

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, New Jersey

September 14, 2016

Welcome and Pledge

Diana Kazazis, President

History of Scotch Hills Country Club

Program Introduction

Kris Luka, Program Chair

Introduction

Kevin Glover, Mayor of Scotch Plains

John Shippen Foundation

Thurman Simmons

Building Architecture

Barton Ross, Restoration Specialist

Future Plans

Alexander Mirabella, Township Manager

Certificates of Appreciation

Awarded to members' husbands who have made significant contributions to the Club in time and efforts:

Charlie Cowell	Richard Greenstein	Wally Parker
Warren Hanscom	Bob Partridge	Doug Blumenfeld
Greg Winter	Jim Williams	Ray Pietruszki
		John Kazazis

2016 Auction

Auctioneer

Alice Cowell, Youth Chair

Club

Additional Auction Items

NEW! NJ State Butterfly giclee, Black Swallowtail
RESERVE \$60 to be donated to GCNJ

Plants from Rutgers Gardens

Pair of Pawpaws *Asimina triloba* 'Overleese' (\$30)

Illicium parviflorum 'Florida Sunshine' (\$25)

RESERVES to be donated to Rutgers Gardens

Handcrafted Christmas Stocking, to be monogrammed

Created by Betsy Chance

RESERVE \$50

Homemade NY Style Cheesecake

Made for you by Jeanette Pelikan (at an agreed upon time)

RESERVE \$15

Homemade Sour Cream Coffeecake

Made for you by Jeanette Pelikan (at an agreed upon time)

RESERVE \$15

Homemade Applecake(s)

Made for you by Lee Perry (at an agreed upon time)

RESERVE \$15 each

Exquisite Floral Design

Made for you by Barbara Mullin (at an agreed upon time)

RESERVE \$25

Gorgeous Pysanky Egg

Created by Tracy Criscitiello, RESERVE \$25

Workshop by Tracy to create Pysanky Eggs

You and 3 friends

If anyone else would like to contribute an "IOU" item please inform auctioneer.

Shady Rest Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains, NJ



Shady Rest Golf and Country
Club Logo c. 1921

The clubhouse originally was the farmhouse of Ephraim Tucker in the mid-1700s. Many years later in 1897, the building became the George Osborne tavern. Only a few years afterward in 1900, the Westfield Golf Club converted the farmland into a nine-hole golf course.

When Westfield Golf Club merged with Cranford to create the Echo Lake Country Club, they sold the property to a group of black investors who in turn, created the Shady Rest Golf and Country Club for golf and tennis in 1921.

The Club was the first African-American owned and operated country club in the United States and was the home course for the first African-American golf professional to play the US Open, John Shippen. Great female athlete in both tennis and golf, Althea Gibson, played here.

The country club became a center for African-American society and events hosting many of the star musicians of the era such as Duke Ellington and Count Basie. Some of our current members can recount stories of the folks who would listen to music there.

Scotch Plains acquired the facility in 1938 and renamed it Scotch Hills Country Club, a public course, by 1964. The township values its historic significance and is restoring it currently.

September 12, 2016- R & H Board at Nancy Smiths

Nancy & Carole Smillie/ Pat Wilson and J Pelikan



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Hostess Joan Barna



September 12, 2016- R & H Board at Nancy Smiths walkway



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Lovely Décor



September 14, 2016-R & h Auction meeting



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Arrangements made by B Mullin Auctioned off



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September 14, 2016-R & H Auction meeting

Centerpiece for R & H Meeting- also auctioned off



September 14, 2016-R & H Refreshments



September 14, 2016-R & H Refreshments

and Hostess Jeanette Pelikan



October 12, 2016- R & H Centerpiece by Sharon Shiraga

Cake for Barbarab Mullin's 80th Birthday



October 12, 2016- R & H Program by Steve Khristolph
on Native Azeleas- No photos as there was nothing to photograph



October 12, 2016- R & H Refreshments





October 12, 2016- R & H Hostesses & Refreshments

Julie Dvorak, Pennie Dinger- Tula Alhashim and Betty Gulino



October 14, 2016 Plant exchange at Barbara Spellmeyer's



October 2016- Miller Cory clean up



October 23, 2017R & ho at Westfield Historical Soc.Apple Fest

Kris Luks, Beth siano Susan Dinan, Carolynn Pilliam and FLOWERS



October 31, 2016-Board meeting at Kris Luka's-with Karen Jolley-Gates

And Margo Partridge- Centerpeice and hostess with Lee Perry



November 9, 2016- Joint meeting with Westfield GC

No photo of hostesses- Julie Allen, carolyn Klinger-Keuter, Faten Mahran
Barbara Murphy and Linda Parker- sorry

Members- Joan Barna and Betty Gulino

Refreshments Galore



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Refreshments





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Ken Norman Designer



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Honored guests- Mary Warshauer, Susan O'Donnell and K Mularky

Program chair- Kris Luka Carrying finish design



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Barbara Mullin sub for centerpoece



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December 2016- Design Diana Kazazis bought at auction in September
and made for her in December



December 5, 2016- Board meeting at Jeanne Marie Ryans with
Beth Sicano, & . Cockren- Centerpiece by Barbara Mullin



December 14, 2016 R & H Christmas Meeting

Hostesses Diane Genco- Maryann Pietruszki, Maryanne Murray, Kelly Boero





December 14, 2016 R & H Christmas Meeting

Centerpiece Carolyn Klinger-Kueter



December 14, 2016 R & H Christmas Meeting

Refreshments



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Project and Lovely centerpeice



January 2, 2017- R & H Board at Barbara Mullin's
Table set for lunch- Hostesses- Mary F Smith & Susan Dinan and Barbara



January 11, 2017- R & H Centerpiece by Betty Gulino

And refreshments



January 11, 2017- R & H- Refreshments and Hostesses
Lene & Natilie Peitsinovski- Also Connie Sato & Colleen Schmidt -no photo



January 11, 2017- R & H- Bobbie Grecco honored for

50 years of membership- Diana Kazazis and Gayle Lechber
present certificate and flowers- - there was also a cake



