



RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB
of WESTFIELD NJ

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April 11, 2004- Judy Kampe Trophy Winner-Me!

Barbara Mallick



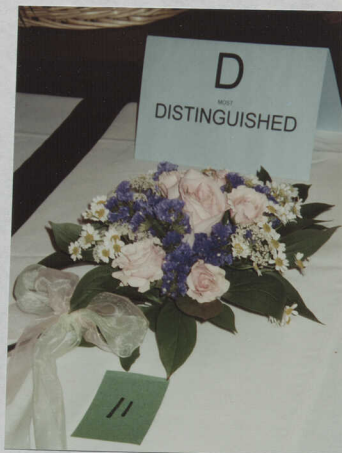


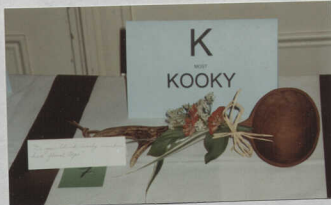


Rake & Hoe June Luncheon 6-9-2004 Echo Lake CC Centrepieces

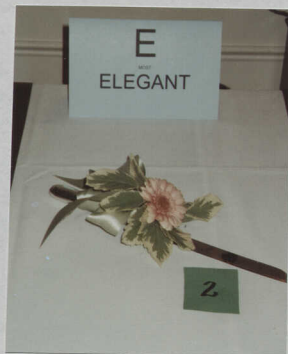








Rake & Hoe Juno Luncheon 6-9-2004 Echo Lake CC Decorated Spoons, etc.





October 13, 2004 at Miller Cory: Planting dedication



R & H Decorates LYON VETERAN'S Hospital

before 2000

2000

For many
years



June 8, 2005- Rake & Hoe Installation of Officers

Ellen Cuddy, Barbara Mullin, Gayle Lechner, Pam Kolb, Kris Laska and Patty Kräider- Jane Borsch presenting





Pam Kolb, V.P.



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June 8, 2005- Rake & Hoe Members being honored for Flower Show
Clare Minick- Sweepstakes, Anna Lanam for computer sculpture and
Diana Kazazis for Chairing such a spectacular show





June 17, 2005- Rake & Hoe field trip to Boscobel, near Cold Harbor, NY
Stately home, beautifully appointed and our group







June 17, 2005- Rake & Hoe field trip to Boscobel, near Cold Harbor, NY
View overlooking Hudson River- West Point in background





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September 14, 2005- Centerpiece for Rake & Hoe Meeting- Later sold for \$16.00 at Auction



Juniors - Oct 2005



October 13, 2004- ar Miller Cory Refreshments Table
Children's Sensory Garden Dedication



November 9, 2005- Rake & Hoe Meeting- Centerpiece and Refreshments





November 9, 2005- Rake & Hoe Meeting- Sample Pheasant for December meeting
Design by John Ward





November 9, 2005- Rake & Hoe Meeting-
Design by John Ward



Rake & Hoe members tour Chinese Scholar's garden- September 27, 2005





November 9, 2005- Rake & Hoe Meeting-
Design by John Ward





November 9, 2005- Rake & Hoe Meeting- Designs by John Ward

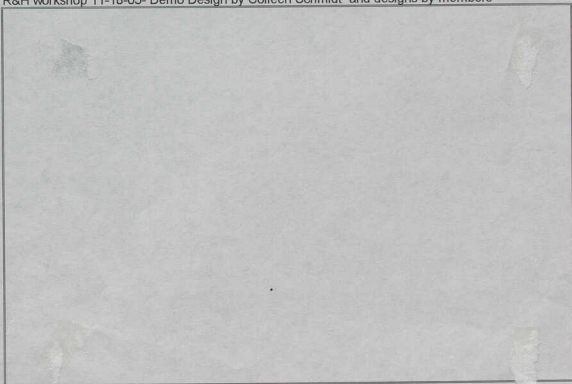




November 9, 2005- Rake & Hoe Meeting
Design ny John ward



R&H workshop 11-18-05- Demo Design by Colleen Schmidt and designs by members





November 18, 2005- Samples of Williamsburg Style designs done
by Rake & Hoe members





December 14, 2005- Rake & Hoe Meeting- Refreshment Table and Centerpiece by Colleen Schmidt





December 14, 2005- Rake & Hoe- Refreshment Table



December 14, 2005- Rake & Hoe-Install. Officers-C Iuso State Pres with Linda winter & Pam Kolb





December 14, 2005- Rake & Hoe-Install. Officers Nancy Smith- VP-Pam Kolb, Pre C. Iuso St pres





The table is set for Christmas dinner with a soft pomegranate red brocade cloth, Williamsburg crystal, and Chelsea Bird plates. The fanciful floral bird echoes the central motif on the china and the large floral shapes in the tablecloth. Small gold favor boxes lend a festive air.



In an adaptation of one of the most popular eighteenth-century centerpieces (see page 82), a goblet holding a beautiful pear on a bed of chopped candied ginger is placed on a modern glass cake stand and surrounded by an arrangement including grapes, Seckel pears, small oranges, kumquats, and lady apples. Freesia blooms, Alexandrian laurel, and ivy are tucked in. Fruits, berries, marzipan, and blossoms on a bed of chamaecyparis form a wreath around the stand.

How to Make a Floral Foam Bird

Supplies and materials needed: 2 blocks of floral foam, 6-inch unwired green floral picks, sharp knife, floral preservative, shallow tray or plate, ribbon, berries, and conditioned plant materials (see page 152).

A variety of birds, animals, and other shapes can be made by using the techniques shown here. They will stay fresh if the floral foam is kept watered.

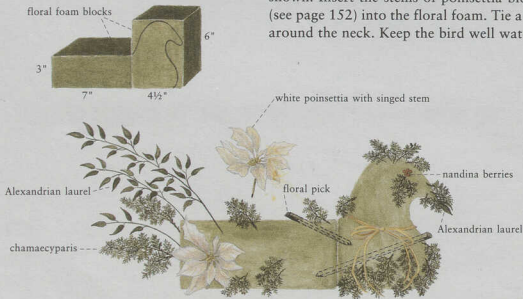
Position the blocks of floral foam as shown and draw the outline of a bird on them with a floral pick. Carefully cut away the unwanted floral foam with a sharp knife. Taper the head area. Soak the pieces of floral foam in water to which floral preservative has been added.

