



Garden Club News

September 2012

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Calendar: September 2012

Welcome one and all to the 2012 – 2013 season of the Garden Club of Teaneck. Our first get together will be the **annual club picnic at the Greenhouse on Saturday, September 15th from 12:30pm to 3:00pm**. All members and their families are invited to attend. If the first letter of your last name begins with A – G please bring dessert. If the first letter of your last name begins H - M please bring salads or a side dish. If the first letter of your last name begins with N – Z please bring a main course. The club will supply paper products, utensils, and drinks.

The following is the Garden Club of Teaneck meeting schedule for the 2012 – 2013 season:

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SPEAKER/EVENT
Thursday, October 11, 2012	7:30 - 9:00PM	Rodda Center	Debbie Korwan
Thursday, November 08, 2012	7:30 - 9:00PM	Rodda Center	Mary Topolsky
Thursday, December 13, 2012	7:30 - 9:00PM	Rodda Center	Annual Holiday Party
Thursday, January 10, 2013	7:30 - 9:00PM	TBD	2nd Annual Special Workshop
Thursday, February 14, 2013	7:30 - 9:00PM	Rodda Center	Chris Rubino
Thursday, March 14, 2013	7:30 - 9:00PM	Rodda Center	Joe Papa
Thursday, April 11, 2013	7:30 - 9:00PM	Rodda Center	Dr. Peter Wohl
Thursday, May 09, 2013	7:30 - 9:00PM	Rodda Center	Garrett Wilk

The first meeting of the Greenhouse Committee will be at 10am on Saturday, October 6th.

Member News

Message from Debbie Morgan, President

Greetings to all Garden Club of Teaneck members! I sincerely hope everyone had a joyous and restful summer. As some of you may have read, this is the 60th anniversary of the Garden club and because of low response to the spring luncheon, we really have not had a celebration. I am proposing that our annual holiday party this December be turned into a "gala"! We will discuss it in detail at the October meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, September 15 at 12:30 at the Greenhouse for our annual picnic. Please

bring a dish to share (See the schedule above). The club will provide drinks and paper goods. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the "gala" please call or email me. Yours in gardening, Debbi

Message from Len Schwartz, Greenhouse Director

We left the greenhouse sealed for the summer in order to kill off our resident community of white flies and hopefully any other unwanted bugs as well. During the hot summer days the temperature inside the greenhouse exceeded 150 degrees which should have accomplished

our goal. Now we have to be diligent about not re-infesting the greenhouse. The executive board will meet on Sept. 19 to develop our maintenance plan but until this is functioning, no plants or contaminated material may be brought into the greenhouse, please.

Our gardens this year looked considerably better than they did last season, when weeds dominated and much of the vegetable crop was harvested by deer. We all know that maintaining a garden involves a lot of work and continued attention. Next year we should consider the allocation of some smaller plots for members who could do better with less space, as well as, keep high expectation levels for all of our gardens.

It is time to start spending our reserve fund on greenhouse improvements. We need to establish our goals, and to set up short and long term plans to meet them. Our future budgets should reflect our future as well as our current needs.

Finally, if the Garden Club and the Greenhouse Committee are truly one organization, perhaps it is time to reorganize with one set of officers, one set of by-laws and one treasury. We do not gain anything from the awkward relationship that currently exists. We should form a super by-laws committee with the Garden Club, charged with the goal of producing a combined set of by-laws in time for the Garden Club elections next June. Len

Message from Susan McGibney, VP of Membership

Please send in your 2012 - 2013 membership dues renewals as soon as possible. You may mail your check or money order (\$20 single \$35 two individuals at the same address) to:

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I will also be collecting membership dues renewals at the October Garden Club and Greenhouse meetings. Along with your check, note your Garden Club Committee choice and/or Greenhouse Work Group. If you have not joined a Committee or Work Group, please feel free to contact me at 201-289-3355 to discuss the many opportunities you have to share your expertise, as well as, learn new skills and have some fun by joining in and signing on. Sue

Native Plant Program Update

Anna Kurz

Jointly with the Bergen County Audubon Society (BCAS), we planted next to the greenhouse some 300 native plants of elderberry, button bush, and viburnum for habitat restoration lost through development. BCAS has taken plants intermittently over the summer and transplanted them permanently in various parks, thus providing an oasis for migratory birds. Photo 1 below, taken in April 2012, shows the "nursery" encircled by yellow tape and Greenhouse Director Len Schwartz walking along side.



The following photo (below) was taken in September, 2012. You can see how much the plants grew in five months.



The First Annual Harvest Fest

Anna Kurz



The Harvest Festival went really well. The Garden Club hosts for this event were Pat Fromm, Pat Taaffe and Joe Papa. The weather was lovely and roughly 30 - 40 guests and members came and brought edible goodies, presented in elegant aesthetic arrangements. They were all delicious. The variety and tastiness of the foods was superb. People brought family and friends and everyone had a great time. Both *The Suburbanite* and *TeaneckPatch.com* sent photographers. Everyone thought the event was a great idea and is looking forward to next year's Festival.



Last Word

In August, 1952 the following happened:

The Teaneck Garden Club voted unanimously in favor of using the abandoned sewage disposal plant on Lindbergh Boulevard as a greenhouse. Club members are expected to meet with manager James Welch to discuss the project.

It has been our home for 60 years and is still going strong.