January 11, 2017- R & H- Program- Art in Bloom

Alie Cowell * Pat Badala



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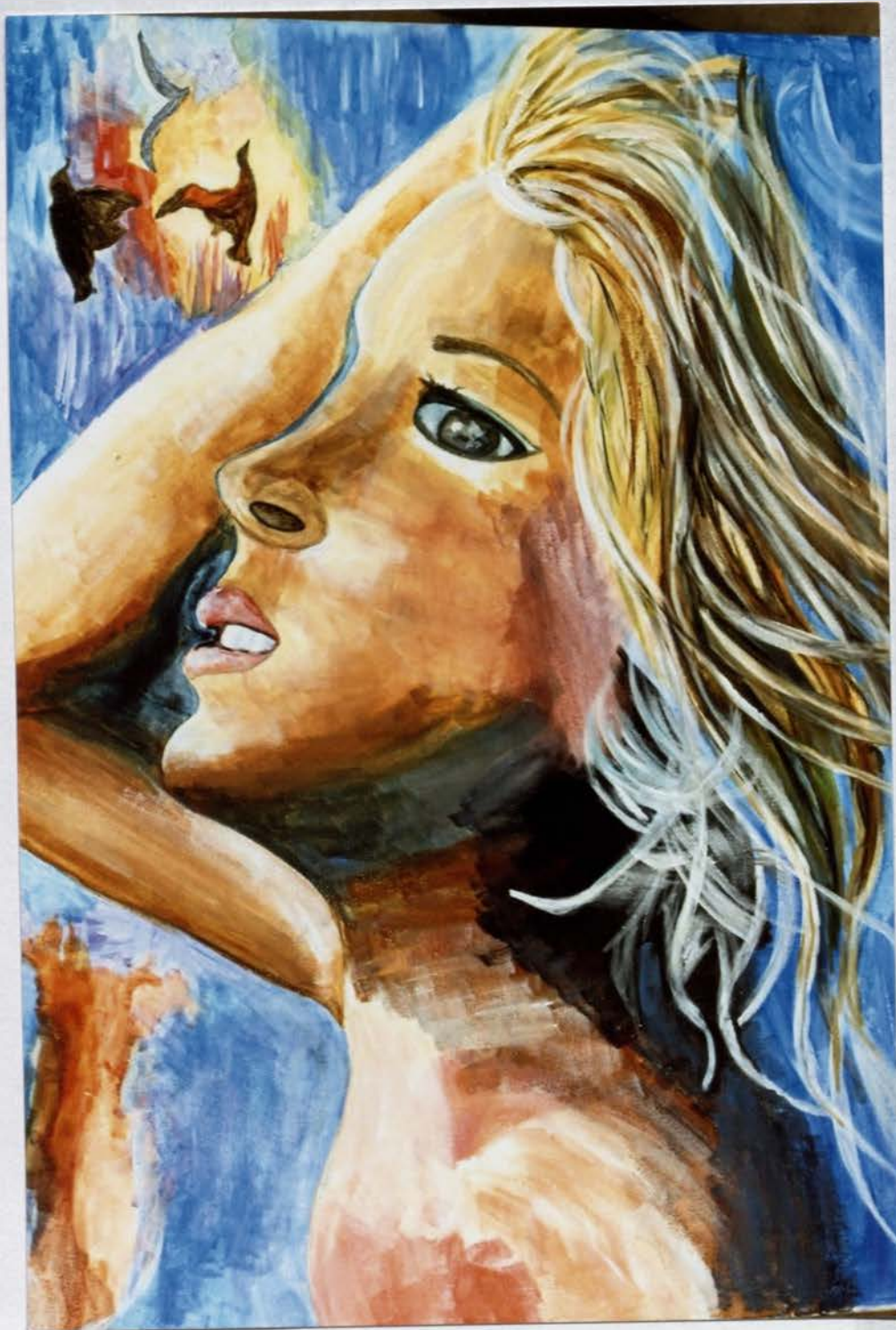
Diana Kazazis & Helen Pasterczyk



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Kay Cross and Barbara each selected one piece of art and each did their interpretation of both pictures- photos by Rich Pelikan





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R & H Valentine Program by Barbara Mullin



February 8, 2017- R & H Centerpiece- Jane Christiani





February 8, 2017- R & H Hostesses and Refreshments

Cyndi Cockren, Jane Christiani, Peg Sheridan & Holly Schlobolm



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National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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2/23/17

FLOWER SHOW

DATE

DIVISION	SECTION	CLASS No.	ENTRY No.
III	J	44	4

MULTIFACETED

VARIETY OR CLASS NAME

EXHIBITOR

DIANA KAZASIS

ADDRESS

WESTFIELD

CLUB

RAKE & HOE

2nd

3rd

Honorable
Mention

EXHIBIT SCORED 90+

Judged by

Augustine AJ/NGC

SIGNATURE

2/23/17

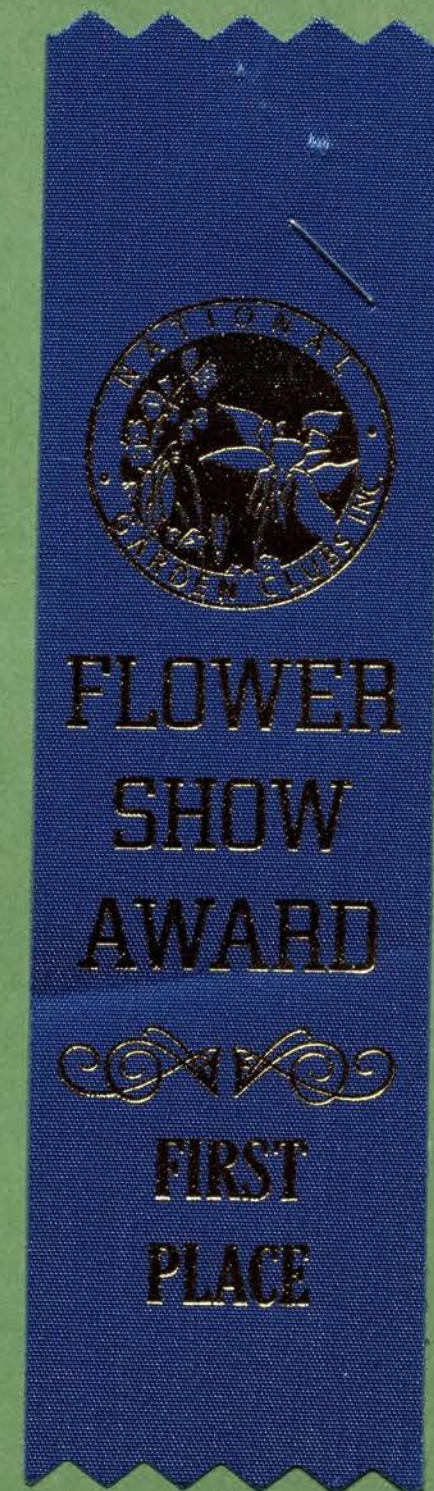
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CLUB
COMPETITION