Arrange the wet floral foam on a shallow plate or tray. Insert floral picks to secure the 2 parts as shown. Remove the lower foliage on



A pheasant made of feathery chamaecyparis foliage, Alexandrian laurel, and large cream and pink-tinged poinsettias is a flamboyant centerpiece on this Christmas table.

3-inch pieces of chamaecyparis (false cypress) and insert the pieces into the floral foam to cover the form. Be careful to give a tapered look to the head. Insert 2 Alexandrian laurel leaves for the beak and a small bunch of nandina berries for the eyes as shown. Insert long arching pieces of Alexandrian laurel and longer pieces of chamaecyparis for the tail as shown. Insert the stems of poinsettia blooms (see page 152) into the floral foam. Tie a bow around the neck. Keep the bird well watered.





December 14, 2005- Example of "Bird" made at Rake & Hoe Regular meeting

December 22, 2005- Rake & Hoe Youth Group At Barbara Mullin's to see decorations and have refreshments and at Alice Cowell's to prepare line designs





Rake and Hoe Juniors-12/22/05 Kay Cross teaching line design and baskets made for seniors at Sunrise





December 22, 2005- Another view of Pheasant made at Rake & Hoe Reg. Meeting
With different flowers



December 22, 2005 Table set for R & H Youth Group at my home
This preceded a program on Design at Alice Cowell's





December 22, 2005- Rake & Hoe Juniors- Completed designs show in cluster



January 2, 2006- Lunch for Rake & Hoe Board at Barbara Mullin's







January 11, 20060 Rake & Hoe Regular Meeting
Dried Flowers arrangement by Jane Gross



The mission of D&R Greenway Land Trust is to establish a system of *Greenways* throughout central New Jersey by preserving and protecting a permanent network of natural lands and open spaces, creating the conditions for a healthy and diverse environment to flourish. The projects featured here are just a sample of the 18 preservation projects we've completed to date in 2005 and we expect to close several more before the year is out. Each one of these properties has a significant conservation value and each is an important component in one of our region's *Greenways*.

By applying our strategic vision of *Greenways* to land preservation, we are able to link large blocks of open space together. In turn, the contiguity of these lands enhances their ability to recharge the water table and maintain our supply of clean drinking water, and improves their viability as wildlife habitat. These *Greenways* also create natural barriers to congestion and overdevelopment and provide opportunities for walking and other outdoor activities. The end result – an enhanced quality of life for all who live in central New Jersey.



Neighbors Join Together to Preserve Family Land
ROSMARIE DURSCH PRESERVE
Sourland Mountain Greenway
East Amwell Township

- ✦ Unique partnership among five neighboring families to preserve over 50 acres of intact woodland
- ✦ Named in honor of Rosmarie Dursch, wife of long-time D&R Greenway supporter Fred Dursch
- ✦ Pristine forest habitat provides breeding ground for neotropical migratory birds and a rich collection of native plant species
- ✦ Directly connects to D&R Greenway's Northern Stony Brook Preserve

D&R Greenway Partners with Mercer County
to Connect Open Space
SHIPETAUKEN WOODS PRESERVE
Shipetauken Creek Greenway
Lawrence Township

- ✦ Two preservation projects facilitated for Mercer County protecting 67 acres of working farmland, open meadows and woodlands buffering the Shipetauken Creek
- ✦ Expands trail opportunities linking other preserved lands and farms in the township – including Carson Road Woods, Pyne Woods, Transco's Stony Brook Preserve and Terhune Orchards



Private Foundation Funding Creates DRAKES CORNER ROAD PRESERVE

Cherry Valley Greenway
Princeton Township

- ✦ New 13-acre nature preserve consisting of woodlands and wetlands
- ✦ Dedicated to passive recreation, hiking, bird watching and nature study
- ✦ Nearby Princeton's Woodfield Preserve
- ✦ Contributes to a regional trail network extending from Princeton Township into Hopewell and Lawrence Townships
- ✦ Managed and held in partnership with Friends of Princeton Open Space



Hopewell Township Resident Saves Her Land from Development CEDAR RIDGE CONSERVATION EASEMENT *Sourland Mountain Greenway* Hopewell Township

- ✦ Conservation easement provided necessary income while allowing landowner and her family to continue to live on and farm their land
- ✦ Combined total of 31 acres of woodlands and fields preserved in two separate transactions
- ✦ Adjacent to D&R Greenway's Cedar Ridge Preserve in Hopewell, extends preserve to 112 acres



Model Public/Private Partnership Establishes HAMILTON-TRENTON-BORDENTOWN MARSH

NATURE AND INTERPRETIVE CENTER
*Delaware River, Blacks Creek and
Crosswicks Creek Greenways*
Hamilton Township

- ✦ A 1.3 acre property adjacent to Mercer County's 400-acre John A. Roebling Park in the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh
- ✦ Acquisition funding provided by Mercer County and the NJDEP Green Acres Program, in partnership with D&R Greenway
- ✦ Totaling 1,250 acres of wetland, the Marsh provides diverse habitats supporting more than 1,200 species of plants and animal life
- ✦ The new Center is designed to enhance the experience of everyone who visits the Marsh, making its natural treasures accessible to all



How does your Garden Grow?

House Plant Workshop- January 25, 2006 at 9:30 AM and January 26, 2006 at 7:30 PM
With Clare minick and Barbara Mullin

