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Members of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, NJ were honored at the 6th annual New Jersey Clean Communities Council's Award for the NJ Transit Adopt-A-Station Project. The members planted daffodils and maintained the garden on the north side of the Westfield Train Station for the past two years. Present at the ceremony representing the entire club were (left to right in the back) Joan Daley, Irene Greenstein, Alice Cowell, Kay Cross, Deborah Eadie (NJ Transit Adopt-a-Station Director), Anna Daurio, Peggy Smith, Onnolee Allieri (President of The Garden Club of New Jersey), Letty Hudak. Seated are Jill Sitcer, Erica Fried, Bridget Howlett, and Clare Minick. The club has a long term reputation for its service to the community and donations to worthy causes. For membership questions call Call Maryann Pietruszki, Membership Chair, for information at 908-789-9254.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

SUBURBAN NEWS



## *Attention gardeners and readers*

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield wants to help readers keep their place in their favorite books by giving away bookmarks at the local libraries. The bookmarks will give the reader a list of the club projects and a contact number for membership. The members who will distribute the bookmarks are (seated from left to right) Carolyn Pulliam, Joan Daley, and Alice Cowell and (standing) Inge Bossert and Nancy Smith, club president.



**THE RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS** prepare for the State Flower Show, "A Floral Odyssey" held at the NJ Convention & Expo Center in Edison, NJ on Feb. 16-19. Pictured from left, are: Erica Fried, Helen Luecke and Alice Cowell.

# Join The Club



Rake and Hoe members from, left are: Marylyn Straight, Mary Smith, Susan D'Areccia, Carolyn Pulliam, and Irene Greenstein.

chair at 908-789-9254.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a long-term reputation for its service to the community and donations to worthy causes. Members of the club visit Lyons Veterans Hospital five times a year to arrange fresh flowers for the patients' rooms. The club has a membership that is diverse, spanning all ages, interests and occupations. Each member brings knowledge to the group, sharing it the way a friend shares seeds or cuttings with a friend. Federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of New Jersey, the club has between 50 and 70 members all of whom share one thing in common—a love of flowers and gardening. For membership questions call Maryann Pietruszki, membership



Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield winners: Kay Cross and Awards Chairman Diana Kazazis with the winning arrangement.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has announced recent award winners.

Kay Cross has been awarded the Nancy Wallace Trophy for her winning pot e fleur arrangement in a recent club competition. A pot e fleur is an arrangement combining potted plants and cut flowers.

Cross' name will be added to the trophy. At the recent State Flower Show of the Garden Club of New Jersey several club members received first place blue ribbons.

Barbara Mullin won first place and the Educational Award for her educational exhibit on lilies. Helen Luecke received a blue ribbon and a 90+ in Horticulture, fulfilling all of her ribbon requirements to become a flower show judge.

Alice Cowell was awarded a blue ribbon for her table arrangement.

Diana Kazazis, Helen Luecke, Barbara Mullin, Jill Sitzler, Colleen Schmidt and Erica Fried also entered designs in the flower show.

Susan Adams 3-12-2008



St. George's Church  
April-12

La Fleur Couture, a fashion-themed flower show will be presented by the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield on April 20 from 1 to 7 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue, Westfield. The show will be open free to the public to enjoy while learning about floral design and horticulture. The show can be viewed in the Assembly Hall of the church directly off the parking lot on Mountain Avenue. Ribbons, flowers and fancy fashions will brighten up the beginning of spring in Westfield. Join us for tea in the garden and shop for gifts in the boutique. Vintage fashions will be modeled by docents from the Liberty Hall Museum. Pictured, Kay Cross, of Flowers Naturally, demonstrates floral design to the members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club in Westfield who are currently preparing for their April flower show.

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## *Rake and Hoe Club presents awards*

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club has created a new award in honor of Life Member Kay Cross. The Kay Cross Award will be presented each year to a club member who has exemplified excellence in floral shows, workshops or design. Shown in the picture are from left Rake and Hoe President Nancy Smith, Kay Cross, and Awards Chairman Diana Kazazis.