FLOWER
SHOW
AWARD





Yellow - Throat



1st Pr. - 4/76



TOPAWARD - Blue - RJ H ENTRY

Red - Green

February 27, 2017 R & h Baord atr Adah Levin's

Refreshments



March 8, 2017- R & H General meeting- Refreshments
and Centerpiece



March 8, 2017- R & H General meeting- Hostesses and Host

Peggy Smith, Joe DaRold, Barbara Spellmeyer & Carol Phelan

Also Nina Sylvester- Designer of Centerpiece



april 12 2017

March 8, 2017- R & H General meeting- Design by Betsy chance

Hostesses- Irene Greenstein, Jeanie Pelikan and Gayle Lechner





May 10, 2017 R & H General Meeting=

rpiece by Mary Lou Nolas



May 10, 2017 R & H General meeting-Hostesses

Sharon shiraga, Mary Lou Nolas and Jonne Wolmelsdorf
Ways and Means- Tracy Criscitiello & Colleen Schmidt



May 10, 2017 R & H General meeting- Refreshments



May 10, 2017 R & H General Meeting
Entertainment gift from Dana Kazazis



May 10, 2017 R & H General Meeting=

Introduction of new Members with their sponsors

Betty Was at

Gail

Joyce Mallon

Laura Cloas



Dianna Karyas President



May 10, 2017 R & H General Meeting=
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Laura Ivan

