



Garden Club News

June 2017

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GARDEN CLUB OF TEANECK CALENDAR JUNE 2017

Thursday, June 15, 7:00 p.m. Annual Dinner, International Buffet. 595 South Washington Ave., Bergenfield, NJ. \$20 per person. (Tax, tip and beverage included.) RSVP by 6/8 to gardenclubofteaneck@gmail.com

Saturday, August 19, 2017, 4 p.m. Sixth Annual Harvest Fest, Greenhouse Grounds.

Saturday, October 7, 2017, 10 a.m., Green-house. **First 2017-2018 business meeting of the Garden Club of Teaneck.**



Garden plots are well underway, planted with veggies and herbs that promise to produce delicious rewards for our plot farmers' summer of hard (though enjoyable) work. Pictured: Joe Papa in front of his raised bed garden. Photo & text: Peggy Hazard

Garden Club of Teaneck Scholarship Awards 2017 By Mark Penchinar

Every year the Garden Club of Teaneck participates in the Teaneck High School Scholarship Program. The students apply for scholarships in February and then the selection committee begins reviewing applicants. This culminates with student interviews in late April through early May. These students are all top notch in their class, ranked in the top third.

This year we selected two students who best exemplify exceptional scholarship and clarity of ideas about their college and career goals, as well as an interest in Environmental Science. Olga Newey will be presenting our awards on June 15th in the THS auditorium. I thank Olga and Pat Libutti for participating in the interviews and representing the Garden Club of Teaneck in this process to provide the students with the Garden Club awards. The scholarship evaluation could not have been completed without them. More: www.communityscholarshipfund.org/



Eleanor Kielizcek
1925-2017

In Kind Remembrance

The Township's first female mayor was an honorary member of the Garden Club. She broke the ground of the

Grace Kriegel Herb Garden in April 1976 and spoke at the dedication in October 1996, both times as Mayor. Eleanor is pictured with Nancy Cochrane at the dedication ceremony.



A Letter from Robin Jackson, GCT President

Dear GCT Members,

We finished up this season as we started: and various educational programs have all with success. Our plant sale, speaker series, contributed to meeting the objective of the Club: to spread the knowledge and appreciation of gardening to its members and the community at large.

It's really wonderful how much time so many of you volunteer to make the club productive and interesting. Thank you to the executive committee members, Greenhouse groups, members and other volunteers, Teaneck Township, and the community at large for your support of the Garden Club of Teaneck.

While our next business meeting is a few months away, we will have the opportunity to get together soon and chat (and eat, of course). Our annual dinner will be held on June 15th, 2017 and the Harvest Festival on August 19th. I hope to see you there. Please send me an email at gardenclubofteaneck@gmail.com and let me know if you will attend the annual dinner.

When you have a chance, please stop by the beautiful gardens around the Greenhouse and the Library to see the continuing work of the Club and to enjoy the view.

Happy Gardening!
Robin



Report from Len Schwartz, Greenhouse Director

Wow, what a blow out year! We in the Greenhouse all made a great effort towards its success, but special recognition goes to those who did extra.

Thank you, Doug, for leading and also actually doing so much in every aspect of the Greenhouse and for making the wonderful plants this year. You are a whirlwind! Thank you Olga, and our teachers, Mark, Stella, Sara and Sydelle, who made the Hawthorne school program bloom. Thank you to our group leaders, Bob, and Christa/Alex, Len, Dania, Aura/Christina, Myriam, and Nancy Cochrane. Thanks also to Myriam and Nancy for the Jr. Gardener's Club. Thanks to Pat Fromm, who finally unified us. It worked out well. Special thanks to Anna for work that no one else can do and also to Dominick during the sale.

Thanks to the Township and the DPW who keep us going and to our customers who bought our lovely plants.

Please remove all plants and everything else, over, on, or under your bench by June 9th to make room for the column repair work this summer.

Anyone wanting a garden plot, please see Peggy Hazard, Plot Administrator or me.

