RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB of WESTFIELD NJ

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September 12, 2007- Rake & Hoe Auction Meeting Alica Cowell Auctioneer



September 16, 2007 Rake & Hoe Refreshment Table



Septemebr 12, 2007- Rake & Hoe Auction Auctioneer Alice Cowell and Auction Table







September 12, 2007 Rake & Hoe Meeting Plant Sunshine Committee Letty Hudak & Kay Cross with President Nancy Smith

September 12, 2007- Rake & Hoe Auction Meeting Centerpiece by Barbara Mullin and Arrangement- both were sold





October 9, 2007 Rake & Hoe Plant Exchange
At Fran Brader's- Helen Pasterczyk, Marylyn Straight & Carole Smillie-Fran's miniature Fairy Garden





AFAIR HOME & GOAF

Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield

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



Planting sunshine

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

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

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

Rake and Hoe Garden Club currently supports

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



























October 10, 2007- Rake & Hoe Regular Meeting
Kay Cross demonstrating apparel for work on Railroad Beds-Spreading Sunshile



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Novemebr 13, 2007- Rake & Hoe Design Workshop Parallel Design-







Helen Pasterczak

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with Westfield GC- Design Program By Brenda Bingham



On Nov. 14 the Garden Club of Westfield and Rake and Hoe Garden Club met in joint session at the Westfield Y. The speaker was Brenda Bingham who presented a design program that emphasized the principles and elements of design as outlined in the new Handbook for Flower Shows. Bingham is a Master Gardener, a National Garden Club Master Judge, member of the Garden Club of Montclair, charter member of National Flower Arrangers and Creative Flower Arrangers of the Americas, served as Garden Club of New Jersey Symposium Chairman and Second Vice-President. A winner of numerous local, state and national awards, her designs have appeared in the prestigious National Garden Club publication "Visions of Beauty." She was the first woman president of the Montclair Art Museum where she chaired the Art in Bloom gala. Pictured above from left are Jennie Williams, Sally Smeretsky, Brenda Bingham and Nancy Brandt.

November 14, 2007 Rake & Hoe General meeting with Westfield GC- Design Program By Brenda Bingham

















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December 12, 2007- Rake & Hoe Meeting Program: Caring for Holiday Plants by Pat Bowers





December 2007- Flower Service at Lyons Veteran's Hospital







January 3, 2008- R&H Members at NY Botanical gardens Replicas of New York Buildings in all natural materials + Trains





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January 9, 2008 Nancy Wallace Trophy Competition Pot et Fleur using 2 herbs: and the winner is KAY CROSS



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January 9, 2008-Program: Cooking with Herb
With Chef Charles Fredericks of Echo Lake Country Club







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January 9, 2008- General Meeting
Diana Kazazis and Barbara Mullin recognized for achieving Accredited Judge Status





February 4, 2008- Board Meeting at Maryann Pietruszki's





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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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State Show

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April 9, 2008 Judy Kampe competition-Winner-Colleen Schmidt















April 9, 2008 Judy Kampe competition-













































Rake & Hoe workers at Miller Cory On April 17, 2008





At Library











May 29, 2008

Rake and Hoe Secret Garden Tour

Welcome to the Secret Garden Tour. We invite you to explore four 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 Bobbie Greeco's house.

- 1. Mary Kent 857 Winyah Avenue Westfield, NJ
- 2. Mary Shea 1551 Martine Avenue Scotch Plains, NJ
- 3. Helen M. Luecke 831 Nancy Way Westfield, NJ
- 4. Bobbie Grecco 781 Norgate Westfield, NJ

MARY KENT'S GARDEN

857 Winyah Avenue Westfield, NJ

I have been gardening here for 30 years and cannot believe how the yard has changed in that span of time. From a backyard which was mostly rock and oak trees (a lawn was impossible because of the shade), it became an almost full sun situation. The loss of a giant oak a few years ago due to hurricane rain and winds clinched the deal. I am now trying to provide shade for the Hydrangeas that previously languished in the shade. Heptacodium was my choice. Why do trees grow so slowly ?!!?

The emphasis is on spring and fall blooming bulbs, perennials and shrubs with a few reliable annuals (particularly ones that reseeded). I am sorry if there are not more plants in bloom while you are here. Most of the bulbs are finished and leaving their half dead remains in every bed. Please overlook that unsightly debris!! Hopefully, with a bit of sun and warmth, some things will spring to life by Thursday.

This is definitely an informal, ever changing garden with an attempt to create two small woodland areas under the Hemlocks, a task easier said than done. Until last summer, I was spared from the ravages of the deer. We will see what this summer brings. If the deer return, all the daylilies and Hostas will have to go, to be replaced by Hellebores and other deer resistant plants. Hellebores are already prominent in a few beds both front and back.