Susan D'Arco



Jayca Mallen

Peg Sheridan



May 23, 2017 Rake & How Pop-up Gardens Tour

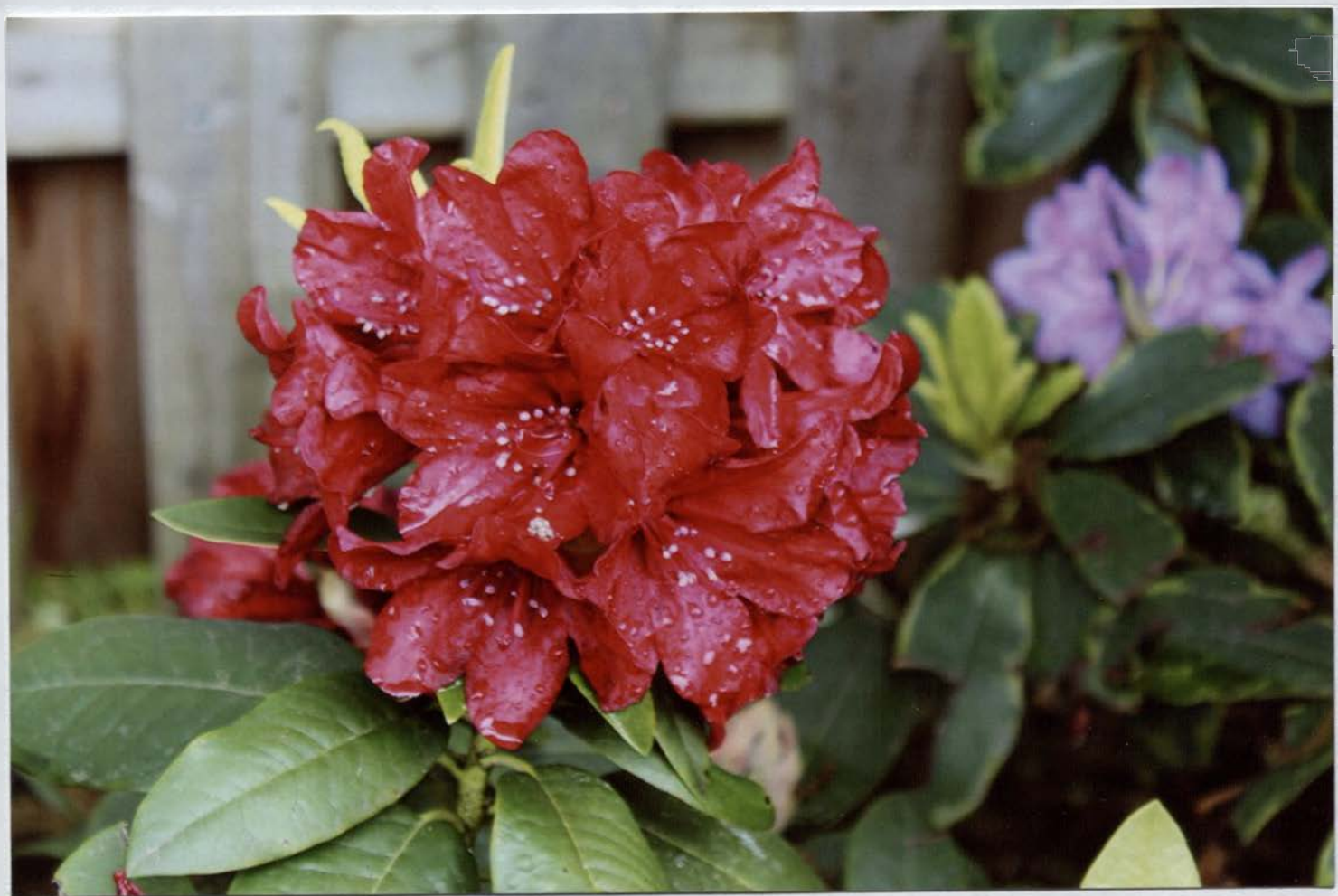
Inge Bossert's Garden





May 23, 2017 Rake & How Pop-up Gardens Tour

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in reality much darker Red



May 23, 2017 Rake & How Pop-up Gardens Tour

Barbara Spellmeyer's Garden





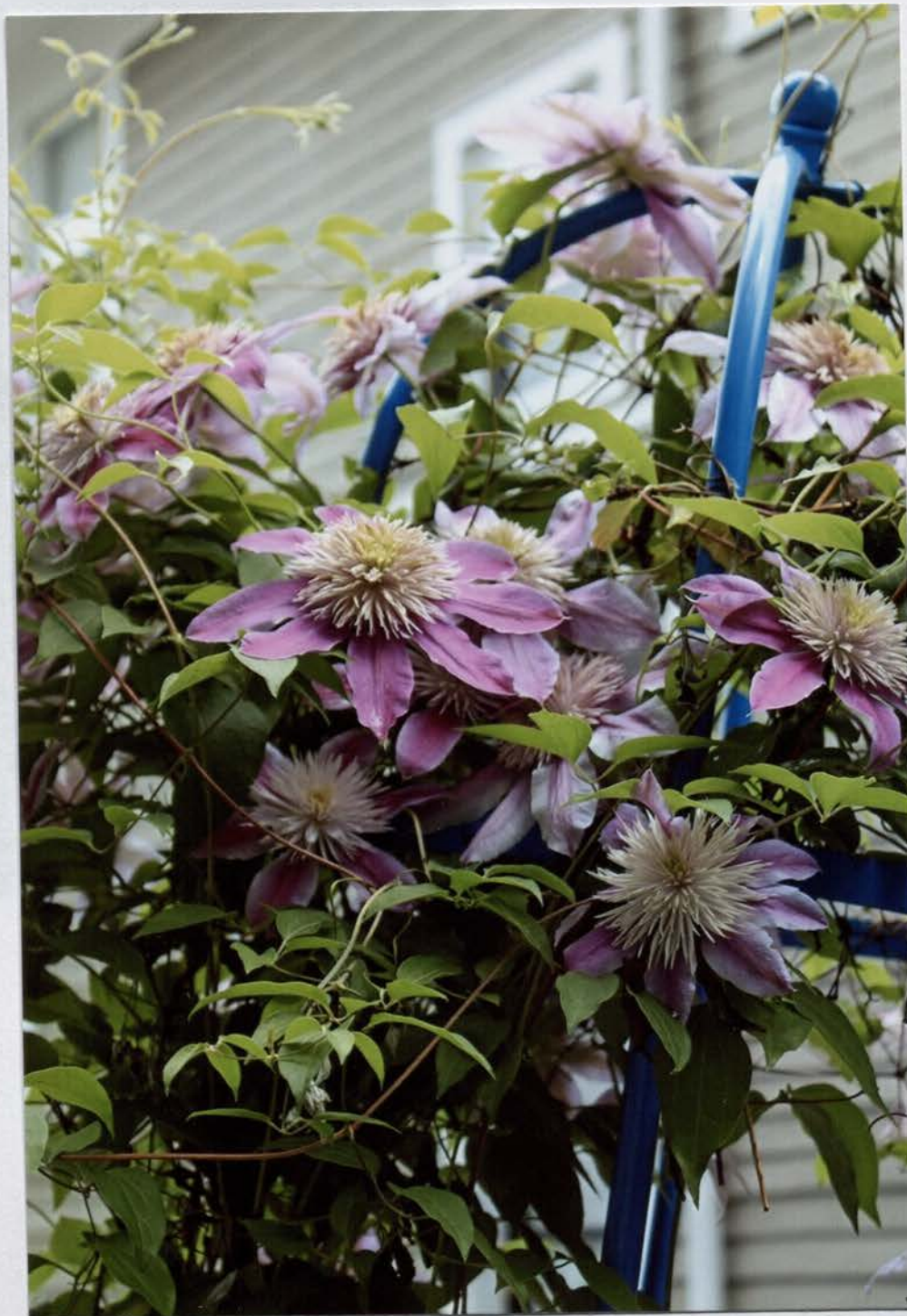
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Diane Genco's Garden





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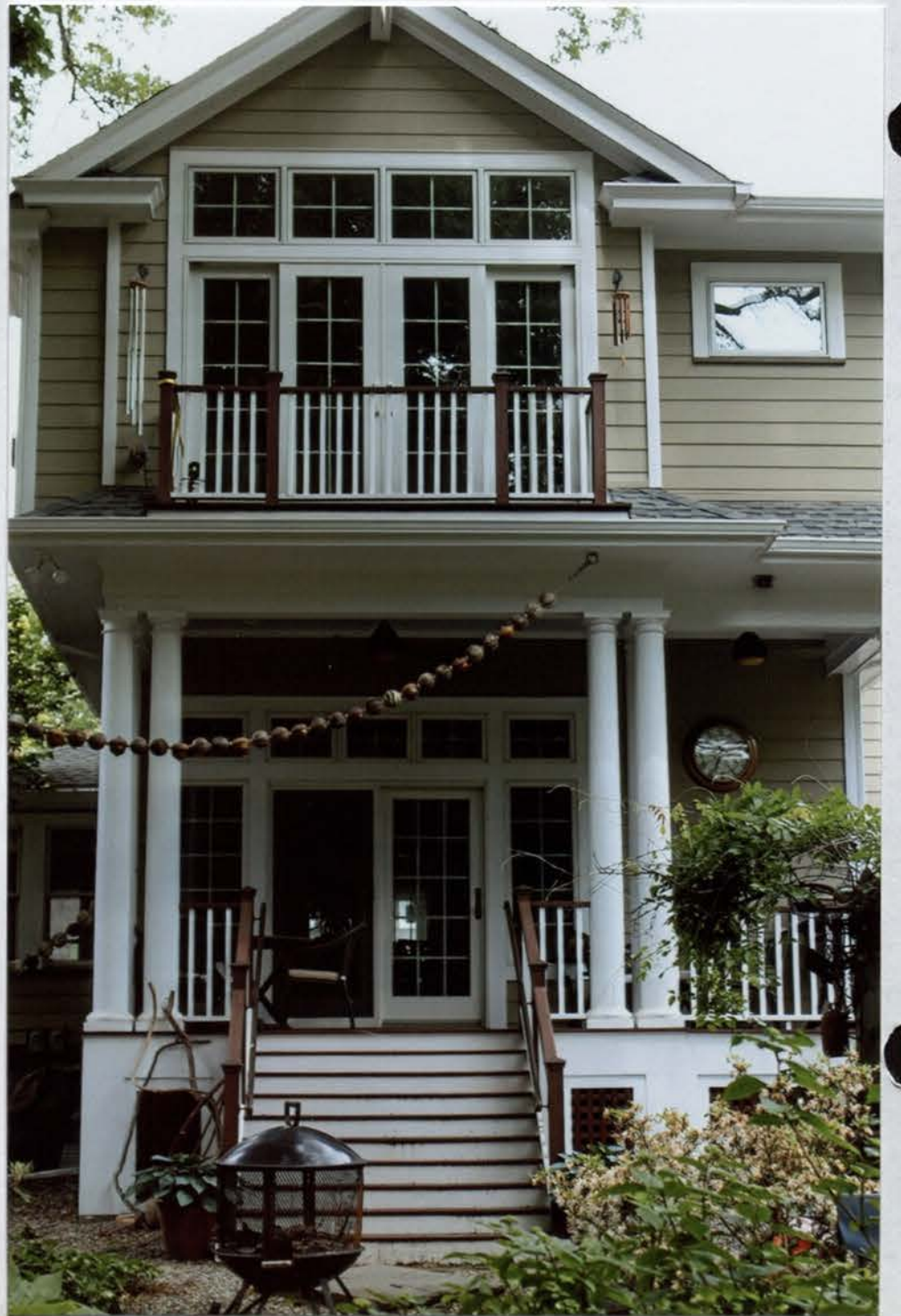
Christie Tea House



