

The Garden Path

West Trenton Garden Club Newsletter

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Good News! We sold 600 bulbs and they can be picked up at the October 6th meeting!

President's Message

Dear Members:

I can't believe it's **fall** already! The crisp clear air is wonderful and guess what? The mosquitoes should be gone soon. This month we celebrate pumpkins and apples, asters and chrysanthemums ending with Halloween. It is the time when nature gets ready for winter including bees and birds making their preparations for the cold weather. Help them out if you can by preparing a healthy habitat for them. You will be rewarded with many more flowers and fruits in the **spring** and the joy of watching wildlife in your yard.

This year, we rescued a young teenage squirrel we named "Nutty" who probably fell from a tree. We took him to the Mercer County Wildlife Center and they nursed him back to health. We picked him up two weeks later to release him back in our yard. Now in reality, I am not a fan of squirrels in general but "Nutty" is super cute! He comes to visit often and we are so happy he is home.

This month, we have a Program on wildlife entitled: "**Attracting Birds to Your Garden**" by **George Fore** owner of **Wild Birds Unlimited**. This will fit in perfectly with our **Butterflies and BeeGAP Project** and creating habitat in our community.

Please bring in another item for "Show and Tell" in preparation for our Spring Flower Show. This could be anything you choose from a craft to a plant (botanical name) to a scrap book page. Have fun!

In September, we had such fun at our "**Jersey Fresh**" program with **Anne Chmielewski** keeping us entertained with her auctioning skills!!!. Also, thanks to our September **Hospitality committee: Mary Pat Voorhees (chair), Zofia Jablonski Feulner, June Rosso, Grace Starrett and in spirit, Carol Bozarth** (who is recovering from surgery). Every month I am so wowed by the creativity each committee brings to the display. Fantastic Job!

Gardening Tip: This is the time to begin to make preparations for the **winter** by removing spent annuals and composting and mulching gardens. You can also collect seeds for next year but leave some for the birds as well. I usually leave the seed heads in the garden as well as some nesting materials. These items can be composted as well as leaves and potting soils. Also consider planting some Bee/Butterfly Picks for next year and some seeds such as foxglove can be planted now.

To follow up on my theme of "Choices make Changes" (TM pending), please consider creating habitat in your garden for the creatures who share our space with us. You will need food and water and shelter. As you make your gardening decisions, keep this in mind. It is estimated that the monarch butterfly population is down 90% and the bee population is suffering badly as well from colony collapse.

For our anti-aging tip this month, I ask you to try honey as your sweetener choice if you can. **Anne Chmielewski** mentioned this last month so I thought I would include honey here as a powerful antioxidant and antimicrobial, probiotic and wound healing agent! It tastes good too. Thanks Anne! It is the pleasure we feel at the accomplishments of our friends that lifts us up to a new place. We can choose to go there with them or go to a new place with a new joyful view.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in October for our Program "**Attracting Birds to Your Garden**"! Enjoy the color changing leaves.

Happy Gardening,

Dianne Dickinson, President

Dear Members:

Included in this newsletter is the flyer for the **Holiday Party**. We are once again having it at **Paulie's** - but it is now under new ownership (with a new chef). They agreed to hold the price for us, but cut us back to a choice of two entries (instead of three). If you have not been there yet, you will be pleasantly surprised at the remodeling done. It looks really nice. I am sure they will do a great job for us. Most of the staff is the same, so we should have a great time. The November newsletter will include a suggestion list for what to bring for the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital and raffle. I will be collecting the money for the Holiday Party at both the October and November meetings. PLEASE BRING A CHECK MADE OUT TO: **WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB**.

Also in this newsletter is the "draft" **Horticulture Division** portion of our **Flower Show Schedule**. Look it over—hopefully, there is something in there for everyone to exhibit. I am still looking for various chairs, committee members and exhibitors for the show. Please consider signing up as soon as possible.

Thanks to all.

See you at our October meeting.

Pat Bowker

SHOW TITLE: JERSEY BLOOMS

DRAFT - DIVISION I - Horticulture: NJ – “The Garden State”

This division is named after beautiful and educational gardens in NJ - so many to visit!

All classes in this Division are eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence and the Millija Lovett Horticultural Award.

SECTION A - “RUTGERS GARDENS, NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ”

CONTAINER-GROWN FLOWERING PLANTS

Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award

Flowers must be in bloom

Class 1 - *Orchid* (Orchid) - One plant per container, container not to exceed 12” in diameter

Class 2 - *Saintpaulia* (African Violet) - One plant per container, container not to exceed 12” in diameter

Class 3 - Any Other Container-Grown Flowering Plant

- a. Container under 6” in diameter
- b. Container 6” to 12” in diameter

SECTION B - “WICK HOUSE HERB GARDEN, MORRISTOWN, NJ”

COMBINATION PLANTINGS

Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award

Combination plantings must have been grown together and in the exhibitor’s possession for at least six weeks. Minimum of three plants required, a 4” x 6” card required to diagram and list binomial plant names. Staging determined by Committee. All classes viewed from the front.

