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August 19, 2010

Ms. Irene Greenstein
Miller Corey House Museum
614 Mountain Avenue
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

Dear Irene,

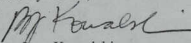
Congratulations on the wonderful write up in the Suburban News. I recently read the article featuring the Rake and Hoe Club, Inc., of Westfield, the Master Gardeners of Union County and yourself which discussed the partnership that led to "Special Mention" and a 4/5 bloom rating in the 2009 America in Bloom competition. I am quite impressed with the accomplishments that have come out of this partnership.

I was both astonished and pleased to learn that 80% of the Westfield community chose to participate in the America in Bloom competition this year. The article also mentioned Westfield has been inspired by the America in Bloom competition to sponsor a local "Westfield in Bloom" competition.

I would also like to commend you for your work with the Miller Corey House Museum, the Rake and Hoe Club, Inc., of Westfield and the Master Gardeners of Union County. Clearly, your contributions to your community are noteworthy.

On behalf of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I wish you and the Westfield community the very best in both the National and local "Bloom" competitions. I look forward to congratulating the winners this coming fall.

Sincerely Yours,


Bette Jane Kowalski
Union County Freeholder Board

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Rake and Hoe
End of Year Publicity Report for May 24, 2010

1. Total number of submitted articles since last June is 10.
2. Total number published by The Westfield Leader is 4
3. Total number published by The Suburban News is 8
4. Other newspapers that published were the following online publications:
The Alternative Press, Union County online, and The Bernardsville Press.
5. The Bernardsville Press published the article about our bird workshop at Sherman-Hoffmann Wildlife Sanctuary at the end of March.
6. I entered the Publicity Press Book Award #67 in January. I received a score of 72 out of 121. Score sheet follows this report.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Greenstein
Publicity Chair

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February 16, 2010

Irene Greenstein
Publicity Chair
743 St. Marks Avenue
Westfield, NJ 07090

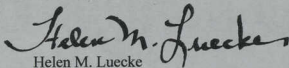
Dear Irene:

Congratulations to you and your garden club on the Publicity Press Book that you submitted. The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has achieved many accomplishments over the years and the Garden Club of NJ is very proud of you.

Your press book exhibits the variety of activities that your club participates in. I enjoyed reading the articles in your press book.

Publicity is always so difficult to accomplish. National has asked clubs to also include publicity on the state, district and regional conferences. My best wishes for your continued success. Your club is an example of dedicated volunteers who strive to maintain all of the goals and objectives of the Garden Club of New Jersey.

Sincerely,


Helen M. Luecke

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2008 Publicity Press Books - Scale of Points Used in Judging
 expanded from National Garden Club/Central Atlantic Region requirements 16

PRESENTATION - Initial impact conforming to all requirements up to ~~16~~ **POINTS**

Neat and attractive	2	✓
Cover not to exceed 12" by 12". Ringbinders o.k. in NJ. No heavy scrapbooks or oversize portfolios	1	✓
2 labels on front outside cover (as per GCNJ Awards rules p. 6-7)	1	✓
Title page with name of club submitting (as per GCNJ Awards rules)	1	✓
Clippings neatly cut and invisibly mounted (no pinking shears, visible tape, etc.)	2	✓
Name of outlet and publication date above or to side (if large) of each clipping	1	✓
Clippings in chronological order (Jan 1 - Dec. 31) by publication date	1	✓
Table of Contents	1	
month and page number only	2	✓
month, page number, and name of where published	1	✓
First mention of organization submitting is consistently underlined or highlighted	1	✓
Overall excellence of presentation	3	✓

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QUALITY - content, lineage, illustration, variety of topics covered up to ~~10~~ **POINTS**

4 or more long (30 lines or more) articles on club activities	10	✓
4 or more medium (10-29 lines) articles on club activities	10	✓
10 or more short (1-9 lines) articles on club activities	5	✓
5 or more photographs of club activities	5	✓
All articles well written and interesting to read	10	✓
All articles focused on the who, what, when, where of garden club activities/goals	10	✓

30 8 28

QUANTITY - months covered and diversity of media outlets used up to ~~25~~ **POINTS**

