



# Garden Club News

## April 2011

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### Calendar: April 2011

The Garden Club of Teaneck will meet on Thursday, April 14th at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Rodda Center at 250 Colonial Court. Our speaker that evening will be Dr. Edith Wallace (see bio below). The topic is Lilacs.

The next Greenhouse Committee meeting will be held at the Greenhouse on Saturday, April 2nd, at 10:00 am.

### Member News

#### Message from Debbie Morgan, President

Yes! Spring has sprung! By the time you receive this newsletter, the average temperature will be 65 degrees- I guarantee it.

Please come to the Spring kick off party at the Greenhouse on April 2 if you can. We hope to have folks from the town council and lots of club members. Refreshments will be served. Also, don't miss the club meeting on the 14th. I'm told the "lilac" speaker is excellent. We will also have election of officers at this meeting and discuss the June luncheon. Lastly, the plant sale starts on the last weekend in April. We have quite a selection this year thanks to our Horticultural director, Christina. You will be pleasantly surprised. See you on Saturday, April 2. Yours in Gardening, Debbi

#### Message from Len Schwartz, Greenhouse Director:

The greenhouse executive committee met on March 16. It is composed of all the officers and group leaders along with the school committee and outside plots leader. The main topic was our plant sale starting April 30. We discussed what this year's prices will be and ways to improve the check out process. The sign up

sheet and attendance requirements of greenhouse members will be the same as in previous years. Our annual kick off brunch will start about 11AM April 2, after our regular meeting.

Our school program has begun with Helen Humphreys again as lead teacher and Olga Newey and Cynthia McKay as excellent and capable new instructors. Hawthorne school second, third and fourth graders walk to the greenhouse at 10 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for lessons about plants and their care. We use the meeting room as a classroom. The younger students are impressed by our facility and the older ones often remember and share things that they learned from previous years. There is a lot of enthusiasm and excitement. The highlight of the visit at the end of the lesson is a partial tour of the greenhouse including the selection and purchase of some plants to take home. Helen has a story that one of the kids asked her whether she lived in the greenhouse. I believe she said yes.

The school program is one of the finest things we do as a community outreach project and we

have Helen, Olga, Cynthia and all the previous teachers and helpers to thank for it.

We are now in our final count down month before our annual plant sale. The last of the plugs have arrived and once they are repotted there will be virtually no empty bench space. We will all need to be vigilant about keeping everything healthy and free of insects.  
Len

**Message from Christina Mackensen,  
Greenhouse Horticultural Director:**

It's time to get ready for Spring!

The harsh winter months are over and we can start again to get our gardens ready for a new season of planting and growing. Now is a good time to give our lawns, flower and vegetable beds a good spring cleaning by raking off all



the debris that has accumulated over the winter months, and fertilizing the lawn will assure a good head start. The early birds among us have probably been busy planting some cool season pansies already, and in a little over a month, we will be able to get really busy with the main planting activities.

I am happy to report that we greenhouse members have worked very hard to produce healthy, beautiful plants for our annual sale again. There is a wide assortment of planting

material available to satisfy the discerning tastes of our township and community customers. I am asking everyone to spread the word about our upcoming plant sale.

Happy and successful planting to you all.  
Christina

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## April GCT Speaker

At the Garden Club of Teaneck meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2011 Dr. Edith Wallace will be our guest speaker. She will give the club a presentation about Lilacs that evening.

Dr. Edith Wallace earned a Ph.D. in zoology at Rutgers University and is formerly the Chairperson of the Biology Department at William Paterson University. She has since returned to her first fascination: plants. Dr. Wallace is the past president of the Glen Rock Garden Club, past president of Passaic County Master Gardeners, co-coordinator of the Lilac Garden Restoration Project at Skylands, member of Board of Managers of New Jersey Agriculture Experimental Station and Passaic County Board of Agriculture. She always dreams of a grander garden of her own.

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## Ask Sara

Our "Ask Sara" question this month is "What are Stink bugs and what do I do about them?"

