



# Garden Club News

## October 2010

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### Calendar: October 2010

The following is the Garden Club of Teaneck's meeting schedule for the year.

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CATEGORY
Oct 12, 2010	Ray Turkin	Capturing the Bloom	Photography
Nov 18, 2010	Michael Wilson	ABC of Rock Gardens	Horticulture
Dec, 2010	NONE	HOLIDAY PARTY - Details to be announced	
Jan, 2011	NONE	NO MEETING	
Feb 10, 2011	Chris Rubino	Botanical Gardens	Horticulture
Mar 10, 2011	Bill Sheenan	A Virtual Tour of the Hackensack River Watershed	Area Ecology
Apr 14, 2011	Edith Wallace	Lilacs	Horticulture
May 12, 2011	Hollace Hoffman	Spring Wildflowers of New Jersey	Horticulture

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

### Member News

#### Message from Debbie Morgan, President:

Autumn - the time of harvest and beauty!

Greetings! I hope this note finds everyone in good health and looking forward to the beautiful change in seasons. Our picnic on September 11th was a successful celebration of summer. The food was great and the company was awesome (see picture below). My thanks to all who contributed to the party.



I would like everyone to consider volunteering for one or more of the many committees that we have such as:

- The school program: it requires a commitment of approximately two hours a week in the spring over the course of about 2 weeks. It is a rewarding activity where we "teach" children from Hawthorne School about the world of plants. Please consider this day time activity. One never knows how one act of kindness can affect a child.
- Planning for the Holiday Party. This is a once a year event. This activity is our December meeting.
- Planning for the trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show.
- Another committee that we are always looking for folks to volunteer for is the Grants Committee, working for the "greening" of the Greenhouse.
- Finally, perhaps someone could volunteer temporarily to be the Sunshine Person until Rosalie is able to assume the responsibility again.

If anyone has any interests in any of the above committees, please contact me by phone or email me at [Debmor@optonline.net](mailto:Debmor@optonline.net).

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting at the Richard Rodda Center. Our guest lecturer will be Ray Turkin. The program will start promptly at 7:30 pm.

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

All members are to bring only clean and healthy outdoor and houseplants back into the greenhouse for over-wintering. All plants should be free of pests. The tops and undersides of leaves should be inspected for any pests that might be present. A light infestation can be removed with a forceful spray of lukewarm water. Another method is to wash the leaves and stems with a soft cotton cloth that has been dipped into a mild detergent solution (1/2 teaspoon per one quart of lukewarm water). Applying the two methods recommended will assure that we will start our greenhouse season with healthy plants. Now that the greenhouse has been thoroughly cleaned, we want to keep it that way.

In addition let us welcome our newest members to the Garden Club of Teaneck:

Patrick J Taaffe & Susan McGibney  
Valerie Cross  
Lynn Roberts

Our happy gardening wishes to them all.

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The Club extends its get well wishes to our own Sunshine Person, Rosalie Beffa-Cipolla. Rosalie is a little under the weather herself. Please call her or drop her a card at Care One in Teaneck.

This newsletter is a work in process. Any member who has any ideas or suggestions on how to improve it, please contact Marty Steeil at 201-836-3715 or send him an email at [msteeil@gmail.com](mailto:msteeil@gmail.com). All comments and suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

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## **Ask Sara**

We will be starting a new Garden Club newsletter column next month. I will be called "Ask Sara." It will be our all gardening questions answered "Dear Abby" column. If you have any questions for Sara please send them to either Debbie Morgan (debmor@optonline.net, 833-8208) or Marty Steeil (msteeil@gmail.com, 836-3715). You can also send in your questions by regular mail addressed to the Garden Club's post office box.

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## **Resources Corner**

The following should be of interest to the gardening enthusiast.

### **2010 Build-A Rain-Barrel Workshops**

**What:** Make your own rain barrel, cost is \$45.00

**Contact:** Sara Mellor 732-932-9800 x6163  
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