SHOW TITLE: JERSEY BLOOMS

DRAFT - DIVISION I - Horticulture: NJ – “The Garden State”—Continued

Class 4 - A Planter of All Foliage Plants

A planter with a minimum of three plants grown primarily for foliage. Not a landscape, accessories not permitted. Container, provided by the exhibitor, maximum of 16” in diameter. No height restriction.

Class 5 - A Dish Garden of Cacti and/or Succulents

A miniature landscape with a minimum of three compatible plants growing together in an open container, provided by exhibitor, staged on a 12” square table space. Accessories permitted.

Class 6 - A Dish Garden of Foliage and/or Flowering Plants

A miniature landscape with a minimum of three compatible plants growing together in an open container, provided by exhibitor, staged on a 12” square table space. Accessories permitted.

Class 7 - A Terrarium

A miniature landscape with a minimum of three compatible plants growing together in a transparent container, provided by exhibitor, staged on a 15” square table space. Accessories permitted. Plant list and diagram required on a 4” x 6” card.

- a. WTGC Challenge Class - various plants provided by WTGC at workshop in March (container provided by exhibitor).
- b. All other Terrariums

SECTION C - “HUNTERDON COUNTY ARBORETUM, LEBANON, NJ”

CONTAINER-GROWN FOLIAGE PLANTS

Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award

One plant per container. with the exception of Class 9. No container larger than 12” in diameter accepted in Section.

Class 8 - Herbs

- a. Container under 6” in diameter
- b. Container 6” to 12” in diameter

Class 9 - Single Parent - 2 plants, a single plant, along with the parent plant from which it was propagated, both in the same container.

- a. Container under 6” in diameter
- b. Container 6” to 12” in diameter

Class 10 - Any Other Container-Grown Foliage Plant

- a. Container under 6” in diameter
- b. Container 6” to 12” in diameter

SECTION D - “GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE, HAMILTON, NJ”

CACTI AND OTHER SUCCULENTS

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 11 - Container 4” in diameter & under.

- a. *Cacti*
- b. Other Succulents

Class 12 - Container 5” to 8” in diameter

- a. *Cacti*
- b. Other Succulents

Class 13 - Container 9” to 16” in diameter

- a. *Cacti*
- b. Other Succulents

SHOW TITLE: JERSEY BLOOMS

DRAFT - DIVISION I - Horticulture: NJ – “The Garden State”—Continued

SECTION E - “NJ STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN, RINGWOOD, NJ”

FLOWERING HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS

Eligible for Award of Merit

One cut stem with attached foliage unless otherwise noted, 4” to 18” in length.

Class 14 - *Dicentra* (Bleeding Heart)

Class 15 - *Iberis* (Candytuft)

Class 16 - *Lunaria* (Honesty)

Class 17 - Any Other Cut Flowering Herbaceous Perennial

SECTION F - “WARINUNCO PARK GARDENS, ROSELLE, NJ”

BULBS, CORMS, RHIZOMES AND TUBERS

Eligible for Award of Merit

Once cut stem if large, 3 if small.

Class 18 - *Allium* (Allium)

a. WTGC Challenge - ‘Purple Sensation’

b. All Other

Class 19 - *Hyacinthus* (Hyacinth)

Class 20 - *Iris* (Iris)

Class 21 - *Narcissus* (Daffodil)

a. WTGC Challenge - ‘Cheerfulness’

b. WTGC Challenge - ‘Actaea’

c. All Other

Class 22 - *Tulipa* (Tulip)

a. WTGC Challenge - ‘Mistress’

b. All Other

Class 23 - Any Other Bulb, Corm, Rhizome or Tuber

SECTION G - “SAYEN GARDENS, HAMILTON, NJ”

CONED, FLOWERING OR FRUITED CUT BRANCHES

Eligible for Arboreal Award

One cut branch measuring 10” to 30” in length with several nodes and apical tip.

Class 24 - *Cornus* (Dogwood)

Class 25 - *R. Azalea* (Azalea)

Class 26 - *Rhododendron* (Rhododendron)

Class 27 - Any Other Cut Coned, Flowering or Fruited Branch

SECTION H - “WILLOWWOOD ARBORETUM, CHESTER, NJ”

BRANCHES GROWN FOR FOLIAGE - EVERGREENS

Eligible for Arboreal Award

One cut branch 10” to 30” in length with several nodes and apical tip, includes needled and broadleaf specimens.

Class 28 - *Buxus* (Boxwood)

Class 29 - *Ilex* (Holly) - Unfruited

Class 30 - *Juniperus* (Juniper)

West Trenton Garden Club, Inc. Holiday Celebration



Monday December 1, 2014

Where: Paulie's Restaurant & Saloon (New Owners)
234 West Upper Ferry Road
West Trenton, NJ

Time: 6 pm
Cost: \$40.00

Menu

Hot Appetizers Served at Each Table

Mixed Green Salad

Two Pastas

Entrée is a choice of:

Chicken Parmesan or Herb Encrusted Salmon

Choice of Paulie's Special Desserts

Coffee & Tea (Cash Bar Available)

Please try to attend this special event: we must guarantee 30 people.

