



**A BEAUTIFUL BOUQUET**  
Garden designer Sam Harris will present a seminar on Feb. 16 at the NJ Flower and Garden Show this weekend. See PrimeTime for details.

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**NEW ASST. PRINCIPAL**  
Danielle Harris Lacasale joined the Arc Kohler School as assistant principal and curriculum supervisor. Read about the mother of five on page 40.

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## A winter's outing at the State Flower Show

WESTFIELD—See the winter magic unfolding at the State Flower Shows on Feb. 15-18 at the Edison Exposition Center. The theme of this year's adult show is "A Child's Storybook" and the Youth Show, "Mother Goose." The tandem shows are presented by members of the Garden Club of New Jersey and chaired by a Rake and Hoe Garden Club member, Erica Fried. Among floral designs and horticulture, characters created by members will enhance the show.

The adult show, "A Child's Storybook," offers fabulous fairy tale floral designs by masterful state designers. The Fairy Godmother invites the public to "Tea in the Secret Garden," "The Teddy Bears' Picnic" and "The Mad Hatter's Unbirthday Party." Miniature floral designs will delight any "Little Mermaid" and Cinderella will be staged as a duo design, "At the Hearth" and "At the Ball." To brighten the winter doldrums, forced amaryllis bulbs of multiple colors in all their glory will add bursts of color throughout the show. Actual life size scenes as a club competition will depict childhood stories. A photography section



The Mad Hatter, Ariel and many other characters will host the State Flower Show Feb. 15-18 at the Edison Exposition Center. Pictured left to right: Erica Fried, chair of the show, Helen Pasterczyk, Mad Hatter creator and Helen Luecke, co-chair of staging.

will include pictures from gardens of our dreams.

The youth show, Mother Goose, provides children the chance to compete in floral design, artistic crafts and horticulture. Young floral designers will interpret nursery rhymes such as Little Miss Muffet and There was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe. Pat-A-Cake will feature cakes made of all dried flowers. Educational exhibits will teach how seeds germinate how to make a bird bath and how to recognize poison ivy.

The garden show "Once Upon a Garden" of which the flower shows are a part, is providing seminars by experts including popular radio personality Ralph Snodsmith, a garden marketplace and full-scale display gardens. The show starts on Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and the final day, Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adult tickets \$14, (reduced if member of master gardeners or garden clubs, \$9, provide proof of membership), seniors, \$10 and youth ages 12-17, \$6 (children under 12 for free). Check out [www.MacEvents.com](http://www.MacEvents.com) for more details and directions to the show.

# FALL HOME & GARDEN

## Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield plant sunshine

WESTFIELD—Nancy 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 fall club members will plant one thousand daffodil bulbs in at least five locations throughout Westfield and Mountainside. Members will plant the bulbs on three town-wide planting days and the Rake and Hoe Junior Garden Club members will be planting on one of the days as well. In preparation for a successful planting the club held a workshop on bulb selection and planting strategies directed by club 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 Claire 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.



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

The Garden Club of Westfield, Friday

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 lilies. 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 Sitzler, Colleen Schmidt and Erica Fried also entered designs in the flower show.

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## *Rake and Hoe Club presents awards*

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club has created a new award in honor of Life Member Kay Cross. The Kay Cross Award will be presented each year to a club member who has exemplified excellence in floral shows, workshops or design. Shown in the picture are from left Rake and Hoe President Nancy Smith, Kay Cross, and Awards Chairman Diana Kazazis.

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## *Attention gardeners and readers*

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield wants to help readers keep their place in their favorite books by giving away bookmarks at the local libraries. The bookmarks will give the reader a list of the club projects and a contact number for membership. The members who will distribute the bookmarks are (seated from left to right) Carolyn Pulliam, Joan Daley, and Alice Cowell and (standing) Inge Bossert and Nancy Smith, club president.

# Join The Club



Rake and Hoe members from, left are: Marylyn Straight, Mary Smith, Susan D'Areccia, Carolyn Pulliam, and Irene Greenstein.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a long-term reputation for its service to the community and donations to worthy causes. Members of the club visit Lyons Veterans Hospital five times a year to arrange fresh flowers for the patients' rooms. The club has a membership that is diverse, spanning all ages, interests and occupations. Each member brings knowledge to the group, sharing it the way a friend shares seeds or cuttings with a friend. Federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of New Jersey, the club has between 50 and 70 members all of whom share one thing in common—a love of flowers and gardening. For membership questions call Maryann Pietruszki, membership

chair at 908-789-9254.