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Diane Genco's Garden





a little hint of
'Charleston'

May 23, 2017 Rake & How Pop-up Gardens Tour

Beth Siano's Garden



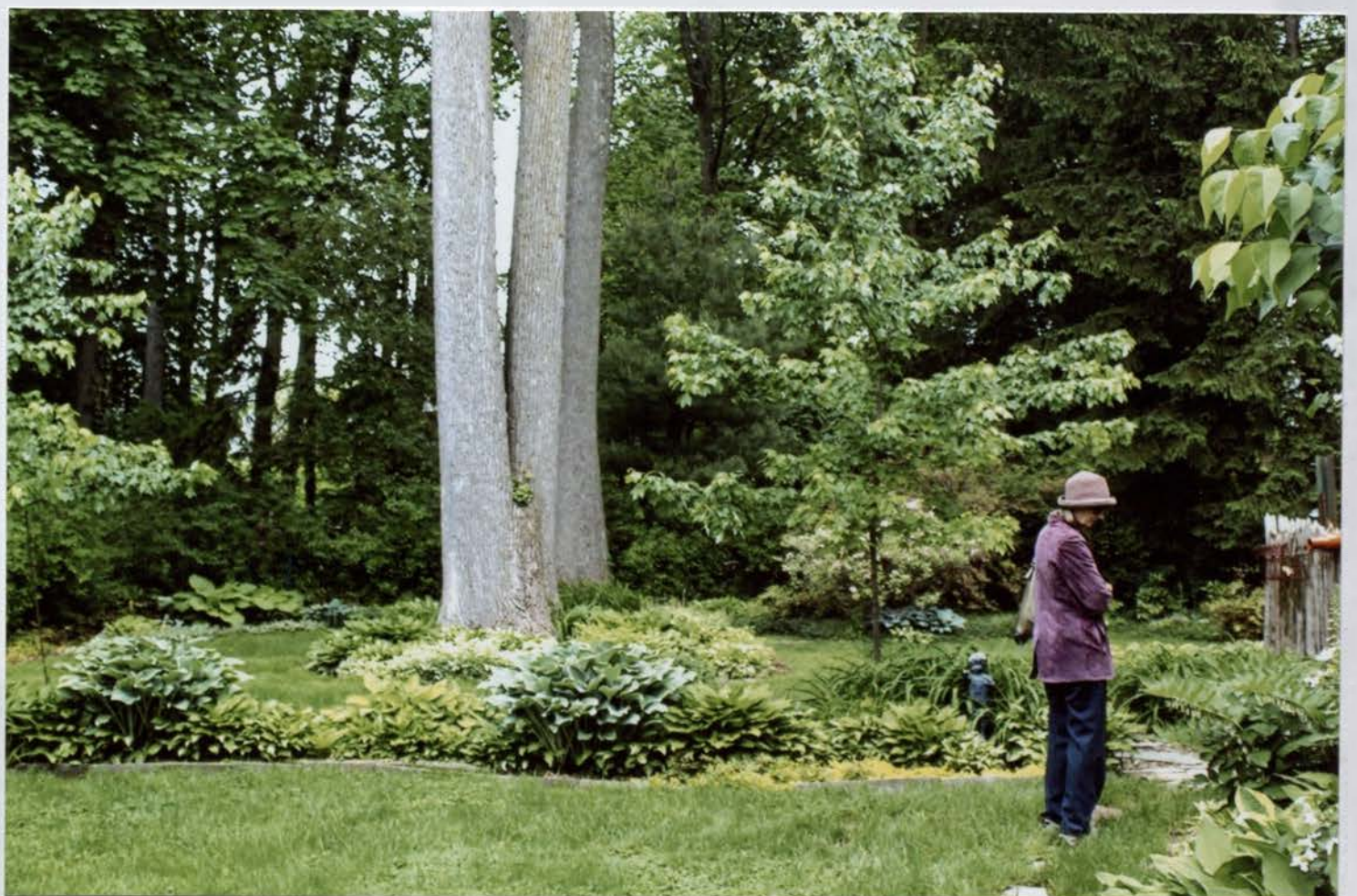
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Beth Siano's Garden



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Helen Pasterczyk's Garden





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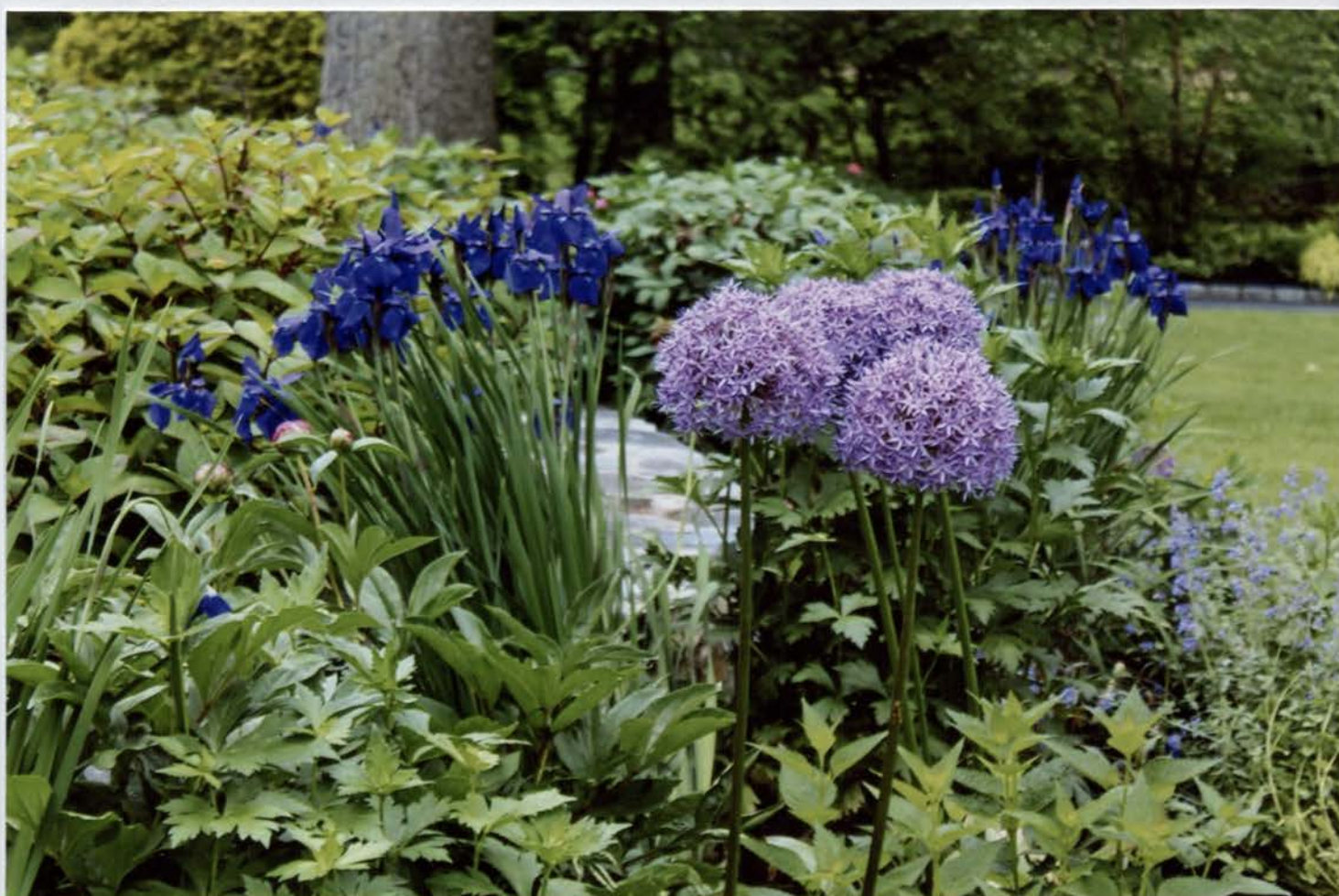
Joanne Wolmesdorff 's Garden





