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The Rake and Hoe Garden Club
of Westfield, New Jersey

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Garden Club of New Jersey Awards Application

Award Number: 67 Award Name: Publicity Press Book Award

Award for: Rake & Hoe Garden Club, Inc. of Westfield, NJ

(Name of Garden Club/Clubs, District, or Individual)

Name of Club: Rake & Hoe Garden Club, Inc. of Westfield

Date Submitted: Jan. 20, 2016

Number of Members in Club: 82

District: 5

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1. New Project: Yes No ☒ Beginning Date: January 1, 2016 Completion Date: December 31, 2016
2. Project title: Publicity Press Book Award
3. Brief summary and objectives of project. Below
4. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc. NA
5. Project expenses and means of funding. NA
6. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance. NA
7. Attach or insert photos, landscape plan, and other documentation of choice. NA

Brief Summary and objectives of project:

The Rake & Hoe Garden Club, Inc. of Westfield, consisting of 82 members, supports the mission and goals of the Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ) and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). Like our parent organizations, we provide outreach and educational activities to the community, activities that promote the love of gardening, and floral design as well as civic and environmental responsibility.

Inspired by the Butterfly and BeeGAP committee established by GCNJ, Rake and Hoe along with Westfield Garden Club will be collaborating with a local nursery to create a Pollinator Center which will display special plants to create butterfly, bee and bird gardens. This vital project will educate the public on how they can assist the struggling pollinators while creating functional and beautiful gardens for the homeowner.

Articles feature service to the community providing projects for the students of the Jardine Academy School for Cerebral Palsy; maintaining the gardens at the Westfield train station; Miller-Cory House Museum; Reeve House Cultural and Resource Center; providing arrangements for local Mobil Meals deliveries; arrangements for veterans at Lyons Veterans Hospital (including gift bags and sending cards).

Rake & Hoe also has a junior membership of ten ranging from kindergarten through high school fostering a love of gardening and community service for students.

Monthly meetings feature speakers discussing important topics such as specific plants, shade gardens, trees, and birds along with workshops and trips combine to create a comprehensive educational experience for our membership.



NGC Awards Application: 2015-2017: Award #: 44Aiii Award Name: Publicity Press Book
Submitted by (name of club or council, etc): Rake and Hoe Garden Club
[Enter name exactly as it should appear on any award received] Date: 2/20/2017
Number of members in club or council, etc): 82
Contact information (club member) Paula Long
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Name of State Garden Club: Garden Club of New Jersey Number in state garden club: 4482
State Awards Chairman: Cecelia Millea Phone: 856-235-8926
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RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB SERVES OUR VETERANS

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is fulfilling their mission of service to the community this year by participating in Apple Fest at the Westfield Historical Society in October where they created floral designs given away for donations to the veterans. Members purchased allium bulbs as a fundraiser this Fall as well, accumulating almost \$600 in profit for the veterans. The Club appreciates all the donations from the public! This funding will be allocated to Music for All Seasons,

a non-profit organization in Scotch Plains, which serves veterans through their creative song-writing program, "Voices of Valor" (voicesofvalor.org) as well as Rake and Hoe's own established veterans projects at Lyons Veterans Hospital.

Since 1952, the Rake and Hoe Club has joyfully fulfilled their mission to provide decorating services to the Lyons Veterans Medical Center, Lyons, NJ. Four times a year the members provide floral arrangements for dining





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By PAULA LONG

January 3, 2016 at 6:36 PM

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Anyone interested in joining the Rake and Hoe Garden Club is invited to call club President, Diana Kazazis at 908-654-8783.



JOY AT JARDINE...Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield bring holiday spirit to the Jardine Academy in Cranford by decorating the tree with hand-made ornaments. Operated by the Cerebral Palsy League, the Academy serves youngsters with multiple disabilities. Pictured, from left to right, are: Lee Perry, Betty Gulino, Beth Siano, MaryLou Nolas, Connie Sato, Julie Dvork, Janet Gardner and Barbara Spellmeyer.