	Watering Needs	Likes misting	Long Bloomer	Easy to propagate
<u>African Violets</u>	weekly		♥	leaf cuttings
<u>Aloes</u>	twice monthly			baby plantlets
<u>Anthuriums</u>	Keep moist	♥	♥	
<u>Bougainvillea</u>	Keep moist	♥		
<u>Bromeliads</u>	keep cup filled		♥	
<u>Crotons</u>	keep moist	♥		
<u>Cacti- all kinds -Agave</u>	twice monthly			
<u>Christmas Cactus</u>	drench/allow to dry	♥	4 months	cuttings
<u>Cyclamen</u>	from side or bottom		♥	
<u>Dieffenbachia</u>	keep moist	♥		stem cuttings
<u>Dracaena</u>	keep moist	♥		
<u>Euphorbias- Poinsettias-</u>	keep moist		♥	
<u>Crown of Thorns</u>	keep moist		♥	
<u>Geraniums- Pellargonium</u>	somewhat dry		♥	
<u>Haworthia</u>	twice monthly			baby plantlets
<u>Hedera- IVY</u>	moderate			stem cuttings
<u>Hibiscus-Tropical</u>	heavy water	♥	♥	
<u>Hoya-</u>	moderate			stem cuttings
<u>Hypoestes- Polka-dot plant</u>	moderate			seed
<u>Kalanchoe-Calandiva</u>	moderate			stem cuttings
<u>Peperomia</u>	moderate			stem cuttings
<u>Philodendron</u>	moderate			stem cuttings
<u>Pothos</u>	moderate			stem cuttings
<u>Sansevieria- Snake Plant</u>	twice monthly			baby plantlets
<u>Spathiphyllum</u>	moist but not wet	♥	♥	division
<u>Syngonium</u>	keep moist			stem cuttings
<u>Staghorn Fern</u>	heavy water	♥		
<u>Setcreasea- Purple Heart</u>	moderate			stem cuttings
<u>Schefflera</u>	moderate	♥		
<u>Song of India</u>	keep moist	♥		baby plantlets
<u>Spider Plant</u>	heavy drinker			hanging babies

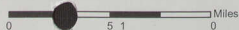
Explore Our Greenways

This map shows D&R Greenway Land Trust's vision for central New Jersey - 13 interconnected greenways created and extended by the preservation of contiguous open space and environmentally significant lands. The red stars on the map show the locations of the properties showcased on the reverse - lands where you can experience the beauty of the natural world practically in your own back yard.



For more information on hiking trails in central New Jersey, please visit www.drgreenway.org and click on the trails link or visit www.njtrails.org.

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| County Boundaries | D&R Greenway Lands Preserved or Facilitated |
| Municipal Boundaries | Other Preserved Open Space |
| Primary Greenways | Preserved Farmland |
| New Greenway Initiatives | Rivers |





The first State Green Acres Program non-profit acquisition, **McBurney Woods** (179 acres) has been expanded through the protection of adjacent lands to form the Northern Stony Brook Preserve, over 720 acres in the heart of the Sourlands.



On its way from McBurney Woods, the Stony Brook winds through the **Cedar Ridge Preserve**, 81 acres of grasslands and woods with multiple trail loops. The area supports important migratory bird habitat.



589 acres of woods, fields, and swamps, the **Institute Lands** are well known as a birding area and a great place to walk. Adjoining the Princeton Battlefield, these lands also help preserve the township's history and agricultural heritage.



The **Bordentown Bluffs**, 120 preserved acres adjacent to the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh provide beautiful views while buffering the plant, bird and wildlife habitat of the area. (To visit, call D&R Greenway for an appointment.)

January 26, 2006- Tea Table for Rake & Hoe House Plant Workshop







National Garden Clubs, Inc.

**The Rake & Hoe Garden Club of
Westfield**

Has Made A Contribution To The

Penny Pines Program

Kitty Parkin

National Garden Clubs, Inc. President

February 2006

2-8-06

Rake & Hoe General Meeting- Centerpiece and Refreshments













March 8, 2006-Rake & Hoe Meeting- Centerpiece by
Sally Kerins







April 12, 2006-Rake & Hoe Regular Meeting
Centerpiece by Alice Cowell



April 12, 2006-Rake & Hoe Regular Meeting
Centerpiece by Alice Cowell/ Refreshments

April 12, 2006- Judy Kampe



Barbara Muller



Dried Flowers in a Tea related container



April 12, 2006-Judy Kampe Trophy
And The Winner is? Marilyn Straight

April 12, 2006- Judy Kampe



Lane Gross

Suea Fried



Ina May



Alice Lovell



MEMORIES of Judy Kampe

The Westfield Leader,



FLOWER SHOW... Mrs. Jane Gross and Mrs. Judith Kampe exhibit the flowers they will speak about during Tuesday's meeting of the Westfield College Woman's Club.



Judy Kampe and Dorothy McFarlan
CWC "Flowers Forever" Tues. 3.3.92

Westfield College Woman's Club member, Mrs. Jane Gross, will trace the history of the art of drying flowers, when she presents "Flowers Forever" at the general meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, in the Fellowship Room of the First United Methodist Church at 1 East Broad Street.

The history spans a period of time from the ancient Egyptians until the present day. She also will show pictures of flowers from the Butchart Gardens in Victoria, British Columbia, as examples of kinds of flowers that can be grown especially for preserving by drying and that can be grown in Westfield. Mrs. Gross will exhibit her collection of local wild-flowers as well.

Mrs. Judith Kampe also will display pictures of flowers grown in Westfield for making creative dried-flower arrangements and wreaths, including specimens of artemisia, cockscombs and honesty.

Notepaper, bookmarks and place cards illustrating how pressed flowers may be used to crease small and lovely designs for gifts will be displayed.

Rake And Hoe Juniors Learn And Show

WESTFIELD—The Juniors of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield were very successful winners of blue, red and yellow ribbons at the State Flower Show, "A Floral Odyssey" in February. Ten members competed with floral designs, horticulture and artistic crafts against other garden clubs and schools across the state.

They began preparing for the show back in December when they created their succulent dish gardens with John Bowman in a workshop at Home Depot. Kay Cross, Master Judge and florist assisted the girls in a design techniques workshop to prepare them for creating the fresh floral designs which were entered. Alice Cowell, Juniors leader, provided another workshop where the girls were inspired to make fairy houses and kaleidoscope floral mosaics. All the work paid off. Many of the girls came away with blue ribbons, first in their classes, and some even with the coveted Youth Award, best out of several classes.

Not resting on their laurels, the girls were back to work learning about soil and water conservation at Trailside Nature and Science Center on March 30. It was a beautiful day to learn about how soil was made and how it can be eroded by the forces of nature. Trailside is a wonderful source for education as sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Free-



BUDDING GARDENERS—The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield Juniors pose with the ribbons they won at the State Flower Show in February. Eight of the 10 girls participating are pictured with some of the fairy houses, dish gardens and flower mosaics which were entered.

holders. Located on New Providence Road in Mountainside, Trailside provides group programs for ages 3 and up, for scout requirements and even for birthday parties.

