

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.

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.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club



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

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.

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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.



Liz Dwyer (left) and Kris Luka, chairpersons for Deck the Halls Holiday House Tour scheduled for Dec. 4, discuss ongoing plans for this exciting event.

Gardening, decorating, service to highlight Rake and Hoe house tour

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a long term reputation for their service to the community and their donations to worthy causes. Their Deck the Halls Holiday House Tour, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4, has been in the planning stages for many months.

The club members are also continuing their service to the community by maintaining the gardens at the northside of the Westfield Train Station, the Miller Cory House Museum, and the Shadowlawn Pocket Park. They will also be taking care of the Clare Brownell Wildflower Garden at the Reeve House, home of the Westfield Historical Society.

Another Rake and Hoe service project for this fall will be the making of ornaments for the annual December tree decorating at the Jardine School. The ornaments and a simi-

larly themed holiday book will be given to the children for their library. Committee members will also be making bedside flower arrangements and donating gift bags filled with goodies for the veterans at Lyons Hospital.

The Rake & Hoe Junior Garden Club, which meets once a month, has members between first grade and eighth grade. They are having a busy fall by planting more daffodils around town, learning about Monarch butterfly migration, and helping to clean up the Westfield train station garden. They are also learning the basics of flower arranging, which will help them make flower arrangements for the teachers at the Jardine School of the Union County Cerebral Palsy League and the upcoming New Jersey Flower Show in February. There is still

room for new members; call Mrs. Siano at 233-4150 for more information.

Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club, who are good cooks as well as good gardeners, have just published their new cookbook, Well-Seasoned. This is a collection of recipes for the five seasons: spring, summer, fall, winter, and holiday. The books can be purchased at the boutique at the upcoming Deck the Halls Holiday Home Tour on Dec. 4. They will also be available from members of the club.

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Legion to march in honor of vets

WESTFIELD — The Martin Wallberg Post No. 3 of the American Legion will host ceremonies honoring all our veterans, living and deceased, on Nov. 11.

Veterans are encouraged to meet at the United Methodist parking lot in front of the Y on Ferris Place at 10:45 a.m. for a march that will step off at 10:55 a.m. with a Westfield Police escort to the WWI Memorial. The public is cordially welcome to attend the ceremonies which will start at 11 a.m. at the World War I Memorial on the island in the intersection of North Ave. and E. Broad St.

Chaplain Bob D'Areca will recite the opening prayer followed by the Town Bell Master Jack Panosh ringing the United Methodist Church bell 11 times in remembrance of the Armistice which ended WWI at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918.

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

The America in Bloom judges, Marlboro Packard of Savannah, Georgia and Bruce Riggs of New Rochelle, NY visited Westfield this past July 11 to 13 to judge the Miller Cory House Museum's gardens along with 80% of the Westfield community in the following

categories: floral displays, tidiness, landscaped areas, urban forestry, heritage, community involvement, turf and groundcovers, and environmental effort.

Westfield began to compete in America in Bloom Competition in 2009, where the town received

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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.

This year Westfield is competing against Michigan City, IN and Murray City, UT, who are the oth-

er two towns in their population category. Judging results will be released in early October at the annual America in Bloom Sympo-

See **RAKE & HOE** next page

Letters to the Editor/ Email us at subnews@njnpublishing.com

Thanks to many for reading club success

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the many people who contributed to the success of the Kenilworth Public Library's first summer reading club LibraryFest. Platinum sponsors for this event included the Friends of the Kenilworth Public Library and the Pat Malfetti Memorial Fund. General sponsors included: Mary Pat Amorski, Jim Capasso Jr., Susan Galves, John Genega, Eileen LoBianco, Lucille Lucadema, the Ortega Family and Carol Pappas. Special thanks also goes to the Wyss family for procuring a donation of soft drinks from the Pepsi Beverage Company.

Those families who attended LibraryFest recognized that an event of this magnitude could not be carried out without the assistance of a large group of ready, willing and able volunteers. Our very capable team of helpers included Donna Astone, Laura Astone, Jim Capasso, Dolores Graham, Debbie Grispart, Christine Grispart, Mary Ellen Harris, Rita Iannarelli, Emma Lucadema, Karen Lucadema, Ken Lucadema, Lucille Lucadema, Barbara Morison, Carol Pappas, Dottie Soltys and Anne Stelzer.

However, what the families who attended LibraryFest may not have noticed were the behind the scenes efforts on the part of members of the library staff that were necessary to make LibraryFest the success that it was. Virtually every member of the library staff was involved, whether

it was with taking registrations, answering questions, or actually being there to help out on the evening of LibraryFest. Special "shout outs" go to Kathleen Czarnecki, senior library assistant, for designing and preparing 240 LibraryFest "tickets" and to library maintenance worker Tony Cocuzza for making sure that the library bore no traces of the yummy ice cream and cotton candy that were a featured part of the event.

Finally, it is important to acknowledge the outstanding work that Robin Koerner, Coordinator of Children's Services" put into making LibraryFest the success that it was. That "Miss Robin" puts her heart and soul into all the children's programming is clearly evident and the library is fortunate indeed to have her on our "team".

Lastly, I want to thank the parents and children who make coming to the Kenilworth Public Library part of their regular routine. It is a documented fact that children who read or are read to during the summer months return to school in a position of strength relative to their classmates for whom books were not a regular part of their summer vacation experience.

The entire community benefits when the children who are our readers today grow into our leaders of tomorrow.

Dale Spindel
Library Director
Kenilworth Public Library

Adult reading program proves successful

Kudos to Cranford's employees

To the Editor:

Looking back upon the past few summer months, I need to thank some wonderful Cranford employees for the help they have given my family.

My 6-year-old daughter fell off the monkey bars at our local school. Because she was not moving, we were beyond frightened. Our interactions with the Cranford Police Department and the First Aid Squad on that day were beyond professional and caring. Each and every individual looked for different ways to help. As there was a crowd surrounding my daughter, a police officer asked for space. Because my husband wasn't there, a police officer went to get him at Memorial Park. My daughter was gingerly taken care of and soothed through the whole process by the caring staff of the First Aid Department and the Cranford Police Department.