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Barbara Mullin's Garden -Large Blooms of Rhododendron



The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, New Jersey



Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Echo Lake County Club
June 14, 2017

Call to Order
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Diana Kazazis

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Barbara Mullin
Past GCNJ President

Luncheon

Business Meeting
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Pat Wilson

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Diana Kazazis

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Honored guest Jeannie Geriamia and Pres. Diana kazazis
member Pat Badala and tracy crisitiallo with Centerpiece



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Mary Foley Smith/ Nancy Smith & Helen Paserczyk



June 14, 2017-R & h Annual Meeting
Richard Pelikan with barbara Mullin and Barbara Spellmeyer



June 14, 2017-R & h Annual Meeting
Barbara Mullin giving invocation before lunch



Invocation for Rake & Hoe Annual Meeting – June 14, 2017

Please join me in prayer:

Heavenly Father ,Rake & Hoe has been dear to my heart for many years. Together we typify many of the qualities of your love. As Mary Baker Eddy once wrote :
“Beauty is a thing of life, which dwells forever in the eternal Mind and reflects the charms of His goodness in expression, form, outline and color. It is Love which paints the petal with myriad hues, glances in the warm sunbeam, arches the cloud with the bow of beauty, blazons the night with starry gems, and covers the earth with loveliness.

Also :Paul wrote to the people of Phillipi “whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue , and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Enable us to have those qualities of love and beauty in our lives.

Amen

Diana Kazazis presenting Presidential Certificates
Barbara Mullin



Rake & Hoe Annual meeting June 14, 2017
1st VP GCNJ Jeannie Geremia installs R & H Officers
Jeanne Marie Ryan and Betsy Chance

Pat Wilson, Joan Barua, Holly Schlooten





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1st VP GCNJ Jeannie Geremia presents R & H with
with NGC Award of excellence for R & h work on
Pollinator Center



Rake & Hoe Annual Meeting June 14, 2017
Diana Kazazis passes the gavel and gives gift to Pat wilson





Rake & Hoe Annual Meeting June 14, 2017
Diana Kazazis honors past Presidents of R & H present





June 14, 2017-R & h Annual Meeting

Nancy Smith and Beth Hanscom receiving Life Membership and representative African Violet





R & Hoe Annual meeting Awards recipients from GCNJ or NGC

Jeanne Marie Ryan, Beth Siano, Alice Cowell & Paula Long





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Diana Kazazis, President and Brbara Mullin giving awards



Diana Kazazis presenting Presidential Certificates
Inge Bossert



Diana Kazazis presenting Presidential Certificates
Paula Long



Diana Kazazis presenting Presidential Certificates
Beth Siano



Diana Kazazis presenting Presidential Certificates
Clare Minick



Diana Kazazis presenting Presidential Certificates
Kay Cross



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Rake & Hoe Annual Meeting June 14, 2017
Pat Wilson , President addresses the members



Last week at the Garden Club of New Jersey Annual Meeting, Rake and Hoe received several awards. These are indications of the Rake & Hoe standard for participation and very fine work. These individuals worked long and hard to earn these awards and bring accolades to our Club.

Would the following people please come up to receive these awards?

Please remain in place until all the awards have been given out and photos have been taken.

Jean Marie Ryan, Beth Siano, Alice Cowell and Paula Long

Certificate of Merit with Gold Seal for an Excellent Yearbook and from National Garden Clubs a certificate of commendation— Jean Marie Ryan

Certificate of Merit for outstanding accomplishment of Junior Gardening objectives – beth and alic stay

Certificate of Merit with Gold Seal to a Junior Garden club receing the highest # of blue ribbons in the youth section grades K-5 of the GCNJ standard flower show Kaleidoscope – beth and alic

The Garden Club of Westfield Trophy, a beautiful silver tray which we don't get but we have a picture of from GCNJ for the best Publicity Press Book in the State plus a Certificate of Merit from national garden clubs for her publicity press book – paula long

June 5, 2017 R & H Board meeting at Diana Kazazis' Designs
Prepared by Barbara Mullin for Diana



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Buffet Table with loads of food



June 5, 2017 R & H Board meeting at Diana Kazazis' Designs

Desserts



June 5, 2017 R & H Board meeting at Diana Kazazis'

Adah levin, Margot partridge with Diana giving gifts



Garden Club of New Jersey Recognizes Rake and Hoe

WESTFIELD — Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield President Diana Kazazis has announced club members' achievements and a special award received from the Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ) at the Spring Annual State Show for their participation. The show took place in February in Edison.

Jeannie Geremia, representative of the GCNJ, recognized Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield as one of three garden clubs in the state to be given a special award for their participation. The club was acknowledged for its continuing support of the Annual GCNJ Flower Show year after year.

