

Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield NJ

# JUNIORS PHOTO ALBUMS 2012-2013

"BOOK OF EVIDENCE"



## THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

Awards Year: February 1 to January 31

### APPLICATION FOR AWARD

Number of Award: #1 Intermediate Name of Award: Tom's River

Award for:

Garden Club, Mixed Junior, Intermediate, High School Youth

Individual \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of members participating: 13 Percentage of members participating: 100%

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Rake and Hoe Juniors Schedule  
February 2012-January 2013

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|------------------|---|
| February 15      | Floral Designs for GCNJ Flower Show! Assisted by the best floral designers of Rake and Hoe.   |
| March 15         | Craft designer dolls for Rake and Hoe Small Standard Flower Show youth competition  |
| April 19         | Make floral designs for the R&H Small Standard Flower Show youth competition.   |
| May 17           | Miller-Cory Activity. The herb garden. Miller-Corey House Mountainside Ave.   |
| June 21          | Awards Party  |
| September 19     | Butterflies and flowers. Mrs. Genco will bring butterflies to release for their long migration and talk to us about their fascinating lives.                          |
| October 17       | Plant a new garden of daffodils at Miller Cory.   |
| November 14      | Budding Flower Designers Class.   |
| December 19      | Put your new knowledge from Design class to work making holiday flower arrangements for the 70 staff members working with cerebral palsy students at Jardine Academy. |
| January 16, 2013 | Crafts Workshop for Garden Club of NJ Flower Show competition.  |



## R & H Juniors February 2012-January 2013

Mia Avni	grade 2
Gillian Kuyat	grade K
Sarah LaMonica	grade 2
Elise Morano	grade 10
Malissa Morabito	grade K
Emma Phillips	grade 10
Julia Ross	grade 9
Annika Schantz	grade 2
Margaret Schantz	grade 8
Caroline Tan	grade 6
Rachel Holt	grade 8
Merve Pekdimer	grade 8
Pinar Pekdimer	grade 7





February

Getting ready...girls work on entries for the Garden Club of New Jersey Flower Show.





Garden Club of New Jersey Flower Show  
- Expo Center, Edison, New Jersey



Mr. Siano takes a rest from loading the van with entries for the flower show.





*March*

The Junior Girls meet to plan, design and prepare for Rake and Hoe's Flower Show in April.



*April*

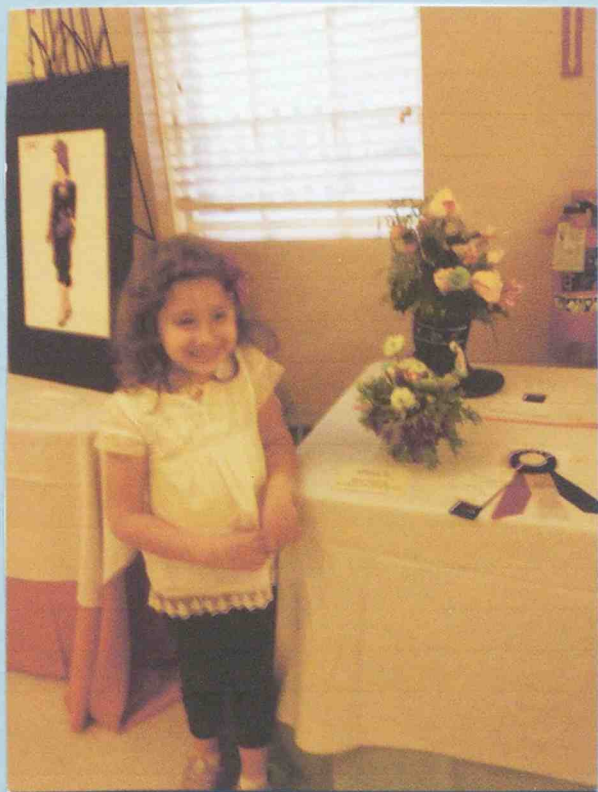


Girls set up for Rake and Hoe's Flower Show.