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# FALL HOME & GARDEN

## Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield plant sunshine

WESTFIELD—Nancy Smith, the new President of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club, has announced a two-year project called, Rake and Hoe Plants Sunshine to take place during her presidency. "Planting Sunshine is one way this garden club shares their enthusiasm and energy with the community," commented Mrs. Smith. This fall club members will plant one thousand daffodil bulbs in at least five locations throughout Westfield and Mountainside. Members will plant the bulbs on three town-wide planting days and the Rake and Hoe Junior Garden Club members will be planting on one of the days as well. In preparation for a successful planting the club held a workshop on bulb selection and planting strategies directed by club member Inge Bossert. The chairwomen of the Sunshine project are Beth Hanscom, Letty Hudak, and Kay Cross. Details of



### *Planting sunshine*

Chairwomen Letty Hudak and Kay Cross with Rake and Hoe Garden Club President Nancy Smith present the new project to club members at the opening meeting.

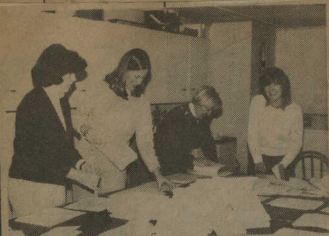
the program were presented to club members at their opening meeting which was a garden luncheon and auction held in the beautiful and creative gardens of member Alice Cowell.

The daffodil project is funded with proceeds from the successful decorated house tour Deck the Halls held in December 2006.

Rake and Hoe Garden Club currently supports

gardens at The Miller-Cory House Museum, the Shadowlawn Pocket Park, and the Claire Brownell Memorial Wildflower Garden. Other Community Projects include seasonal decorations at the Union County Cerebral Palsy School, flower service and holiday decorations at Lyons Veterans Hospital, and flower arrangements for Mobile Meals.





Members of Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield collate programs for "Spring Fancies," the organization's flower show to be held Wednesday, April 20. Ticketholders will be given programs, including maps, for floral exhibits and education programs at four Westfield homes and at the Westfield YWCA, of which Rake and Hoe is a member group. From left: Carolyn Hayden, Tracy Davis, Marty Wright and Mary O'Keefe complete stapling of programs. Tickets are on sale at the YWCA.  
Bernadine Liebrich



Mrs. Richard L. Cross, Westfield, points to one of many posters which spotlight the April 20 standard home flower show of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club. The event will benefit the organization's educational and community projects.

Westfield Leader April 1983

## Mrs. Cross To Chair April Flower Show

Mrs. Richard L. Cross has been named general chairman for "Spring Fancies," a standard home flower show to be presented by The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield on Wednesday, April 20.

The event will feature floral displays, created by club members and others, at four town homes, as well as horticultural exhibits and a boutique at the Westfield YWCA, of which the club is a member organization.

Planning for the show began last year, according to Mrs. Cross, who explained that each of the group's 80 regular and associate members is assigned three "jobs" for the event.

More than 20 judges from throughout the state will score the entries and award ribbons to the best, Cross noted, adding that the show, held every two years by Rake and Hoe, "gives prestige to our club."

Mrs. Charles Mayer has been appointed the show's cochairman, with the following club members serving as committee heads:

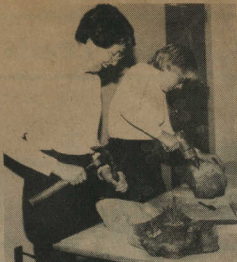
Mrs. Holger Froden, awards; Mrs. Harold Templeton, birds; Mrs. Clarence Chehay, bouti-

que; Mrs. George Brownell, classification; Mrs. Charles Schmit, clerks; Mrs. Harold Ebstynne, conversations, and Mrs. Herbert Sailer Jr., consultant.

Mrs. Bruce Kampe, dismantling; Mrs. William Wallace and Mrs. Ebstynne, educational; Mrs. Charles Miller, entries; Mrs. William Rogerson, horticulture; Mrs. Harry Whitaker, hospitality; Mrs. William DiLouie, hostesses; Mrs. Wallace, houses; Mrs. Peter Hydock, judges; Mrs. Harry Perley, judges/hospitality, and Mrs. Sidd Kravitz, juniors.

Mrs. Ronald O'Keefe, new member orientation; Mrs. Robert Liebrich, photography; Mrs. Robert Kley, placement; Mrs. Richard Pryor, properties; Mrs. Elbert Nostrand, printing; Mrs. John Lesher, publicity; Mesdames Melvin Cruger, Herbert Wright, Bernard Apel and Rogerson, schedule; Mrs. Norbert Wagner, secretary and personnel; Mrs. Richard Davis, signs and directions; Mrs. Gerald Monaghan, staging, and Mrs. James Kossler, tickets and treasurer.