## Join The Club

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Bayleaf Leonard J. Sanders Memorial Post No. 6807 in Garwood, Westfield will be participating in the Garwood Town-wide Yard Sale on June 20. The VFW Auxiliary Yard Sale will take place at 205 Willow Ave. and corner of Oak Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will be for the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Program, "Cancer Aid and Research". We are also participating in "Help Keep Garwood and the State of New Jersey Green by actively recycling items we no longer can use ourselves and others may find very useful. Also recycle bottles, cans newspapers, etc.

**Cranford Seniors Thursday Club** meets at the community center at 220 Walnut Ave., at 1 p.m.

June programs: June 18, ice cream party - trivia fun; June 25, bingo, bring donations for Cranford Family Care; July 2, business meeting, birthday and anniversary recognition followed by What's My Name?

A trip to Atlantic City's Bally's Casino is set for June 30, call 272-6828.

Happy Birthday wishes to Florence Sherman, Marie Testa, Sarah Malpere, Betty Hosford, Kay Jackowski and Marie Christman.

Anniversary congratulations to: Shirley & Vic Mason, 67 years; Joan & John Griffin, 54 years; Ros-

alie & Leon Bagenski, 37 years and Joan & Robert Campbell, 53 years.

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside had a Mass for the installation of officers celebrated by Fr. John McCrone followed by their annual pot luck supper on June 1. The 2009-2010 officers are: President - Jeanne Dalrymple, Vice President - Carol Leick, Treasurer - Virginia Mennuti, Recording Secretary - Marie Hine, and Corresponding Secretary - Stephanie Szabo.

A trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Singin' Dancin' A Little Romancin'" on Aug. 8 is planned. Contact Joyce Gregory at (973-218-9163) for information and ticket reservations.



Members of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, NJ were honored at the 6th annual New Jersey Clean Communities Council's Award for the NJ Transit Adopt-A-Station Project. The members planted daffodils and maintained the garden on the north side of the Westfield Train Station for the past two years. Present at the ceremony representing the entire club were (left to right in the back) Joan Daley, Irene Greenstein, Alice Cowell, Kay Cross, Deborah Eadie (NJ Transit Adopt-a-Station Director), Anna Daurio, Peggy Smith, Onnolee Allieri (President of The Garden Club of New Jersey), Letty Hudak. Seated are Jill Sitcer, Erica Fried, Bridget Howlett, and Clare Minick. The club has a long term reputation for its service to the community and donations to worthy causes. For membership questions call Call Maryann Pietruszki, Membership Chair, for information at 908-789-9254.



# Rake and Hoe club earns state, national awards

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The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield earned many awards on the club, state and national level during the past year. They were awarded at the Garden Club of New Jersey Annual meeting on June 5, and at the end of year club luncheon at Echo Lake Country Club on June 11.

At the national level, the club won the first place award for its monthly newsletter from National Garden Club, Inc., produced and edited by Inge Bossert. On the state level, the club won for a club with more than 50 members, The Doris I. Cavanaugh Membership Participation Trophy for having the highest percentage of membership participation in state events, a Certificate of Merit to a Junior Garden Club for Civic Achievement - Youth Butterfly Garden, Certificate of Merit with Gold Seal for Junior Gardening, Certificate of Merit for Junior Gardening objectives, and Certificate of Merit with Gold Seal for an Excellent Yearbook. On the club level individuals each earned awards: Judy Kampe Award - Marylyn Straight, bowl and certificate; Nancy Wallace Award - Barbara Mullin, bowl and certificate; Kay Cross Award - Diana Kazazis for chairing the State Flower Show and the Agnes Eggimann Award - Inge Bossert for her Outstanding "Bloomin' Times" monthly club newsletter, Facebook page, Photography, and Communications work for the club.