April 20 – Girls assist with Rake and Hoe's Flower Show at The First Presbyterian Church of Westfield







# The Rake and Hoe Garden Club, Inc.

Presents

A Small Standard Flower Show

## “La Fleur Couture”

April 20, 2012  
1:00PM to 7:00PM

The Presbyterian Church  
140 Mountain Ave., Westfield

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## SECTION E YOUTH JEUNESSE "GROUP SPIRIT!" ESPRIT DE CORPS!

Consultant: Alice Cowell 908-518-1602, [alice.cowell@yahoo.com](mailto:alice.cowell@yahoo.com)

### SECTION E-1 DESIGN

Eligible for YOUTH TOP EXHIBITOR AWARD (3)

#### CLASS 8 "Bon Vivant!" (*Someone who lives life well*)

A Design in a creative container, no restrictions in height, width or depth.  
Designer's choice of plant material and style.

### SECTION E-2 ARTISTIC CRAFTS

Eligible for YOUTH GCNJ SPECIAL AWARD (3)

#### CLASS 9 "Debutante" (*A female beginner*)

A Dress, decorated with fresh and/or dried plant material, staged on a Barbie doll. Doll to be staged in an upright position with stand provided by exhibitor. Underlay no larger than 12" square is permitted.

### SECTION E-3 PHOTOGRAPHY

Eligible for YOUTH GCNJ SPECIAL AWARD (3)

#### CLASS 10 "Femme Fatale" (*A mysterious, alluring woman*)

A photograph of a secret flower or rock in a garden. Photo must be in a standing frame with photo not to exceed 8"x10".

References:

[http://french.about.com/od/vocabulary/a/frenchinenglish\\_2.htm](http://french.about.com/od/vocabulary/a/frenchinenglish_2.htm)

<http://translate.google.com/>

Thank you to Florence Leyssene and Helen Pasterczyk for French translations.

#### General Rules:

1. All classes open to public except Design Division, Class 1-4.
2. Judging based on NGC Standard System of Awarding by NGC Accredited Flower Show Judges; to begin at 10:30AM on Friday, April 20, 2012. Show will open at completion of judging. Decision of judges final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
3. All entries received on Thursday, April 19th between 2-5pm. Designs can also be entered on Friday, April 20th between 8:30am and 9:30am.

4. All tabletops covered with white cloth and colored skirting to the floor by Committee.
5. All properties must be removed at the show closing on Friday, April 20, 2012 at 7pm but not before.
6. Each entry to be judged must be the work of one exhibitor, except where noted. NO artificial plant material allowed. If exhibitor cannot fulfill assignment, it is their responsibility to find a replacement.
7. Exhibitors may enter more than one class or subclass, but only one exhibit per class or sub-class. Exception: See rule #2 under Horticulture.
8. Plant material on the NJ Conservation Guide List is NOT permitted unless grown by the exhibitor or legally acquired and must be so stated on a 3"x5" card.
9. Plant material on the Category 1 Invasive Plant List of the Nature Conservancy is NOT permitted except in Educational Exhibits in the Special Exhibits Division. **Limited space prohibits more detailed information. Please consult Handbook for Flower Shows, edition 2007 or Class Consultant.**

#### Design Rules:

1. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables.
2. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner.
3. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit
4. All plant material must be listed on a 3"x 5" card.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their designs in good condition.
6. Landscapes or scenes not permitted in Design Division.
7. Living members of the Animal Kingdom are not permitted in the Design Division.
8. Consult Handbook, 2007 edition for further information.

#### Horticulture Rules:

1. Specimens must be fresh plant material grown by the exhibitor and must be NAMED, giving genus and species; variety/cultivar provided when available. Common name may be added. Entry cards available at time of check-in.
2. Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class or sub-class, if each is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, form, size, or color.
3. Committee may subdivide classes.
4. Container-grown plants must be in exhibitor's possession at least 90 days.
5. Containers for cut specimens to be provided by the Committee.
6. Cut specimens should have no foliage below the water line.
7. Wedging material of bubble wrap will be used.

#### SCALE OF POINTS

Judging will be based on the Scales of Points in the Handbook for Flower Shows, edition 2007. See page numbers for each category.

Horticulture judging will be based on the Horticulture Scale of Points, found on pgs. 298-300.

Design judging will be based on the Design Scale of Points, found on pg. 303.