12 Months covered	12	
10 months covered	12	
9 months covered	9	✓
8 months covered	6	
MEDIA OUTLETS USED AT LEAST ONCE THIS YEAR		
Any nationally distributed daily newspapers	2	
Any major NJ daily newspapers - Gale Directory of Publications used for identification	2	✓
Any local daily or weekly newspapers	2	✓
Citation in any magazine or book published this year - use copyright page for identification	2	
Any quarterly journal (e.g. News Leaf, National Gardener, other)	2	✓
Non-club websites (e.g. town, county, schools, churches, etc.)	2	
Non-club newsletters (e.g. as above)	2	
Markedly superior diversity of publicity press placement/coverage	3	✓

18

DIVERSITY - coverage of garden club objectives and membership hierarchy up to ~~20~~ **POINTS**

Mention/Coverage of five or more of these garden club objectives	10	5
✓ Gardening with youth groups		
Flower Shows		
Horticulture		
✓ Civic plantings		
Garden Therapy		
Blue Star Memorial Highways		
✓ Birds/Butterfly gardening and protection		
✓ Wildflower/Native Plants gardening and protection		
Conservation/Litter Control		
Roadside Beautification		
✓ Historic Preservation/Building Decoration/Landscaping		
GCNJ District meetings/activities	3	✓
GCNJ state activities/meetings/awards	3	✓
Current theme/projects/goals/officers of GCNJ or National Garden Club	3	✓
Central Atlantic Region activities/meetings/awards/publications	3	
National Garden Club activities/meetings/awards/publications	3	

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BONUS POINTS/TIE-BREAKERS UP TO 5 POINTS

Outstanding presentation/lineage and outlets accomplished/ diversity of projects covered		
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72 / 121

News Articles –June 2010 to May 2011

1. June 15, 2010-Juniors at Christoffers...submitted to WL and SN, but not published.
2. Rake and Hoe Juniors..WL 6.17.10, SN 6.9.10
3. Rake and Hoe Awards Luncheon... Leader 8.12.10
Suburban News 8.11.10
4. Westfield in Bloom at Miller-Cory House Museum...Leader 8.19.10
SN..8.18.10
5. Kick-off year article...SN online 10.12.10, SN 11.3.10
6. Holiday House Tour... SN 10.27.10, WL-11.11.10, SN-11.17.10, Star Ledger
calendar-11.28.10, SN 11.24.10, SN calendar- 11.24.10. SN- 12/2/10..
Leader 12/2/10...12/9/10
7. Facebook-11.3.10
8. HHT- Westfield Patch, Cranford Patch, Maplewood Patch, Summit Patch,
Scotch-Plains Fanwood Patch, and the Springfield Patch.
9. SI Live.com- 12.16.10..reporter to our HHT-"Garden Club's holiday house tour
offers food for thought"
10. Juniors and the Flower Show article was published on Feb 10th in the Westfield
Leader and on Feb.16th in the Suburban News.
11. Awards results highlighting Jill's Award was published on March 10th in the
Westfield Leader, and on March 16th in the Suburban news.
12. Total number of articles published since June 2010 is 30.

Articles published:

Suburban News-10
The Westfield Leader-8
Star Ledger-1
Online newspapers-10
Sent but not published-1

Rake and Hoe
Publicity Report for September 13, 2010

1. Total number of submitted articles since last June is 3. Juniors, Awards Luncheon, and Westfield in Bloom at Miller Cory.
2. Total number published by The Westfield Leader is 3.
3. Total number published by The Suburban News is 3. I received a lovely letter from Bette Jane Kowalski, member of the Board of Freeholders about the America in Bloom article.
4. Other newspapers that published our articles were the following online publications: Suburban News online, The Westfield Leader online
5. An article about the Flower show in Feb appeared online, but not in print.
6. I am currently working on Rake and Hoe events for the year and the Holiday House Tour. Each chair should submit a description of their house and some general plans for the decorations. I will start submitting them to the local papers in October. The Star Ledger said they would run an article closer to the date. I see the date is in the Newsleaf this fall. Anyone have other ideas for publications such as in Union, Somers, Summit, So. Orange, etc.?
7. Other chairs, please write a paragraph and photo caption with any photos submitted to me for publication. Also, all pictures must be sent to me as jpeg medium size formatted attachments otherwise I cannot download pictures uploaded to a photo site.
8. The last paragraph of all our articles from now on will include the event and date.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Greenstein
Publicity Chair

Should I add the website list of articles?

