



Garden Club News

June 2011

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Calendar: June 2011

The Garden Club of Teaneck will have its annual end of season luncheon on Saturday, June 4th at 12:30 pm at the Amarone Ristorante. The address is 63 Cedar Lane. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. There will be door prizes and lots of fun.

The last Greenhouse Committee meeting of the season was held on Saturday, May 21st. All Greenhouse members are reminded to please remove their plants, clean up their benches and around their space by June 14th.

Member News

Message from Debbie Morgan, President

Dear Friends:

As the 2010/2011 Garden Club of Teaneck's season comes to a close, its time for a little reflection:

- The Club has reached out a bit more to the Community with positive results. We partnered with Camp Kooskooskas 13 and 14 year olds to plant flowers at the Children's Garden at the Library.
- We had a very successful spring planting at the Teaneck Library lead by our own Mary Topolsky.
- We were very much in the news for our successful annual plant sale at the Greenhouse.
- We donated beautiful flowers to decorate the Municipal green and firehouses.
- We increased our membership by more than 10%.
- Our club continued the Children's program at the Greenhouse.
- We have had a number of interesting speakers at our monthly meetings.

None of this would have been possible without the help of a number of members, each in their own way, making a valued contribution. To those members a heartfelt Thank You! To all members, my personal thanks for your hard work, suggestions and friendship. One of the many advantages of

Gardening is that it can be both a solitary and community endeavor that is extremely gratifying.

Our final meeting will be a Luncheon at the Amarone Ristorante, Saturday, June 4th at 12:30. (See the enclosed menu for details.) Please let either Christina or I know by June 2 if you plan to attend. We need to give an accurate head count of attendees. I promise you a good time with a few surprises and extra goodies. Enjoy your summer!

Yours in Gardening, Debbi

Message from Len Schwartz, Greenhouse Director:

The clean up has begun. All members are expected to remove plants from the greenhouse and clean the debris on all sides and under their benches by June 14th.

This year's plant sale was very successful. We were cleaned out! We are all entitled to feel good about the effort we put in, and we need to especially thank both Christina and Fred for their leadership.

On the basis this year's results, I will be recommending that we can achieve next year's greenhouse goals by growing fewer, more carefully selected plants in a sale lasting only two weekends and the five days between them. Ninety percent of our plants were sold during this time span this year. The May 21 meeting also involved a discussion of

which plants were or were not in demand, the timing of our planting, the need for more education of our members about our plants, and the need for much better signage and improved plant arrangement during the sale.

Other significant ideas discussed at the last meeting were that members might be allowed to use empty benches when they are not being used for greenhouse committee purposes, more involvement in community outreach, an expanded school education program and alternative service in which members contribute their time and skills in lieu of working on the plant sale. All of these need to be thought through much more.

At the meeting we also agreed to increase our scholarship grant this year to include two individuals at a thousand dollars each and to make a \$400 grant to the Garden Club. A motion was passed to investigate fencing in the outside gardens to protect them against animals.

It has been an experience being your director this season, I've learned a lot. Everyone has a great summer. Len

Message from Christina Mackensen, Greenhouse Horticultural Director:

Our Spring Sale once again was a huge success. All the flowers, tomatoes, vegetables and herbs found new homes and the greenhouse is practically empty. After a good cleaning, we members will take a break from working in the greenhouse. We will tend our own gardens or just relax during the summer months.

A sincere thank you to every member who helped make this season another success.

A happy and relaxing summer months to everyone. Until September, Christina

Ask Sara

Our "Ask Sara" question this month is "What can we do with all our plant labels?"

As I was planting my Impatiens and taking out the plastic labels it came to me how to recycle these labels. We can collect them from our own flats of plants, or even get friends and neighbors to save

them for us. We can use them when we start to plant for the next Plant Sale. The front identifies the plant and the back to tell you how tall it grows, and if it grows better in sun or shade. Its uses; such as, borders, beds, or window boxes, and how to care for the plant. Not only is this a way to recycle, but we will not have to us write as many next year. At sale time they will answer questions many of us may not know about the plant. Have a great summer. Sara

GCT Candidates

The slate of candidates elected to the officer positions of the Garden Club of Teaneck is:

1. President -- Deborah Morgan
2. 1st VP - membership -- Susan McGibney
3. 2nd VP- Programs -- Patrick Taaffe
4. Treasurer-- Christina Mackensen
5. Recording Secretary-- Stella Franco
6. Corresponding Secretary-- Olga Newey
7. Board Members -- Elyse Constantin and Rufus Mock

From Patrick Taaffe - 2nd VP -Programs

I am presently working on some dynamic and fun programs to start during the summer. Our first will be a seed exchange this Saturday at 10 am in the greenhouse. We will also be having a "Tomatoes into December" workshop in the beginning of August by the Thursday morning group.

I would like to ask any of our members if they have some knowledge or expertise with either flowers, such as Orchids, Asiatic Lilies, African violets, etc. or with vegetables and Herb plants and would be willing to lead a workshop for other members of the club. Please contact me at patt2160@netscape.net or phone 201-931-6394.

All ideas are welcomed and I am sure you all have good ideas so let's share and have some fun this summer. Thank you all and we will see you in the "Garden"

Last Word

It has been my pleasure to have been the Editor of the Garden Club of Teaneck Newsletter during this past year. Everyone please have a healthy, happy, and safe summer. Marty Steeil

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Party Menu

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First Course

SALAD

*Mixed green lettuce in a light
 champagne vinaigrette dressing*

Main Course

(you may choose item from any entree)

PENNE ALLA MOZART

*Pasta with shallots, green sweet peas
 and light cream tomato sauce*

POLLO AL CAPARI

*Breast of chicken sauteed with shallots
 artichoke hearts in a white wine capers
 sauce*

EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA

*Fresh eggplant breaded, mozzarella
 cheese & tomato sauce*

TILAPIA OREGANATO

*Broiled filet of fish with bread crumbs
 oregano in a wine garlic sauce*