



RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB

YEAR: 2015

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May 4, 2015- R & h Board at Lee Perry's  
Lee with Gayle Lechner- co host



Lee Perry

Gayle Lechner



May 13, 2015- Rake & Hoe General meeting  
Centerpiece by Mary Lou Nolas- plus refreshments



May 13, 2015- Rake & Hoe General meeting  
Hostesses and refreshments



COLEEN  
SCHMIDT

JOAN BARRA

HOLLY SEABORN





May 13, 2015- Rake & Hoe General meeting  
Baking winner- Joan Barna



May 13, 2015- Rake & Hoe General meeting  
Karen Jolley-Gates Presiding/ Kris Luka & Lee Perry attending





Jessica Graham

May 13, 2015- Rake & Hoe General meeting  
Bees and pollinators program-Jeannie Geremia



Mullen

## SECRET GARDEN TOUR MAY 27, 2015

*Turn right onto Lawrence Ave. then merge onto Rte 22 and follow signs for the jug handle/ left turn onto New Providence Road. Cross Rte 22. and make the 1st left onto Appletree Lane. Continue around to the intersection of Orchard Road.*

### 1417 Orchard Road, Mountainside

My gardens have evolved over the 20 years I have owned the property. Gardening is my favorite thing to do. I brought peony plants from my home in Long Island before I owned the house. One has to be 75 to a hundreds year old. I have two shade gardens with lots of hostas, wood drift, may apples etc. There are two Magnolia trees that I planted here to replace the one I had to leave behind when we moved. It was a mother's day gift from my children and I loved it. We took out a window in back and made the patio and planted the gardens around it. I have 3 weigeia shrubs and a fig tree my 90 year old uncle planted for me in Long Island. My gardens are truly a labor of love. Plants from lots of people I share and care about and for. Notice the two beautiful Norwegian Pines on the right side of the house my neighbor is a bird lover and when she built the house she had the house angled so as not to kill those trees. I have loved her from the moment I heard she was trying to save them. I watered the hell out of them that summer we succeeded. My next project is for a garden room under the front bow window. I want to be able to sit and chat with my neighbors when they pass by.

Alice Cowell

*Head back to N. Providence Road and cross Route 22. Make a right onto Hillaide Ave. and then a left when you come to Lawrence. At E. Dudley turn right and then merge right onto North Ave. Turn left at the 2<sup>nd</sup> light go over the RR thru the next light and the next right will be Shady Lane, which you will follow all the way to Martine. Make a left onto Martine and then the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto King. Stay on King and then make a left onto Terrill and then the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Cushing. Follow Cushing all the way to Leland, turn right and then an immediate left onto Watchung Ave. From there the 1<sup>st</sup> left will be Fernwood Lane.*

### 1781 Fernwood Lane, Plainfield

My house was always known as "The Boyer's Pond House and the people who lived there were always identified as the "people who live in the Boyer's Pond House". The house was built in 1937, not by Mr. Boyer but a gentleman who was a financier in New York who lived there a short time and then was transferred to Chicago. The Boyer family bought the house and lived there from 1939 until 1967. Mr. Boyer Sr. died in 2005. One of his last wishes was that his son check on his house to make sure it was being cared for. His eighty five year old son kept that promise with a surprise story filled afternoon visit.

The first years in the house were spent restoring the interior and raising two very active



boys. The garden was totally neglected and had structural problems which included having to build a retaining wall in the west corner which solved some of the problem of the ground washing away into the pond. A metal fence which went the entire length of the pond had to be disassembled. It delighted our boys until they tried to swim and came out covered with the muck which seemed to cover the entire surface of the water and now them. They could jump in the shower but the dog-collie mix-was another story. Years have gone by remediating the water, digging out old landscaping, trimming and removing trees, remediating soil, redirecting and building the side walk-front and back, new water main, etc.

