

Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield NJ

**JUNIORS**  
**PHOTO ALBUMS**  
**2010-2011**

**“BOOK OF EVIDENCE”**

# THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

Awards Year: February 1 to January 31

## APPLICATION FOR AWARD

Number of Award: 1 Youth Int. Name of Award: Garden Club of Toms River Intermediate (Gardeners) School Gardeners Award  
Award for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Garden Club, Clubs or District Garden Club (Intermediate Level)

Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club: The Rake and Hoe Junior Garden Club of Westfield, NJ

Date of Application: 2/15/11 Number of Members: 8 District: 5

Number of members participating: 8 Percentage of members participating: 100%

Name and size (population) of town/community: Westfield, NJ 29,000

Project or Achievement (Title): Accomplishment of the club's goals to develop floral design skills, contribute to the environment and serve our community

**Describe briefly:**

Intermediate members achieved the club's goals through design & environmental presentations/activities, and by participation in the GCNJ Flower Show, work in the Miller Cory House historic garden, and support of Jardine Academy's program for young people with MS disease.

**Supporting data:**

The Book of Evidence and schedule of events detail the breadth of activity, including design awards, photo documentation of projects and newspaper accounts of community service

Clubs Awards Chairman: Colleen Schmidt

Address: 669 Boulevard

Westfield, NJ

Zip Code 07090-3209

Signature of Club President: Maryann Pietruski

Applications should be mailed with supporting data (Book of Evidence) to the GCNJ State Awards Chairman before February 15. (Copy this application form for additional awards.)

# APPLICATION FORM

CENTRAL ATLANTIC REGION AWARDS (NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.)

Date of Application April 1, 2011  
Awards Name CAR Youth Excellence Award  
Name of Club The Rake and Hoe Garden Club  
Name of Club President Maryann Pietruski  
Address 314 Washington Street, Westfield Phone 908-789-9254  
Name of Individual Submitting Application Diana Kazazis, Youth Chair NJ  
Address 112 Effingham Place Westfield NJ Phone 908-654-8783  
State Federation Garden Club of NJ  
Title/Theme of Project Intermediate Youth Club

**Summary:** A brief description of the project that includes the size of the club, name and size of the city, the number of members participating, the cost and results of the project. A more detailed account should be included in the Book of Evidence.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, NJ has 62 members with 8 youth members. Westfield is a town having a population of ~ 30,000. The club budgets \$500 for activities for its youth, receiving dues and this year spent \$264. This club is a long time, continuing club whose youth members have started at age 6 and are now in the last year of intermediate school. This is a great accomplishment for a youth club to be able to engage its membership for this amount of time. The youth leaders have the girls participate in horticulture, community and floral design workshops. Their contributions to the State Flower Show have yielded top awards for the club every year. The level of commitment by the youth chairs and the children are measured by their continued enthusiasm as depicted in the pictures herein.

State Awards Chairman's Signature Ruth W. Paul  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
State President's Signature Mary Warshaw  
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The State Awards Chairman sends the selected application to the Central Atlantic Awards Chairman or Representative. Two (2) copies of this form must be attached to the inside cover of the Book of Evidence with paper clip(s).