As a volunteer organization, the Rake and Hoe Garden Club provides service to the community by maintaining the gardens at the north side of the Westfield Train Station, the Miller Cory House Museum, the Shadowlawn Pocket Park (a Blue Star Memorial), and the Clare Brownell Wildflower Garden at the Reeve House, the home of the Westfield Historic Society.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a long term reputation for its service to the community and donations to worthy causes. Their Holiday House Tour of four distinguished homes in Westfield is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6 and has been in the planning stages for many months. Each home is decorated with a different theme depending on the character of the home. This event is only presented every four years because of the intense planning and execution of detail. The last event was in December 2010 and was a grand success. As the primary source of revenue for the groups many service projects in Westfield and Mountainside, the 2014 Holiday House Tour is sure to be outstanding in effort on the part of every club member.

Some other Rake and Hoe Garden Club service projects include sponsoring many events with the

special needs children of the Jardine Academy of the Union County Cerebral Palsy League of Union County. This includes creating a butterfly and flower garden and the making of themed ornaments for their annual December tree and spring tree and matching the ornaments with a similarly themed holiday book for their library. Rake and Hoe members also make bedside flower arrangements and donate gift bags filled with goodies for the veterans at Lyons Hospital.

The Junior Garden Club, which meets once a month, has members from first grade to eighth grade. The young members will be busy this fall maintaining the butterfly garden at the Shadowlawn Pocket Park and learning the basics of flower arranging, which will help them make flower arrangements for the teachers at the Jardine School and to compete in the New Jersey Garden Show in February 2015. Call Beth Siano at 908-233-4150 to join. The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield's membership is diverse, spanning all ages, interests, and occupations. Federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of New Jersey, the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, has between 50 and 70 members all of whom share one thing in common: a love of flowers and gardening.



**Pictured, Marylyn Straight, Barbara Mullin, President of the Garden Club of NJ, Pat Wilson, Diana Kazazis, and Inge Bossert accept their annual awards at the Rake and Hoe annual luncheon held at Echo Lake Country Club.**



# Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield win many awards at Garden State Flower Show



The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield and their junior members devoted time to the Garden State Flower Show held at Raritan Center on Feb.12-15. Maryann Pietruszki, a member of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, explains some fine points of flower arranging to Sammie Nocera, a Rake and Hoe Junior, as she prepares her entry for the Garden State Flower Show. (courtesy photo)

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The Garden State Flower Show, which attracts more than 25,000 flower and garden enthusiasts annually, highlighted a Standard Flower Show presented yearly by the Garden Club of New Jersey. With the theme of "A Garden of Authors," the members designed flower arrangements, brought in horticulture samples, did plant crafts, and entered the photography competitions.

The artistic design awards for The Rake and Hoe Garden Club included Blue ribbons to Barbara Mullin, Third Place ribbons to Alice Cowell and Diana Kazazis, and Honorable Mention Awards to Peggy Smith and Inge Bossert. Photography ribbons included Blue ribbons to Richard and Jeannette Pellikan, Barbara Spellmeyer, Inge Bossert, and Margot Partridge. Second Place awards went to Richard and Jeannette Pellikan, Bob Partridge, Barbara Spellmeyer, and Inge Bossert. Third Place awards went to Barbara Spellmeyer and Margot Partridge, and Honorable Mention went to Irene Greenstein, Richard Pellikan, and Beth Hanscom.

Junior awards were plentiful in flower design for a total of nine ribbons: five blue and four second places for individual entries. The Rake and Hoe Junior Garden Club also took all three age categories in the National

Garden Club Youth Award for Excellence. Age 6 to 10 years, went to Malissa Morabita. Age 11-12 years, went to Emma Sylvester. And 13-18 years, went to Elise Morano. In crafts, the Juniors won 15 awards: Seven Blues, five Second Places, two Third Places, and one Honorable Mention. And finally, the Garden Club of NJ Youth Artistic Craft Award for 13- to 18-year-olds was given to Margaret Schantz.

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Contact Karen Jolley-Gates, club president, at 908-233-5125 for more information. Find out more information about The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield NJ on Facebook and online at, <http://www.rakeand-hoe.org>.

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THE RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS prepare for the State Flower Show, "A Floral Odyssey" held at the NJ Convention & Expo Center in Edison, NJ on Feb. 16-19. Pictured from left, are: Erica Fried, Helen Luecke and Alice Cowell.