May



**Girls have guided tour of the Miller-Cory House Museum's historic herb garden. They make herbal butter and herbal vinegar to enjoy at home.**

#### HERBAL BUTTER

¼ cup soften butter (one stick)  
1 tablespoon fresh herbs  
Squeeze of lemon

Mix softened butter in bowl...add herbs and lemon juice. Place butter on wax paper and roll in to a log shape. Refrigerate. When ready to use, slice butter in to rounds. Herbal butter is great on bread or vegetables (especially good on corn on the cob).

#### Samples Blends:

Basil and chives  
Thyme and parsley  
Rosemary and chives  
Sage and thyme  
Tarragon and parsley

#### Herbal Vinegars

It is easy to make and blend your own herbal vinegars. There are more than 60 possible varieties you can create.

You will need fresh herbs, gathered before the plants are in bloom. Wash and dry the leaves. Pack a wide-mouthed glass jar or bottle loosely with leaves, cover with the best quality vinegar. Let the jar stand where you won't forget it...you will need to shake the jar every other day. After two weeks, remove herbs or leaves from the vinegar and strain, if desired. The vinegar is now ready to use!

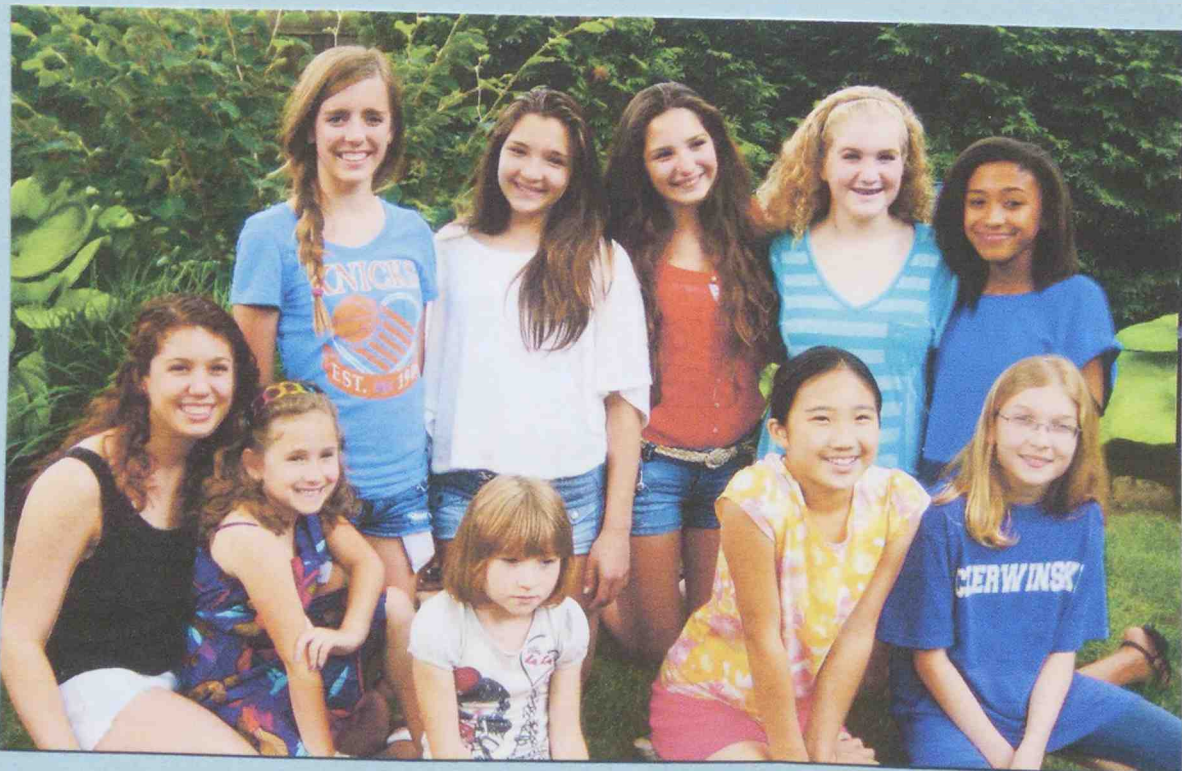
Suggestions: basil, chives, tarragon, thyme, rosemary, lemon balm or (Sweet Melissa)...a clove of garlic can be added. The garlic must be removed after 24 hours.