## **Award #1 Intermediate Garden Club of Toms River Award**

### **The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, NJ (62 Members)**

#### **Youth (8 Members)**

Pinar Pekdemir, age 10

Victoria Cappel, Rachel Holt, Celeste Loffredo, Julia Ross, age 11

Elise Morano, Merve Pekdemir, Emma Phillips, age 12

### **Book of Evidence for Youth Activities February 2010 - January 2011**

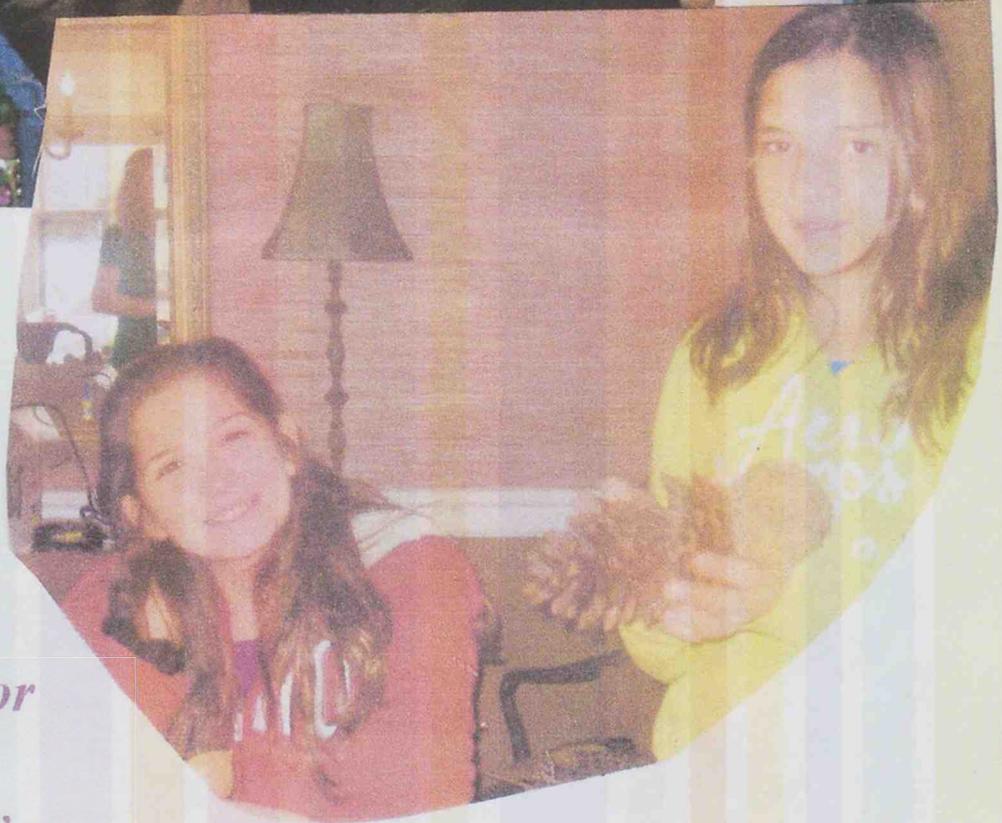
Rake and Hoe's Juniors committee supports a youth club that meets monthly through the course of the school year. The club is a fun introduction to the joys of flowers and gardening in the broader context of environmental conservation and good citizenship. To that end, the club's objectives fall into three general categories: to develop floral design skills, increase environmental awareness, and provide service to the community.

Many of the year's activities were designed to meet objectives in more than one category. Participation in the GCNJ flower show (30 entries plus 4 volunteer clerks) and a lesson from a professional florist were specifically directed toward the design process, while making hummingbird feeders and a winter bird tree were creative activities that also helped the birds. At another meeting design and service were combined when members made floral arrangements to brighten the classrooms of students with cerebral palsy at the Jardine Academy.

A very special trip to Diane Genco's butterfly garden was an interactive lesson in plants, garden design and the amazing migration of the monarch butterflies. Weeding the gardens at historic Miller Cory house was an opportunity both to learn about native plants useful to the colonists and to support our community with some sweat equity. All these activities and more are summarized in the Juniors Schedule.

The results of these activities can be measured in different ways. There are the Youth National Design and GCNJ Artistic Craft Awards won at the GCNJ Flower Show along with a number of blue, red and yellow ribbons. There is recognition in the local press. But the pictures that are part of this book perhaps tell the best story of enthusiasm, interaction and achievement.

Financial Statement: All youth members paid \$20 in dues. Rake and Hoe budget for this activity was \$500. Expenses were \$264.



