
RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB

YEAR: 2012-2013

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The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.

Vivian Morrison, President

Blue Star Memorial Markers

A Living Tribute to the Men and Women of New Jersey who served in the Armed Forces

The most enjoyable events for me, as president of GCNJ, were the dedications of Blue Star Memorial Markers throughout the state. This is one of the most meaningful programs we support and it is a source of pride that this program originated in New Jersey. Presently, we have 30 Highway, Memorial and By-way markers in our state. The Blue Star Committee has worked diligently with the Department of Transportation in locating appropriate sights as well as accouraging local garden clubs to do the same.

A classic event was the dedication of a By-way marker at Shadowlawn Park in Westfield, by the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, who chose November 11, 2011, at 11 am to dedicate their marker- complete with patriotic band music, color guard, veterans, scouts and their junior garden club taking part. It was a glorious morning, one which I shall never forget.

It is of the utmost importance to me that we remember and never forget what our veterans have done for us.



We can in no way repay them but we can remember.



State Senator Christopher "Kip" Bateman with members of GCNJ at the Readington, Hunterdon County, Blue Star Memorial location. When erected in 1946, it was the first commemorative sign in the nation dedicating a highway as a Blue Star Highway. US Route 22, and Interstates 78, 80, 287 and 295 are dedicated as memorial highways. The program has been extended to include smaller roads and garden settings (Blue Star Memorial By-ways) and veterans cemeteries or facilities (Blue Star Memorials).



Rake & Hoe Board at Diana Kazazis Centerpiece and other flowes by B. Mullin





Pam Kolb -Pesident 2005/2007

at Rake & Hoe Board on 9-10-2012



Rake & Hoe annual Sept Auction o n9-12-12 Alice Cowell Auctioneer Extraordinaire









Rake & Hoe annual Sept Auction o n9-12-12 Some Designs made by B Mullin for auction





Rake & Hoe annual Sept Auction o n9-12-12 2 of 7 Designs made by B Mullin for auction





Rake & Hoe September 12, 2012 Lovely centerpiece made by Colleen Schmidt



Rake & Hoe September 12, 2012 Delicious Refreshments served





Rake & Hoe Borad at Beth Siano's- 10-1.2012-Board members Kris luka and Erica Fried



Rake & Hoe Gen. Meeting 10-10-12 Centerpiece by Barbara Mullin- Almost all Garden flowers







Rake & Hoe Gen. Meeting 10-10-12 Hostess Kay Cross





Rake & Hoe Gen. Meeting 10-10-12 Hostess Joan Kylish



Rake & Hoe- 10-10-12 Nancy Wallace Trophy Various entries







Rake & Hoe- 10-10-12 Nancy Wallace Trophy Pat Wilson with her Tussy Mussy winner





Rake & Hoe- 10-10-12 -Program on Herbs Melinda Mucha of Miller Cory-Speaker





October 16, 2012 Workshop given by & in home of B. Mullin All working materials set up & Ladies working happily







October 12, 2012- Plant Exchange at M Peitruszki's Some of the Ladies who braved to misty day.







October 16, 2012 Workshop making "L" Design Rake & Hoe Members showing their finished designs





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October 16, 2012 Workshop given by & in home of B. Mullin Finished Design by Jeanne Ryan









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Rake & Hoe Board-at Kris Luka's desin by Barbara Mullin Irene Greenstein & Pres/Lechner





December 12, 2012- R & H Centerpiece by M Nolas C. Schirm and Mary Smith prep as Hostesses

















12-12-12 R & H Regular Meeting -Kay Cross demonstrates Margot Partridge & Clare Minick- participate











12-12-12 R & H -President- Gayle Lechner & Jeanette & Richard Pelikan participate







12-12-12 R & H -Anna Daurio & Sally Kerins Gayle Lechner, Margaret Sailer & Marianne Murray




January 7, 2013-Designs for Rake & Hoe Board



January 7, 2013- Rake & Hoe Board at Barbara Mullin's with Erica Fried- Some of the Lunch





January 7, 2013- Rake & Hoe Board at Barbara Mullin's with Erica Fried- Some of the Desserts













January 9, 2013- Rake & Hoe General Meeting Delicious Refreshments





January 9, 2013- Rake & Hoe General Meeting Hostesses-Jeanette Peilkan & Carole Smillie





January 9, 2013- Rake & Hoe General Meeting Bruce Craford Director of Rutgers Gardens Speaks on "Curb Appeal" Making the best of your front entry.