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(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rake & Hoe Garden Club 'Juniors' busy bees in the community



The Junior Garden Club of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club contributes to the Westfield Community with many projects throughout the year. The juniors, who range from kindergarten through high school, meet monthly during the school year to work on projects. (courtesy photo)

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By **Suburban News**

on February 02, 2016 at 12:57 PM, updated February 03, 2016 at 3:35 PM

The Junior Garden Club of the [Rake and Hoe Garden Club](#) contributes to the Westfield Community with many projects throughout the year. The juniors, who range from kindergarten through high school, meet monthly during the school year to work on projects focused on flower design, gardening and community service. They began the current school year cleaning up the garden at Shadowlawn Pocket Park.

The girls also learn the basics of flower arranging to compete in the annual New Jersey Garden show each February. This year's project for entry in the Garden Show was making "bugdominiums" taught by the Rake and Hoe members. The girls learned about solitary bees, such as mason bees, that nest in hollow plant stems and other cavities rather than in hives like honey bees. The purpose of the "bugdominiums" is to provide nesting sites for solitary bees. These may be located in the butterfly garden planted and maintained by the junior members of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club.

The boxes are made of plywood boxes that the girls dipped in a black walnut "bath" to color the plywood. The girls decorated the outside of the boxes as well as filled the insides with plant materials that included: Drilled logs, bamboo, hollow stems of shrubs such as forsythia and deutzia, pine cones, sections of plane tree branches, acorn tops dyed blue to attract bees, and slices of pine branches.

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Rake & Hoe Juniors Gear Up for NJ Garden Show



By PAULA LONG, RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB
February 7, 2016 at 9:11 PM

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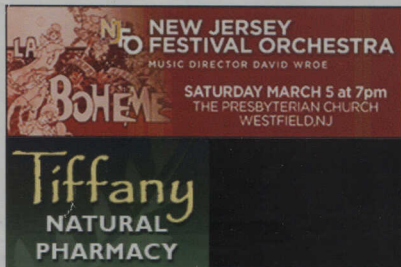
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SUPPORT FOR VETERANS... Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield President Diana Kazazis, left, presents a check March 9 to club member Paula Long, representing Music for All Seasons, which provides a veterans' program entitled "Voices of Valor." Rake and Hoe recently was the recipient of a Congressional Citation from Congressman Leonard Lance, recognizing its multiple efforts on behalf of veterans.

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Rake & Hoe Garden Club Helps with Spring Cleanup at Northside Train Station

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Rake and Hoe members Jeanie Pelikan, Kay Cross, Beth Hanscom, Richard Pelikan and Alice Cowell. Not in photo is Mary Foley Smith who also helped to clean the garden.

By PAULA LONG

May 4, 2016 at 7:44 PM

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Rake and Hoe Club clean up rail station

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Rake & Hoe Garden Club members bring cheer to Mobile Meals' clients



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Several members of the [Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield](#) prepared 65 flower creations on April 20 for clients of Mobile Meals of Westfield. Twice a year, club members gather at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, where Mobile Meals originates. The club donates the flowers and prepares small arrangements to accompany that day's meal delivery to clients.

Josephine Walsh, director of Mobil Meals Operations, reported that clients welcome and look forward to receiving the arrangements to brighten their day. Mobile Meals is a voluntary, non-profit program that provides home-delivered meals to those who are un-able to shop and prepare their own meals on either a temporary or permanent basis. It is available to residents of Westfield and surrounding communities including Mountainside, Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Clark and Cranford. For more information, call (908) 233-6146.

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This item was submitted by the Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield.

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SPRINGTIME AT JARDINE...Earlier this spring, members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield visited the Jardine Academy in Cranford to create planters with the children enrolled there. Pictured, from left to right, are: Maryann Pietruszki, Peg Sheridan, Anna Daurio, Lee Perry, Irene Greenstein, Susan Dinan and Susan McClelland.

Rake and Hoe Garden Club Visits Jardine Academy

WESTFIELD — As part of its service commitment to the Westfield community and Union County, the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield joined the staff at the Jardine Academy of the Cerebral Palsy League in Cranford on May 3 to create Mother's Day planters with the children. More than 50 planters were created for the moms.