*The Rake and Hoe Junior  
Garden Club  
of Westfield, New Jersey*

*Yearbook  
February 2010-January 2011*

*Design  
Environment  
Service*

## Rake and Hoe Juniors Schedule

February 2010-January 2011

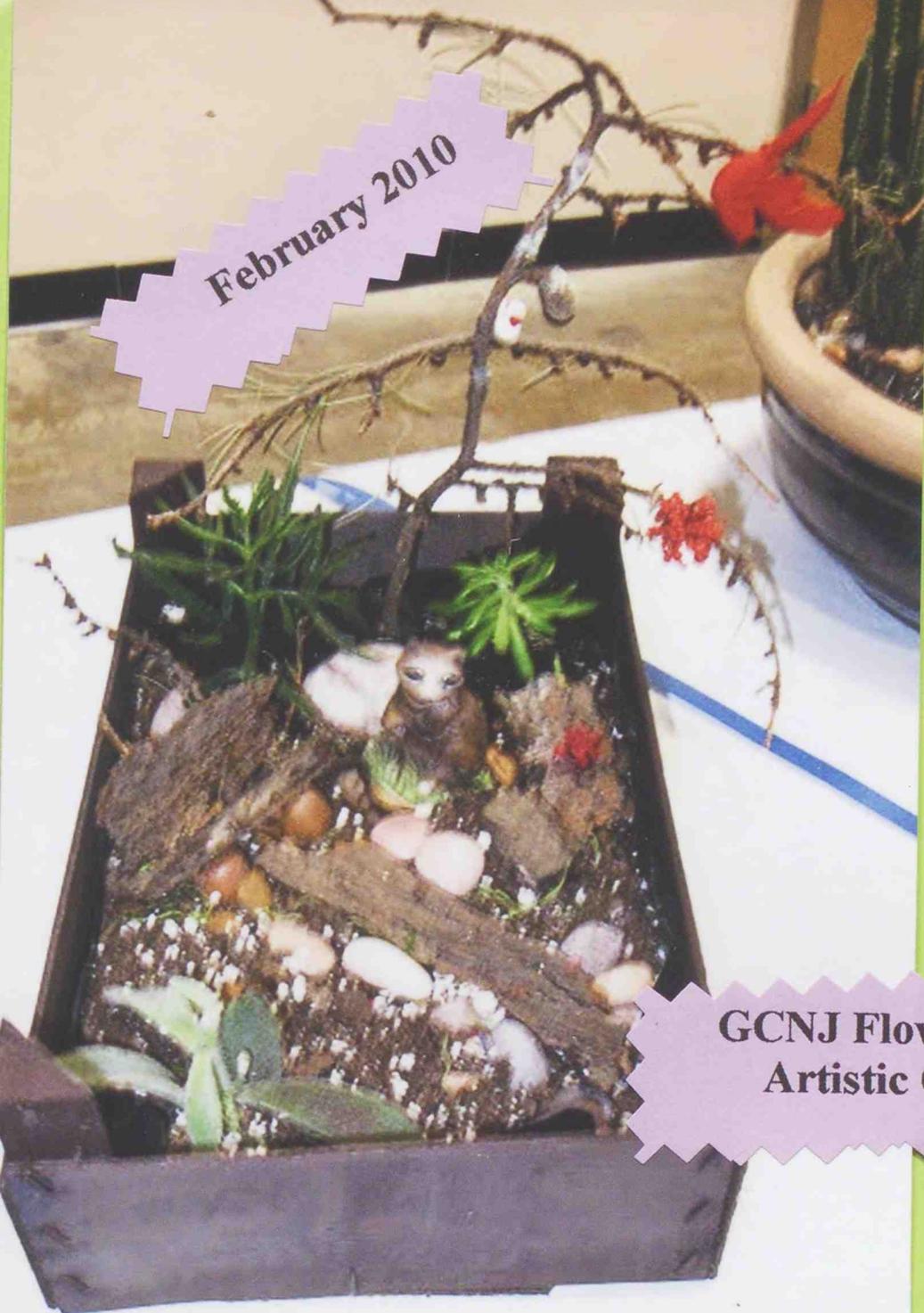
Meetings are at Mrs. Cowell's (Feb.-May) or Mrs. Siano's (June-Jan.) at 3:30 pm  
except where noted.

- February 17, 2010 Floral Designs for GCNJ Flower Show!  
Assisted by the best floral designers of Rake and Hoe.
- February 18-21 GCNJ Flower Show. See [www.macevents.com](http://www.macevents.com), click on  
flower show for details. Opportunity to act as assistant clerk to  
judges on Feb. 18.
- March 18 Sharing our talents with the students at the Jardine Academy.  
Assisted by Mrs. D'Arecca
- April 15 Conservation at Miller-Cory House Museum, Westfield.  
Meet at Miller-Cory House Museum. Assisted by Mrs.  
Barna & Mrs. Daley.
- May 20 Do a fresh Spring design with a florist! Christoffer's in  
Mountainside.
- June 17 Awards Party! Make a hummingbird feeder to enjoy the birds  
during summer break.
- September 15 Release butterflies for their Fall migration, a special look at our  
butterflies with Mrs. Genco.
- October 21 Making Christmas Bells with Lambs Ears for the holiday  
house tour. Assisted by Mrs. Cowell and Mrs. Daley.
- November 18 Make tasty bird tree decorations, an artistic craft for the  
Holiday House Tour. Make a small flower design with Fall  
colors.
- December 3-4 Holiday House Tour. Set up outdoor Table Design and  
Bird Tree in advance, then show off Rake and Hoe designs as  
a hostess. Meet at 634 Tremont Street, Westfield.
- January 20, 2011 Create a flower arrangement and prepare for the GCNJ  
Flower Show with Mrs. Cross.