Programs include subjects on animals, geology, ecology, conservation, plants, Native Americans, knot tying and maple sugaring. There's something for everyone. The facility is located on a 2,000 acre preserve containing three ponds with over 13 miles of color-coded hiking trails.

Currently, the Visitor Center is under construction but the museum and its shop plus the

planetarium are open to the public. For program reservations, call (908)789-3670 at least two weeks in advance.

The Juniors of Rake and Hoe not only have a great time learning about gardening and flower design, but they are responsible to learn about conservation and to provide help to their community. They have cleaned up and planted at the Shadowlawn and Miller-Cory gardens in town and provided floral designs for Mobile Meals and a senior's home in town.

If interested in joining the Juniors next fall, call Alice Cowell at (908) 518-1602.



THE RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD member, Maryann Pietruszki, presented a circus of finger puppets for all the children at the Jardine Academy of the Cerebral Palsy League to Principal Laura Del Duca and Social Worker Ana Antonucci. Club members created the 80 puppet clowns, lions, giraffes and bears for the children. The circus tent and wagon backdrop provides a visual display for the kids and a book about the circus provides entertainment for all to enjoy.







April 29, 2006- Montclair Petite Flower Show





April 29, 2006- Montclair Petite Flower Show
Planter by Florence Leyssene





May 10, 2006- Rake & Hoe General Meeting- Centerpiece-Jill Sitzer





May 11, 2006- Short Hills Flower Show (1 judged) Blue & Red





May 11, 2006- Short Hills Flower Show- Blue & Top Award



May 11, 2006- Short Hills Flower Show



*Use the mechanics
from the fall conference
to display
at Garden Tour*

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Rake and Hoe Secret Garden Tour

Welcome to the Secret Garden Tour. We invite you to explore five beautiful gardens. While each garden is unique, there is one similar element, the gardener. Each gardener shares a passion for gardening that is evident throughout the tour. We encourage everyone to visit the gardens in order, so that each gardener can be there to answer any questions that you may have. After our tour, we will end our day with lunch at Gayle Lechner's house.

1. **Maryann Pietruszki**
314 Washington St.
Westfield
2. **Inge Bossert**
104 Forest Rd.
Fanwood
3. **Helen Pasterczyk**
126 Stanmore Place
Westfield
4. **Beth Hanscom**
740 East Broad St.
Westfield
5. **Florence Gramignano-Chermak**
842 Winyah Ave.
Westfield
6. **Luncheon at Gayle Lechner's**
941 Kimball Ave.
Westfield

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The Hanscom Garden

Our garden is, to put it mildly, a work in progress. We have been trying to get more sun in order to be able to grow more kinds of plants. This has necessitated lots of cutting and trimming and moving of plants. We also have undertaken to reclaim our yard from the woods that have been encroaching on it for years. This has necessitated the placement of lots of sod as grass seed would have been eaten by all our woodland creatures. These creatures are many - about four deer often are in the woody part of the yard, a family of raccoon's lives in the tulip tree over the driveway, many chipmunks are nibbling the new tree tips and the new bamboo (I think some of them are currently trying to live under the house). Need we speak of the multitude of rabbits and squirrels and the condominium complex that houses a bevy of groundhogs? The fox, the skunks, the possums and the turkey have not been seen in awhile. However, the ducks were here and swimming just three days ago. We have always had a bamboo forest at the back of the property, but three years ago 48 more bamboo plants were planted on the side in order to eventually provide us with more privacy. In the same line with the new bamboo, lots of new evergreens have been planted in order to give us four season greenery. The back garden with the railroad ties (real ones - now rotting) was first a vegetable garden that became a shade garden - now it is a hodge podge experimental and leftover garden. The focus of the yard tends to be the pond which started out as a much larger and deeper natural vernal pool. Because of this, we have tried to put interesting plantings around it. Lastly, as you have probably noticed on the way in, there is something wrong with our front yard. The plantings to the right of the front door, the newly (2 days) planted planters, the columns on the front of the house, the mail box and part of the front steps were wiped out at approximately 2:40 a.m. Sunday May 21. This was done by a 17 year old drunk driver with a little help from the towing company on the way out. [Fortunately, she did not even suffer a scratch, though her brand new car is probably totaled]. We are planning on putting in replacement rhododendron, azaleas, hollies, and other appropriate plant materials - just not enough time to get it done for you.

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Maryann Pietruszki's Secret Garden

What began as a bramble of raspberries has become my little piece of paradise. My love of flowers, despite not having had formal training in garden design is what drives me. I guess you can say that trial and error is my method of gardening since plants always seem to be moved around a few times until they find the right spot.

Over time, the garden had expanded thanks to divisions from the homes of friends and family, Mother's Day gifts, nursery purchases and of course, the plant exchange. The result is my version of a country garden, a place where I can relax and enjoy the contributions of many.

#5 THE GRAMIGNANO/CHERMAK GARDEN
842 WINYAH AVENUE, WESTFIELD

We started our garden when we first moved here in August of 2001. Prior to this, there was only some foundation plantings around the house and some perennials in the corner of the backyard. The large variety of plants in the garden reflects the fact that I am a bit of a 'collector'. Plants are grouped into beds based upon some loose themes involving genus, leaf color and texture, etc.

As you enter the garden from the right of the driveway, the fence and its mixed perennial border draw your eye around the yard. The fence is covered with climbing red roses. A yellow-flowering hazel in the middle along with some Mt. Laurels and a dwarf rhododendron anchor the border. The back border plantings also include delphiniums, hollyhock, boltania, helenium and Russian sage. The mid-border includes echinacea (many of the newer varieties), asters, penstemon, astilbe, centranthus, galliardia and foxglove. The front part of the border includes a variety of coreopsis, perennial snapdragon, asters, gaillardias, campanula, and dwarf iris. German and Japanese iris, lilies and daylilies are interspersed.

As you move further along, the plantings change to accommodate the partial shade created by the trees. The Japanese maple, 'Aureum', is the centerpiece of this side border. Hostas, lungworts, hellebores, ferns, kerengeshomas, and huecheras are the main plantings to the left and there are a variety of columbines and meadow rues to the right.

The plantings under the front windows are simple and purposefully low. The bed that catches your eye is the one under the Kousa Dogwood, which is planted with a variety of golden-leaved perennials. The hostas, ferns, irises, and Hakonechloa grasses all echo that rich shade of yellow/gold. The blue-green foliage of hosta 'Love Pat' acts as a foil with a collection of monkshood serving as a backdrop.