As time rumbled on I became more and more interested and dissatisfied with my lack of knowledge of gardening. I made many mistakes and really had to come to terms with the fact that I get very little sun. I started with hostas and really had some beautiful large specimens. Then the plague of the deer started and continues until today. Gone were my hostas and many other "deer delicious" plants. Back to square one. But as luck would have it, I was introduced to Rake and Hoe which has been my inspiration. The first Secret Garden Tour was a revolution to me. Here and there in the garden are plants that were given to me by club members. My latest additions are from Margaret Sailor's garden. Poor things must be wondering were they are. I found a broken bird bath that I glued together, painted the bowl with water proofing paint and it now delights it's visitors. The early morning is filled with all sorts of songs from melodic to just straight out honking. My wonderful niece in Minnesota, a cousin in Madison, Wisconsin and a daughter-in-law in Los Angeles, California are master gardeners and have introduced me to the use of water features which now can be seen throughout the garden. The pond has many water fowl, huge bull frogs, turtles, egrets and herons who come to lunch or set up house keeping. The many trips with the club and all the knowledgeable members have helped me learn all the possibilities nature has to offer. I am now determined to create a place for all the pollinators. In addition, I discovered The Farm in Green Valley. They are so patient and helpful to me and have most plants you ask for or make wonderful suggestions. Because it is located near Chatham Township they are especially astute to the problem of deer.

Today you are seeing a garden that is still evolving and excites me to get up with the birds and get busy. My husband loves to sit by the pond and admire all my work...

Just

call me" Mrs. Buck"

Adah Levin

*At the the bottom of the hill by the flag turn left onto Sleepy Hollow Lane and then make a slight right onto Prospect Ave. which veers to the left at the circle. Make a left @ Woodland Ave. Then 2<sup>nd</sup> right will be Martine.*

#### 1404 Martine Avenue, Plainfield NJ

The most distinctive aspect of the front yard is the winding walkway bordered by the purple flowers of Siberian iris. Passing through the arbor, visitors enter the shade

garden, which was just an unfenced strip of grass when I purchased the house in 1996. Inspired by the New Orleans gardens, the layout is centered on the French Doors of the bedroom. Not all of the shade plants can tolerate the late afternoon sun that hits the east side of the garden. Favorite plants: Meadow Rue, Cinnamon Fern, Brunnera Jack Frost, white Bleeding Hearts, Columbine, Weigela, Miss Kim Lilac, Oak-Leaf Hydrangea.

The areas beyond the shade garden are designed to extend the eye's view from the front arbor. However, the hardscaping also covers an extensive root system from an old Pin Oak. The backyard is designed to accommodate large events while providing intimate areas of shady seating.

As you enter the grass-free backyard, you pass two copper-colored Ninebarks. The White Dogwood is the oldest tree on the property, although dwarfed by the Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), which was sown by the birds only 15 years ago - a few feet away from a Pin Oak that was in decline. The transition between the two trees significantly changed the light conditions and disrupted the plantings in this woodland area. Also changing the light was the destruction by a neighboring homeowner of a row of Eastern White Pines (*Pinus strobus*) along the back fence. Siberian scilla and Sweet woodruff are the two groundcovers being established in this area. The Dappled Willows on the western side of the property are spectacular in late summer.

Joe DaRold

*Walk several houses further down the street to . . .*

### 1322 Martine Avenue, Plainfield

We moved into our 1926 Tudor twenty-two years ago. It was pretty much a blank canvas at the time, with a few azaleas scattered here and there, but also, luckily, a number of tall, stately trees. The most remarkable tree of all is the *Magnolia acuminata*, the "cucumber tree" which measures 15 feet 5 inches in circumference and over 110 feet tall.

My garden style can be described as eclectic, and it represents an attempt to combine the serene feel of a natural forest with the spontaneity and liveliness of an English garden—with a hint of the tropics. "Controlled chaos" might also describe it all very well. As a gardener, I want to learn from the unexpected, but I also enjoy the harmony of a well planned landscape. Perhaps my greatest challenge is created by the garden's heart and soul—the giant tree—which casts thick shadows over most of the backyard by mid-June.

In the spring we are always surprised. Almost as soon as the snow is off the ground, the hellebores start to grow prolifically, their flowers burgundy and pink. The bulbs, magnolias and azaleas bloom after that, followed by the rhododendrons. In early May, the smaller *Magnolia acuminata*, "Yellow Bird," produces brilliant yellow flowers, dazzling against the *Cryptomeria yoshino* behind it.

Another highlight of the garden are the koi ponds enclosed by a *Daphne odora*, azaleas,

forsythia and ferns, along with small and large Japanese maples.

I enjoy the variety of wildlife: birds, foxes, raccoons, turkeys—and of course the deer, which are, I admit, quite a challenge. My garden has taught me many things, but most of all that we need to respect the animals who were here before us. If they like the habitat I've made here, that's probably a sign I'm on the right track.

Welcome, and enjoy the garden!