Horticultural Director,
the indefatigable Doug Raska
with iris in the Greenhouse
Front Garden



Behind the Scenes at the 2017 Sale



Lou Schwartz with plantlets, the first step unless the member is planting from seeds.

Photo:
Pat Fromm

Doug Raska pointed out features of the Greenhouse to a customer.



Caryl Gottlieb and Pat Libutti chatted with customers

Large strawberry plants from Dominick Badolato's project were for sale at the Greenhouse door.
Sold out!



Photos: Anna Kurz

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

The Club extends a warm welcome to our newest members in the Garden Club of Teaneck:

**Nancy Callahan
Beverly DuRant
Anna Lavotshkin**

We look forward to sharing the joy of gardening with you.--Peggy Hazard

Herb Garden Happenings

By Nancy Cochrane

This winter the Herb Garden Group (Robin Jackson, Peggy Hazard, Peter Goldman, and Danielle Brooks) has been busy growing a variety of herbs for the Grace Kriegel Memorial Herb Garden for the upcoming season.

With the assistance of Horticultural Director Doug Raska, we will be adding many new herbs and variations to the garden.

New to the garden will be eucalyptus, Magical Michael basil, wintermint, curry plant, an array of new scented geraniums and many more. We are still continuing to label all the plants so everyone will know what they are looking at and smelling.

We hope that everyone will take some time this summer and stop by to enjoy the over-30 herbs in the garden.

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EVENTS By Imani Hardaway

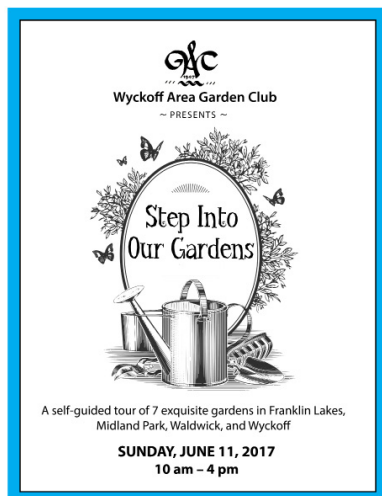
This listing posts events of interest to Garden Club of Teaneck members. To be included, the event post needs to be current (occurring in the next month) with complete information (event title, location, date and time). Send details by the 22nd of the month to Imani Hardaway, imanihardawaymail@gmail.com

BERGEN COUNTY

Garden Conservancy's Open Garden Visitation Day: June 10, 2017. See the gardens and locations at information at:

<https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/bergen-county-nj-open-day>.

Step Into Our Gardens, June 11th, 10 a.m.-4 p.m, Wyckoff Area Garden Club, 164 Greenhaven Road, Wyckoff, NJ 07481



The Wyckoff Area Garden Club will be holding its seasonal garden tour this June. Taking you through a series of local gardens in Franklin Lakes, Midland Park, and Wyckoff, this self-guided tour will showcase wonderfully eclectic gardens sure to inspire you. Tickets are \$30 per person and \$35 after June 1st. For more information on where and how to purchase your tickets, please visit <http://www.wyckoffgc.org/garden-tour/>



NEW JERSEY

Grounds for Sculpture Garden

www.groundsforsculpture.org/

80 Sculptors Way, Hamilton, NJ 08619

Alongside the manicured gardens and scenery of nature, discover over 270 sculptures around the park. Tours are free with park admission. More information: www.groundsforsculpture.org/ (photo: Grounds for Sculpture.)

METROPOLITAN AREA

Training for Blockbuster Volunteers--Invasive Plants Survey. Friday, June 16, 2017, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County will be conducting training for those interested in stopping the spread of invasive species in the lower Hudson Valley. You are only required to attend one training session and have the option of only identifying species familiar to you. Gardeners with all levels of plant expertise are welcome to participate. Training will take place at CCE Rockland Education Center, 10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, New York 10980.

Check out www.rocklandcce.org for the specifics.