mote-All photos for 2-13-12 taken by The Pelikano

♥ Rake & Hoe Regular Meeting February 13, 2013 ♥ Gorgeous Centerpiece by Jill Sitcer







Linde Mike

Jill Sitce



♥ Rake & Hoe Regular Meeting February 13, 2013 ♥ Hostesses- Faten Mahran,Adah Levin, Linda Miske with Joan Barna





♥ Rake & Hoe Regular Meeting February 13, 2013 ♥ Members enjoying refreshments



Nancy Smith

Sharon Jittle





Richard Pelikan

Dobbie Grecco



♥ Rake & Hoe Regular Meeting February 13, 2013 ♥ Members enjoying refreshments





Father Malua

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♥ Rake & Hoe Regular Meeting February 13, 2013 ♥ At Ways and Means- Parn Kolb & Lee Perry





♥ Rake & Hoe Regular Meeting February 13, 2013 ♥ Karen Jolley-Gates conducting meeting



♥ Rake & Hoe Regular Meeting February 13, 2013 ♥ Program on Greenwood Gardens- Matthew Gundy & Louis Bauer





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Diana's Blue Winner Stretch Derips



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February 17, 2013- GCNJ Flower Show-Community Gardens Grant awarded to Rake & Hoe \$1.000.00 For refurbishment of Shadowlawn after "Sandy" Alice Cowell, Beth Siana and GCNJ Pres. Vivian Morison



March 13, 2013- Rake & Hoe-2 Centerpieces By Diana Kazazis-showing ideas for Easter wreath workshop











March 13, 2013- Rake & Hoe General Meeting- Hostesses Vivian Davidson, Barbara Murphy, Nancy Smith & Mary Lou Nolas



March 13, 2013- Rake & Hoe- Refreshments





March 13, 2013- Rake & Hoe- Refreshments





March 13, 2013 Rake & Hoe- Judy Kamp Competition



alice Cowell

Beth Siamo

winner



March 13, 2013 Rake & Hoe- Judy Kamp Competition



Barbara Mullin

Pegsy Smith





March 13, 2013 Rake & Hoe- Judy Kamp Competition





Enica Freed



April 1, 2013- R & H Board at Marylyn Straight's Hostess Marylyn and Beth Hanscom- with lovely centerpiece created at workshop





April 9, 2013-Rake & Hoe= Centerpiece by Carol Schirm









April 9, 2013-Rake & Hoe Hosts-and Table Marianne Murray, Peggy Smith, Richard & Jeanette Pelika & Pat Wilson











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April 9, 2013-Rake & hoe Program Twigs: Tiny Worlds







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April 10, 2013- Diane Genco's Front Garden











April 10, 2013- Visit to Westfield Historical Society Home of Claire Brownell Memorial Wildlife Garden

















May 8, 2013- Rake & Hoe General Meeting-Hostesses- Landa Parker, Darielle Walsh and Design- Gail Kender





Secret Garden Tour - May 30, 2013

Take Euclid Ave. all the way to Mountain Ave., turn right, then make a left onto New Providence Road. Continue on New Providence up to Ackerman Ave., make a right and drive to the top of the hill. Turn right onto Coles Ave., the entrance to Trailside Nature Center will be on your left. Immediately make a sharp left and follow the path down to the gate on your right.

Master Gardeners of Union County Demonstration Gardens

(see attached description and map)

Return via Coles, Ackerman and New Providence Aves. After Route 22, Hillside Ave. will be the 3rd right.

460 Hillside Ave

I would love to say I had a lot to do with the design and ideas behind our gardens, but really we are the fortunate recipients of the former owner and his obsession and love for his old English gardens. When we were looking for a home in Westfield after many years of city living, choosing a home with great outdoor space was most definitely a priority for us and the gardens of our home and how meticulously the former owner cared for the grounds was most definitely a major draw.

We moved in to our home in December of 2007 so as much as we loved what we saw in October, we really had no idea how much we were going to love our gardens in the Spring time. The first tree to bloom is the Weeping Crabapple which hangs over our driveway and provides us with such a beautiful umbrella of white flowers in the early Spring. As it's white flowers begin to cover our driveway, the vibrant large purple Azalea bush that sits in our front yard along with our 2 Dogwoods to the left of the driveway and in the center of our front lawn begin to bloom. The Dogwoods have had some trouble this year, but we hope this is just temporary as a result of the tough year of storms. Like most people, we lost multiple large old pine trees and we continue to try and reseed and recover. The driveway is also lined with some nice size lines, and a very fragrant Lilac bush that give this side of the house some great color and smell.