The second incident involved my son getting bit by a dog. Calling the Police Department, I only wanted to check to see if they knew if the dog had it's shots and was registered. The First Response Medic Team and Police Department were at my house in two minutes getting the information and giving aid to my son's leg. We were so grateful not to have to deal with finding out any information on the dog as the police took care of it right away.

Thirdly, we owe the Cranford Recreation and Parks Department a huge thanks for supporting the free Playground Camp again this year. My children had a safe environment to play kickball, socialize or do arts and crafts with their friends.

I know we are just one of many families the Police Department, First Aid Squad and Recreation Department help on a daily basis. I urge all of those who have been helped, to send your support to them either by writing a letter, making a donation or speaking up on their behalf at local meetings. Thanks again.

Theresa and John Snover
Cranford

Benvenuti's, now that's Italian!

To the Editor:

On a recent shopping trip to the Shop-Rite in Garwood I was intrigued by a sign across North Avenue. It read \$4.95 sausage and pepper hoagies available everyday. Upon entering Benvenuti's Italian Specialties I was transported back to my childhood, with cheeses and meats hanging in plain sight. The store was spotlessly clean, and well stocked with items my parents and I used to purchase on Sundays in Newark, New Jersey.

Rake and Hoe

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sium & Awards Program in St. Louis, Missouri. At that time, Westfield will find out how it ranked in its population category as well as in the overall competition with all 28 cities nationwide. The local 'Westfield in Bloom' contest winners and awards for best window boxes, best storefronts, best planters, best of Westfield, best kids' gardens, and best gardens will be revealed by the committee led by Dave Williams of Williams Nursery and Sherry Cronin of Downtown Westfield Corporation, co-sponsors of Westfield's participation in the competition. For more information and photos see westfieldinbloom.com.

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' 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 think 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 millercory-house.org

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The Rake and Hoe Garden Club, Inc. of Westfield, N.J.

Board Meeting

September 13, 2010

Maryann Pietruszki called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and thanked Fran Brader, Helen Pasterczyk and Gayle Lechner for lunch. The minutes of May 24, 2010 were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: For June 1, 2010 the opening balance was \$10,202.48. After income of \$534.02 and expenses of \$2,476.00, the closing balance for June 30 was \$8,260.50.

The opening balance for July 1, 2010 was \$8,260.50. After income of \$2,500 and expenses of \$1,732.00, the closing balance for August 31, 2010 was \$9,028.30.

Correspondence: A card was sent to Letty Hudak following her surgery, and to Tracy Criscitiello following a fire at her house. The club received a thank you note from Kathy Cook, librarian at McKinley School, and from Alice Jarvis of the Rutgers Display gardens.

Announcements: The Garden Club of New Jersey will host the annual conference of the Central Atlantic Region of Garden Clubs on October 24-26. Therefore, there will not be a separate annual meeting for the GCNJ, but members of the Garden Club of New Jersey are invited to attend the conference on October 26. The meeting will be held at the Ocean Place in Long Branch. Tickets are \$60 in advance, if postmarked by October 1; \$75 thereafter. There will be a designer from the New York Botanic Gardens and a small standard flower show.

The Victory Garden symposium and Environmental Studies classes have been cancelled.

In the interest of saving paper, GCNJ information will be emailed. Their web address will be www.GardenClubofNewJersey.com. Information from the National Garden Club can be downloaded from the website at www.gardenclub.org.

There will be a luncheon featuring floral designers sponsored by the Garden Club of Montclair on October 7.

Standing Committee Reports

Awards: Colleen Schmidt announced that the Nancy Wallace judging will take place in February and the Judy Kaempe competition will take place in May.

Birds: Tracy Criscitiello reported that there will be a Hawk Watching trip on Wednesday, September 22. Meet at her house at 9:00 a.m.

Community Projects: Clare Minick reported that the club will not be decorating the mantles at Lyons Hospital this year. Instead, the club will be collecting gift bags for the veterans there, with the themes of cozy bags, game bags or beauty products. The bags will be collected in

October and November. On October 7, there will be a workshop at Janet Gardner's house to make decorations for the Christmas tree at the Jardine Academy.

Horticulture: There will be a Hypertufa workshop at Linda Parker's house on September 23, at 10:00 a.m.

Juniors: Beth Siano reported that there will be a meeting on Wednesday at Diane Genco's house featuring Diane's butterflies. She discussed that fact that some of the junior members will not be attending this year. She has three definite participants and two "maybes". She is seeking more members.

Membership: Gayle Lechner stated that the club now has 57 active members, 4 life members and 11 associate members. She has not had a response from Laura Brockaway. Laura has not paid her dues or returned an interest finder. A motion was made and passed to drop her from membership. The club has also not heard from Michelle Healy, and further efforts will be made to contact her. *UH She contacted to resign - motion to accept with 100% regret*

Program: Linda Winter reported that members should bring clippers, greens and three items for an arrangement, excluding flowers.

Publicity: Irene Greenstein reported that over the summer she sent three articles to the local papers, which were published by the Suburban News and the Westfield Leader. The Star Ledger may publish articles on the Deck the Halls house tour.

possible clean up
clean up
bring up
from last night
looked good
Gardens: Miller-Cory House: There will be a clean up on Thursday, September 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Shadowlawn: There will be a clean up on Tuesday, September 28 at 3:15 p.m.

The Westfield Train Station: There will be a cleanup on September 30 at 10 a.m.

Unfinished Business:

House Tour: This month's newsletter outlines the responsibilities of each member for the house tour. The house chairs must provide a description of each house to Irene Greenstein for publicity.