June

Awards Celebration for Rake and Hoe Juniors! Girls receive their awards from the Garden Club of New Jersey Flower Show and Rake and Hoe's Flower Show.

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Pictured (seated, from left) Elise Morano, Sarah La Monica, Annika Schantz, Caroline Tan, Margaret Schantz; (middle, from left) Emma Phillips, Pinar Pekdimer, Merve Pekdimer, Julia Ross and Rachel Holt. The adults pictured (from left) are Joan Barna, Beth Siano and Alice Cowell youth advisors.



They, also, took part in a summer potting plant project and enjoyed refreshments.

## Rake and Hoe Garden Club honors youth

The junior members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield celebrated a banner year at their awards meeting in June. They participated both in the State Flower Show in Edison this year as well as their own club's flower show in April, La Fleur Couture, earning multiple top awards in both shows.

Additionally, outstanding achievements this year in the National Garden Club competitions from Rake and Hoe were awarded also to the following students:

Caroline Tan, a fifth grade student at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield is the Grand Prize winner of the National Garden Club's Smokey Bear Poster Contest out of 22,000 entries all over the country. She will receive her award in July in Washington, DC by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and

also receive a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond.

Matthew Gates, a junior at Westfield High School, was the recipient of the National Garden Club's High School Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding service project at the Claire Brownell Memorial Wildflower Garden at the Westfield Historical Society's Reeve House. Along with a citation by the President of the National Garden Club, Shirley Nicolai, Matthew will also receive \$100 for First Place. He is the son of Dan and Karen Gates of Westfield.

The Rake and Hoe Garden junior club ranges from first graders to high school contributing to community projects, learning about horticulture and creating floral designs for competition. If a student is interested in joining, call Alice Cowell, 908-518-1602.



September

Diane Genco shows junior members how to attract, raise and feed monarch butterflies. With this knowledge, the juniors will design and plant a butterfly garden in downtown Westfield.



October

Establishing a new garden and beautifying the museum...juniors plant 100 daffodil bulbs at the Miller-Cory House Museum. In addition, the girls make herbal and floral "tussie-mussies" to be given out to visitors at the museum.

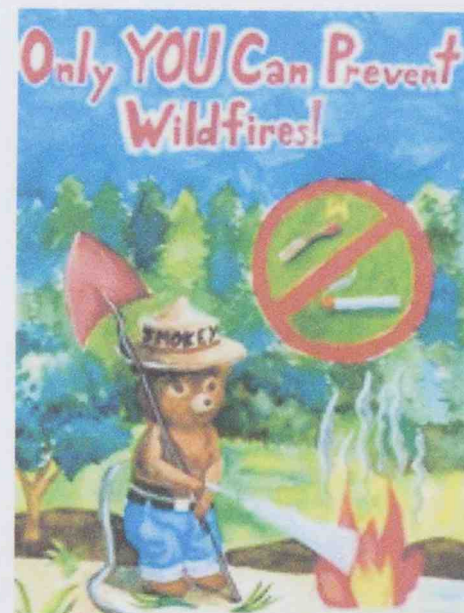




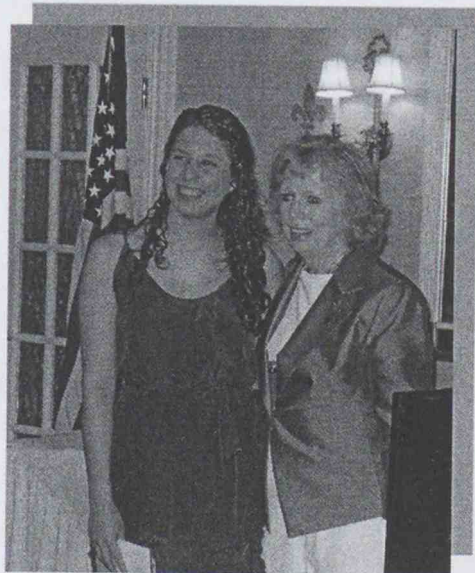
**Two very special achievements: Fifth grader, Caroline Tan, was the Grand Prize Winner of the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster 2012 Contest. Congratulations, Caroline!**

## **GRAND PRIZE WINNER Caroline Tan**

Caroline Tan (center), Grand Prize winner of the *national* Smokey Bear Poster Contest, with (l to r): Carole Kurtz, GCNJ Youth Chair; Vivian Morrison, GCNJ President, Caroline Tan, Mr. Tan, Alice Cowell, R&H Youth Chair, Beth Siano R&H Youth Asst. Caroline was recognized by the National Park Service in Washington, DC and received a \$100 savings bond.



