

Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield NJ

**JUNIORS**  
**PHOTO ALBUMS**  
**2017-2018**

**“BOOK OF EVIDENCE”**

## **Garden Club of New Jersey Awards Application**

Award Number: 1 C

Award Name: Junior Gardeners Certificate of Merit

Award for: Outstanding Accomplishment of Jr. gardening objectives

Name of Club: Rake & Hoe of Westfield

Date Submitted: 2/7/2018

Number of Members in Club: 75

District: 5

### **Club Awards**

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### **1. New Project:** No ongoing annual program

Beginning Date: Feb. 1, 2017

Completion Date: Jan. 31, 2018

### **2. Project title:** Rake & Hoe Juniors Club

### **3. Summary and Objectives:**

The Juniors club is an introduction to flower design and gardening with a focus on environmental conservation and community service.

### **4. Involvement of Club Members:**

There are 12 adult Rake & Hoe Junior Committee members who plan and direct the projects with the help of the general Rake & Hoe members. Ten youth members are in the club (8 K-5 and 2 high school).

### **5. Project expenses and means of funding:**

The Junior youth pay a \$20 registration fee. The annual budget from Rake & Hoe is \$700.

### **6. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:**

The Juniors Committee has an ongoing commitment to improve and maintain The Butterfly Garden in the Shadowlawn pocket park and the Fern Garden at the Miller-Cory Museum, both in Westfield. Monthly meetings for the youth focus on nature and the environment, conservation, and skills in flower design.

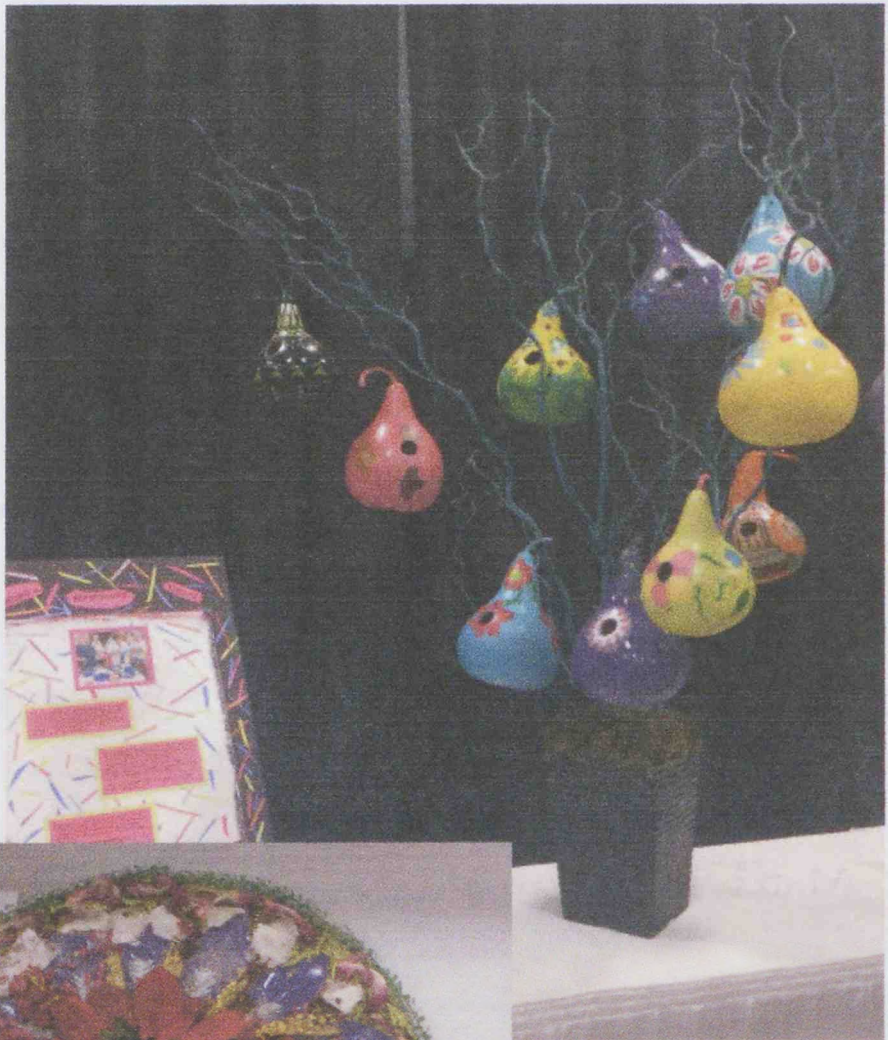
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75 members

### *Juniors Schedule*

- February 21, 2017: Floral Designs for the GCNJ Flower Show  
Plant succulents for Horticulture entries to the Rake & Hoe Flower Show
- March 15, 2017: Decorate Tussie Mussies to display your succulents for the Rake & Hoe Flower show
- April 27, 2017: Fairy Tale Victorian Flower Designs for Rake & Hoe Flower Show
- April 28, 2017: Bring your family to see your designs at the Rake & Hoe Flower Show
- May 17, 2017: Shadowlawn Butterfly Garden clean-up and planting.  
Demonstration on miniature flower design with each girl making their own
- September 13, 2017: Butterfly and Pollinator Program
- October 18, 2017: At Miller-Cory Museum.  
Fern Garden clean-up and Nature Monoprint Workshop
- November 15, 2017: Flower Design Workshop- Barbara Mullen will teach the Classic L flower design
- December 20, 2017: Decorate headbands (It's All About the Ears) and plant terrariums for GCNJ show
- January 17, 2018: Decorate Treasure Chests and Magic Hats for the GCNJ Flower Show

# February



Mask, kaleidoscope and Gourd Birdhouses at the GCNJ Flower Show



Although faced with significant competition this year from elementary, middle and high school participants from across the state and within specific categories, 11 participating Rake and Hoe youth each won one or more blue ribbons. Item and photo courtesy of Paula Long

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## Rake & Hoe Garden Club 'Juniors' recognized at show

# March—April



Fairy Tale Flower designs, Tussie Mussies and Dried Flower Art by the Juniors in the Rake & Hoe Flower show in April.



Westfield Monthly  
March 2017

(above) Rake & Hoe Garden Club "Juniors" prepared for New Jersey Flower & Garden Show.



## May

After weeding and planting at the Shadowlawn Garden (and eating ice-cream), there was a miniature flower design workshop.

Below is the Shadowlawn Butterfly Garden in August



## September



Youth Co-Chair Diane Genco giving a talk on Monarch butterflies. The girls learned about their migration patterns and life cycle. Diane is a member of the Monarch Teachers Network and she had all stages of the monarch—from caterpillar to chrysalis to adult butterfly. At the end, the girls released some butterflies into the wild.

# October



Clean-up of the Fern Garden at the Miller-Cory Museum. Then the juniors collected ferns and leaves and learned how to make monoprints with water soluble inks and rollers.



# November



Barbara Mullen and the juniors with their L flower designs

## December



Decorating headbands and planting terrariums for the GCNJ Flower Show



## January



Treasure Chests for the GCNJ Flower Show



## *Financial statement*

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## *Summary*

It was a very busy year for the Junior Youth Group. Besides their regular commitment to the Shadowlawn Butterfly Garden and the Fern Garden at the Miller-Cory Museum, they had two flower shows to prepare for. We still were able to do some fun and interesting projects, like the monoprinting and butterfly program.