Cook book: The cook book is in proof form and is expected to be done by mid-October.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted, Karen Jolley-Gates

Year Book corrections will be in Newsletter

House tour - 4 tickets each

Cook book ready now & will be shipped to L. Parker. Friday 10/8/10

September 15, 2010- Rake & Hoe Centerpiece

By Ada Levin



September 15, 2010- Rake & Hoe- Dig In



September 15, 2010- Rake & Hoe- Program

Designs done by each group at table
Flowers & container supplies- member brought greens and extras



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*..Your company is requested
for*

Tea in the Garden

on

*Thursday, September 23
at 1:00 PM*

at

The Miller-Cory House Museum

*Please wear your best gloves
and
bring your sharpest clippers
as well as any rakes and hoes
that you might use
for
Our Annual Fall Clean-Up*

tea and refreshments

October 4, 2010- Barbara Mullin's Design
For Rake & Hoe Board Meeting at diana Kazakis'



October 13, 2010- Rake & Hoe centerpiece

By Barbara Mullin



November 10, 2010- Refreshments -Sally Kerins
Centerpiece by Regina Dowd



November 10, 2010 Program
Barbara Mullin presents "Flower arranging on a small budget"





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Carl Paros & Locm Festa

Kay Gross - Showing daisy

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using greens as mechanics

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Using greens as mechanics

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left over flowers



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In Reply Refer To:

January 10, 2011

Rake & Hoe Garden Club
P.O. Box 2702
Westfield, NJ 07090

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs, New Jersey Health Care System, Lyons Campus, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of the Rake & Hoe Garden Club, for your recent donation.

Your donation of 52 holiday gift bags has been distributed to our hospitalized Veterans during the holiday season. Our Veterans truly enjoy receiving the gift bags and they brought many smiles from our Veterans. Please be assured that your donation was appreciated and beneficial to our Veterans.

Thank you again for supporting our hospitalized Veterans at the VA New Jersey Health Care System, Lyons Campus, and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Hynoski
Voluntary Service Program Manager

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December 8, 2010- Rake & Hoe meeting at Liz Dwyer's



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November 29, 2010- R & H Board at Jil Sitcer's
Tracy Criscitiello & Diana Kazazis



January 3, 2011- Rake & Hoe Board Lunch
At Barbara Mullin's with Irene Greenstein



Rake & Hoe House Tour Wrap up Tea at Kris Luka's
Lovely Décor





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Rake & Hoe Design Workshop 1-20-2011
at Jill Sitcer's learning "S" or Hogarth Curve



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January 31, 2010- R & Hoe Board at Maryann Pietruszki's



February 9, 2011 Rake & Hoe General Meeting
Nancy Wallace Trophy-Joint winners, Maryann Pietruszki and Colleen Schmi





February 9, 2011 Rake & Hoe General Meeting
Nancy Wallace Trophy competition-Birds nests



Maryann's winner



February 9, 2011 Rake & Hoe General Meeting
Nancy Wallace Trophy competition-Birds nests



Colleen's winner.



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Nancy Wallace Trophy competition-Birds nests



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Nancy Wallace Trophy competition-Birds nests





February 9, 2011 Rake & Hoe General Meeting
Refreshments & Hostesses



February 9, 2011 Rake & Hoe General Meeting
Centerpiece



Rake and Hoe Juniors enter imaginary sea creatures in flower competition

WESTFIELD — The Rake and Hoe Garden Club Juniors of Westfield are working on fanciful "Imaginocean" sea creatures for the New Jersey Flower & Garden Show, "Gardens on Broadway," to be held at the New Jersey Convention Center at 97 Sunfield Road in Edison from Feb. 17 to Feb. 20.

This year's theme is "Funky Broadway" and members are preparing crafts and flower designs to compete in six categories, including "The Addams Family" jazzy table settings and "Avenue Q" flower arrangements using a favorite playbill.

The competition is open to NJ Garden Club Members.

Contact Beth Siano at 908-233-4150 to join The Rake and Hoe Junior Garden Club.

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RAKE AND HOE JUNIORS work on their Imaginocean sea creature entries for the Annual NJ Flower Show for February. Pictured (from left, top) are Elise Morano, Pinar Pekdemir; (bottom) Emma Phillips, Merve Pekdemir, Rachel Holt, Julia Ross.

Wow!

Rake and Hoe members shine at Garden Club Flower Show

WESTFIELD — The Garden Club of New Jersey's annual flower show titled "Regards to Broadway," was held at the New Jersey Convention Center at 97 Sunfield Road in Edison in February. The show attracted over 25,000 flower and garden enthusiasts to fabulous display gardens and a Standard Flower Show presented by the Garden Club of New Jersey. This year's theme was "Funky Broadway" and garden members prepared crafts and flower designs and competed in six categories, including "The Addams Family" jazzy table settings, and other Broadway show flower designs, which were displayed with their playbills.

Members of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, won several of the awards. The Design section included diverse, creative, interesting designs. Horticulture included tree branches, flowering and foliage house plants, and combination plantings. Jill Sitcer received a blue ribbon, the Tricolor, and the Design Excellence Award, which is the top design in the entire flower

show. Erica Fried won a blue ribbon for her Flower Design for West Side Story. Kay Cross, Diana Kazakis, and Barbara Mullin earned blue ribbons in Horticulture. Juniors associated with various clubs also displayed their designs and horticulture, including table arrangements and animal creatures made of plant material. Members of the Rake and Hoe Juniors won blue or red ribbons for 22 entries in seven classes. Elise Morano won the Youth Top Exhibitor Awards for both Design and Horticulture, and Emma Phillips won the Youth GCNJ Special Award for Artistic Crafts.

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. Federat-



FLORAL EXCELLENCE—Jill Sitcer, a member of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, earned the Design Excellence Award at the New Jersey Garden Show held at the New Jersey Convention Center.

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Judges comment

' Superior '

February 28, 2011- R & H Board at Nancy Smith's
Centerpiece



March 9, 2011 Rake & Hoe General Meeting
Centerpiece and Hosts





March 9, 2011 Rake & Hoe General Meeting
Refreshments



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News and events from the Garden Club of Westfield

WESTFIELD — The Garden Club of Westfield, Inc. Presents "New Ideas For Spring Arrangements" + Upcoming Events By Debby Burslem, Garden Club of Westfield Publicity Chair.