**Congratulations, also, to high school freshman, Elise Morano. Elise was the recipient of the New Vernon Garden Club Trophy. We are so proud of you both!**



Elise Morano (Junior Member), recipient of the New Vernon GC Trophy, with Gayle Lechner

### **Awards for the Year**

**Certificate of Merit for Youth Honor Roll**

**Garden Club of Toms River Intermediate School Gardner's Award**

**Certificate of Merit with Gold Seal**

**Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster 2012 Grand Prize Winner**

**New Vernon Garden Club Trophy**



Diana Kazazis teaches a budding flower design class for junior girls. The girls take home lovely Thanksgiving arrangements.

*November*



*December*

Using what skills they learned in November, Jill Sitzer helps the juniors make 70 holiday flower arrangements for the staff at the Jardine Academy.



WEDNESDAY, January 23, 2013 SUBURBAN NEWS



## Club creates floral designs for Academy

The youth group from the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, ages 5- to 15-years-old, created more than 70 floral designs to present to the hard working staff at the Jardine Academy. The girls recognize the tremendous efforts that all the staff members do for the students at the academy and cheerfully put together a holiday-themed design for each to take home with them. The garden club is dedicated to the Jardine group; adult members had recently decorated the Jardine Academy tree with festive moons and stars. Jar-

dine provides an educational program designed for students of multiple disabilities and also has additional programs in Union. The Cerebral Palsy League operates both locations for students from 3 to 21 years of age. The essential skills curriculum is uniquely developed for each student's requirements and can include student's self care, health and fitness, interpersonal skills, mobility and functional academics. If interested in joining the Rake and Hoe Club, call membership chair Karen Jolley-Gates 908-233-5125.

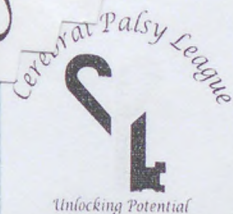




Alice Cowell and Diana Kazazis deliver holiday arrangements to Jardine Academy staff members.



Thank you for all you do



## *The Jardine Academy*

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The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield  
"Junior Members"  
1417 Orchard Road  
Mountainside, NJ 07092

January 7, 2013

Dear Junior Members;

I write to you today on behalf of the staff of The Jardine Academy. In December we all were the lucky recipients of lovely floral arrangements hand made by you. What a wonderful surprise! The day the arrangements arrived there was quite a bit of excitement. To see all 70 of them lined up on our conference room table was very impressive – you must have worked so hard!

As you may know, our students are ages 3-21 and have a variety of disabilities that make learning hard. They need extra help to walk, talk, eat and do everyday tasks like use the bathroom. Our staff work very hard to make learning as fun as possible. When the floral arrangements were delivered we selected students to come and get them to hand them out to their instructors. In this way not only were you recognizing our staff, but you were helping our students to do so also!

Thank you again for taking such a special interest in our program. Meeting the needs of children with such severe disabilities is not easy, but your holiday gesture made the staff feel so appreciated and reminded us that children – both you and our students – make it quite worthwhile!

We wish you happiness in the New Year and hope the opportunity presents itself for us to get you together with our students in 2013!

Sincerely yours,

Heidi M. Geissel, MSW  
School Social Worker







To the Rake + Hoe Garden Club of Westfield,

**The beauty of the  
Christmas season can  
remind us of all the  
beauty in life that we  
take for granted. Our  
family, our friends,  
and our faith**

LOVE

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Thank you  
for the beautiful  
flowers!!

+ Staff: Marilyn, Awilda, Maya, Irma  
+ Chantelle



January

Juniors attend craft workshops to prepare for Garden Club of New Jersey competition in February.



Come celebrate Mardi gras...Emma Phillips works on her float entry. In addition to floats, some of the junior girls will be making decorative masks.

