by Anna Kurz. It is attached to your email, separate from the newsletter, as well as being on p. 7. Make sure all your friends know about our (possibly) 62nd Annual Plant Sale. Newspaper articles about our Sale date back to 1954.

#### Presale and Run-through for Sale on April 28th

The members-only Presale will be on Thursday, April 28th, 5 to 8 PM; the Run-through will be at 6 PM. Both events will be in the Greenhouse. New items in the Sale this year include wildflowers, native plants and succulents.



#### Annual Celebration & Handover Dinner at Rose's Englewood Restaurant on June 2nd

This special event will celebrate the work and success of the Plant Sale, show appreciation for the outgoing committees, and officially welcome the new Executive Committee. Join the fun on June 2nd, 6:30 PM, at Rose's Englewood Restaurant, 126 Engle St., Englewood, NJ 07631. The cuisine is Lebanese, BYO. The cost will be approximately \$30.00 per person.

The deadline to register is May 21st. Contact Joe Papa, ([jp4@optonline.net](mailto:jp4@optonline.net)) or Pat Fromm ([fromm\\_pat@yahoo.com](mailto:fromm_pat@yahoo.com)) to register. <http://www.roseslebaneserestaurants.com/EnglewoodMenu.htm>

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**President's  
Message**  
by Pat Fromm

Our Annual Plant Sale is imminent, from April 30th to May 8th. It is **the single fundraiser** for the Garden Club of Teaneck.

Please tell your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and even the delivery folks about our Sale. The success of the plant Sale allows us to play and work in the Greenhouse and the gardens and more importantly, to continue and to grow the work that we do for the Teaneck community.

One of our many community service projects is tending the gardens at the Library. A caring group of member volunteers were there this week cleaning up from winter damage and planting some lovely new plants for a fresh look in 2016!

They have been going above and beyond their work group obligation! Keep your eye on the entrance garden at the Teaneck Library for more beautifying progress!

Many thanks to Olga Newey, Miriam Taub, Laurie Ludmer, and Doug Raska!

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**Free Passes for Skyland Admission**

The Garden Club of Teaneck is a member of New Jersey Botanical Gardens in Ringwood, New Jersey. As an organization member, we are entitled to 4 (four) passes for one free admission to the Skyland Manor Tours. These passes will be available until all are used. You may request one pass per member by emailing [gardenclubofteaneck@gmail.com](mailto:gardenclubofteaneck@gmail.com) or call 201-880-6110 to request a ticket. Call at least 5 days in advance of the date of the tour. You may check for times and dates of tours at the Events Calendar at [www.njbg.org](http://www.njbg.org) or call 973-962-9534.



**A picture is worth a thousand words.....**

*Olga Newey and Doug Raska in the front of the entrance garden, designed by Mary Topolsky, June 2010.*

**The Garden Club of Teaneck Newsletter May 2016**

*The earliest newsletter of the Garden Club of Teaneck was The Greenhouse, described in 1954 in a local paper. Now it is distributed by email and post to members, as well as to selected community groups. Current contributors are:*

**Editor:** Patricia O'Brien Libutti. **Proofreaders:** Anne Ediger, Bruce Libutti, Janet Austin. **Distributors:** Bruce & Pat Libutti. **Contributors, articles:** Robyn Lowenthal, Pat Fromm, Len Schwartz, Mark Penchinar, Olga Newey, Joe Papa. **Contributors, graphics & photos:** Anna Kurz, Pat Fromm, Marty Steeil, Olga Newey. **Masthead logo:** Marty Steeil. **Publication Schedule:** The Newsletter comes out the first of the month from Sept through June. **Article deadline:** 20th of the month. **Article limit:** 1 column (265-270 words.) **Please email your contribution to the Editor:** [pat.libutti@aol.com](mailto:pat.libutti@aol.com)



**Greenhouse  
Director's Report**  
Leonard Schwartz

This is my sixth Plant Sale as Greenhouse Director and we've all done an even better job of getting it together than in any of those previous years. So we should all hope, and even expect, a successful Sale again.

The plants look great; "thank you" to those who have brought in boxes. The meeting room is being rearranged to handle the first Saturday morning crowd.

Ads are being placed. Please keep on distributing the small hand flyers; please re-check your scheduled time and show up 15 minutes early; don't park near the Greenhouse and do attend the Run-through on Thursday, April 28 at 6 PM.

There is still a lot of work to do.

The Pre-sale **for members only** will be on next Thursday, April 28th **only** from 5 to 8 PM (yes, you still have to pay.) No one may remove or claim any Sale plants at any other time.