What are Stinkbugs? They are medium size bugs with hard shell and they give off a stinking smell when you crush them. There are two kinds. There is the harlequin bug that comes as multi-color and the brown marmorated. The change in season, as days gets shorter and nighttime temperatures drop is nature's call to the Marmorated Stink Bug to leave its summer gorging grounds and seek refuge inside. What happens now is a massive population shift from orchards, cornfields and gardens to suburban homes, office buildings and hotels. They are harmless to people and their possessions. There is no easy way to kill

them. Experts says homeowners should prevent them from coming indoors by sealing cracks and opening around doors and windows. There is no easy way to kill lots of the bugs at once. The Stink Bug is a native of Asia. They have no natural predator in the United States. Pesticides do not work effectively. Experts warn against using outdoor pesticides indoors. Treating the outside of the home with a chemical repellent maybe a defense against these pests. Your best bet may be to contact a licensed pest control operator as they are able to spot entry points better than you can and offer tips on managing the problem for a long term.

**Summary:** Stinks Bugs STINK when crushed, they are not picky where they hitch a ride. They will take a cruise, ride a train, fly on an airplane or take a donkey ride to get to a warm place. They are not prejudiced where they live, be it Buckingham Palace, The White House, Outhouse or your house. They are just looking for a home.

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## Around the Green

From Jane Furman comes the Master Gardener and other April gardening events:

**April 26, 2011** at the County office building at 1 Bergen Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 7:00 PM for refreshments, 7:30 PM for program

**Topic:** Understanding White Grubs in Turf Grass

**Guest Speaker:** Richard Buckley,  
Director of the New Jersey Agricultural  
Experimental Station Soil Testing and Plant  
Diagnostic Services at Rutgers

## NY Botanical Garden

[www.NYBG.org](http://www.NYBG.org)

The Orchid Show: On Broadway

March 5 – April 25, 2011

Advance ticket purchase suggested

Adults: \$20

Seniors/Students: \$18

Children: \$8 Children Under 2: Free

The garden is closed on Mondays

## Wave Hill

[www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org)

Garden & Conservatory Walk

Sun, Apr 3 & 5, 10,12, 17,19, 24, 2011

Meet at Perkins Visitor Center, 2PM

## NJ Botanical Garden

[www.NJBG.org](http://www.NJBG.org)

Skylands Manor Guided Tours

April 3 (Sunday), 11 am-3 pm

Adults: \$7; Seniors: \$5; Students 13-18: \$5

Children 6-12: \$3; Under 6: Free.

Cherry Blossom Splendor

April 15 through April 30

Free

Lilac Care and Cultivation.

April 23 @ 10:00 A.M.

Led by Dr. Edith Wallace

Donation: \$7.00

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## In Memoriam

Our long time member, *Violet Mock*, passed away on Sunday, February 27 after a short illness. She and her husband Rufus were our hosts at many of our holiday parties.

Violet was a lover of all flowers, but she was especially fond of orchids. She was a very fine gardener, an accomplished cook and was well known for her skill as a dress maker and designer.

She was a lovely woman who will be missed by the members of the Garden Club of Teaneck.

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## Last Word

This month I leave you with some great original art work submitted by the noted Teaneck graphic artist Robert O'Brien and our own Anna Kurz.



*You're Invited !*

*Garden Club of Teaneck  
Annual Plant Sale  
Kick Off Meeting*

*When: Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 11:00A.M.*

*Where: The Teaneck Greenhouse at the foot of  
Lindbergh Boulevard*

Come to celebrate spring surrounded by the beautiful flowers in the greenhouse, and help to kick off our annual spring sale.

*Refreshments will be served.*



# The Garden Club of Teaneck Plant Sale

Hours:  
Saturday and Sunday  
9 am to 3pm  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9 am to 12 noon  
Tuesday and Friday  
Closed



Saturday, April 30 thru Sunday May 15, 2011

Plants:  
Annuals, Perennials,  
Hanging Baskets, Vegetables,  
Herbs, Houseplants

Foot of Lindbergh Boulevard  
(off Glenwood Avenue)



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Saturday April 30 thru Sunday May 15

Sat & Sun: 9am - 3pm  
Mon, Wed, Thurs: 9am - noon  
Tuesday, Friday: closed



- perennials
- house plants
- vegetables
- hanging baskets
- annuals
- herbs

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off Glenwood Avenue

