RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB of WESTFIELD NJ

YEAR: 2006-2007

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September 20, 2006- Markendorff Creative Design Class- Tubular Design Debbie Moran and Florence Leysenne designs using PVC pipe containers











September 25, 2006 Symposium- Creative Design by Judges



September 25, 2006 Symposium- Creative Design by Peggy Nuse



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September 27, 200 Flower Show School- Traditional Designs by Peggy Nuse



September 27, 200 Flower Show School- Traditional Line Mass by Judges











October 11, 2006- Rake & hoe General Meeting- Designs by Betty Markendorf











































Rake & Hoe General Meeting 12-13-06 at Nancy-Smith's -Luncheon





Rake & Hoe General Meeting 12-13-06 at Nancy-Smith's -Her Tree



Rake & Hoe General Meeting 12-13-06 at Nancy-Smith's –Desserts and Some Members















January 10, 2007- Rake & Hoe Meeting Refreshmenst by Erica Fried, Marianne Murray & Barbara Mullin- Paperware by Kay Cross





January 10, 2007- Rake & Hoe Meeting Nancy Wallace Trophy Competition- Cookies, Cracker, Biscuits and tea Breads with Herbs Margot Partridge_Rosemary Cookies the winner









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March 14, 2007 Rake & Hoe General Meeting Refreshment table







April 11, 2007- Program -Mushrooms Centerpiece by Fran Brader- Refreshment table









April 11, 2007- Judy Kampe Competition Elfin Magic The Winning Design was by Peggy Smith





April 11, 2007- Judy Kampe Competition Elfin Magic Jane Gross, Erica Fried, Fran Brader, & Barbara Mullin







May 8, 2007 Rake & Hoe Plant exchange at Barbara Mullin's- various members who brought and took plants







May 8 & 9 2007 Montclair Art in Bloom





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May, 2007- Franklin School accepting gifts from The Rake & Hoe- Karen Jolley-Gates presenter



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Rake and Hoe Secret Garden Tour

Welcome to the Secret Garden Tour. We invite you to explore five beautiful gardens. While each garden is unique, there is one similar element, the gardener. Each gardener shares a passion for gardening that is evident throughout the tour. We encourage everyone to visit the gardens in order so that each gardener can be there to answer any questions that you may have. After our tour, we will end our day with lunch at Tracy Criscitiello's house.

- 1. Jill Sitcer 20 Barchester Way Westfield, NJ
- 2. Barbara Mullin 227 New Providence Road Mountainside, NJ
- 3. Alice Cowell 1417 Orchard Road Mountainside, NJ
- 4. Pam Seither 274 Woodacres Court Mountainside, NJ
- 5. Jeff & Mary Stoffer 257 Central Avenue Mountainside, NJ
- 6. Tracy Criscitiello 465 Bayberry Lane Mountainside, NJ

JILL SITCHER'S SECRET GARDEN

When we moved to this house 20 years ago, there were only foundation plantings and little or no garden. We moved 6 white pines from next to the deck to their current location near the street, opening up the yard to viewing.

Over the years, as I incorporated many plants that I admired, the garden has expanded to its current scope. Who knows where it will end? Each year I find other plants I cannot live without, so I add a bed for them to grow in. I do most of the work myself, employing my lawn people for large shrub replacement. I enjoy the physical and psychological aspects of gardening to keep me in shape and joyful when looking out my kitchen window or sitting on the porch.

About 10 years ago, due to some needed drainage work at the back edge of the property, we added the fish pond. The original goldfish have resulted in as many as 15, but now we have 10, due to marauding herons and maybe raccoons or cats. Several are original members of the family.

The newest area I am working on is near the fence under the evergreens where I have planted Lady's Mantle and daffodis. I hope to add more plantings this season to expand the view from my deck.

BARBARA MULLIN'S SECRET GARDEN

The house was built in 1928 and except for some trees and shrubs Robert Mullin planted when he move here in 1953, there was never any real garden. In 1971, Barbara Mullin arrived and a garden has been evolving ever since. Bringing lots of perennials with me, I gradually planted what I like, mainly flowers. This is a small garden crammed full of plants of over 200 types. Except for sidewalks and major walls, most of the gardens were done without outside assistance. Paths, small walls, raised beds and mow strip edging were all done by the current gardener. Wood chips are used to handle the problems created by Maple trees' roots and as pathways between the raised beds. The garden features over 60 peonies, hundreds of Hemerocallis, Iris, about 500 Lilies and thousands of spring flowering bulbs. There are lots of plants for shady areas, including Hosta, Fern, Astilbe and Heuchera, as well as sun loving plants. My goal is to have flowers blooming from April through November each year to use for floral arrangements for my church and in my home. 102 Asiatic and Oriental Lilies were planted in 2007 for summer bloom as well as many new perennials and shrubs. I have also been propagating lots of things from cuttings, stem plantlets and layering. This is great fun!