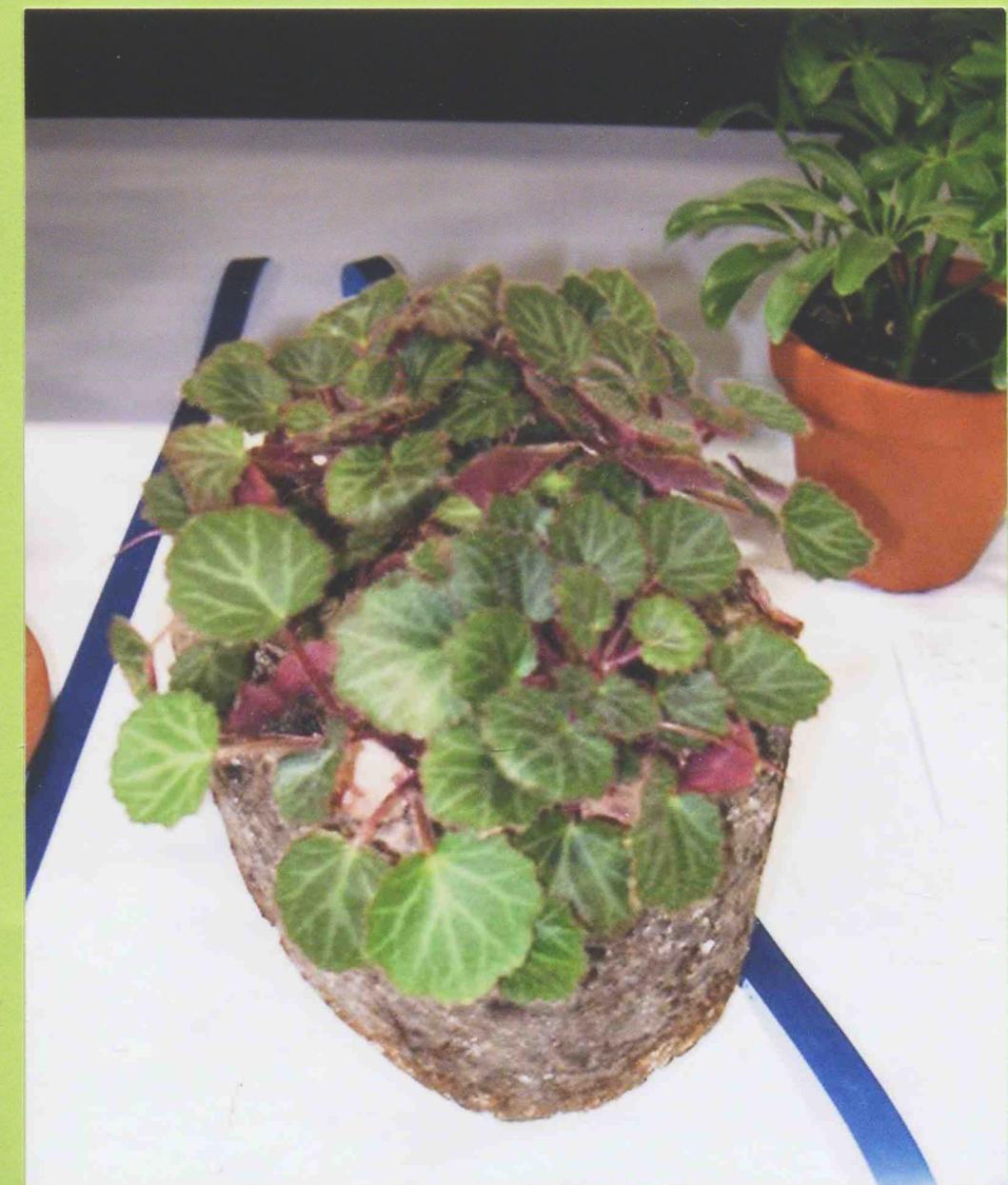
February 17, 2010  
Preparing for the GCNJ Flower Show



February 2010



GCNJ Flower Show  
Artistic Crafts



GCNJ Flower Show



I have been waiting for  
the winter and now  
that the snow has  
begin to melt I am  
waiting for some fun



Tablescapes...



I made this flower arrangement for a party dinner by me for...



February 2010  
Tablescapes designed for the  
Flower Show...what fun!