Yes

Just Gardener's Academy

Holiday House event

Rake and Hoe
Publicity Report for November 1, 2010

1. Total number of submitted articles since last June is 6. Rake and Hoe Kicks off their new year, Juniors, Awards Luncheon, and Westfield in Bloom at Miller Cory, Holiday House Tour (2 articles.)
2. Total number published by The Westfield Leader is 3. The Leader has not published two articles about the house tour. They will only publish one mid November and a photo with a caption on Dec. 2nd.
3. Total number published by The Suburban News is 4. The Huber House article appeared in last week's Suburban News. The kick-off article appeared online only. Just "Google" Rake and Hoe Garden club and the link will come up on the list.
4. The Holiday House Tour is listed in the Events section the Westfield Patch, an online newspaper.
5. I will be submitting Holiday House Tour articles to the local papers throughout November highlighting the three remaining homes. If you see the article in a Summit newspaper or Cranford Chronicle, please let me know. I tried to submit the Huber article to all three.
6. At the CAR convention, we gave out book marks and news releases about the House Tour.
7. Other chairs, please write a paragraph and photo caption with any photos submitted to me for publication. Also, all pictures must be sent to me as jpeg medium size formatted attachments otherwise I cannot download pictures uploaded to a photo site.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Greenstein
Publicity Chair

Rake and Hoe
Publicity Report for November 30, 2010

1. Total number of submitted articles since last June is 9. Rake and Hoe Kicks off their new year, Juniors, Awards Luncheon, and Westfield in Bloom at Miller Cory, Holiday House Tour. *16 have been published in print or online so far*
2. Total number published by The Westfield Leader is 4. They published one on November 11th highlighting the Kimball Ave Tudor home, and a photo of the Tremont home with a caption will be published on Dec. 2nd.
3. Total number published by The Suburban News is 7 with one pending for this week. They ran the Tremont Ave house article twice, once in the regular weekly edition on November 17th and one this past week in their "SuburbanWestfield" section on November 24th.
4. The Holiday House Tour is listed in the Events section the Westfield Patch, an online newspaper and the Union County section of the Star Ledger this past Sunday, November 28th. I have tried to have an article printed in the Ledger, but everyone so far that has received it has been cut from the staff. However, they do put the Suburban News Union Co. edition in every delivered Star Ledger in the county.
5. If you see the article in a Summit newspaper or Cranford Chronicle, please let me know. I tried to submit the Huber article to all three.
6. Other chairs, please write a paragraph and photo caption with any photos submitted to me for publication. Also, all pictures must be sent to me as jpeg medium size formatted attachments otherwise I cannot download pictures uploaded to a photo site.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Greenstein
Publicity Chair

Rake and Hoe Holiday House Tour Publicity Report for December 2010

1. I wrote a generic article in September to highlight the year's activities for Rake and Hoe. It was published only in The Suburban News in October.
2. I wrote one article about the Holiday House Tour and resubmitted each week with a different house highlighted.
3. **The Westfield Leader** published one article on November 11th highlighting the Kimball Ave Tudor home, and a photo of the Tremont home with a caption was published on Dec. 2nd. Contact email is: community@goleader.com
4. **The Suburban News** ran the Tremont Ave house article twice, once in the regular weekly edition on November 17th and one in their " **SuburbanWestfield** " section on November 24th.
Contact email is :subnews@njnpublishing.com
5. The Holiday House Tour was listed in the Events section of the **Westfield Patch, Cranford Patch, Maplewood Patch, Summit Patch, the Scotch-Plains –Fanwood Patch, and the Springfield Patch, an online newspaper and also the Union County Events section of the Star Ledger on Sunday, November 28th.** I have tried several times to have an article printed in the Ledger, but everyone so far that has received it has been cut from the staff. However, they do put the Suburban News Union Co. edition into every Star Ledger delivered in the county.
6. Facebook had the tour listed somehow.
http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=451443712185

Suggestions:

1. Find a Star Ledger connection to insure more success with that newspaper and try to get a reporter to write the article.
2. Contact other newspapers in surrounding counties.
3. Check online under Rake and Hoe to see what has been published.
4. Get details from the house chairs about highlights of the house by October especially the histories of the homes and any outstanding qualities of the homes.
5. Many house tours are listed with websites to buy tickets and get more info. We should consider using our website for this. The ease of buying tickets online is in desirable to many.
6. Can other Garden Clubs list the Holiday House Tour in their newsletters?
7. The Gardener News may be another publicity outlet.
<http://www.gardenernews.com/>

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Greenstein
Publicity Chair
12/17/10

Rake and Hoe Holiday House Tour Publicity Report for January 3, 2011

1. The Holiday House Tour was listed in the Events section of the **Westfield Patch, Cranford Patch, Maplewood Patch, Summit Patch, the Scotch-Plains –Fanwood Patch, and the Springfield Patch, an online newspaper and also the Union County Events section of the Star Ledger on Sunday, November 28th.**
2. The Suburban News published an article highlighting the Kimball Ave. Tudor on Dec. 2, 2010. The Westfield Leader published a photograph of the Tremont House on Dec. 2, 2010 with a large caption about the Holiday House Tour.
3. Two reporters published articles about the Tour after they visited. The Westfield Leader published an article on Dec. 9th. And the Staten Island Live published an article on Dec. 16 , 2010.
4. I can now accept articles concerning the other activities of our club. Please forward your pictures with a caption and details about the event to my email and I will send them to the newspapers. I will need about two weeks to write it and get it polished up by Maryann and the Chairs before it is submitted.

Total number of articles published since June 2010 is 25

The Suburban News has published 8.

The Westfield Leader has published 6

The Star Ledger published 1 in an events section..

Websites with articles about us number 10.

One article about the Juniors was sent but never published.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Greenstein

Publicity Chair

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Rake and Hoe Publicity Report for April 4, 2011

1. I can now accept articles concerning the other activities of our club. Please forward your pictures with a caption and details about the event to my email and I will send them to the newspapers. I will need about two weeks to write it and get it polished up by Maryann and the Chairs before it is submitted.
2. Awards results highlighting Jill's Award was published on March 16th in the Suburban News, and on March 10th in the Westfield Leader.

Total number of articles published since June 2010 is 30.
The Suburban News has published 10.
The Westfield Leader has published 8
The Star Ledger published 1 in an events section..
Websites with articles about us number 11.
One article about the Juniors was sent but never published.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Greenstein
Publicity Chair

Rake and Hoe Holiday House Tour Publicity Report for March 2011

1. I can now accept articles concerning the other activities of our club. Please forward your pictures with a caption and details about the event to my email and I will send them to the newspapers. I will need about two weeks to write it and get it polished up by Maryann and the Chairs before it is submitted.
2. Juniors and the Flower Show article was published on Feb 10th in the Westfield Leader and on Feb. 16th in the Suburban News.
3. Awards results highlighting Jill's Award was submitted on March 5th to the Suburban News, the Westfield Leader, and The Star Ledger.

Total number of articles published since June 2010 is 28.

The Suburban News has published 9.

The Westfield Leader has published 7

The Star Ledger published 1 in an events section..

Websites with articles about us number 11.

One article about the Juniors was sent but never published.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Greenstein
Publicity Chair

Rake and Hoe Publicity Report for May 2, 2011

1. Please forward your pictures with a caption and details about the event to my email and I will send them to the newspapers. I will need about two weeks to write it and get it polished up by Maryann and the Chairs before it is submitted.
2. Rake and Hoe created the April 2011 Main Showcase at the Westfield Memorial Library highlighting our gardens and daffodils. Our NJ Transit Award for Adopt -A- Station, the Nancy Wallace Memorial Trophy, and the Judith E. Kampe Memorial Trophy were also on display. The Library staff was very enthusiastic about our showcase. Kay, Maryann, Barbara, and I worked on it. I took it down on Saturday. This was not print publicity, but I think it would be a good idea to continue to do a showcase at the library periodically.

Total number of articles published since June 2010 is 30.

The Suburban News has published 10.

The Westfield Leader has published 8

The Star Ledger published 1 in an events section..

Websites with articles about us number 11.

One article about the Juniors was sent but never published.