On Tuesday, April 12, The Garden Club of Westfield will host a joint meeting with The Rake and Hoe Garden Club "New Ideas for Spring Arrangements" with Michael Bruce. The meeting will be held in Assembly Hall at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Roll call is 1 p.m. Prospective members from Westfield and other towns are welcome to attend. Interested parties in the April meeting or Club in general are welcome to call Rosemary Shire, President, at 908-232-8120

Bruce, a noted floral designer, is the owner of Michael Bruce Florist located in Collingwood. He has been

a major exhibitor in the Philadelphia Flower Show winning "Best in Show" in the Floral Design category in 2008 as well as "Best Achievement" award for Innovative Design Concept in Floral Design. He has had many displays in The Warwick Hotel and The Sheraton Society Hill both of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia offices of RPMG, Macy's as well as in art centers and many charity galas. The hostess chair for the April event is Sally Brown. She will be assisted by Anne Arkel, Nancy Brandt, Irene Ilaria, Phyllis Pappas & Kathryn Quinn.

Upcoming activities for The Westfield Garden Club are their monthly Board Meetings on April 5 and May 3. Taking the place of the regular membership meetings on May 11 will be a Trip to Kykuit and Union Church in New York's Hudson Val-

ley. May 6 will see a visit to Lyons V.A. Health Care for flower arranging (part of their Garden Therapy mission). Looking forward to June the annual Garden Club of Westfield Luncheon will be held at the Echo Lake Country Club on June 14.

Seven containers, part of their ongoing Town of Westfield beautification Project, located at the crossroads of Elm & East Broad Streets are planted, maintained and watered year-round by the Garden Club of Westfield members for all to enjoy. This dedicated group plant seasonal flowers three times a year and decorates the trainees with greenery for the winter season. During the spring, summer and fall two members bring water daily to all of the containers to ensure the health and beauty of the plantings. For over 17 years the Garden Club has continued to share this community of Gardening with residents and visitors alike.

Since 1947 the Club has displayed weekly flowers at the Westfield Memorial Library. Begun as a memorial to those who served in Word War II, active members contribute a flower or greenery display 52 weeks a year. Flower arrangers for April are Nancy Werber, Carol Mucci, Connie Muirhead & Jean Sawtelle. The membership also plants trees for Arbor Day, maintains The Blue Star By-Way Garden at Tamaques Park and several gardens within Mindowaskin Park.

Tuesday, April 12-2011

Combined R & H/Westfield GC Design Program
Centerpiece by Irene Aleria- Westfield GC



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Two of three "designs" done by Michael Bruce-Collingwood, NJ
Poor program, almost no real designs and nothing new/ poor slides



April 18, 2011- Spring Design Workshop
at Mary Smith's- Marianne Murray



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at Mary Smith's- Susan Dinan



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at Mary Smith's- Regina Dowd



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at Mary Smith's- Bobbie Grecco



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April 18, 2011- Spring Design Workshop
at Mary Smith's- Mary Engelhart



May 3, 2011- Rake & Hoe Plant Exchange
at Helen Pasterczyk's- Maryann Pietruzski & Kay Cross
Pam Kolb & Karen Jolley-Gates



May 11, 20110 Geneal Meeting
Refreshments



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Hostesses- Carole Smillie and Regina Dowd



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Judy Kampe Competition- Winner-Maryann Pietruzski



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Program with Peggy Koehler in Cacti & Succulents



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May 25, 2011

Rake and Hoe's Secret Garden Tour

Welcome to the Secret Garden Tour! We invite you to explore and enjoy all the gardens you will see today. Please feel free to ask questions as we all share the same passion for gardening. There is nothing a gardener enjoys more than talking about her/his garden and favorite plants. Please visit the gardens in order and take your time as we have allotted about 30 minutes for each garden. After the tour we will have lunch at Liz Dwyer's and enjoy her garden as well.

1. Jean Groszmann
37 Shady Lane
Fanwood
2. Lorraine Marino
255 Beech Avenue
Garwood
3. Ed and MaryJoan Broderick
11 Hawthorne Drive
Westfield
4. The Bond House
229 East Dudley Avenue
Westfield
5. Liz Dwyer
810 Highland Avenue
Westfield

Jean Groszmann's Garden

37 Shady Lane
Fanwood

I moved here in July, 1998. The neighbors told me there had never been a garden here. The previous owner had cut down most of the trees, so there were only 2 evergreens and a holly. The whole property was pure clay. Barbara Mullin helped me dig the first two beds. Now there are 20 beds that give me joy and I've learned that others enjoy it also. The lot is 60 x 117.

Lorraine Marino's Garden

255 Beech Avenue
Garwood

Although I didn't realize it at the time, I've been on many garden tours. They started when I was a little girl and my Mom and I would walk around our house and she would tell me the names of the flowers that she had planted. She would always mention how the pansies had "faces"!

I am grateful to my Mom for those tours and especially for instilling in me the desire to be in the garden. Today, as you tour my garden, I hope you enjoy some of my favorites which include a variety of hostas, the chardonnay pearl deutzia, and the irises from my sister-in-law and the pinkish lily of the valley from my neighbor.

I am very sentimental about plants and lawn art that have been given to me from family and friends. Starting my day with a cup of coffee, while sitting in the "hyacinth blue" rattan chair from my mother-in-law is a great way to get going. Also, seeing my late husband's wood burning stove always brings a smile to my face!

I once read and truly believe that "Gardens nourish your soul. They are sanctuaries where reflection comes easily and the outside world fades away"....

I hope that you enjoy my garden as much as I do.

Ed and MaryJoan Broderick's Garden

11 Hawthorne Drive
Westfield

I'm very glad this is the secret garden tour because no one should look at the garden until mid-July. The garden was started because we don't like the monotony of grass. There are a couple of basic goals, which sometimes work and other times are really bad.

First, by July the plants should be completely overcrowded. If you can see dirt, then something died. Secondly, there should be Hummingbirds, Goldfinches and Bees actively making use of the garden. Third, there should be lots of color; there is no attempt to blend colors except for the color red, which Hummingbirds like. We always stick new plants in just to see what happens. Last year we had fabulous flower vines in August with Morning Glory, Cypress Vines and running Nasturtiums. Unfortunately, they choked off one of our Buddleia so we've planted giant types of Cannas, in that space, which should look good by August if they do reach 7 ft. which I doubt the deer will allow.

Plants include: Obedient Plants (which don't obey), Bee Balm, Bonfire Salvia, Peacock Gladiolus, Crocusmia Lucifer, Dahlia, Zinnia, Gooseneck, hydrangea (new), very tall Asters, Lilies, Heliopsis, Helen's Flower, Baby's Breath and other stuff.