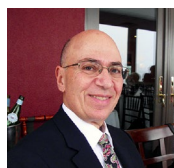
Our new on-demand hot water heater is being installed, which will complete the major work on our bathroom remodeling. Our last meeting for the year will be at 10 AM on Saturday, May 21st.  
---Len



## **Garden Club of Teaneck**

**Garden Club of Teaneck website**  
**[www.gardenclubofteaneck.org](http://www.gardenclubofteaneck.org)**

Started by Pat Pacheco in 2008, it is currently developed and maintained by Anna Kurz, Publicity and Communications Director. The site contains the Club Calendar, gardener's resources, speakers' biographies, a backrun of the newsletter (2009-present), photo albums of Club events, current information about the Club, and more.



**From Joe Papa,  
Horticultural Director**

This is my final correspondence as the Horticultural Director. As you know, the major responsibility of the Director is to conduct the Plant Sale, our source of revenue that enables us to provide plants, education and other horticultural services to the Township and the community at large. We have, over the last four years, added a diversity of high-quality plant material and simultaneously educated ourselves and our customers in their propagation and care. Certainly, we could not have achieved these successes without the collective efforts of the membership.

In this position, I felt compelled to share my thoughts and my experiences germane to gardening and the environment. I have always striven to improve my techniques, whether it was trying a new cultivar or working on another organic approach and then sharing the knowledge gained. In these efforts, I had hoped to enlighten all about the sanctity of the Mother Earth that we inhabit, our roles as stewards in her protection, and the recognition of our interconnections.

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, I will be joining the Rutgers Cooperative Extension as a Horticultural Consultant, reporting to Joel Flagler and replacing Dail Reid, who will be retiring. Replacing Dail will be a challenge; she has a wealth of knowledge and is an accomplished gardener. I have much to learn from her. In this capacity, we will be fielding questions from gardeners, farmers, arborists, landscapers, exterminators, etc. I have much to absorb, but I look forward to the process and the learning experience.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the membership for their support over the last four years but I must recognize Len Schwartz, our Greenhouse Director, for without his support and help, our successes could not have been realized.

Thanks for all your help! --- Joe

*"The more we observe nature the more we recognize that in every direction it provides pictures of ourselves." ---Sherry Wildfeuer*



**“Horticultural Therapy”**  
**Joel Flagler**  
**May 12, 2016**  
**7-9 PM**  
**Rodda Center**

“Horticultural Therapy” will be presented by Joel Flagler on May 12, 7:30 PM. Flagler, a Rutgers professor and Agricultural Extension agent, is also a registered horticultural therapist. He will look at a number of processes and see how structured horticultural activities can help reach goals for the disability community. This presentation will focus on the use of gardens and greenhouses as tools in the healing and rehabilitation processes for diverse groups of individuals.

Joel created many horticultural therapy programs in Bergen County (and elsewhere) over the past 30 years. He carried his work further by founding a camp for horticultural therapy with developmentally disabled youth, called Glade Farm in the Poconos ([gladefarmgrow.com](http://gladefarmgrow.com)).

As an Agricultural Extension agent, part of his job is leading the program for Master Gardeners in Bergen County. Over 800 Master Gardeners remember Joel as their teacher in classes leading to certification.

Joel earned his B.S. in Agriculture from Rutgers and his Master’s in Forestry Science from Yale. His experiences also include positions with the United States Forestry Service and the New York Botanical Garden.



<https://www.facebook.com/GardenClubofTeaneck/>  
**‘Like’ our Facebook page.** It was developed in 2015 by Denise George for the Garden Club of Teaneck.

**Post Talk:**

**Dr. Randi V. Wilfert Eckel’s**  
**“Spring: A New Beginning”**

by Mark Penchinar,  
Program Director



**April 14, 2016.** “Do you know that skunk cabbage is more than a gardener’s annoyance? It is used by bumblebees for warmth in the cool weather. Thinking of pulling it out? Think twice if you are interested in preserving our native diversity of plants and wildlife.” So said Dr. Randi Eckel. In a lively and personable manner, she delivered this and other revealing facts of the relationship between native plants and wildlife, and the impact invasive species have.

“It’s not just about the Monarch butterfly,” she said, which surprised everyone. She explains that because non-native plants and insects have no natural predators here, they thrive abnormally and push out our native flora and fauna. All insects are impacted and have fewer choices among our native varieties. They do not recognize invasives as a food source and ignore them. Deer ignore them and pillage our native plants instead.

“There are more than the same 15 native plants we all choose,” she stated humorously. “Open your eyes,” she implored. “If you don’t like the common violet crowding out your garden, there are over 50 native species of violet that are not at all pushy. There is such diversity we just need to pay a little more attention and look around.

“Not only can you attract the Monarch, but by planting other species, you attract a myriad of butterflies and insects, thereby helping preserve our native diversity. Bring to your garden the American Painted Lady, Fritillaries, Swallowtails, bumblebees, hummingbirds and many more.”

Dr. Eckel’s message was “Go native!”

I thoroughly loved this talk and so did the full house of attendees.



