



Garden Club News

September 2011

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GARDEN CLUB OF TEANECK ACTIVITY CALENDAR 2011 - 2012 CELEBRATING OUR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TOPIC/ACTIVITY
Sept 15, 2011	10:00am - 12:00pm	Greenhouse	Propagation of African Violets Workshop
Sept 17, 2011	12:00pm - 3:00pm	Greenhouse	GARDEN CLUB PICNIC
Oct 13, 2011	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Rodda Center	Native Plants Presentation
Nov 10, 2011	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Rodda Center	Bonsai Plants Presentation
Dec 7, 2011	TBD	TBD	HOLIDAY PARTY
Jan 12, 2012	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Greenhouse	Herbs, Herbs, Herbs Workshop
Feb 9, 2012	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Rodda Center	Garden Conservancy Presentation
Mar 8, 2012	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Greenhouse	Orchids Workshop
Apr 12, 2012	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Greenhouse	African Violets Workshop
Apr 29, 2012	9am - 4pm	Greenhouse	Annual Plant Sale Begins
June 2012	TBD	TBD	80TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Garden Club of Teaneck will have its annual September "Pot-Luck" picnic on Saturday, September 17th starting at 12:00 pm at the Greenhouse. Everyone bring a dish and be ready to celebrate the start of our 80th anniversary year.

The first Greenhouse Committee meeting of the 2011 - 2012 season will be held on Saturday, Oct 1st. at 10am.

Member News

Message from Debbie Morgan, President

Dear Friends:

A special hello to all the new Garden Club of Teaneck members. I look forward to meeting everyone soon. I hope you had a restful and rewarding garden season and were not too badly affected by hurricane Irene.

Our first activity of the 2011-2012 club year is the annual "Pot Luck" picnic at the Greenhouse on September 17th. Everyone brings a dish to share and a good time will be had by all. The picnic will start at 12 noon.

I truly enjoyed some of new flowers we had this past season thanks to our Horticultural Director, Christina. In addition, we have an exciting year being planned by our new Program Director Pat Taaffe.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers of the Garden Club of Teaneck in advance for their commitment. It truly takes a village.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 17th.
Yours in Gardening, Debbi

Message from Len Schwartz, Greenhouse Director

During the summer the Greenhouse emphasis shifts to the outside gardens. Currently we have 23 plots ranging in size from 600 square feet down to about 225 square feet. There were some first timers (Odessa and Marty) who had outstanding success, as well as, old timers who continued their tradition of producing beautiful lush plantings of tomatoes, squash, corn and many other edibles. But let's face it; growing a

lush productive garden takes a lot of time and effort. We need to discuss how to improve things. Maybe we need to subdivide some of the plots to make them more manageable, and various animals are eating too much of the crops. We have a town approved plan to protect the entire garden from deer. We will consider this matter at our first meeting in October.

The maintenance group spent a morning in July cleaning up the meeting room even before the hurricane flooded the rest of greenhouse. We'll all need to pitch in to get ready for our new season.

In terms of new Programs, Pat Taaffe, our new Program Director has organized several successful herb workshops at the Greenhouse. Both were led by Pat Libutti. Finally, we will be working with the Puffin Society to help them grow native plants in a section of unused land east of the greenhouse.

Hope to see you all at the Sept 17 "pot luck" picnic and the Oct 1 first meeting of the Greenhouse Committee.

Message from Susan McGibney, VP of Membership

To all club members:

It is time to for 2011-2012 membership renewal. Please send your check for \$20.00 (individual) or \$35 (two individuals at same address) to:

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We have been working hard to put together an interesting program for the upcoming year. Prompt payment of dues will help us to continue great programming. All members who are unpaid by November will be removed from the membership listing and will not be notified of any new programs. Greenhouse committee members lose bench and garden space if dues are unpaid by November. If you

have not been receiving your notices and newsletters, please check the latest membership list to make sure your contact information is up to date. If you have made changes during the year, please enclose the new contact information with your check. If you any questions about membership or dues please contact me susan1096@gmail.com, or call 201 289 3355. Regards, Susan McGibney

Message from Christina Mackensen, Greenhouse Horticultural Director

The summer is almost over and I hope that all of you had a very relaxing and enjoyable one, and that all your endeavors of growing vegetables or flowers were successful. Soon, the activities in the Greenhouse will start again. I am looking forward to another banner season and count on everyone's cooperation to make it happen once more. Christina

Message from Patrick Taaffe, VP of Programs

During the summer we successfully had three workshops at Greenhouse. They were:

- Herbs, Herbs, Herbs
- Tomatoes in December
- Gardens, Jams and Herbs

Our calendar for the new season is sprinkled with various additional workshops. Anyone that has an idea for a new activity 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. I will see you all at the picnic on Sept 17th. Thank you all, I will see you in the "Garden".

Last Word

Finally a note of historical trivia: On September 15th and 16th, 1945 the Garden Club of Teaneck presented its 14th Annual Fall Flower & Victory Garden Show at Lowell school. If anyone has an idea for a story or an article, especially concerning our 80 years of being a Teaneck landmark please contact me at msteeil@gmail.com. I will see you all at the picnic on the 17th. Marty Steeil