Mrs. Monaghan is president of Rake and Hoe.



Alice Rogerson, left, and Ann DiLouie, drill and hammer lava rock in preparation for planting cacti or succulents in the stone. Lava rock specimens will be among entries in the horticulture division for "Spring Fancies," the standard flower show to be held April 20 by Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield.



Melissa Leshner, 11, and her brother, Brendan, 8, display floral arrangements they made in recent practice session for "Spring Fancies." The duo belongs to the Junior Gardeners, the youth division of the sponsoring Rake and Hoe Garden Club. The pair's brother, Christian, 9, also will be among Junior Gardeners who will enter floral arrangements in the show.

## Gardeners Prepare For Flower Show

Close to 70 individually-designed floral arrangements will be among highlights of "Spring Fancies," a standard home flower show to be held by Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield on Wednesday, April 20, from 1 to 5 and 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Ticketholders also will view educational exhibits and horticulture specimens as they visit four Westfield homes and the YWCA during the show.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Milton Kupfer will feature a number of floral class entries, as will the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Posyton.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen F. Perry, those on the flower show tour will see an array of floral entries as well as exhibits staged by varied

committees and individuals associated with Rake and Hoe.

Youth division entries, which will include flower arrangements as well as horticulture entries and posters created by Junior Gardeners, will be staged at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidd Kravitz. Mrs. Kravitz is chairman of the club's Juniors.

At the YWCA, 220 Clark St., "Spring Fancies" ticketholders will view hundreds of horticulture entries in such categories as tulips, hyacinths, perennials, biennials and varied plants. Refreshments will be served and a boutique will offer wares for sale.

The public is invited to enter the horticulture division. Information is available by contacting Mrs. William A. Rogerson,

923 Central Ave.

Judges from throughout the state will be present to determine awards for varied entries, which are analyzed on the basis of such considerations as proper design and success in following a particular theme.

Tickets for the show, which includes admission to all four homes and to the horticulture division/boutique center at the YWCA, are available at the YW desk or by contacting Mrs. James Kossler, 250 Canterbury Rd.

A limited number of tickets will be sold.

Mrs. Richard L. Cross is chairman of Spring Fancies and Mrs. Charles R. Mayer is cochairman.

Proceeds of the flower show will benefit local educational and community projects.



A substantial grant from The Westfield Foundation will serve as seed money for obtaining full funding for the After School/Summer Camp Day Care Programs at the Westfield Community Center. In the above picture, Cathy Kudlick is tutoring Hali Barlow (both seated). Tutoring is only one of the many activities for children after school at the Center. Sports activities and games round out the afternoon.

"We are happy to be able to assist in generating so much support for this program" stated Charles Frankenbach, vice president of The Westfield Foundation (left) to Ed Smith director of the Community Theater (right). "We want to be of assistance to Westfielders in ways like this; seed money, special pieces of equipment, start up costs for new programs, one-time needs. This is what The Westfield Foundation is all about" he said.

Anyone interested in applying for a grant or making a contribution to The Foundation for future work may write to The Westfield Foundation, 210 Orchard St., Westfield 07091.

## Foundation Releases Annual Report



Pictured left to right, Kay Cross, Sharon Pryor, Claire Brownell and Annamarie Kossler with "Garden Creatures" that will be available for sale at the annual Plant Sale, May 10.

## Garden Creatures at Plant Sale

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club will offer a unique collection of "Garden Creatures" by special order as part of their annual Plant Sale May 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elm St. parking lot of the Board of Education Building.

Miniature bird baths, rabbits, frogs, owls and turtles are among the many crafted cement offerings. Ordering information and

prices may be secured by calling Mrs. J. Kossler, 232-7280.

Order forms are also available with description of annuals, perennials, vegetables, hanging baskets including prices from the above or any Rake and Hoe member. Rake and Hoe is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Peggy Cruger, Rake and Hoe President, admiring hanging baskets.

Linda 5-8-86

## Rake and Hoe Holds 15th Annual Sale

A local event eagerly looked forward to by gardeners is the Annual Rake and Hoe Garden Club Plant Sale which will take place Saturday, May 10 at the Elm St. parking lot of the Board of Education building. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All the popular annuals will be available: marigolds (hybrid, tall and dwarf), zinnias, snapdragons, petunias (double and single) and salvia, which are among the sun loving plants. Annuals for sale which are suited for shade are the begonias, vinca, coleus and calladium.