Long term goal – how to incorporate 8 ft. Elephant Ears into a small space.

The Bond House

229 East Dudley Avenue
Westfield

The property on East Dudley was landscaped extensively starting in the fall of 2008 and continuing in the Spring of 2009. The first phase of landscaping was on the property side that is closest to Elm Street. In front of the house a magnificent holly tree, which was situated next to the circular driveway was relocated to the backyard (near the swimming pool equipment). Our options were to either cut it down or try and save it and relocate it. We chose the latter option and although it is still alive, it hasn't looked as healthy or beautiful as it did when it was in the center of the driveway. The driveway was relocated to the side of the property and was constructed of pea gravel. Relocating the driveway meant that a winding walkway could now be constructed and provides the house with a welcoming entrance to the front door. Three large Ginko trees dominate the front of the property.

English Roseum Rhododendron bushes were originally planted near the sidewalk but after failing to flourish, they were replaced a year later with boxwoods. The sidewalk

is flanked by daffodils, which bloom in the early spring, followed by the Astilbe plants, which bloom in late May. When they are in full bloom, the Astilbe complement the color of the house beautifully.

On the side of the property (nearer Elm St.) American Hollies, Norway Spruces and Hydrangea flank the fence and provide some privacy.

Near the fireplace, which was relocated from its original location, there are native shade perennials and ferns. The Hosta in this area is always being eaten by the rabbits and so it is difficult to see them at their best.

Near the bluestone patio, there are boxwoods, blue hydrangea, daylilies (Happy Returns, YEL, Little Grapette, LAV, and Joan Senior). The Wisteria on the pergola provides beautiful color and shade and has done very well in the location (at the moment it is looking a little thin as the painters have just painted the pergola and had to cut much of the vine down). Liriope and variegated liriope are located along the walkway, going from the slate patio to the backdoor entrance.

Near the entrance to the backdoor, there are mixed Irises, Holly Bushes, and Variegated Liriope. It was our intention to have something in bloom during the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons.

Liz Dwyer's Garden

810 Highland Avenue
Westfield

Welcome to my garden. This garden is my sanctuary. There is nothing more enjoyable and calming than coming out to my garden after a frantic day. There are many hostas and perennials planted but I have forgotten the names of many of them, so maybe one of you can help me identify some of my favorite plants. Enjoy!! Luncheon is served!