There is also a solarium full of plants and this room is available for your viewing. Feel free to open any drawers or cupboards and look inside. Also open for your view is the shed for storage ideas.

ALICE COWELL'S SECRET GARDEN

These gardens are a labor of love. We have added, moved or re-moved much of the original landscape. I moved plants here even before we owned the house!

There are 3 perennial, 2 shade and 1 rose bed. Many of my perennials are from you over the years. Uncle Angelo's weigela, Aunt Ester's lithium, a white fig tree from a Long Island neighbor and a peach tree from a Brooklyn neighbor completes the landscape.

Notice our street light. It hales from a salvage place in Connecticut. It is the top of a street lamp originally from England. The bulb has never been replaced in all of the 25 years we have owned it. Also, the window box – it was two boxes from my mother's house in Brooklyn. I had it cut and welded to fit our upstairs windows. I had a metal box made for the plants.

Hope you enjoy all that we have done.

PAM SEITHER'S SECRET GARDEN

Woodacres Court could not be named more appropriately. The backdrop of the woods gives it a secluded feeling and the sunsets in the evening are beautiful. The seasons at #274 are an ever-changing tapestry of ferns, coral-belk, hosta, hydrangeas and ornamental grasses. Different blooming perennials and annuals are continually changing the pattern of color on the hills. On display is a combination of statuary from the Far East, giving the allure of the Orient. Please enter my sanctuary and enjoy.

Peace, Pam.

JEFF & MARY'S STOFFER'S SECRET GARDEN

This garden is the biggest surprise of all! None of us has ever seen it. Jeff always wanted to have a garden tour at his home and we are more than happy to oblige him.

TRACY CRISCITELLO'S SECRET GARDEN

Welcome to my garden. The first thing I am sure you have noticed is the lack of great landscaping in the front yard. Due to the many deer that enjoy my yard, I keep putting off landscaping this area. I am looking into deer proof plants, but it looks like the front will end up with boxwood and more boxwood. As you enter into the back yard, you will hopefully find a large assortment of hostas, ferns and other shade loving perennials. I am purposely not listing particular specimens as I am not sure what you will be seeing today. It is always a surprise to me in the spring to see what has survived from the year before.

The area around the pool is a constant work-in-progress as I have yet to be happy with any of the designs I have tried. Maybe one of you can give me some suggestions.

Hope you enjoy!

May 24, 2007- Rake & Hoe Secret Garden Tour Jill Sitcer's garden









MULLIN HOUSE

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May 24, 2007- Rake & Hoe Secret Garden Tour Alice Cowell's Garden- Low Growing Deutzia & Weigelia









Rake & Hoe "Secret Garden Tour" Pam Seither's -A non members who opened her garden to us all



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Rake & Hoe "Secret Garden Tour"

AT Jeff and Mary Stoffer's- A garden of impeccable neatness- also a non-member





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Rake & Hoe "Secret Garden Tour"













The Rake and Hoe Garden Club, Inc. of Westfield Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Echo Lake Country Club 1

12 Noon Cash Bar Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Call to Order and Welcome

Introduction of Guests

Introduction of New Members

Program Announcements

Invocation

Luncheon Fran Brader

Tracy Criscitiello Colleen Schmidt

Linda Winter

Thank you Hospitality Flower Arranging

Program

Business Minutes Treasurer's Report

Announcements

Awards

GCNJ Bird Count Competition Presentation of the Judy Kampe Trophy Presentation of the Nancy Wallace Trophy Presentation of the Agnes Eggiman Award Life Members Presentation Program

Installation of Officers 2007-2008

Pamela Kolb

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Nancy Smith

Linda Winter

Nancy Smith

Pamela Kolb

Gayle Lechner Ellen Cuddy

Pamela Kolb Karen Jolley-Gates

Letty Hudak

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President's Remarks

Pamela Kolb

Adjournment

HAPPY SUMMER HAPPY GARDENING SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER



June 13, 2007 Rake & Hoe Awards luncheon at Echo Lake country Club- Sample of Centerpeices