The lamppost area echoes the theme of the front border. It includes a mixed planting of helenium, coreopsis, iris, Russian sage, poppies, daylilies, echinacea, penstemon, campanula, etc. Toward mid-summer the beautiful flowers of the morning glory vine, Heavenly Blue, cover the lamppost.

As you move through the rose arbor you will notice a Martin house to your right surrounded by pots of tender perennial herbs. Lupine, lavender, pasque flowers, and delphinium co-mingle with a butterfly bush, dwarf Mt. Laurels (left) and a red, dinner-plate hibiscus (right). As you walk through the arbor, you will find a collection of herbs. They are loosely organized by their culinary, medicinal and/or dying uses. Interspersed among the herbs are irises, butterfly weed and many pots of tender herbs. A collection of creeping and upright thymes around the circular, 'clock-like', walkway pokes fun at the notion of 'time'.

In the back, the beds to the right are partial shade beds and planted accordingly. Under the boughs of the large evergreens there is a new shade garden planted with bleeding hearts, hostas, mayapple, trillium, jack-in-the-pulpits, masterworts, astilbe, ferns and cimicifuga. The sunnier part of the yard, to the left, is a mixed border with different varieties of the plants you've already encountered. The variegated shrub in the middle of the left bed is a Daphne 'Carol Mackie' and is covered with white, perfumed flowers in the spring.

As you exit the side of the garage, there is part-shade planting with 'tangutica-type' clematis growing on the cedar screen. The small border on the right as you exit the driveway is the home for things 'red' - red euphorbias, sedum, Husker's penstemons - as well as a few other things thrown in for good measure like other types of euphorbia, lilies, anemones, etc.

Rake & Hoe 'Secret' Garden Tour: Inge's Garden
May 2006

Welcome to my garden! As for most gardens, it is a work in progress.....The garden has evolved over a period of 11 years, from mostly lawn, a lot of azaleas, a lovely Chinese chestnut tree, several nice specimen hostas (that's how I caught the fever!), and a vegetable garden in back, to one with a wide diversity of plants. The ultimate goal is to create a perennial garden with 3-seasonal color and year-round interest that is wildlife-friendly, and also has a touch of whimsy.

As you walk up the driveway past the two flanking perennial beds, please take a peek at the miniature hosta collection by the steps (*H. venusta*, 'Masquerade', 'Mouse Ears', 'Tattoo', 'Popo', 'Lemon Frost', 'Pandora's Box', 'Little Sunspot', 'Little Aurora', 'Annabelle', 'Chartreuse Wiggles' and 'Treasure Island'). The Chinese chestnut, red oak, ash, and red dogwood give the front yard some nice shade that the many hostas enjoy – please walk around and notice the many sizes, shapes, color and texture of the different plants. Tucked away in this hosta haven are also a variety of ferns, astilbe, bleeding heart [*Dicentra eximia*], lily-of-the-valley [*Convallaria majalis*], and specimens of trillium, bloodroot [*Sanguinaria canadensis*], and Lenten rose [*Helleborus orientalis*].

Walking toward the back, you will pass a variety of shrubs, e.g. snowball viburnum, mock orange [*Philadelphus* sp.], smoke bush (just planted; *Cotinus* 'Royal Purple'), and lilac [*Syringae* sp.]; also an interesting assortment of ferns, including Japanese painted fern [*Athyrium naponicum pictum*], Alaskan shield fern [*Polystichum setiferum*] and interrupted fern, *Osmunda claytoniana* (notice the shriveled up midsection of the fronds – these are part of the fern's sexual cycle). A little further are lungwort [*Pulmonaria* sp.], Lenten rose [*Helleborus* sp.], and coral bells [*Heuchera* sp.], including (on the left) 'Stormy Seas', 'Chocolate' and 'Obsidian', and (on the right) 'Florist's Choice', 'Amber Waves', 'Crème Brûlée', 'Key Lime Pie', 'Stoplight' and 'Dales's Strain' (the silvery appearance on the latter is due to an accumulation of alum which the plant takes up from the soil).

Surrounding the patio is a variety of herbaceous peonies and one tree peony, collected from friends and family as well as the local nurseries. Nearby are also hydrangeas, [*Hydrangea* 'Endless Summer' and *Hy.* 'Tinkerbelle'], and a favorite of the birds, the native shadbush or serviceberry (there are 3 in the yard which the cardinals and mockingbirds are closely monitoring as the berries ripen!). On the side porch sits the potted 'herb garden' – a textural array in full sun and within easy reach of the kitchen. Clematis (*C. Jackmanii*) and climbing hydrangea [*Hy. petiolaris*] provide shade and privacy on either side of the porch.

The back garden bed by the house comprises a very shady and moist environment – ideal for the swamp azalea [*Rhododendron* sp.], sweet woodruff [*Galium odoratum*], wintergreen [*Gaultheria* sp.], and hosta [*H. sieboldiana* 'Elegans', *H.* 'Earth Angel']. In this type of environment, one can also find some modern ancestors of very primitive plants, e.g. horsetails [*Equisetum hyemale*] and club moss fern [*Selaginella* sp.], and if

you look closely, to the left of the steps are tiny moss-like liverworts (*Marchantia polymorpha*).

The perimeter gardens consist almost exclusively of perennials, and endeavor to achieve color and texture throughout the growing season. Whereas the original intent was to create an English garden, the end result is a bit less constrained, and according to a recent article in one of the gardening magazines, this style of gardening is referred to as a "German garden" – how appropriate! Some of the plants here, such as the Siberian and Japanese irises, came with the house but most plants that fill the serpentine borders have been added over the years – some from fellow Rake & Hoe'rs and the plant exchange.