I have now reached the age where I am "shrubbing in". Any garden is labor intensive. I refuse to stake, deadhead or prune to "maintain shape." I now look for plants requiring little maintenance. Natives are on the top of the list. Ten years from now, this may be a totally different landscape.

MARY SHEA'S GARDEN

1551 Martine Avenue Scotch Plains, NJ (Please park on Stony Brook Circle)

In the fall of 1992, Tom and I moved from our Westfield home which had an old established garden to our Scotch Plains home, which had a backyard with a fenced-in field. Our "new" home had been part of an old dairy farm years ago. When we purchased the property, there was a vegetable patch in the middle of the yard, a few shrubs (they all have new homes in my yard) along the back of the house, an old lovely Sycamore tree (still in the left corner) and a young Arborvitae hedge, which is now quite mature and makes the garden a bit enclosed.

All during the fall of 1992, I moved shrubs, bought some favorites—magnolia, few viburnum, fringe tree, chokeberry, crape myrtle, bayberry bushes and a smokebush. I spent many days deciding on the curves and paths to create little rooms within the yard. Hours were spent hauling some cow manure (heavy) from a barn across the street.

Many of my plants are from my Westfield garden – peonies, roses, irises, few roses, daisies, astilbe, day lilies, sedum and climbing hydrangea (from a cutting). Friends donated their surplus shrubs/plants that were truly tossed over the fence during the first year. One of my favorite trees (yellow cypress on the left rear) was a 1' plant that was thrown in a compost bin at the garden center.

I do add herbs in and around the perennials and also have a small herb garden along the driveway. The climbing hydrangea on the trellis in the back right side of the yard was planted to hide my compost pile which will never look neat but produces black gold for the garden.

Many of my annuals are started from seed (an addiction) so do come back in the summer when they are all putting on a show. Each season is a new experiment – so humbling!

HELEN M. LUECKE'S GARDEN

831 Nancy Way Westfield, NJ

My garden of memories and love. Many of the plants in my garden are plants that were given to me by people that I loved.

The green Hosta came from my grandmother's garden as did the orange Daylilies and purple spiderwort. My favorite aunt gave me the green and white Hosta from her garden as well as the Mock Orange shrub, yellow Evening Primrose and Rose of Sharon which I turned into a tree rather than a shrub. There is a blue Hosta that was given to me by my friend James. The perennial geranium was given to me by Alice Cowell. The St. John's Wort came from a field in Maine. The beige and burgundy Iris came from a man who adopted my son as his grandson. There is a white and purple Iris that came from Helen Pasterczyk.

Now there is Claudia's Garden which is in the center of the backyard. This is the garden of true love and caring. It was dug and replanted by the loving hands of the "Ladies who Dig," my Gardening Friends. My garden is special because all of the love that is in this beautiful green place.

BOBBIE GRECCO'S GARDEN 781 Norgate

Westfield, NJ

Planning and planting a garden is something that pleases our senses. Mine has been planned and planted many times. My favorite spot is a small corner filled with ferns and Hostas. What a great place to relax with coffee and dream of more changes to plan and plant.























May 29, 2008- Secret Garden Tour

Mary Shea's Garden







May 29, 2008- Secret Garden Tour

Helen Luecke's Garden and Claudia's Special Garden planted by R & H friends





May 29, 2008- Secret Garden Tour Bobbie Grecco's Garden





June 2, 2008 Rake & Hoe Board Meeting Nancy Smith, President receiving gift from Board members





June 2, 2008 Rake & Hoe Board Meeting at Nancy Smith's Cupcakes by Nancy-Centerpiece by Barbara Mullin





June 2, 2008 Rake & Hoe Board Meeting

Luncheon served by Inge Bossert & Beth Hanscomb





THE RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

ECHO LAKE COUNTRY CLUB JUNE 11, 2008

Call to Order and Welcome

Nancy Smith

Invocation

Maryann Pietruszki

Luncheon

Business Meeting

Minutes Treasurer's Report

Awards

GCNJ

Program

Barbara Mullin

Kay Cross

Nancy Smith

Adjournment

June 13, 2008- Rake & Hoe annual luncheon Members create Meals on wheels Designs



June 13, 2008- Rake & Hoe annual luncheon

Youth Activity for the year

Erica Fried and Diana Kazazis receive GCNJ award for top Flower Show School scores
Alice Cowell accept GCNJ award for Youth and Inge Bossert for our Handbook





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June 13, 2008- Rake & Hoe annual luncheon
Kay Cross awarded Nancy Wallace Trophy
New award The Kay Cross Award in Kay's Honor







June 13, 2008- Rake & Hoe annual luncheon Some of the centerpieces



June 13, 2008- Rake & Hoe annual luncheon

at Echo Lake country club- Sample designs for Oct. Flower show Tradition Design by Erica Fried and Creative Line design by Barbara Mullin





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