As you walk around the house we have some additional Azaleas that bring life to the side yard and lead you down the stone pathway/steps where the Peonies and Rhododendron bloom for a good part of the Spring. We recently moved our bird bath down to the lower part of our yard as well as some rocks to open up a flat lawn area that can provide a little ball playing area as our 2 young girls become more active and really needed some space. In years past the mature pink rose bush begins to creep up over our arbor, but hurricane Sandy did some major damage to that as well and it really needed to be cut all the way down. So far it appears to be coming back and we hope to have our pink roses back soon. The side of the hill is covered in a blue Creeping Phlox that begins to cover the hill nicely in early Spring and lasts throughout much of the summer. We recently planted a few more of these to really provided that area with some color. As you travel around back, the bi-level yard is separated with a very old rock wall which is original to year the home was built (1913) with creeping ivy and a small water feature. The entire back area is scattered with multiple different varieties of Hostas that provides great green back drop for our potted plants as well as the other annuals that we plant in early Spring. The Hostas grow very quickly which is good since every year the deer seem to get bolder and more hungry and continue to feast every night on them. (continued, next page)

(460 Hillside, cont'd)

My birthday is in early May and often falls right around Mother's Day so the only thing I ask for every year is a day to pick my flowers and plant my flower boxes with my husband. Considering he is absolutely the garderner in our home, this is a very easy gift and has become a bit of a yearly tradition for us which I hope to continue for many year in our home. I honestly think our home does not look complete without them. In the fall I like to replant them with mums for a few months. At some point during the Spring, we always get a nice week long visit from my in-laws who feverishly work to help us get our gardens in order. My husband clearly has learned most of his gardening skills from his Mom who is always so helpful with her guidance.

Joyce Rosely

Continue along Hillside Ave, make a left onto Lawrence Ave. The house is at the next intersection on the right. <u>Kindly begin</u> by coming toward the frant stonewall area and view the new plantings all around front area. Then follow the stone pathway to the back of the yard (at the Lawrence Ave. side of the house) and view the side gardens and then enter backyard through that black gate.

288 Watchung Fork

When we purchased this property --- there seemed to be quite a lot of front lawn and we really wanted to create some type of focal point with stone, slate, shrubbery and flowering plants. We also needed to add a pathway to get to the backyard (on the Lawrence Ave side of the house.) . We had a stone wall and plazza designed - which allowed us to place many new and interesting flowers and plantings on both sides of the stone wall . And , the pathway we created , allowed us to tuck in a small seating area with stone bench, bird bath and more flowering plants along the side of the house .

Among the varieties that we added to the front and backyard are -- peonies, echinacea, Japenese iris, Siberian iris, lilacs, black eyed Susans, astilbe purple candle, hydrangea, foxtail grass, witch hazel, perovskia and several other varieties Because of Hurricane Sandy two of our very large oak trees came down in front due to the high winds. In their place we have just recently planted 4 Okame cherry trees, which should, hopefully, bloom by next season.

We enjoy our back patio and our very private gardens all year long and although we do not have the same kind of time and energy as the wonderful retired former owner, we do try our best to keep up what he started. In addition, we attempt to plant a rather extensive vegetable garden on the side of our driveway every year that we love feeding our family and often some friends for a good part of the summer. Again, if only we can win our battles against the cute bunnies and very friendly deer, we would grow even more!!

Joanne & Dave Womelsdorf

Follow Lawrence Ave. south and make a left turn onto Dudley Ave. You are welcome to park in the driveway.

304 E. Dudley Ave.

My garden is filled with an assortment of colorful flowers. The Driveway landscape starts with a White Dogwood tree and on the bottom tier of plantings you will find Liriope. We added the driveway staircase in 2009 which is flanked with Dwarf Pink Azaleas. The second tier consists of an assortment of perennials from Pink Coneflowers, Autumn Joy Sedum and Black Eyed Susan and each second tier is centered with Pink Carpet Roses. The top tier starts with the dogwood followed by Purple Salvia. It then leads into small dragon lady holly trees. We added garden Cyprus and finished with clusters of Viburnum. On the other side of the staircase the top layer has a Nelly Stevens Holly tree on the corner, a pink double knock out rose bush with a Japanese Maple. Close to the side porch there are three tardiva Hydrangea trees with an under planting of forsythia, yews and skip laurels. The front of the home is filled with hedged out box woods and privers. The front foundation plantings are centered around urns, with hydrangeas and holly around them. In addition there is plenty of catmint and daylilles on the corner of Dudley and Lawrence. We also like to hang hanging baskets on our front porch. Enjoy the tour!