A large selection of perennials and vegetables are also

available. Featured will be 8" pots of hanging baskets: begonia, verbena, fushia, mini-ivy geranium, impatiens and Swedish ivy.

This year a Garden Center Information program will be given with speakers throughout the day. Advisors from the garden Center will be on hand during the sale to help you plan a more exciting garden.

Mrs. Ronald O'Keefe is general Chairperson of the sale and Mrs. William Wallace in charge of the Garden Information Center. All proceeds from the sale are for local community and educational projects.



THE WESTFIELD (N.J.) LEADER, THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1984

At Arbor Day ceremony in Mindowaskin Park last Thursday several of the local garden clubs participated in the planting of two cherry trees, a Kwanson and a Weeping Cherry, near the bandstand. The garden club members included Mrs. Malcolm Robinson, the Garden Club of Westfield president; Mrs. R.L. Cross, president of Rake and Hoe; Mrs. A.V. Samuelson, Gardenaires' president and Mrs. Joseph McGroarty of the Mountainside club. Also attending were Mrs. George Rounds, Mrs. Everson Pearsall, Mrs. Kenneth Hanson and Mrs. Joanna Wiegman. H. Emerson Thomas, head of the Mayor's Commission on the Cultural and Beautification Commission, helped Lou Mayersky, superintendent of the Shade Tree Commission, plant the trees, along with Scott Erlicker, Woodrow Mitchell and William Moore Jr. from the Public Works Tree Department.





The Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield donated many plants to the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation's Garden Club recently. The plants, mainly vegetables and herbs were from the club's annual plant sale. At the vegetable garden behind the main building are (from left) Dorothy Swazey, and Mary Etheridge with Alice Rogerson from the Rake & Hoe. Seated and beginning to plant are Elizabeth Fowlie assisted by Kay Cross, Rake & Hoe president. Flowering plants were also given to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Westfield Neighborhood Council for use in the street planters in town.

THE WESTFIELD (N.J.) LEADER, THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1984



THE WESTFIELD (N.J.) LEADER, THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1984



*The Rake & Hoe Garden Club's Community Grant for \$100 is presented to Holly Hoffman, left, director of the Trailside Museum of Mountainside by Kay Cross, club president. This grant will be used to purchase plants for the newly established Butterfly Garden.*





Eric Schatz, left, recipient of the **Ruke & Hoe Garden Club's** Environmental Science Award is presented with a Certificate of Award from Kay Cross, president of the club in recognition of his excellence in environmental studies at the Westfield High School Awards Assembly last week. According to Anne Coogan, teacher of environmental science, "Eric was chosen for his academic achievement as well as his awareness of environmental issues. His outstanding leadership qualities have proven to be an attribute in our classes". Included in the presentation was a book titled "Seasons of the Salt Marsh" by Daniel Alan Gates.

### Rake & Hoe Installs New Officers

Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield recently installed its new slate of officers for 1985-86, at its 33rd annual luncheon held at the Plainfield Country Club.

Mrs. Marvel Gilman, new state president of the Garden Club of New Jersey, installed the following officers: Peggy Cruger, president; Carol Wagner, vice-president; Annamarie Kossler, recording secretary; Fran Kravitz, corresponding secretary; and Ann DiLouie, treasurer. Each officer was presented a rose, signifying her office and responsibilities within the club.

Kay Cross, out-going president,

presented several certificates and awards: Certificate of Appreciation to Martha Mayer; Certificate of Merit for the Yearbook to Mary O'Keefe; Certificate of Merit for Continued Dedication to Judy Kampe; Certificate of Merit for Standard Home Flower Show to Linda Parker. Linda also received a trophy for her excellence in staging the standard flower show "The Nutcracker." The Agnes Eggerman Award for the library was presented to Fran Kravitz, and Irene Hartigan was presented a service pin for her continued dedication for volunteer work at Lyons Hospital.



Shown are Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield officers for 1985-86. From left are: Fran Kravitz, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Marvel Gilman, installing officer and new president of the Garden Club of New Jersey; Annamarie Kossler, recording secretary; Carol Wagner, vice-president; and Peggy Cruger, president. Not pictured is Ann DiLouie, treasurer.

*Nancy Wallace*



*Kay Cross*



Fran      Carol      Peggy  
Kratz      Wagner      Cuzler



Mrs.      Ann  
Gelman      Kessler

Kay Chase  
Peggy  
Cuzler