"When you think of the flower show, you think of several members of this dynamic club who have worn so many hats that it's hard to keep track," said Ms. Geremia.

"There is Barbara Mullin, that little dynamo, who chaired the show in 2009, has been a design consultant innumerable times, as GCNJ president provided the workers luncheon by making everything herself, entered more design competitions than a dozen of us combined, always participates in the Judges Competition, and has a 'can do' attitude that can't be beat. Then we have Diana Kazazis, who has taken the youth section in tow these many

years, chaired the flower show in 2014, snow and all, and just keeps it all together; Kay Cross, who has worn innumerable hats throughout the years; Pat Wilson, with the engaging smile at our membership tables; Clare Minick and the whole Rake and Hoe team that has helped our horticulture entries run smooth, and all their club members who sign up as docents year after year."

Additionally, Beth Siano won Top Exhibitor Award in Artistic Crafts for her botanical earrings. The Rake and Hoe youth group won most blue ribbons in each of the three age categories. Barbara Mullin won a blue ribbon for her patriotic red, white and blue traditional design. Rake and Hoe photographers garnered several blue ribbons as well.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a diverse membership spanning all ages, interests and occupations. Federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs and the Garden Club of New Jersey, Rake and Hoe has between 50 and 70 members, including a junior membership between first and eighth grades. For more information, call Pat Wilson at (908) 389-9342 or check the club's Facebook page and its website, rakeandhoe.org.

RAKE & HOE GARDEN CLUB VISIT JARDINE ACADEMY

Rake and Hoe Garden Club members visited the Jardine Academy recently. Dedicated members planted daffodils and cleaned up their Rake and Hoe Butterfly garden. The students assisted by sorting out the plant material into compost and non-compost. Club members have been visiting the Jardine Academy for many years doing service projects at the school throughout the year. The visits provides a unique opportunity for the students to be involved with garden and flower projects.

The Jardine Academy is approved by the New Jersey Department of Education and is proud to maintain Middle States Association. The Academy provides a comprehensive Educational Program designed to meet the cognitive and physical needs of children who have multiple disabilities - needs that may not be fully met within the local school system. The Cerebral Palsy League operates a new, state-of-the art

facility in Cranford for students ages 3-21.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a long-term reputation for its many services to the community including creating flower arrangements to accompany Mobile Meals delivery service to clients; preparing flower arrangements for veterans at Lyons Veterans Hospital and maintaining the gardens at the

Westfield Train Station, the Miller-Cory House Museum, Shadowlawn Pocket Park and the Claire Brownell Wildflower Garden at the Westfield Historical Society's Reeve history and Cultural Resource Center.

If anyone is interested in joining the Rake and Hoe Garden Club, please call Pat Wilson, 908-389-9342.



(above) Members Lee Perry, Kathy Becker, Sharon Shiraga, and Irene Greenstein.

WESTFIELD

Rake and Hoe Garden Club hosted housewarming event

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield kicked off its 2016-17 year with a "Housewarming" at the Historic Scotch Hills Country Club, Scotch Plains on Sept. 14.

Invited guests included Kevin Glover, Scotch Plains Mayor, Alexander Mirabella,

Township Manager and Barton Ross, Restoration Specialist who discussed the current plans to update and restore the present Scotch Hills Country Club. An extensive renovation is taking place to transform the historic site.

Thurman Simmons, Sr.

President of the John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation spoke and presented a video on the amazing, history of the club.

Enthusiastic Rake & Hoe members learned of the nine hole golf course, tennis and horseback riding together with locker rooms and a dining room that was the Shady Rest Golf & Country Club, the first African-American golf and country club in the United States.

Althea Gibson, Wimbledon and US Open champion played at Shady Rest. For more detailed information, visit johnshippen.net/shady-rest.html.

During the meeting, the club's annual auction was held to generate funds for their many community service projects which include flower arrangements for Lyons Veterans' Hospital, Mobile Meals and the Cerebral Palsy Association.

Rake and Hoe members also tend to the gardens at Miller-Cory House Museum, Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center of the Westfield Historical Society and the Shadowlawn Pocket Park. There is also a youth



Attending the housewarming event hosted by the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, from left, are Alexander Mirabella, Diana Kazazis, president of Rake & Hoe, Barton Ross and Kevin Glover. *Courtesy of Paula Long*

membership for interested students between first and twelfth grades.

For more information, call Beth Siano at 908-233-4150.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club holds general meetings which are held at the Scotch Hills Country Club at 12:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

Scheduled upcoming programs on the agenda are native azaleas, Victorian floral design, and creating a shade garden.

Rake and Hoe Garden Club will be at the Westfield Historical Society's annual Applefest on Oct. 22.

Flower arrangements made by members will be for sale for their veteran's projects.

Anyone interested in joining the Rake and Hoe Garden Club is invited to call Pat Wilson, 908-389-9342.

For additional information, visit rakeandhoe.org.

This item was submitted by Paula Long.

WESTFIELD

Rake and Hoe Club complete mini flower creations

11.8.16

Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield's Community Projects Committee completed 50 mini flower creations on Oct. 20 for clients of Mobile Meals of Westfield.

Twice a year club members gather at the First Baptist Church of Westfield,

where Mobile Meals originated.

The club donates the flowers and prepares small arrangements in detergent caps to accompany that day's meal delivery to clients. The project was led by Kay Cross.

Josephine Walsh, director of Mobile Meals Oper-

ations, reports that clients welcome and look forward to receiving the home-delivered meals serving those who are unable to shop and prepare their own meals on either a temporary or permanent basis.

The service is available to residents of Westfield, and

surrounding communities including Mountainside, Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Clark and Cranford. For more information contact 908-233-6146.

At this meeting, Mary Smith led members in a project that completed 65 tea cups flower arrangement designed by the Flower Committee (large and small one) which were sold at the Westfield Historical Soci-

ety's Annual Apple Fest on Sunday, Oct. 23. Proceeds from the tea cups floral arrangements will be donated to the club's Veterans projects.

Contact Pat Wilson 908-389-9342 for more information or visit their Facebook page and website, rakeandhoe.org.

This item was submitted by Paula Long.

WESTFIELD

Garden Club meeting focuses on trees, their benefits

The Garden Club of Westfield invites you to join for the Oct. 11 meeting at the Scotch Hills Country Club, 820 Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains at noon.

