



# Garden Club News

## September 2010

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### Calendar: September 2010

The annual Garden Club of Teaneck picnic will be held on Saturday, September 11th at the Greenhouse picnic area starting at 12 noon. All members are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share. The club will provide paper goods and drinks. We hope to see everyone there.

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### Calendar: October 2010

The first meeting of the new season will be held on Thursday, October 14th, at the Rodda Community Center starting at 7:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be the celebrated nature photographer Ray Turkin. Ray will conduct the class "Capturing the Bloom" for the club that evening.

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

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### Member News

#### **Message from Debbie Morgan, President:**

Welcome to the 2010-2011 season of the Garden Club of Teaneck. We hope you have had, and continue to have, a lovely gardening year. It was much too hot for me. I do not do well in extreme heat. We hear it was a banner year for tomatoes and other vegetables. Over the summer hiatus a few of us did a planting with the help of the teen group at Camp Kookooskoos in the Children's Garden at the library. The kids dug the holes and also filled them in. They seemed to really enjoy themselves. The planting turned out beautifully.

We have a great year planned. We will start with the annual picnic to be held at the Greenhouse picnic area. Everyone is encouraged and invited to attend. We do ask that you bring a dish to share. The club will provide paper goods and drinks. The picnic will be held on Saturday, September 11th. Be there or be square!

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the past and present officers for their hard work, sometimes for years, in keeping the club together. Finally, I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as the president of the club in this beautiful community. I am fortunate to have several talented people to help me in this endeavor. We ask for your good wishes as we move forward. I hope to see you all at the picnic on the 11th.

**Message from Michael Pontecorvo, Greenhouse Director:**

Members, welcome to the 2010 - 2011 season. As asked, almost everyone moved all their plants, pots, and appliances out of the greenhouse in a timely fashion and that was very helpful. This enabled us to clean house because, by mid- August, the floor and tables were overgrown with weeds and small shrubs (see picture). We were fortunate in being able to hire a Teaneck resident with a yard business to come in two weeks ago and remove all plant debris, blow out most of the dirt, and wash down the floor of the office area. An empty greenhouse made this clean up possible. It is now ready for move-in in October (please see agenda items below). A special thanks to Fred Dolch and the other volunteers who helped make this happen.



Please note that there will be a picnic lunch at the Greenhouse at 12 noon on Saturday, September 11. Please bring food. A special dish that you prepare will be most welcome.

I have included a few new agenda items below for your current consideration. Items that we will discuss in our first October meeting (Saturday, October 2 , 10:00 AM) :

- Single benches for all members (one bench per domicile).
  - A modest charge for each member bench – a steep charge if you wish to add a bench.
- No plants off the bench e.g. no plants on the floor or ground underneath the member's bench.
  - All members to clean up their outdoor garden plot. Failure will mean the plot will be given to a new member or made into park land.

Hope to see you at our first meeting.

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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.

The Club extends its get well wishes to Patricia O'Brien Libutti, who fell and injured her arm in a fall while walking here in Teaneck.

The Club extends its whole hearted Happy Birthday greetings to George Tipton who will be 96 years young on September 19th.

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. All comments and suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

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## **Resources Corner**

The following Internet sites will be of interest to the gardening enthusiast.

### **Gardening Internet Web Sites of Interest**

Wave Hill Riverdale, NY: [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org)

Rutgers University <http://rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu>

Rutgers University Master Gardeners Pgm: <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/mastergardeners>

North Jersey Information Site: [www.rt23.com/home\\_and\\_garden](http://www.rt23.com/home_and_garden)

### **Botanical Gardens Internet Web Sites of Interest**

Brooklyn Botanic Garden: [www.bbg.org](http://www.bbg.org)

New York Botanical Gardens: [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org)

New Jersey Botanical Gardens - Skylands: [www.njbg.org](http://www.njbg.org)

New Jersey Garden Club: [www.nj.com/homegarden/garden](http://www.nj.com/homegarden/garden)

### **Gardening Related Commercial Internet Web Sites of Interest**

Harris Seeds: [www.harrisseed.com](http://www.harrisseed.com)

Scotts lawn and garden care products: [www.scotts.com](http://www.scotts.com)

Home Depot: [www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com)

Johnny Select Seeds Co: [www.johnnyseed.com](http://www.johnnyseed.com)

Territorial Seed Co.: [www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com)

Burpee Seed Co.: [www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com)

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