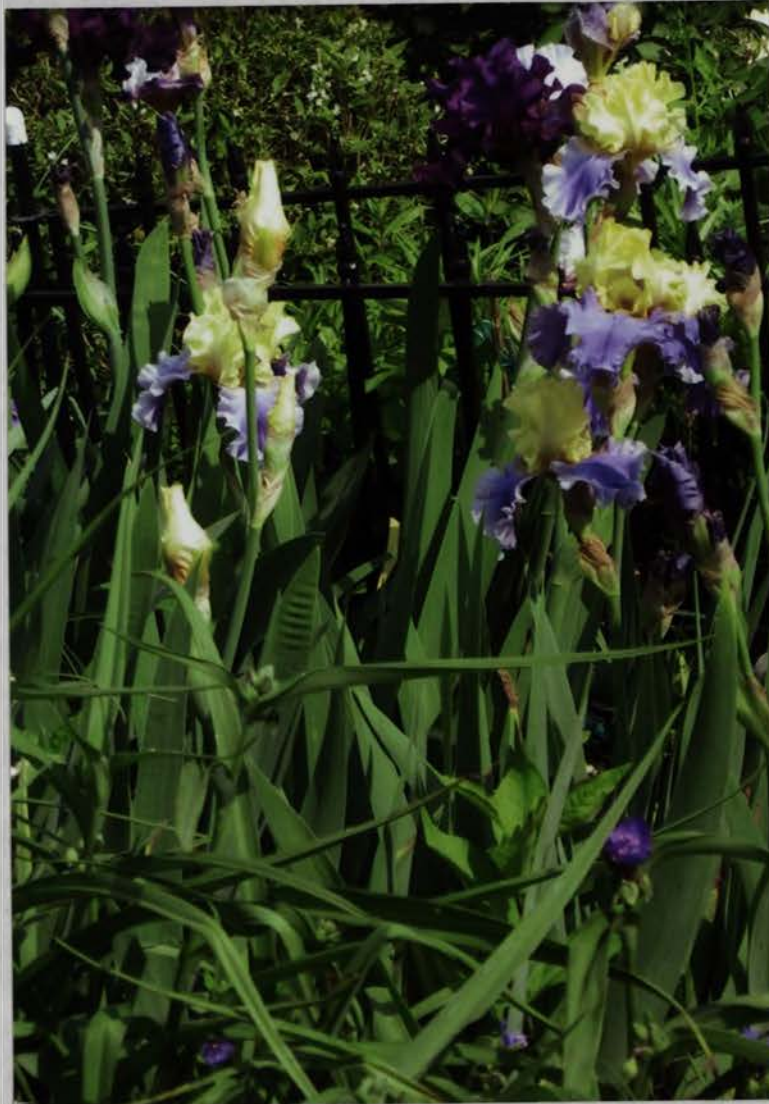
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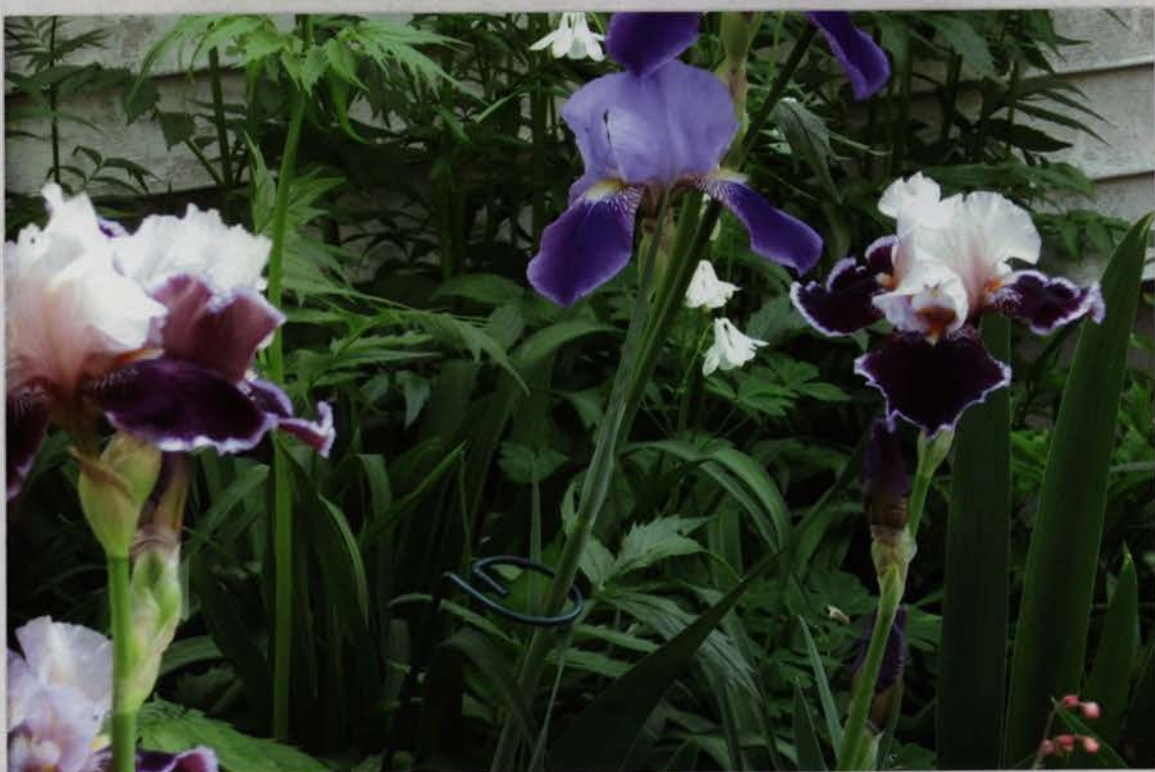
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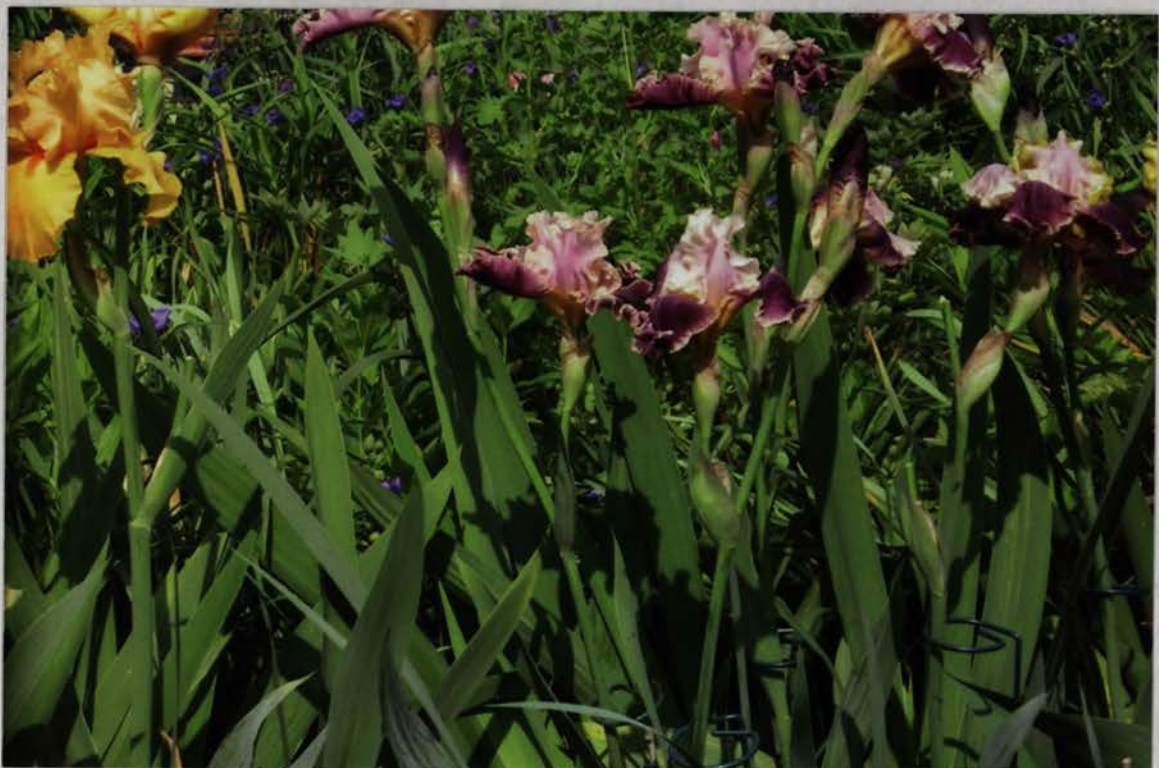
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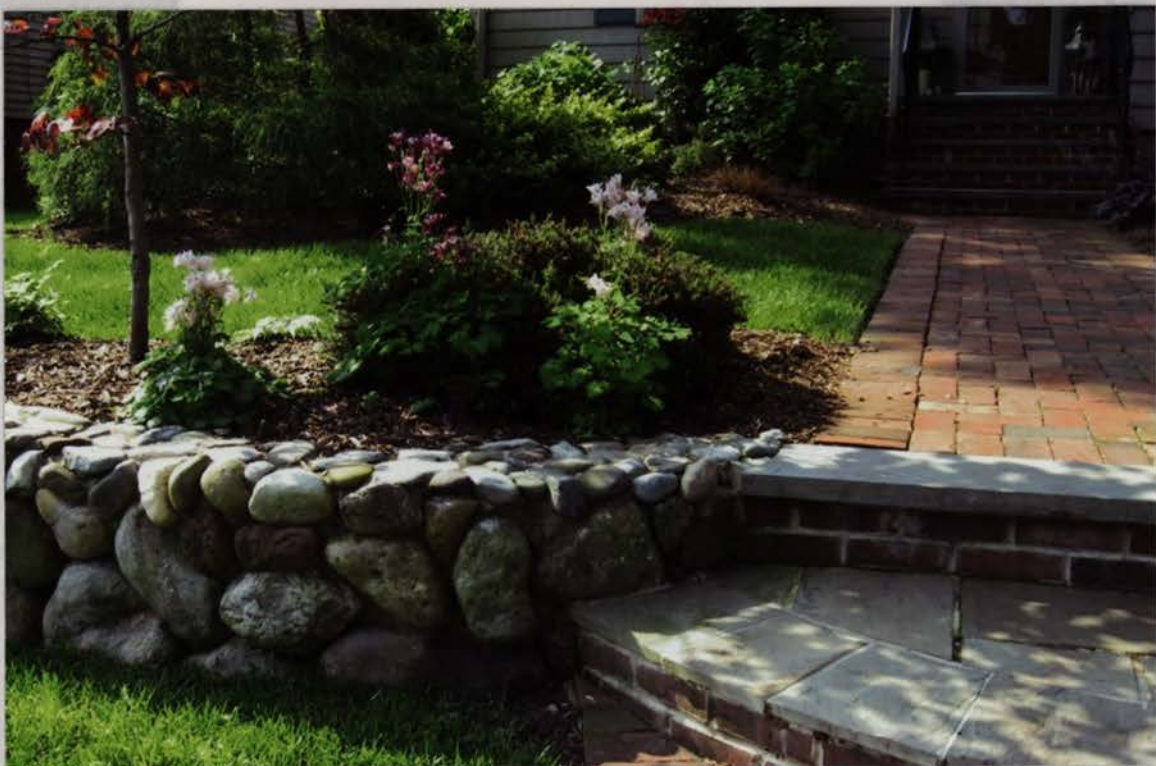
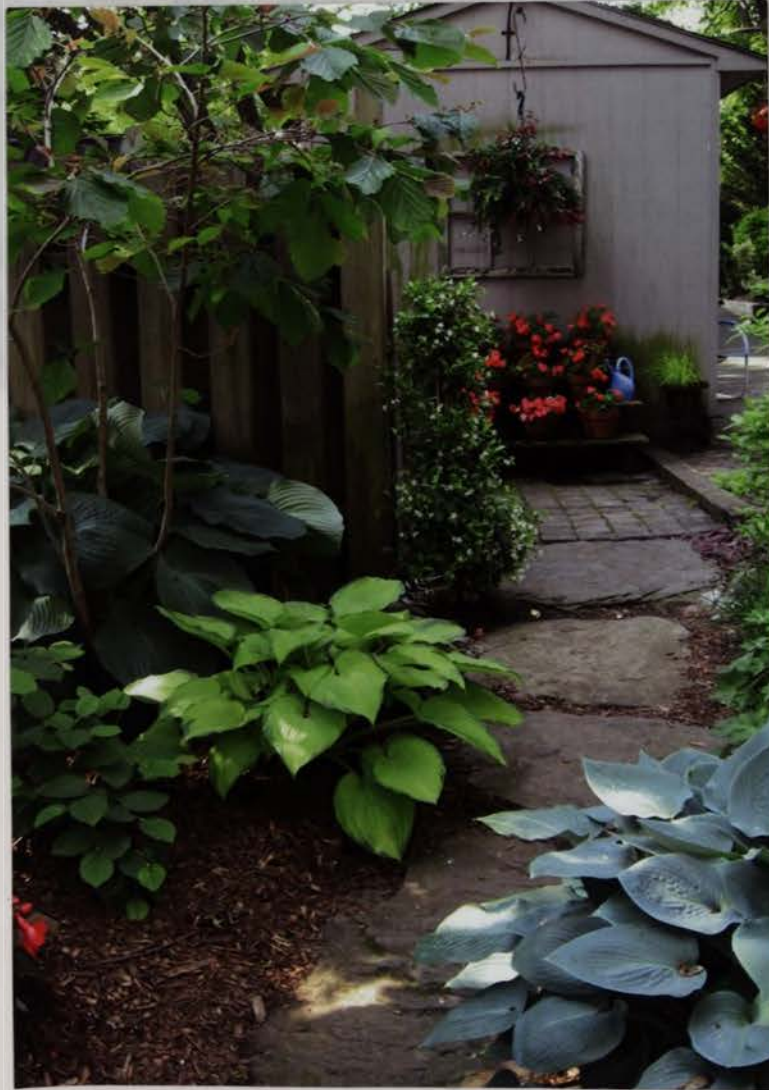