Barbara Spellmeyer

*Make a left back onto Woodland and the a right onto Prospect, followed by an immediate right onto Rahway. About 3/4 mile ahead make a left onto Cooper. From there it is about 1 1/2 miles (pass Terrill) to Martine where you will make a left and then an immediate right onto Parkwood. At the top of the hill make a right onto Wood Ave. Stay to the right and follow around to . . .*

### 1861 Wood Road, Scotch Plains

Many relaxing afternoons are spent in the garden gazebo. The gazebo is a great place to read and sip ice tea or wine and enjoy the tranquil surroundings. It's the perfect garden for a princess to reign over...be sure not to miss her. The yard also features hosta gardens, yuccas, an herb garden, plus many potted annuals. At present, the front yard is in a state of transition. Three large, diseased maples were removed in late March. It's a work in progress.

**Joan Barna**

*Exit the cul-de-sac make a left and then a right left onto Shackamaxon Drive. Take Shackamaxon to Scotch Plains Ave. turn left and follow all the way to North Ave. (under RR) make a right on North and then veer left onto Dudley. At Lawrence Ave make another left and follow it past Hillside Ave. to Roanoke Road where you will make a right and then a left onto Orenda Circle.*

May 27, 2015- Great Secret Garden Tour  
Alice Cowell's 1417 Orchard R. Mountainside

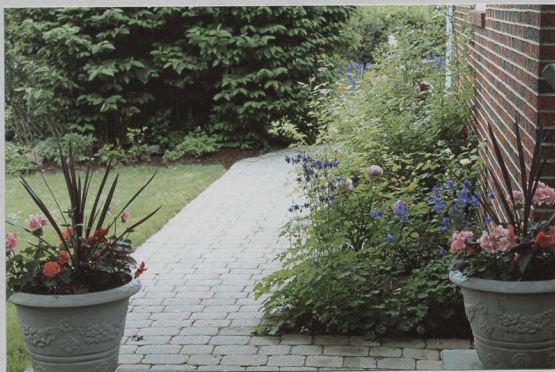


Sagittaria  
Siberian  
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May 27, 2015- Great Secret Garden Tour  
Adah Levin's -1781 Fernwood Lane, Plainfield



↑  
Front  
← Back



JANE PELIKAN



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Adah Levin's -1781 Fernwood Lane, Plainfield



Back



Uris im Wasser im Pond



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*Water Features. Galore*



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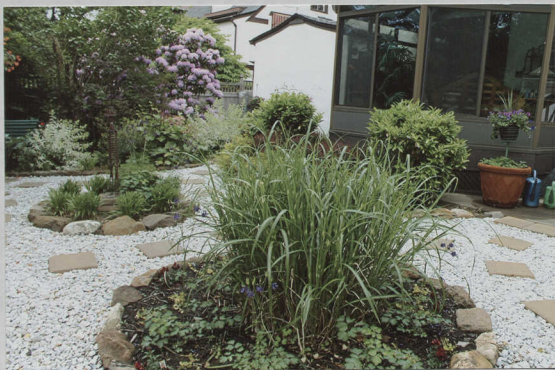




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*Julip Tree*



*Fallen Tree  
Flower*

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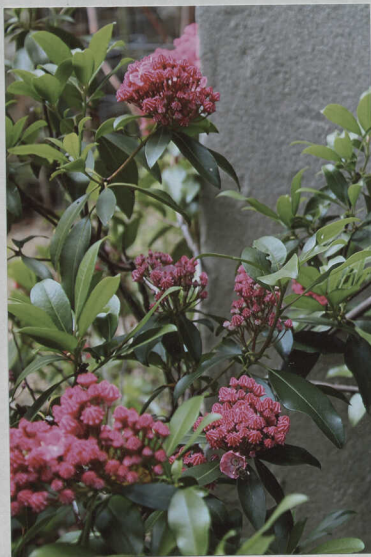


like icing on a cake





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Joan Barna-1861wood Road, Scotch Plains



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May 27, 2015- Great Secret Garden Tour  
Connie Sato's Garden where we met- Lovely Italianate Garden





May 27, 2015- Great Secret Garden Tour  
Connie Sato's Garden where we met- Lovely Japanese Garden

*Sap*



May 30, 2015- Shadowlawn Park pretty for Memorial

Tree Planting and Ceremony for Erica Fried





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May 30, 2015-Memorial Tree Planting for Erica Fried

Refreshment table floral design by Barbara Mullin

Top by Jeanette Felikan below-Barbara Mullin





May 30, 2015-Memorial Tree Planting for Erica Fried  
Barbara Mullin Remembering Erica



May 30, 2015-Memorial Tree Planting for Erica Fried

Diana Kazizis and AliceCowel Remembering Erica.  
with karen Jolley-Gates President of Rake & hoe



May 30, 2015-Memorial Tree Planting for Erica Fried

Photos

Bald Cypress Tree planted in Erica's Memory

by  
Jeanette P.