Starting from the far side of the yard by the arbor vitae hedge, a partial list of the plants currently (or about to be) in bloom include forget-me-not [*Myosotis sylvatica*], iris, rhododendron, bleeding heart & Dutchman's breeches [*Dicentra eximia*, *D. spectabilis*, *D. cucullaria*], foxglove [*Digitalis* sp.], masterwort [*Astrantia major* 'Buckland'], windflower (*Anemone* sp.), valerian, coral bells [*Heuchera americana*; *H.* 'Green Spice'], wild carnation [*Dianthus caryophyllus*], astilbe [*Astilbe thunbergii* 'Straussenfeder'; *Astilbe* sp.], flowering onions [e.g. *Allium schoenoprasum*, *Al. hollandicum* 'Purple Sensation', *Al.* 'Globemaster', *Al.* 'Gladiator', *Al.* 'Mt. Everest', *Al.* Schubertii, *Al.* flavum], coreopsis [*Coreopsis* sp.; *C.* 'Moonbeam'], beard tongue [*Penstemon* sp.], more peonies [*Paeonia* sp.], poppies [*Papaver* sp.], evening primrose [*Oenothera speciosa*], geum, foxtail lilies [*Eremus* sp.], many types of Asiatic lilies [*Lilium* sp.], bluestar [*Amsonia hubrechtii*; *Am. ciliata*], blue-eyed grass [*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*], perennial flax [*Linum perenne*], wild strawberry [*Fragaria vesca*], pinks [*Dianthus* sp.], perennial glads [*Gladiolus communis*], salvia (*Salvia nemerosa* 'Caradona' and 'Mainacht'), feverfew [*Tanacetum* sp.], more Siberian and bearded iris, day lilies [*Heimerocallis* sp.].

For textural interest there are hostas [*H.* 'Paul's Glory', 'Aureomarginata', 'Barbara's No. 1'], lungwort [*Pulmonaria* 'Mrs. Moon'], snakeroot [*Cimicifuga* sp.], Rodgersia, wormwood [*Artemisia absinthium*], lamb's ears [*Stachys byzantina*], blue fescue [*Festuca glauca* 'Elijah Blue'], bronze fennel [*Foeniculum vulgare*], asparagus [*Asparagus officinalis*] and rhubarb [*Rheum emodii*].

Later bloomers in these side beds include coneflower [*Echinacea* sp.], catmint [*Nepeta* sp.], gayfeather [*Liatris spicata*], globe thistle [*Echinops* sp.], ox-eye daisy [*Heliopsis helianthoides* 'Loraine Sunshine'], a variety of *Rudbeckia*, (including *R. maxima*, a very unusual and not often seen species), daisies (Margarete [*Chrysanthemum* sp.], Shasta [*Leucanathemum* sp.], and Montauk), butterfly weed [*Asclepias incarnata*; *As. tuberosa*], phlox, sneezeweed [*Helenium* sp.], golden rod [*Solidago canadensis*], and more! lilies.

Shrubs interspersed in this side garden include Japanese laurel [*Aucuba* sp.], butterfly bush [*Buddleia* sp.], shadbush [*Amelanchier canadensis*], star magnolia [*Magnolia stellata*], blueberry [*Vaccinium* sp.], red currant [*Ribes rubrum*], and an ailing Harry Lauder's walking stick [*Corylus avellana* 'Contorta']; a peach and apricot tree blend in at the hedge.

Continuing in a clockwise direction around the garden, in the back corner you enter a little “garden room” with table and chairs in a woodland setting – “construction” is in progress to create a quiet and private retreat. Along the back are hollies [*Ilex* sp.], dogwood [*Cornus americanus*], rhododendrons and azaleas [*Rhododendron* sp.] struggling in a sea of ostrich fern [*Matteuccia struthiopteris*]; also hydrangea, daylilies, astilbe, salvia [*Salvia argentea*, *S. nemorosa* ‘Ostfriesland’], rudbeckia [*R. nitida*], a floribunda rose, and more! hostas (note the smashed iris and broken bottom leaves of the *Hosta* ‘Elegans’ to the right of the shed – courtesy of my cat who has made himself a nice bed to lie in as he closely monitors the comings and goings by the chipmunk hole – so far the chipmunk is winning!).

If you peek behind the azaleas in the back under the large Canadian hemlock [*Tsuga canadensis*], you will find the beginnings of another woodland garden “room” in this dry shade area -- with Christmas rose [*Helleborus niger*], mayapples [*Podophyllum peltatum*], epimedium, bugloss [*Brunnera* sp.], variegated Solomon’s seal [*Polygonatum multiflorum* ‘Variegatum’], and foxglove. Nearby are hydrangea (*Hy. quercifolia* and *Hy.* ‘Lady in Red’), holly, red twig dogwood and a sour cherry tree – another bird favorite. In front of the shrubs is a variety of partial shade-tolerant plants, including goatsbeard [*Aruncus dioicus*], Jacob’s Ladder [*Polemonium caeruleum*], daylilies, balloon flower [*Platycodon* sp.], rose campion [*Lychnis coronaria*], feverfew, foam flowers [*Tiarella* sp.], peony, Asiatic lilies, monkshood [*Aconitum* sp.], meadow rue [*Thalictrum* sp.], coneflower, iris (yellow flag, Siberian, bearded), white false indigo [*Baptisia lactata*], bee balm [*Monarda* sp.], and turtle head [*Chelone lyonii*].

In the middle garden surrounding the river birch [*Betula nigra*] is a feeble attempt at growing hybrid teas in partial shade (the shading hickory was much smaller when the roses were planted, then in full sun!). Also present are bearded iris and feverfew (always a good filler with pretty little white mum-like blooms that are welcome during a lull in garden bloom – although it self-seeds freely, it is easy to pull where not wanted).

Thanks for your visit – please stop by again to see how the garden’s color palette and temperament changes over the season!

Rustic Woodland Sanctuary

Our garden has many characteristics, but the name which comes to mind most often is a 'Symphony in Green', a tapestry woven throughout with a many-textured collection of plants, complementing one another in various shades and shapes of green, to produce an elegant, harmonious green landscape.

Gardens have many phases, through many generations of gardeners. Our first entry into this rustic garden 42 years ago presented us with a simple palette of spreading yew bushes, 100+ year old oak trees, as well as maple, ash, hickory, hemlock and dogwood trees, forming a green canopy which shaded the whole rear garden, and part of the front garden throughout most of the year.

In the rear garden very old red azaleas (30+ yrs), pachysandra, several mountain laurels, and a precious collection of interrupted ferns enclosed a struggling, sun-starved expanse of shallow-rooted grass. At mid-garden's lowest spot, heavy rainfall each spring and fall created a small pond, drowning the grass. In the sunny front yard garden there were several century-old oak trees, a scrubby apple blossom tree and an imposing but fading hemlock, as well as aged spreading yew bushes and Boston Ivy which covered an elevated front patio leading to the front door.