The Jardine Academy is approved by the New Jersey Department of Education and maintains Middle States Accreditation. 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 to 21.

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donations to worthy causes by maintaining the gardens at the north side of the Westfield Train Station, the Miller-Cory House Museum, the Shadowlawn Pocket Park and the Claire Brownell Wildflower Garden at the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center of the Westfield Historical Society.

The Rake and Hoe Junior Garden Club, which meets once a month, has members between first and 12th grades. The juniors had a busy fall of planting daffodils around the town and helping to clean up the Westfield train station garden. After much preparation with the Rake and Hoe Club's adult members, the girls recently entered the Garden Club of New Jersey Flower Show, receiving the most awards in all age groups for a total of 40 ribbons. If interested in joining, call Beth Siano at (908) 233-4150.

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Rake and Hoe Club recognized by state garden club

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Rake & Hoe Garden Club beautifies Shadowlawn Park and create habitat for butterflies



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Garden Club of New Jersey Recognizes Rake and Hoe

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Rake and Hoe club fix up children's sensory garden

Eleven Rake and Hoe members thinned and mulched the children's sensory garden of the Miller-Cory House Museum, Westfield on June 17. All plants are labeled and historically accurate to the Colonial Period of American History. Miller-Cory was built in 1740 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Rake and Hoe Garden Club also maintains the gardens at the Westfield Train Station, Shadowlawn Pocket Park and the Claire Brownell Wildflower Garden at the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center for the Westfield Historical Society. Pictured from left are Joan Barna, Tracy Criscitiello, Helen Pastercyk, Clare Minick, Carolyn Pulliam, and Adah Levin. Not pictured were Irene Greenstein, Barbara Mullin, Pat Badala, Penny Dinger, and Beth Siano. For more information, contact, Paula Long, 908-451-0231. *Courtesy Photo*

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Rake and Hoe Juniors Enhance Pocket Park

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The girls created and installed stepping stones at the park under the guidance of adult members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield. The stones were crafted from broken pieces of china accumulated over the years by Rake and Hoe member Alice Cowell. Concrete block was purchased and the girls each created their own original piece by laying the china on the block using thin-set adhesive finishing with grout. The club invites the community to visit the park and see their work.

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A DAY AT SHADOWLAWN...The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield Juniors, joined by several adult club members, work at the Shadowlawn Pocket Park. Pictured, in back row, are: Alice Cowell, Emma Sylvester, Abigail McLaughlin, Holly Schlobohm, Beth Siano, Malissa Morabito and Joan Barna, and front row, Alissa Stumpf, Melissa Fiorentino, Riley Dupuis, Arline Bound, Samantha Nocera and Arabella Morabito. The Juniors, comprised of students in Kindergarten through high school, work on projects throughout the school year.

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Rake & Hoe Garden Club Hosts 'Housewarming' and Presents History of Shady Rest

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By PAULA LONG

September 28, 2016 at 11:05 AM

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President, Rake & Hoe, Barton Ross, Kevin
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Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield hosts housewarming

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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)

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Rake & Hoe Garden Club Hosts Housewarming at Shady Rest

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By PAULA LONG

October 2, 2016 at 10:00 AM

SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ -- The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield kicked off its 2016-17 year with a "Housewarming" at the Historic Scotch Hills Country Club on Sept. 14. Guests included Scotch Plains Mayor Kevin Glover, Township Manager Al Mirabella and Barton Ross, the restoration specialist who discussed the current plans to update and restore the Shady Rest Clubhouse at Scotch Hills.

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WARM WELCOME...Diana Kazazis, president of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, welcomes Township Administrator Alexander Mirabella, left, restoration specialist Barton Ross, second from right, and Mayor Kevin Glover at the club's recent "housewarming" event at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains.

Rake and Hoe Commences Year With 'Housewarming'

WESTFIELD AREA — The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield kicked off its 2016-2017 year with a "housewarming" on September 14 at the historic Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains. Invited guests included Scotch Plains Mayor Kevin Glover, Township Administrator Alexander Mirabella and Barton Ross, a restoration specialist who discussed the current plans to update and restore the present Scotch Hills Country Club.