One display case at the Westfield Memorial Library April 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Greenstein
Publicity Chair



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Westfield's Rake and Hoe Garden Club members win awards at NJ Flower Show

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WINNING DESIGN—The New Jersey Flower Show attracts over 25,000 flower and garden enthusiasts annually, highlighting display gardens, a Standard

Flower Show presented by the Garden Club of New Jersey, the Garden Marketplace, top-quality seminars and much more. The 8th annual New Jersey Flower & Garden Show, titled Glorious Gardens Great & Small, was held at the New Jersey Convention Center in February. Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield and their junior members participated in many of the flower arranging contests. Some of the winners were Erica Fried, Barbara Mullin, Helen Luecke, and Kay Cross. The club has a long-term reputation for its service to the community and donations to worthy causes. The membership is diverse, spanning all ages, interests, and occupations. Their Holiday House Tour is scheduled for Dec. 4. The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, has between 50 and 70 members. Contact Maryann Pietruszki, club president, for information at 908-789-9254. This flower arrangement is one of the many winning designs from The Rake and Hoe Garden Club.


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Caption for picture: This flower arrangement is one of the many winning designs from The Rake and Hoe Garden Club. The competition was sponsored by the New Jersey Flower Show was held at the New Jersey Convention Center in Edison NJ on February 18 through the 21st, 2010.

The New Jersey Flower Show attracts over 25,000 flower and garden enthusiasts annually, highlighting fabulous display gardens, a Standard Flower Show presented by the Garden Club of New Jersey, the Garden Marketplace, top-quality seminars and so much more! The 8th Annual New Jersey Flower & Garden Show, entitled Glorious Gardens Great & Small, was held at the New Jersey Convention Center on February 18 through the 21st of this year. Many garden clubs in New Jersey participated as well as professional landscapers and florists. Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield NJ and their junior members participated in many of the flower arranging contests. Some of the winners were Erica Fried, Barbara Mullin, Helen Luecke, and Kay Cross.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a long term reputation for its service to the community and donations to worthy causes. Their membership is diverse, spanning all ages, interests, and occupations. Members feel that their diversity is one of their greatest strengths. Each member brings knowledge to the group sharing it the way a friend shares seeds or cuttings with another friend. Their Holiday House Tour is scheduled for December 4, 2010. Federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of New Jersey, the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, NJ has between 50 and 70 members all of whom share one think in common: a love of flowers and gardening. Fro membership questions, please contact Maryann Pietruszki, club president, for information at 908-789-9254.

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Rake and Hoe of Westfield names its award recipients

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BARBARA MULLIN received the Kay Cross Award from Maryann Pietruszki, club president, at the Annual Luncheon of the Rake and Hoe Club of Westfield.

WESTFIELD — The Annual Awards Luncheon of The Rake and Hoe of Westfield was held at Echo Lake Country Club. Awards for excellence were given to several of the members.

Club Awards included the Kay Cross Award won by Barbara Mullin, which is given to a member who has contributed the most in floral design. The Judy Kampe Memorial Trophy for outstanding horticultural design was awarded to Kay Cross.

The Nancy Wallace Memorial Award was awarded to Maryann Pietruszki for her 8 inch square herb wreath in a club competition. The Agnes Eggiman Award, an annual award to a member who has made an outstanding

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contribution to the club, was awarded to Helen Pasterczyk.

The Club Bird Count award went to Marylyn Straight. At the annual meeting of the Garden Club of New Jersey, Peggy Smith won the Myra Brooks Memorial Trophy for floral design and Elise Morano, a Rake and Hoe Junior, won two awards, the Pollack award and the Garden Club of Watchung youth award for her floral entries in the New Jersey Flower Show held in February 2010.

The Rake and Hoe Juniors also won the Garden Club of Toms River Intermediate Gardening Award.

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Rake and Hoe of Westfield award recipients

WESTFIELD — The Annual Awards Luncheon of The Rake and Hoe of Westfield was held at Echo Lake Country Club. Awards for excellence were given to several of the members.

Club Awards included the Kay Cross Award won by Barbara Mullin, which is given to a member who has contributed the most in floral design. The Judy Kampe Memorial Trophy for outstanding horticultural design was awarded to Kay Cross.

The Nancy Wallace Memorial Award was awarded to Maryann Pietruszki for her 8 inch square herb wreath in a club competition. The Agnes Eggiman Award, an annual award to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the club, was awarded to Helen Pasterczyk.