Allison Rudow

Continue along Dudley to Mountain Ave and make a right turn., then immediately make the first left onto Euclid Ave. Follow Euclid past Broad St. and then make the third right,

518 Tremont Ave.

(b) Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Garden IPM is an approach that focuses on preventing problems by providing the best possible growing conditions and selecting pest and disease resistant plants. Once an area is planted, any weeds or pests are treated using the method with the least impact on the environment.

The Freedom Garden This red, white, and blue garden was planted to inspire patriotism, honor our American flag and to remember those affected by the events of September 11, 2001.

Brought Tolerant Garden Many of these plants are also tolerant of poor-to-average soils. Some may even prefer poor, but well drained soils.

 The Native Plant Garden Environmentally beneficial, these native-to-the-USA plants require less water, no fertilization, are resistant to most pests and diseases and are low maintenance.

Memorial Gardens - planted with small trees and shrubs suitable for the home garden. All the

(10-(13) varieties were selected for their multiple seasons of interest, suitability to the site, or are a

unique plant you don't see every day.

The Cutting Gardens contain flowering annuals and perennials, which are cut

(6A) weekly throughout the growing season, arranged into bouquets and donated to cancer centers. Started in 2007 they have donated over 13,000 flowers and greens in bouquets. The Herb Garden is a series of small themed beds, including a sensory garden, a culinary herb garden and a potpourri garden.



(2) The Ground Cover Bed contains low spreading plants that can be used effectively as ornamentals or to control weeds, storm water runoff, and erosion.

The Conifer Shrub and Evergreen Tree Beds illustrate the beauty of using trees and shrubs as excellent ornamentals in the landscape. Shrubs, groundcovers, and tree roots provide a fibrous web that stabilizes and anchors the soil, preventing erosion.

The Perennial Bed contains plants that will return year after year, creating a lasting foundation for our flower gardens. Plant selection is based on form, color, season of bloom, flowers and foliage that is beautiful even after bloom.

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The Deer-Resistant Bed demonstrates that deer damage can be lessened by using certain plants with year-round interest.

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DEMONSTRATION GARDENS

Union County Master Gardeners have maintained Demonstration Gardens on a oneacre site at Trailside in the Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ since 1999. These gardens are run entirely by the volunteer Master Gardeners of Union County, Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

During the first years of the gardens, each Master Gardener class designed and planted a themed garden. Since 2004, maintaining these gardens has become a project for each current class. In addition, many of these gardens have been "adopted" by volunter Master Gardeners who care for them on an on-going basis.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GARDENS

(B) The Sharing Garden, in operation since 2002, grows fresh produce for donation to low-income Union County families. As of 2010, the Sharing Garden has donated more than 15,000 pounds of vegetables to 20 community food banks.

Some of the vegetables are grown in raised beds. A raised bed is a frame placed on the ground and filled with rich garden soil. The soil in the bed is higher



than the surrounding ground, resulting in better drainage. The soil is not compacted by foot traffic so it stays fluffy and yields more. The elevated plants are also at a convenient working level, making it easier to care for them. Crops are seasonally rotated to prevent pests and diseases. Our most prolific summer crop is



tomatoes; other crops include lettuce, cabbage, green beans, zucchini, Swiss chard, cucumbers, eggplant, and peppers. In the spring and fall we grow broccoli, cauliflower, Savoy cabbage, collards, kohirabi, and winter lettuce.

(b) The Sharing Garden Annex provides volunteers with a space to develop their gardening skills, experiment with new varieties of vegetables and organic gardening techniques, and teach land stewardship to the general public. Much of the Annex produce is combined with Sharing Garden produce for danoition to Union County soup kitches.

The Berry Patch was started in late September, 2006. Included in the patch are blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, Juneberries, figs, cherries and strawberries. To protect the crops, bird netting is placed over the hoops.

THEMED GARDENS

Green and White Welcome Garden Welcome! A green and white planting theme has been used to promote a coding, peaceful feeling as you begin a tour of our gardens. A stone path leads you through a planting of shrubs, ferns, perennials and bulbs.

The Shade Garden contains a variety of plants, from woody plants to bulbs,

annuals, and perennials. Properly selected shade plants ensure interest throughout the season and offer a variety of foliage textures and colors.