Hawthorne School Program

By Olga Newey, Education Coordinator

The 2017 Hawthorne School Program was very successful, from my point of view and comments received. It was truly a lot of fun. I was gratified to see the students so involved and pleased with their sowing and purchasing .

I am extremely grateful to all of you for the opportunity to work with some amazing teachers (Sara, Stella, Mark, Sydelle) and to offer the miracle of botany to children. I feel supported and appreciated by all of you.



Photos: Pat Fromm



April 10, 2017

Olga Newey
Teaneck Greenhouse
P.O. Box 3532
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Dear Ms. Newey,

I would like to sincerely thank you for your tireless efforts and for the time you put into coordinating Hawthorne School's field trips to the Teaneck Greenhouse every year. Our students, teachers, and I are so grateful to the Greenhouse members for your gracious invitation into your botanical paradise.

We truly appreciate the preparations that your members take to ensure our visits are fruitful. Thank you for propagating plants from your collections, for passing on your knowledge of botany, and for instilling your love of plants and gardening to our students.

A special thank you to all of the Greenhouse teachers for taking the time to plan such wonderfully enriching lessons tailored specifically for each of our grade levels. Thank you for including our kindergarten class this year, they were so excited to walk to the Greenhouse and take part in this long standing tradition. Thank you for, once again, offering this wonderful opportunity to our students at Hawthorne School.

Sincerely,
Dr. Deirdre Spollen-LaRaia
Principal

LOOK AT WHAT THE CHILDREN SHOWED US!

As a reinforcement for the Greenhouse visitations, I asked the students to fill out a review sheet and/or write a letter or draw a picture of what they did. Here are some of the results. ---Olga



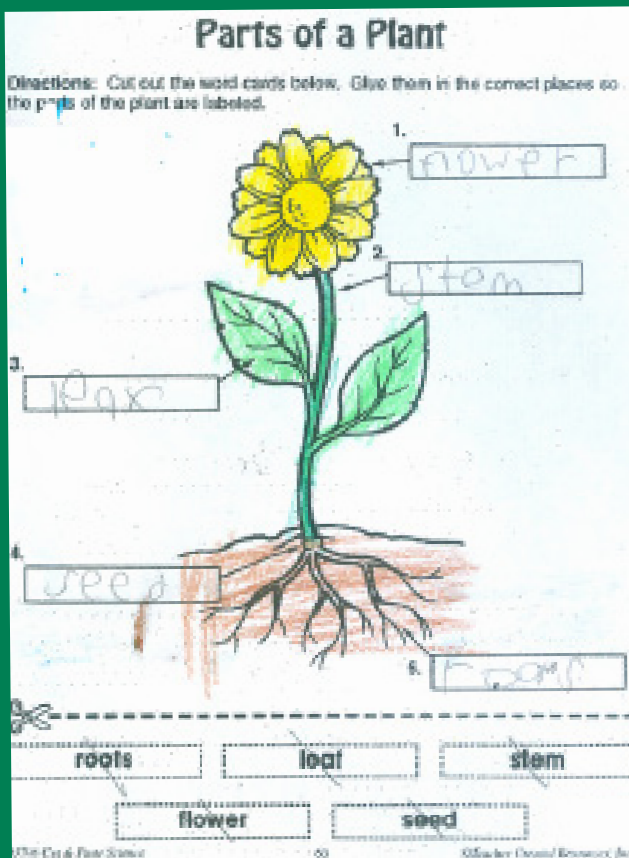
Flowers were drawn by the children, some with real style.

Letters and drawings told of what they learned and valued.



Dear Mrs. Newey and Ms. Postman,

Thank you so much for having our class visit the Teaneck Greenhouse. I learned so much! I learned that the seed is in the flower pods in side in the flower. Another thing I learned is there are different seeds. My third thing is some plants grow underground. My fourth thing I learned is plants are important to the bees and Butter fly. I can't wait to see you next year.



Review sheets on concepts and vocabulary were used for each class topic.