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The Rake and Hoe Garden Club



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WestfieldPatch

BUSINESS, ARTS

Westfield Blooming This Week

America in Bloom judges in town for annual horticulture contest.

By Josh Solomon July 12, 2010

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For weeks and months now, Westfield has been tidying up, dusting the corners, and putting out displays for a returning guest, America in Bloom.

For the second consecutive year (</articles/westfield-wins-four-bloom-rating>) Westfield is competing in the nationwide competition, coming off a very strong performance last year in which it was awarded a rating of four out of five blooms.

This year, the Downtown Westfield Corporation (</listings/downtown-westfield-corporation>) is pulling out all the stops to get Westfield that elusive fifth star.

Sherry Cronin, executive director of the DWC, said that this year there are 54 rectangular planters lining storefronts and common areas downtown, upped from 36 last year. Also, there are 24 baskets on poles around town, as well as 40 half baskets on both sides of Central Avenue near the bridge between North Avenue and South Avenue.

"[The 40 half baskets] were initially intended for South Avenue for the light poles," said Cronin, "but because they have not yet been installed by PSE&G, Central Avenue was a great 'Plan B'."

All of the flowers used in the displays were purchased by the DWC from Williams Nursery. Cronin said that Dave Williams of Williams Nursery "worked with his vendors and secured a \$3,500 donation toward the flowers, and got 18 new rectangular planters donated."

Fafard, a North Carolina based soil supplier, provided the \$3,500 flower donation in addition to as much free soil as needed to get the job done.

All together, Cronin estimates the total costs for the competition to be between \$6,000 and \$7,000, which includes the \$1,100 registration fee.

In preparation for this event, Westfield has been getting help from just about everybody except Mother Nature, whom was gracious enough to bless the town with a triple digit heat wave this past week.

"It has been very challenging keeping everything watered," Cronin said, "and the weeds are more ferocious it seems than last year."

The AIB judges, Marlborough B. Packard and Bruce Riggs, arrived in Westfield on Sunday and began their two day tour around town Monday morning. Their accommodations are being provided by the Westfield Inn. The pair are being formally welcomed to town during a reception Monday evening at Acquaviva (</listings/acquaviva-delle-fonti>).

According to AIB's website, [americainbloom.org](http://www.americainbloom.org/) (<http://www.americainbloom.org/>), each participating town is responsible for planning a driving tour through the town as well as planning an itinerary that "provides good representation of your community, not just selected areas."

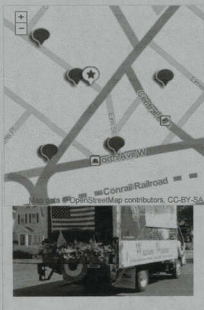
Each community will be judged on eight criteria: community involvement, floral displays, environmental awareness, heritage preservation, landscaped areas, tidiness, turf and ground covers, and urban forestry.

Westfield will be competing against two other communities within the population group: Murray City, UT and Michigan City, IN. Michigan City competed against Westfield last year in the AIB competition.

Cronin said that Packard and Riggs have already visited the other towns, and Westfield is the last stop. Cronin hopes that since the judges will be here on Tuesday, they will come out and experience the DWC's Tuesday night weekly downtown jazz night (</articles/steamy-night-doesnt-deter-jazz-lovers>).

"I purposefully set their schedule so that they would be here during jazz," Cronin said, similar to the schedule the 2009 judges went through.

One major factor for Westfield, both this year and last, has been community involvement. Countless clubs and organizations, including the Rake and Hoe Club and the Garden Club of Westfield, make it their goal to beautify Westfield year round. Also, Cronin and Williams Nursery maintain a blog, [westfieldinbloom.com](http://www.westfieldinbloom.com/) (<http://www.westfieldinbloom.com/>), where they post about beautification projects all over town.



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By John Celock

Rake and Hoe Club Invites Local Youth to Join Juniors

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organization's Holiday House Tour is scheduled for Saturday, December 4.

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Church Thrift Shop Reveals Sale Dates

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Presbyterian Church has announced its thrift shop clearance sales. Everything will be half-price on Wednesday, June 23, and a Bag Day will take place the following Wednesday, June 30.

Summer clothing is available for men, women and children of all ages. Books, cards, jewelry, kitchen and household goods also are available.