The Friendship Garden The plants in thi and an erre selected to be shared with friends by various methods of propagation: digging up and dividing the crowns, clumps, o thizomes, and then replanting; ifting bulbs and separating the small offsets and then replanting; or collecting seeds to plant.

(4) The Cold-Hardy Tropical Bed displays a surprising number of exotic and unusual

plants that can survive winters in NJ. While the term cold-hardy tropical may sound strange, many plants of at least subtropical and warmer-climate origin are more tolerant of cold than



expected. Some of these plants naturally originate in climates that are fairly cold in winter and have evolved strategies for coping with periods of climatic cooling.

ALL ITEMS BELOW ARE RAKE AND HOE YEARBOOK ITEMS.

Place YEAR it appeared in space. May check sheets copied from Yearbooks on tables.

- _____ First mention of Juniors.
- _____ Sweet Sixteen Party for Annual Meeting
- Judging of Christmas Designs, Packages, Ornaments
- Bought Geese for Mindowaskin Lake.
- How to make a Terrarium
- Why read Newsletter?
- BYOH (and 2 chairs)
- Became member of GCNJ
- the Diggers original flower people (flower power)
- Celebration of Miller-Cory House Museum
- Well-Seasoned
- GCNJ Dues and Newsleaf ...\$64.
- Year Past Presidents began to be known by own name
- Each member must sell 10 tickets
- _____ Mini flower and Horticulture Shows
- Lyons Hospital weekly flower service
- First Deck the Halls House Tour
- First open home flower show
- _____ Sign of Ecology
- Up, Up and Away
- _____ First Auction
- First Flower Show

THE RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON ECHO LAKE COUNTRY CLUB JUNE 12, 2013

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Gayle Lechner

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Karen Jolley-Gates

Gayle Lechner

Barbara Mullin Erica Fried Anna Daurio Linda Parker

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Gayle Lechner Karen Jolley-Gates

June 3, 2013- R & H Board meeting Diana Kazizis & President, Gayle Lechner





June 3, 2013- R & H Board meeting at Maryann Pietruszki's Delicious and Beautiful Refreshments





June 3, 2013- R & H Board meeting at Maryann Pietruszki's "Vegetable Garden" Cake in Marzipan- Yum and Lovely





June 3, 2013- R & H Board meeting Coleen Shmidt and Pam Kolb



June 3, 2013- R & H Board meeting at Maryann Pietruszki's Gayle Lechner receives gift from Boad members



June 3, 2013- R & H Board meeting at Maryann Pietruszki's Gayle Lechner received Cetificate of Merit from GCNJ





June 3, 2013- R & H Board meeting at Maryann Pietruszki's GCNJ President elect-Barbara Mullin receives gift from Board-Nation GC Silk Scarf with all of the State logos on it





June 11, 2013- Decorated watering eady to receive floral designs for Rake & Hoe June Lunchean



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June 12, 2013- Centerpieces prepared by design committee







June 12, 2013- Various Awards given at Rake & Hoe luncheon







June 12, 2013- Various Awards given at Rake & Hoe luncheon







June 12, 2013- Various Awards given at Rake & Hoe luncheon



June 12, 2012-Bird Photo Contest winners







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June 12, 2013- Rake & Hoe Annual Luncheon at Echo Lake CC New Board members- Karen Jolley Gates- President



June 12, 2013- Rake & Hoe Annual Luncheon at Echo Lake CC New Board members-Diana Kazazis- Vice President



June 12, 2013- Rake & Hoe Annual Luncheon at Echo Lake CC New Board members-Pat wilson- Treasurer



June 12, 2013- Rake & Hoe Annual Luncheon at Echo Lake CC New Board members-Corresponding Secretary- Mary F. Smith



June 12, 2013- Rake & Hoe Annual Luncheon at Echo Lake CC New Board members-Gayle Lechner- Director



June 12, 2013- Rake & Hoe Annual Luncheon at Echo Lake CC New Board members-Recording Secretary- Nancy Smith



June 12, 2013- Rake & Hoe Annual Luncheon at Echo Lake CC GCNJ President, Barbara Mullin installs Officers





June 12, 2013- Rake & Hoe Annual Luncheon at Echo Lake CC Rose Ceremony installation- Note Nancy Smith was away





June 12, 2013- Rake & Hoe Annual Luncheon at Echo Lake CC Gayle Lechner gives R & H Pin and Gavel to Karen Jolley-Gates





June 12, 2013- Rake & Hoe Annual Luncheon at Echo Lake CC Karen Jolley-Gates gives acceptance speech





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