## Hawthorne School Program

by Olga Newey, Education Coordinator

On Thursday, March 31, 2016, Hawthorne School finished its annual series of horticultural lessons at the Greenhouse. We had loads of fun.

Greenhouse members taught the classes. Stella Franco taught first graders the story of a seed. Sydelle Postman taught second graders the parts of the plants and their function. Mark Penchinar taught propagation to third graders. Fourth graders were taught a brand new topic steeped in Native American history entitled "The Oak and the Acorn," developed and presented by Pat Libutti.

Lessons were designed to enrich the school's science curriculum. After each lesson, students sowed a seed or propagated plants. The session ended with a plant sale. Plant care advice helped the students choose their plants. Boys and girls were thrilled with the variety and health of the plants. *Mimosa pudica* was a biggie.

Hawthorne school has one kindergarten class and is asking that we come to the school and do something for the kindergarten class. They are willing to buy all the materials. Stella has volunteered to help me. Would anyone like to help? I was thinking that what Helen Humphreys did, "Garbage Gardening," would be appropriate.

Next year, Pat and Mark will not be returning to teach classes, so I need volunteers to replace them. It involves just 2 weeks of your life, that's all. Lesson plans are already drawn up. If you would like to participate further in this endeavor. see Mark, Pat or me.

I thank the teachers: Stella, Sydelle, Mark, and Pat; I thank everyone. So many people lent a hand in different ways. It was truly a collaborative effort.

## *A Letter from Hawthorne Schools*

April 4, 2016

Dear Ms. Newey,

Thank you for, once again, coordinating Hawthorne School's field trips to the Teaneck Greenhouse. I would like to extend a special thank you to your teachers, Stella Franco, Sydelle Postman, Mark Penchinar, and Pat Libutti, for creating and presenting such superb programs to our students this spring.

Thank you to your entire Greenhouse community for allowing our students to visit your beautiful facility. Thank you again for providing this educational opportunity to our students at Hawthorne School.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Deidre Spollen-LaRaia,  
Principal,  
Hawthorne School





## Selected Spring Sales

by Robyn Lowenthal

Can anyone really ever have enough plants? Here are some interesting plant sales to allow you to add to your collection.

**April 30 – May 1: NJ Botanical Garden Plant Sale.** Perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, trees, shrubs, vines, ground covers, hanging baskets and potted plants. 10 AM – 4 PM.  
<http://www.njbg.org/events.shtml>

**April 30 – May 1: Freylinghausen Arboretum Plant Sale.** An amazing variety of plants, specializing in color, texture and fragrance are offered, including trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and herbs. 353 E. Hanover Avenue, Morris Township, NJ. 9 AM – 3 PM.  
[www.arboretumfriends.org/events](http://www.arboretumfriends.org/events).

**May 5: Brooklyn Botanical Garden Plant Sale.** This spectacular annual event offers the largest collection of plants in the metropolitan area and features free talks and workshops. 150 Eastern Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY. 9 AM – 8 PM.  
[www.bbg.org/visit/events](http://www.bbg.org/visit/events).

**May 5 – 7: Maplewood Garden Club Plant Sale.** Plants, grown from seed, cuttings, division, and bare-root, are supplemented by wholesale orders and member-grown items. Annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, trees, shrubs and container plants are offered. Bring your own cart. 187 Boyden Avenue, Maplewood, NJ. Check website for times. [www.maplewoodgardenclub.org](http://www.maplewoodgardenclub.org)

**May 6 – 8: Rutgers Gardens Spring Flower Fair.** Favorite varieties and unique, hard-to-find plants are offered, including trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, annuals, herbs and vegetables. Bring your own garden cart. 130 Log Cabin Road, New Brunswick, NJ. 10 AM – 4 PM.  
[www.rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu/springflowerfair](http://www.rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu/springflowerfair)

**May 6 – 8: Morven Gardens and Museum: A Celebration of Art, Craft and Garden.** In addition to a beautiful selection of American-made fine crafts, this sale offers a huge variety of heirloom and new annuals, perennials, shrubs, herbs, vegetables, and shrubs. 10 AM – 5 PM. 55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ. [www.morven.org](http://www.morven.org).

**May 6 – 8: Presby Memorial Iris Garden.** Named potted and bare root irises, bearded and non-bearded. Some are historic and very rare. 474 Upper Mountain Road, Upper Montclair, NJ. 10 AM – 3 PM. [www.presbygarden.org](http://www.presbygarden.org)

**May 7: Garretson Farm Annual Spring Festival and Plant Sale.** A large variety of native perennials and herbs will be available as well as milkweed seeds and plants. In addition, experience Colonial life at one of the oldest historic sites in Bergen County. 4-02 River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ. 10 AM – 4 PM.  
[www.garretsonfarm.org/calendar](http://www.garretsonfarm.org/calendar)

**June 4: Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary Native Plant Sale.** A wide variety of native wildflowers, ferns, grasses, shrubs and small trees. 11 Hardscrabble Rd., Bernardsville, NJ. 9 AM – 4 PM.  
[www.njaudubon.org/SectionCenters/Section-Scherman/NativePlantSale.aspx](http://www.njaudubon.org/SectionCenters/Section-Scherman/NativePlantSale.aspx)

## IN MEMORIAM CYNTHIA McKAY 6/25/51-4/14/16



The Garden Club of Teaneck extends heartfelt condolences to Dr. Ron McKay and his family. Cynthia remains in our hearts and in our minds.