Salvatore Trisiro, chairman of the Scotch Plains Environmental Commission will present a program on trees and their natural benefits. Trisiro is a commercial/residential solar energy representative with a passion for the appreciation and care of nature's mighty giants, trees.

He is also both a Union County TeeSteward and County Trail Steward.

All are welcome. Membership is not required.

The Garden Club of West-

field is pleased to enter its new program year continuing monthly meetings with fabulous speakers and moving forward with its many projects to benefit the community members support of the Blue Star Gardens, which honor service men and women and their families.

They also support by arranging flowers for the VA Hospital at Lyons.

The club maintains two garden sites at Mindowaskin Park and place flower arrangements in the Westfield Memorial Library for the enjoyment of library patrons. They also provide and decorate 20 evergreen wreaths for the Town of

Westfield Municipal Buildings and maintain seven planters at the intersection Broad and Elm Streets in the town center, changing the plantings to provide an appropriate seasonal display.

For more information, gardenclubofwestfield.org.

This item was submitted by Kathy Zippler.



A solar representative will discuss the benefits of trees at the next meeting of the Garden Club. Courtesy of Kathy Zippler

Nov 25, 2016



Diana Kazazis, president of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, talks about butterflies. *Courtesy of Paula Long*

WESTFIELD

Nurseries team up with garden club

The Butterfly and BeeGAP committee chaired by Jeannie Geremia from the Garden Club of NJ (GCNJ) has inspired both Westfield garden clubs to participate in facilitating the organization of pollinator centers with local nurseries.

Along with Geremia, the president of Rake and Hoe Garden Club worked to develop the signage and handouts this summer. These signs will focus the public in an area of the nursery which will display special plants to create butterfly, bee and bird gardens.

They specify which plants are host and nectar plants and even which time of year these animals will be seen using them so the gardener can plant for all seasons.

The creation of these pollinator centers at local nurseries with the help of garden clubs is a winning situation. They educate the public on how they can help the struggling pollinators, it helps create functional and beautiful gardens for the homeowner and it helps the nurseries in providing this plant material. New Jersey is the first state to embrace these centers to help pollinators and will be, hopefully, a successful template for all states.

Merrilyn Crane, president of the Garden Club of Westfield and Diana Kazazis, president of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will be collaborating on approaching nurseries to spearhead this GCNJ program locally. For more information, contact Diana Kazazis at 908-654-8783.

This item was submitted by Paula Long.

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EXHIBITOR DIANA KAZASIS

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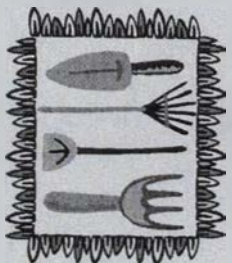
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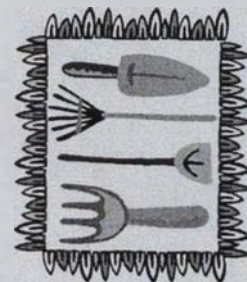


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April Program

"Trees: How They Enhance Your Health and Garden - A Designer's Love Affair with Trees "

Trees are the first thing to be considering when designing a garden. Whether for moderating a microclimate, carbon sequestration, or soothing our souls after a hectic day, trees enhance and add value to our home in ways that we often fail to consider. Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens, will discuss the many ways we benefit from trees, and how best to care for them so that future generations can enjoy.



Notes from the March Program . . .

"The New Shade Garden "



Ken Druse has been called the, "guru of natural gardening" by the *New York Times*. He presented for us a very informative and timely program on the "New Shade Garden". Timely when there is so much discussion about climate change, especially the last decade, and how it potentially may lead to new challenges for gardeners. Ken suggested we plant more trees in our gardens to provide shade and shelter from the sun. When working outside, try to avoid sun exposure from 10am to 4pm. [Editor's note: In addition to their shading and cooling effect, trees are a vital means for

sequestering, i.e. removing, CO2 from the atmosphere]. We need to add more native trees to our landscapes, many of which have beautiful bark as well.

Ken cautioned on the overuse of mulch – it can kill delicate plantings and attract rodents. Using your own home-made compost, it's a much better choice and is more "natural." Compost should be used readily around roots to promote growth. He showed us many examples of woodland floors and shrubs for shade (e.g. rhododendrons, acuba, laurel, box wood, viburnum, hydrangea, hostas.). In lieu of grass, he prefers the more natural approach of "cropped meadows." A very comprehensive handout was provided listing many plantings to consider for a "New Shade Garden." As Ken quipped "one never gets the garden done, it's a lifetime event". Thank you Ken for a most interesting discussion as we watch and try to adapt to the earth's ever changing climate.

- Rich P.

Coming in May

"Your Garden and The Birds It Can Attract"

As we anticipate the arrival of early spring plants in our gardens, it's time to think about how and what we plant impacts our avian residents and visitors, year-round. With berries long since eaten from our shrubs during winter, spring brings new food sources such as forsythia, azalea, bleeding hearts, to be followed by zinnias and a multitude of flowering perennials throughout the summer; asters and mums round out the seasonal banquet in the fall. Dale Rosselet will provide an overview on why New Jersey (and your yard) are so important to birds throughout the year, and how best to attract them.



Upcoming Activities . . .

Community Projects & Service

- 4/6 Projects: Decorate Jardine
- 4/19 Projects: Mini-designs for Mobile Meals
- 4/20 Gardens: Train Sta. spring cleanup
- 4/21 Gardens: Miller-Cory cleanup
- 5/4 Gardens: Clare Brownell cleanup
- 5/8 Projects: Mother's Day Garden Dishes at Jardine
- 5/11 Projects: Writing Veterans' cards at Peg Sheridan's
- 5/19 Projects: Lyons flower service

Juniors

- 4/19 Finish Victorian fairy gardens for R&H flower show
- 5/17 Cleanup and Crafts at Shadowlawn butterfly garden.

Meetings

- 4/3 Board meeting at Alice C.'s
- 4/12 General meeting at SHCC
- 5/1 Board meeting at Jeanie P.'s (NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE)
- 5/9 Awards committee meeting at Carole S.'s
- 5/10 General meeting at SHCC

Workshops

- 4/7 Photography critique workshop at Inge's. TO BE RESCHEDULED.
- 5/9 Spring Plant Exchange at Barb S.'s, 10am to NOON

Trips

- 5/16 Trip to Bowman's Hill. Register with Irene G. [raindate: 5/17]
- 5/23 Secret Garden Tour

Flower Shows

- 4/27 Set up for R&H flower show. ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND!
- 4/28 "A Victorian Spring"
Standard flower Show at Westfield Presbyterian Church