Located on the side of the church on McDermott Place, the shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ample parking is available. All shop workers are volunteers and proceeds are donated to local charities.

Rake and Hoe Garden Club members shine at Garden Club of New Jersey Flower Show

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News from Rake and Hoe Club

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RAKE AND HOE JUNIOR GARDENERS pick out flowers at Shop-Rite of Garwood. They needed them for their flower arrangements in the New Jersey Garden Show.

Westfield's Rake and Hoe Club welcomes judges to view gardens

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BLOOMIN' JUDGES—Members of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club, Inc., of Westfield, Irene Greenstein (center) a docent at the Miller Cory House Museum, and the Master Gardeners of Union County, greeted Sherry Cronin of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, Dave Williams of Williams Nursery, and the America in Bloom judges, Mr. Marlboro Packard of Savannah, Georgia (left, in front) and Mr. Bruce Riggs of New Rochelle, NY (top, on right) at the historic gardens of The Miller Cory House Museum. Rake and Hoe and Master Gardeners maintain the gardens there throughout the year.

"Special Mention" and 4/5 bloom rating for their floral displays (a significant achievement for never having floral displays before). Westfield was also honored to be the only town in the state of New

Jersey to compete. America in Bloom is a friendly competition among 28 towns in the US.

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The Miller Cory House Museum's gardens include the Children's Sensory Garden, which was established by Rake and Hoe Garden Club, Inc., of Westfield in 2004 through a grant from Principal Financial Group. It was awarded through the efforts of Ms. Minick and fellow members of the club who did the research on colonial plants. The Children's garden contains native plants that would have been in existence during the American Colonial period of the Miller-Cory House Museum as well as plants from other countries. Children use their five senses to enjoy the plants. Other gar-

dens on the property that are maintained by The Rake and Hoe Garden Club are the Peony and Daffodil gardens at the street entrance and also the Fern Garden and the Dye Garden behind the house, which are part of the responsibilities of the Rake and Hoe Juniors. The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a long term reputation for its service to the community and donations to worthy causes. Their membership is diverse, spanning all ages, interests, and occupations. Their Holiday House Tour is scheduled for December 4, 2010. Federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of New Jersey, the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, NJ has between 50 and 70 members all of whom share one thing in common: a love of flowers and gardening. For membership questions, please contact Maryann Pietruszki, club president, for information at 908-789-9254.

Ines Schantz, a Union County Master Gardener and Grounds Chair for the Miller-Cory House Museum, gave the judges a tour of the Miller Cory vegetable and herb gardens which are maintained by the Master Gardeners of Union County. These gardens are kept in the manner of the American Colonial families of that time. At present, many edible vegeta-

bles are growing well in the vegetable garden. The Master Gardeners, directed by Madeline Flahive DiNardo, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County Agricultural Agent, is a volunteer organization in which qualified master gardeners provide horticulture-related services to Union County residents following eight months of training. The Master Gardener program is supported by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For more information and an application, contact Lynne Orlofsky at 908-654-9854. You can download also an application at: mastergardeners-uc.org and bring it or mail it to Ms. Orlofsky at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, 300 North Ave East in Westfield, NJ 07090. The deadline is the last week in August.

Irene Greenstein, a member of Rake and Hoe, Miller-Cory, and Master Gardeners, arranged the visit and greeted the judges wearing her colonial docent costume. The Miller-Cory House Museum, a colonial home built in 1740, is presently closed for the summer. It will re-open house for tours by costumed docents again on Sundays starting in September. For school and scout tours or to visit, contact 908-232-1776 or visit their website at miller-cory-house.org



FULLY IN BLOOM... Members of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club, Inc. of Westfield, Irene Greenstein, center, a docent at the Miller-Cory House Museum, and the Master Gardeners of Union County, greeted Sherry Cronin of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, at left in back, Dave Williams of Williams Nursery, standing second from right, and the America in Bloom Judges, Marlboro Packard of Savannah, Ga. (left in front) and Bruce Riggs of New Rochelle, N.Y. (top on right) on July 12 at the gardens of the Miller-Cory Museum.

Westfield to Compete In 'America In Bloom' Contest

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Rake and Hoe Showcase at the Westfield Library



Thursday, March 10, 2011

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