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Photos

Other guests and members

by  
Jeanette P.





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Photos

Karen Jolley Gates and Erica's family seated

by  
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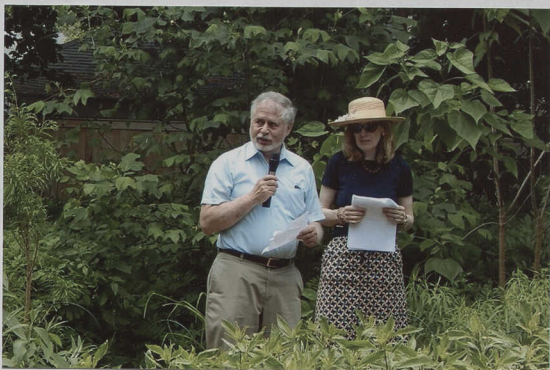


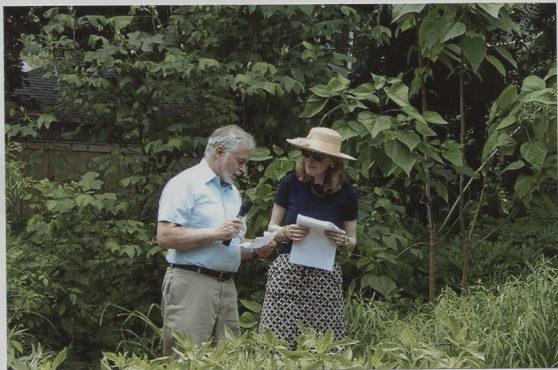




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June 1, 2015- R & H Board at Karen Jolley Gates

Karen Jolley-Gates last Board meeting as President



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Karen Jolley-Gates/Carolynn Pulliam, Jill Sitcer, Susan Dinan, Adah Levin



June 1, 2015- R & H Board at Karen Jolley Gates

Connie Sato& Irene Greenstein/Beth Hanscom & carole Smillie



June 1, 2015- R & H Board at Karen Jolley Gates

Cyndi Cochren and Beth Siano/Kris Luka & Diana Kazazis





June 1, 2015- R & H Board at Karen Jolley Gates  
with inge Bossert and Diana Kazazis Lunch and Desserts



THE RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB  
ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON  
ECHO LAKE COUNTRY CLUB  
JUNE 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME KAREN JOLLEY-GATES

INVOCATION BARBARA MULLIN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DIANA KAZAZIS

LUNCHEON

BUSINESS MEETING  
MINUTES  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MEMBERSHIP

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS KAREN JOLLEY-GATES

AWARDS  
GCNJ  
CLUB AWARDS  
PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
SUSAN O'DONNELL  
CAROLE SMILLIE  
KAREN JOLLEY-GATES  
MARGOT PARTRIDGE

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS SUSAN O'DONNELL

PIN AND GAVEL PRESENTATION KAREN JOLLEY-GATES  
DIANA KAZAZIS

MEETING ADJOURNED

June 10, 2015- Rake & Hoe June Luncheon

Centerpieces







June 10, 2015- Rake & Hoe June Luncheon

About 50 small designs brought by members for meals on wheels



June 10, 2015- Rake & Hoe June Luncheon  
State President- Susan O'Donnell Installing our Officers



June 10, 2015- Rake & Hoe June Luncheon

New Officers waiting to be installed.  
diana Kazazis-Pres. Pat Wilson, VP,Carolynn Pulliam Treas  
Joan Barna- Rec. Sec/, Lee Perry Corr Sec.



June 10, 2015- Rake & Hoe June Luncheon

Carolynn Pullian and Joan Barna





June 10, 2015- Rake & Hoe June Luncheon

Pat Wilson and Lee Perry



June 10, 2015- Rake & Hoe June Luncheon

All new Officers together



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President Diana Kazazis being fêted in special way







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President Karen Jolly-Gates and as Director