# Garden Club of Teaneck\* PLANT SALE

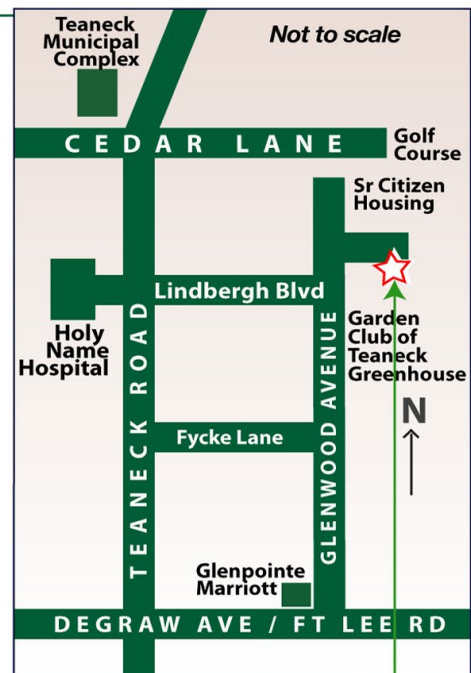


Saturday, April 30  
thru Sunday, May 8, 2016

Sat/Sun.....9 - 3 pm  
M, W.....9 - noon  
T, Th, Fri.....5 - 8 pm



\* at the foot of Lindbergh Blvd.,  
off Glenwood Ave., next door  
to #296 Lindbergh Blvd.



*Our usual: House plants, annuals, perennials, herbs and veggies;  
PLUS new this year: Succulents, NJ Natives, Wildflowers, more.*

[www.gardenclubofteaneck.org/PlantSale.html](http://www.gardenclubofteaneck.org/PlantSale.html)



Prices reflect our nonprofit status

## Candidates for the Garden Club of Teaneck's Executive Committee



**PRESIDENT: ROBIN JACKSON.** It is the duty of the President to preside at membership and executive meetings of the Club, and, together with the Executive Committee, lead, establish, and monitor initiatives and priorities for the year. The President may appoint standing committees and represent the Club to the community.



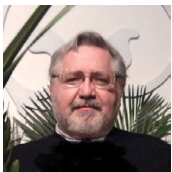
**VICE PRESIDENT: PEGGY HAZARD.** During the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the office of President. The Membership Director shall also collect all dues, membership applications, and keep an accurate roll and account of the members. It will be the responsibility of this office to issue membership cards



**PROGRAM DIRECTOR: MARK PENCHINAR.** The Program Director is responsible for the program at the monthly public meeting, as well as some workshops and makes all arrangements for the guest speakers and programs.



**GREENHOUSE DIRECTOR: LEN SCHWARTZ.** It shall be the duty of the Director of the Greenhouse to run the Greenhouse and surrounding property as a manager. The Greenhouse Director will liaise with DPW regarding property. The Director may be delegated to chair the monthly meeting in the absence of the President and may chair the part of the meeting pertaining strictly to Greenhouse business.



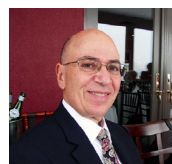
**HORTICULTURE DIRECTOR: DOUG RASKA.** It shall be the duty of the Horticulture Director to supervise all the horticultural work. The Horticulture Director will be chairperson of the plant sale.



**PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR: ANNA KURZ.** It shall be the duty of the Publicity and Communication Director to prepare and send out public notices and correspondence representing the Club and to maintain the website.



**RECORDING SECRETARY: ANNE EDIGER.** It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a written record of all General and Executive Committee meeting minutes. The *Minutes* of the general meetings will be made available to the membership in a timely manner.



**TREASURER: JOE PAPA.** The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all monies received, and after reviewing and verifying all vouchers and outstanding invoices or bills, shall authorize payment. In the event that certain disbursements will exceed the annual budget projections, such payment must be presented and approved by a vote of the Club. All monies shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. An itemized statement shall be given at each regular meeting of all receipts and expenditures since the last meeting.

The Election will be held at the Greenhouse on Saturday, May 21st, 10 AM, as part of the Annual General Meeting. (Position Descriptions: excerpts from *The Constitution & Bylaws*, Garden Club of Teaneck, 2016).