****We are raffling off homemade or garden related items.**

*****This year we will again focus on unwrapped gift items to be donated to the patients at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. Please, no glass or sharp items.**

Name: _____

Entrée choice: _____

I am bringing a raffle item: _____yes _____no

Check or cash for Holiday Celebration Dinner and meal selection is due by the

November 3, 2014 meeting. Check written out to the "West Trenton Garden Club, Inc."

Please bring to October or November meeting or mail to:

Pat Bowker - 10 Hastings Ct., Ewing, NJ 08628

**WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The West Trenton Garden Club met on Monday, September 8, 2014 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. President Dianne Dickinson called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Dianne welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Pat Bowker for all the work done on the yearbook. Dianne gave birthday wishes to Carolyn Kane, Milly deFlesco, Betty Sutterley, Joseph Kaluzny, Linda Reasoner, Sharon Guiliano and David Chmielewski..

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the March meeting were accepted with corrections and recorded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was: \$6,349.28.

PASS THE CAN REPORT: Pass the can was being sent around to continue the collection for National Disasters.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS: Dianne provided information from the GCNJ Districts in the Rutgers garden which took place on September 4, 2014. Linda Reasoner, Pat Bowker and Dianne Dickinson attended the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards – Linda Reasoner reported on applying for club awards.

Bulb Sale—June Miller took orders for the fall bulb sale.

Mini Trip—Camille Rainiero announced a mini trip to the Grounds for Sculpture that would take place on October 14. A Survey sheet was distributed to gauge members' interest.

Flower Show—Members were asked to look over the sign-in boards for the Spring Flower Show. All were encouraged to register for an event.

Drumthwacket update: A fundraiser is still needed for expenses. A meeting is scheduled for late September with the designer.

NEW BUSINESS

Dianne announced there would be a board meeting on Tuesday, October 14. Agenda items should be sent to Linda Reasoner and RSVP to Carolyn Kane.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Guests are welcome to the November meeting. There is a \$10 fee for guests.

PRESIDENTS REFLECTIONS:

Anti-aging Tips – Get plenty of rest to recharge your body

"Choices Make Changes" Reduce paper use

Planting Update – Fill in garden with fall perennials – Golden Rod will feed a whole hive of bees.

EVENING PROGRAM: Dianne announced the program of the evening "Jersey Fresh" Anne Chmielewski and Helga Fontus conducted the Jersey Fresh raffle. Hospitality was provided by Mary Pat Voorhees and her committee.

MEETING ADJOURNED. Jackie Anderson-Kraus motioned to adjourn the meeting. A yea/nay vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Camille Rainiero, Secretary

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Delores Brezak, October 9th

John Rainiero, October 12th

Ingrid Fair, October 27th



Dates to Remember

♦ **October 4 - Vegetables, Flowers & Herbs That Can or Should be Planted in Autumn (Rutgers Program)**, 10:00 AM, Contact Mary Ann Schrum - schrum@aesom.rutgers.edu

♦ **October 4 & 18 - Garden Walk - What's in Bloom (Rutgers Program)**, 2:00 PM, Contact Mary Ann Schrum - schrum@aesom.rutgers.edu

♦ **October 4 - Garden Talk - Planting Spring Bulbs (Rutgers Program)**, 3:00PM, Contact Mary Ann Schrum - schrum@aesom.rutgers.edu

♦ **October 6 - WTGC Regular Monthly Meeting** - 7:00 PM (Our Lady of Good Counsel); Program: **"ATTRACTING BIRDS TO YOUR GARDEN"** - A presentation by George Fore, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, a local nature shop. (See Page 59 for a detailed description of this program.)

♦ **October 8 - Seven (At Least) Good Things to do With Your Leaves**, Mercer County Extension, Spruce St. (609) 989-6830

♦ **October 7, 8, 9 - Flower Show School** at Holly House

♦ **October 12 - Rutgers Gardens Fall Festival**, Noon to 4PM, at the Log Cabin. See Rutgers Gardens Website for more information.

♦ **October 14 - WTGC Board Meeting** - Host - Carolyn Kane (609) 882-0106, meeting will be held at the Ewing Community & Senior Center. Call Carolyn if you plan to attend. All agenda items should be sent to Linda Reasoner, Vice President.

♦ **October 14, 15, 16, 17 - Garden Study School at Holly House** For more information, check the GCNJ website.

♦ **October 18 - Ewing Community Fest.**

♦ **October 20 - GCNJ Executive Board Meeting** at Holly House

♦ **October 21, 22** - Judges Council at Holly House

♦ **October 26, 27, 28 - C.A.R. Conference**, Dover Downs, Dover, DE

♦ **Every Friday** - Noon to 5:00PM - **Rutgers Farm Market** - 124 Ryders Lane.

October - Member Responsibilities

♦ **Flowers for Ewing Library** - Eileen & Jim Keenan

♦ **October Hospitality Committee** - **Sharon Johnson (Chair)**, Carolyn Kane, June Miller, Gerree Pecht and Linda Reasoner

♦ **Info for Garden Path** - Submit all information for the *Garden Path* to Terry Palise no later than the Oct. 15th.