Change and growth of the garden occurred slowly during the years from 1964 to 1995. While children played, went to school and went off to college, garden renovation was slow and the main events included removal of dead oak trees, aged yews, unsightly apple blossom and hemlock trees. The front garden began to emerge in 1970, colored with daffodils and Red Emperor tulips which still bloom to this day, thanks to yearly liberal applications of bone meal. More color was added to the palette with lavender in 1995 and roses in 1998, and in the years since by culinary herbs, rosemary, oregano, tarragon, thyme and sage. Expansion of the spring bulb collection and plantings of spring and summer-blooming perennials and annuals ensured a staggered schedule of blooms until October frosts.

Through trial and error, we learned that the front garden with 5-7 hours of serious sunlight, would be our only chance to have a flower cutting garden. During the summer months our son, John, named this garden the 'Equator' simply because the temperature difference between the front and rear gardens on a brutally hot 95° day could be as much as 15°. One had only to step up the driveway toward the garden behind the house to escape the relentless summer heat and find a cool oasis of dappled shade.

I came to shade-gardening reluctantly, trying to grow sun-loving plants in the shade, but finding that bright, beautiful annuals would always fail. And so began to emerge our 'symphony in green'. Aged yews were removed and tall trees were trimmed, thereby allowing a little more precious sunlight to reach the 'forest' floor. Spring-blooming azaleas in red, white, pink, purple and salmon brightened the forest in May, and Lily of the Valley lightened up the dark corners, but when their blooms faded, there were only pachysandra, grass and some stately Interrupted Ferns to attract your gaze. In the 1980's I planted some basic Hosta, dark green, as well some paler green with white centers.

And then around 1998 came the realization that 'Green' was beautiful, and color in the rear landscape came about by the staggered blooming schedule of shade-loving Toad lilies, Trout lilies, Variegated Solomon's Seal, Christmas, Japanese Painted and Woodland ferns and at least 25 different Hostas, in shades ranging from deep green to bright chartreuse, and in sizes from tiny as in 'So Sweet' to the 60 inch expanse of 'Sum and Substance'. Hosta blooms succeeded one another from June to September in spikes of lavender, purple, and the heavenly fragrant white of 'Fragrant Bouquet' and 'Fried Bananas', to name a few. To walk in the shaded garden on a steamy summer day is akin to resting in a tropical garden. Spring, summer and fall downpours have created a permanent river bed which I have chosen to accommodate. Much like 'A River Runs Through It', the small stream periodically flows behind our garage, along 'banks' planted with sedge, ajuga and woodland fern. A hidden path, mid-garden leads to a quiet oasis for reading, dining and bird-watching, where songbirds, bumblebees, butterflies and an occasional hummingbird visit the thickets, feeders and bright red impatiens hidden in shady spots.

Gardens are never completely finished, nor are gardeners, but are instead works in progress. Our shade garden this year prepares to experience yet another change, as the October 2005 heavy rains caused the falling and removal, in a neighbor's yard, of 5 overshadowing trees to the south and west of the garden, creating a sunny mid-day expanse where before there was only shade. And so the transformation continues, a Garden in Process.

Hosta

Aphrodite
 August Moon
 Aurea marginata
 Chionea
 Elvis Lives
 Emerald Eyes
 Flame
 Fragrant Bouquet
 Fried Bananas
 Gold Standard
 Golden Empress
 Great Expectations
 Halcyon
 Hoosier Harmony
 Island Charm
 June
 Lucy Vittols
 Patriot
 Regal Splendor
 Sieboldeana Elegans
 So Sweet
 Stained Glass
 Sum & Substance
 Summer Breeze
 Tokudama
 Whirlwind
 Wide Brim

Grasses

Carex Oshimensis-gold
 Golden Forest Grass
 Sedge
 Mondo 'Ebony Knight'
 Ribbon grass
 Silver Pampas grass

Ivy

Amber Waves
 Bird's Foot
 Boston
 Variegated 'Bird's Foot'

Ferns

Autumn Fern
 Christmas Fern
 Interrupted Fern
 Japanese Painted Fern
 Northern Maidenhair
 Ostrich Fern
 Sensitive Bead Fern
 Sensitive Bead Fern
 Woodland Fern

Trees and Shrubs

Andromeda
 Aucuba japonica
 Aucuba variegata
 Azalea
 Cornus alba-'Ivory Halo'
 Crape myrtle
 Deutzia
 English boxwood
 Euonymus 'goldspot'
 Forsythia
 Hydrangea 'Lacecap'
 Hydrangea - climbing
 Itea vir.-Henry's Garnet
 Kousa Dogwood
 Leucothoe
 Leucothoe 'Rainbow'
 Manhattan Euonymus
 Mock Orange
 Mountain Laurel
 Nandina domestica
 PJM Rhododendron
 Prunus-cherry laurel
 Purple leaf Sand Cherry
 Skimmia japonica
 Spiraea thunbergii
 Variegated Aucuba
 Viburnum (baby)
 Wiegelia variegata

Peony

Festiva Maxima
 Sarah Bernhardt

Herbs

Balsam Mint
 Chive
 Garlic Chive
 Ginger Mint
 Gr. Oregano
 Lemon Thyme
 Mother of thyme
 Rosemary
 Sage
 Tarragon
 Thyme-wooly

Bearded Iris

Beverly Sills
 Blaze On
 Immortality
 Rhein Nixie
 -also lavender,
 dusty purple &
 yellow

Day Lilies

Alta
 Barbara Mitchell
 Chicago Sunrise
 Crystal Palace
 Daveo Holman
 Ethel Smith
 Hyperion
 Ice Princess
 Indian Giver
 Red Rim
 Summer Reflection
 Uri Winneford

Oriental Lily

Tiger Lily
 Star Gazer

Bulbs, Corms, Tubers

Allium 'drumstick'
 Allium giganteum
 Allium spheroncephalon
 Camassia 'Blue Melody'
 Crocosmia 'Montbretia'
 Crocus
 Fritillaria meleagris
 Fritillaria persica
 Grape hyacinth-fringed,
 blue & white
 Lily of the valley
 Solomon's seal variegata
 Trout lily
 Trycirtis 'sinonome'
 Trycirtis hirta 'tojen'
 Trycirtis hirta 'variegata'
 Trycirtis japonica
 Tulips
 Windflower
 Wood hyacinths