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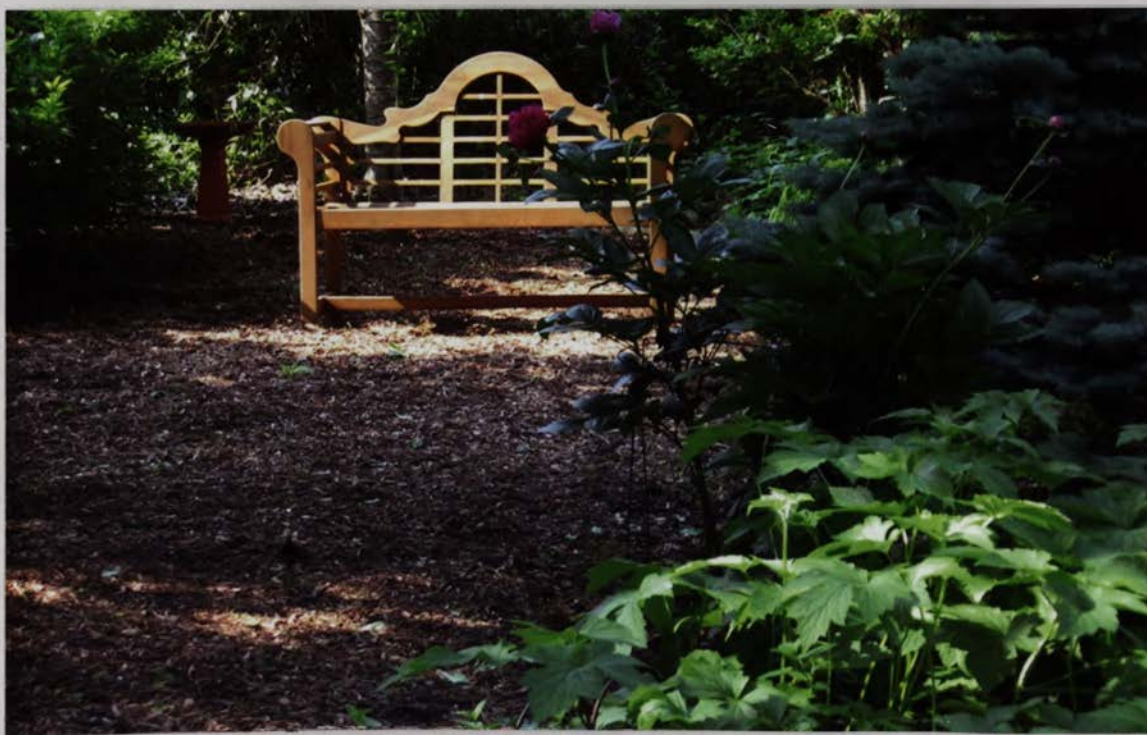