Groundcover

Ajuga-Burgundy glow
 Ajuga-Caitlin's Giant
 Aubretia
 Bishop's weed
 Boxwood-creeping, var.
 Epimedium
 European Ginger
 Hardy cyclamen
 Houttuynia 'Chameleon'
 Lamium-deadnettle
 Liriope
 Liriope variegata
 Lysimachia golden
 Phlox-blue woodland
 Phlox-pink woodland
 Thyme-creeping lemon
 Thyme-wooly
 Vinca minor

Rustic Woodland Plants

Perennials

Anemone 'Honorine Jobert'
Anemone 'Queen Charlotte'
Artemesia 'Silver Queen'
Artemesia Variegata
Aruncus dioicus-goatsbeard
Astilbe
Brunnera macrophylla
Chelone-turtlehead
Cimifuga racemosa-bugbane
Echinacea
Filipendula vulgare
Foxglove
Hellebore-Christmas Rose
Hellebore-Lenten Rose
Heuchera
Heucherella
Honeysuckle
Lavender 'Hidcote'
Lupine
Penstemon
Phlox
Physostegia-Obedient Plant
Primrose
Primrose japonica
Pulmonaria
Rudbeckia
St. John's Wort
Stachys - Lamb's ears
Veronica 'Red Fox'
Veronica repens
Wandflower
Wandflower variegata
Yucca Variegata

Clematis

Nelly Moser
Viticella Julia Correvon

Roses

Artistry
Benjamin Britten
Carefree Wonder
Chicago Peace
Don Juan
Evelyn
Fragrant Cloud
Garden Party
Graham Thomas
Heritage
Just Joey
Knockout
Medallion
Pat Austin
Queen Elizabeth
R.D. Braithwaite
Rio Samba
Royal Wedding
Sheer Bliss
Sunset Celebration
Taboo
Tamor
Timeless
Touch of Class
Tropicana
Typhoo Tee



May 25, 2006- Secret Garden Toru- Maryann Peitruszki's

Alliums at Inge Bossert's



May 25, 2006- Rake & Hoe Secret Garden Tour



May 25, 2005- Secret Garden Tour
Inge Bossert's



May 25, 2005- Secret Garden Tour
Inge Bossert's



May 25, 2006- R & H Secret Garden Tour-Helen Pasterczyk's





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Spring Migration Arrival Dates



Yellow Warbler



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During spring migration, birds flock through the Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary. The following chart provides a time frame during which migrating birds are likely to be seen.

Bolded dates indicate when the first members of each species are expected to arrive. Species most depended on insects for food tend to arrive later in the spring.

- * Breeds regularly at SHWS
- ℞ Rare migrant at SHWS
- † Seen overhead

Please check recent sightings and report any interesting sightings to the front desk.

Feb 22 - Mar 10	
* American Robin	
* Red-winged Blackbird	
* Common Grackle	
Fox Sparrow	
Mar 10 - 20	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	
* Eastern Phoebe	
* Brown-headed Cowbird	
* Belted Kingfisher	
* Wood Duck	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	
* Cooper's Hawk	
Red-shouldered Hawk	
Mar 20 - 30	
Pine Warbler	
* Field Sparrow	
* Tree Swallow	
American Woodcock	
Mar 20 - Apr 10	
* Louisiana Waterthrush	
Winter Wren	
Hermit Thrush	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	
* Eastern Towhee	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	
Brown Creeper	
Palm Warbler	
† Common Loon	
† Snow Goose	
Apr 10 - 20	
Broad-winged Hawk	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	
* Yellow Warbler	
Black-and-white Warbler	
Blue-headed Vireo	
* Chipping Sparrow	
* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	
Apr 20 - 30	
Barn Swallow	
Rough-winged Swallow	
* House Wren	
* Ovenbird	

Apr 20 - 30 (cont.)	
* Blue-winged Warbler	
* Gray Catbird	
* Wood Thrush	
* Common Yellowthroat	
Northern Waterthrush	
Prairie Warbler	
Blk-throated Gm Warbler	
Northern Parula	
Green Heron	
White-eyed Vireo	
* Ruby-thrt Hummingbird	
May 1 - 5	
* Hooded Warbler	
* Veery	
* Scarlet Tanager	
* Northern Oriole	
* Rose-breasted Grosbeak	
* Chestnut-sided Warbler	
* American Redstart	
Blk-throated Blue Warbler	
* Worm-eating Warbler	
Nashville Warbler	
Blackburnian Warbler	
Magnolia Warbler	
White-crowned Sparrow	
* Eastern Kingbird	
* Red-eyed Vireo	
* Yellow-throated Vireo	
* Indigo Bunting	
May 5 - 15	
Canada Warbler	
Cape May Warbler	
Tennessee Warbler	
Wilson's Warbler	
* Eastern Wood Peewee	
Blackpoll Warbler	
Bay-breasted Warbler	
Kentucky Warbler	
Swainson's Thrush	
℞ Gray-cheeked Thrush	
May 15 - 25	
℞ Olive-sided Flycatcher	
℞ Mourning Warbler	
℞ Lincoln's Sparrow	
℞ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	
Black-billed Cuckoo	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
Willow Flycatcher	

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June 5, 2006- Bpard meeting at Pam Kolb's
Flowers by Christoffers Florist



June 14, 2006- R & H Luncheon- State Awards received



Program was "recognize the childhood photo contest"



June 14, 2006- R & H Luncheon- President Pam Kolb



One of several centerpieces



June 14, 2006- Agnes Eggimann award to Erica Fried





June 14, 2006- Rake & Hoe Awards Luncheon
Margaret Sailer and Jeanne Monaghan Life Members





June 14, 2006- Rake & Hoe Awards Received from state



Diana receiving two



June 14, 2006- Rake & Hoe Awards Received from state



Gayle Lechner receiving two of three



June 14, 2006- Rake & Hoe Awards Received from state
Marylyn Straight receiving Judy Kampe award



Gayle Lechner receiving another one



June 14, 2006- R & H Luncheon- State Awards received- Kay Cross for flower show schedule



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