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June 6, 2011- Board meeting at Linda Parker's
Adorable Box Lunches- Chocolate "Purses" and Flower cupcakes



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June 8, 2011- GCNJ Annual Meeting
President, Maryann Pietruszki receiving Rake & Hoe Awards



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June 8, 2011- GCNJ Annual Meeting
Our very own member, Erica Fried being installed as Treasurer



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Our very own member, Barbara Mullin being installed as
First Vice President along with President Vivian Morrison



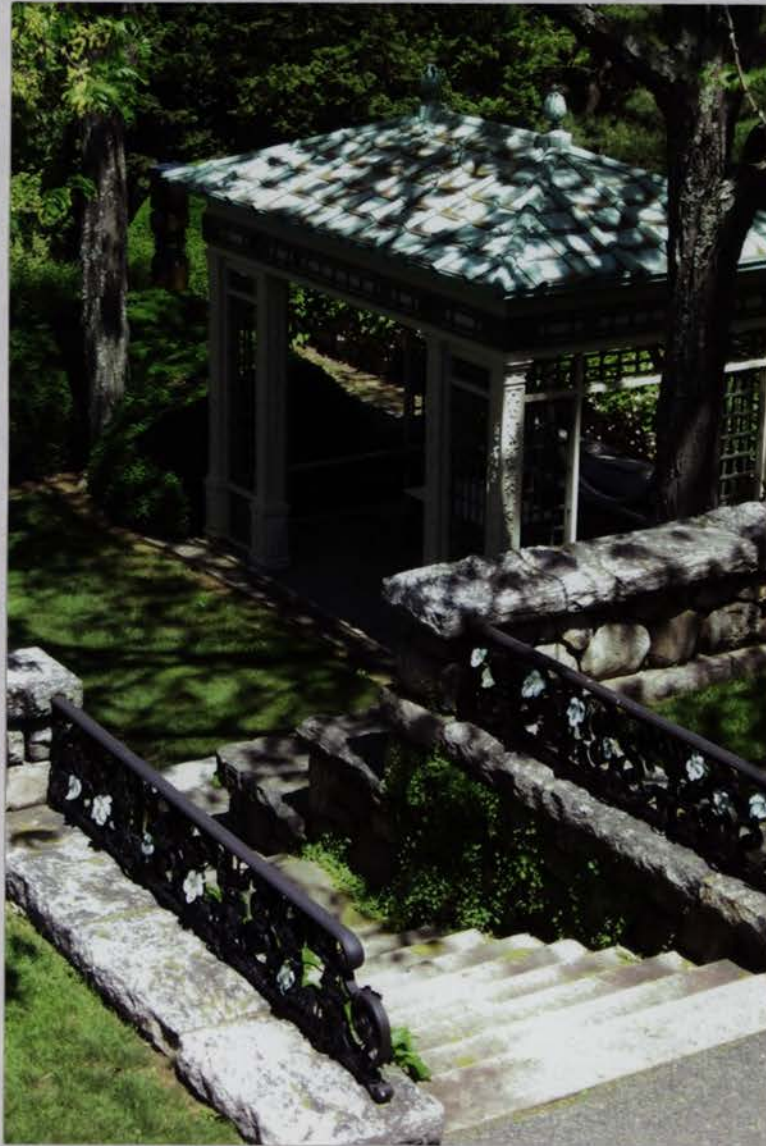
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View from where we had lunch





THE RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON
ECHO LAKE COUNTRY CLUB
JUNE 15, 2011

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| Call to Order and Welcome | Maryann Pietruszki |
| Invocation | Gayle Lechner |
| Luncheon | |
| Business Meeting | |
| Minutes | |
| Treasurer's Report | |
| Announcements | |
| President's Remarks | Maryann Pietruszki |
| Awards | |
| GCNJ | Vivian Morrison |
| Club Awards | Erica Fried |
| Program | Nancy Smith |
| Bird Count | Tracy Criscitiello |
| Installation of Officers | Vivian Morrison |
| Pin and Gavel Presentation | Maryann Pietruszki Gayle Lechner |
| Adjournment | |

June 15, 2011- June Luncheon Awards
Beth Siano, Vivian Morrison, Maryann Pietruszki & Jill Sitcer



June 15, 2011- June Luncheon Awards
Barbara Mullin assisting GCNJ Pres. Vivian Morrison



June 15, 2011 R & H Annual meeting & Luncheon

Winners of the competition for Wearing flowers

Carolynn Pulliam, Alice Cowell & Bobbie Grecco -& Bird count

Barbara Mullin, Tracy Criscitiello, Chair Marylyn Straight, Kris Luka & Beth Siano



June 15, 2011 O R & H Annual meeting & Luncheon

Erica Fried GCNJ Gold Seal for excellent yearbook-
Installation of Officers-Gayle Lechner, Karen Jolley-Gates, Irane Greenstein,
Beth Siano & Marylyn Straight



June 15, 2011- June Luncheon Awards
Erica Fried, Pres. Maryann Pietruszki & Krris Luka



Liz Dwyer













June 15, 2011- June Luncheon Designs