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Applefest to Include Mum and Kale Sale

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historical Society will hold its annual Applefest celebration on Saturday, October 22, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center, and once again will sell mums and kale as a fundraiser. The price is \$7 each or three for \$20.

Colors available for the mums are red, yellow, white, lavender and bronze. Customers may pick up their

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This item was submitted by Paula Long.

Rake & Hoe Garden Club visits Jardine Academy



Rake & Hoe Garden Club members who visited the Jardine Academy recently included Lee Perry, Kathy Becker, Sharon Shiraga and Irene Greenstein. (Courtesy of Paula Long)



By **Community Bulletin**

on October 25, 2016 at 1:54 PM

Rake and Hoe Garden Club members visited the Jardine Academy on September 20 2016. 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.

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October Program . . .

"Our Prized Native Azaleas"

Steven Kristoph is passionate about plants and likes to share his passion with others. We are the lucky ones this month, when he shares his knowledge and love of some of our native shrubs. Mr. Kristoph owns and operates a nursery in Monmouth county where he grows many types of ornamental trees, shrubs and perennials. A wonderful and never too early opportunity to start thinking about our spring gardens!



Notes from the September Program . . .

"Welcome Back"

What a busy and exciting start to the new season!

First, celebrating our new 'home'. There were many distinguished guests! From the Garden Club of NJ, the Westfield Garden Club, as well as local dignitaries who told us all about the Scotch Hills Country Club. The team of speakers included Scotch Plains Mayor Kevin Glover, John Shippen Foundation Chairman Thurman Simmons, Restoration Specialist Barton Ross, and SP Township Manager Alexander Mirabella. They combined to reveal the history, the current restoration, and the future of our new meeting place.

The clubhouse started life as a farmhouse in the mid-1700's. In 1897, the building became the George Osborne tavern, but only three years later, the Westfield Golf Club converted the land into a 9-hole golf course. When WGC merged with Cranford to create the Echo Lake Country Club, the sold the property in 1921 to a group of black investors, who created the Shady Rest Golf and Country Club for golf and tennis. Scotch Plains acquired the facility and land in 1938 and renamed it Scotch Hills Country Club. Earlier this year, the Scotch Plains Council voted to approve a bond ordinance of more than a half million dollars to undertake interior and exterior improvements at the clubhouse. The restoration project is in its final stages.

Shady Rest was the first black-owned golf club in the U.S. It became an active center for African-American society during the Jazz Era, featuring performances by musical legends Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Sarah Vaughn and many others. Simmons, the founder of the John Shippen Youth Golf Foundation, explained the painstaking process of preserving the clubhouse. With his wife, Ruby, they have invested more than three decades of time in bringing awareness to the historic building.

Following the above program, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to husbands of R&H members who have made significant contributions to the Club in time and efforts: Doug Blumenfeld, Charlie Cowell, Richard Greenstein, Warren Hanscom, John Kazazis, Ray Pietruszki, Jim Williams, and Greg Winter.

- Joe D., Paula L., and Kelley B. contributed to this article

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Upcoming Activities . . .

Community Gardens

- 10/7 Miller-Cory Cleanup
- 10/20 Train Station Cleanup

Community Projects & Service

- 10/7 Lyons Flower Service for Veterans
- 10/7 Fall Cleanup at Miller-Cory
- 10/20 Fall Cleanup at Train Station
- 10/21 Mobile Meals Flower Service
- 10/28 Cards for Veterans at Carolyn K.'s home

- 11/1 Making Ornaments for Jardine

Juniors

- 10/19 Hunting & Gathering at Miller-Cory and Garden Cleanup
- 11/9 Pressed Flower Design workshop at Beth S.'s home

Meetings

- 10/3 Board Meeting at Karen J-G.'s home
- 10/12 General Meeting at Scotch Hills CC
- 10/31 (Nov) Board Mtg. at Kris L.'s home
- 11/9 Joint General Mtg with GCW at Scotch Hills CC

Trips

- 10/17 Trip to El Dorado Farm (rain date: 10/18)
- 10/22 AppleFest at the Reeve House

Workshops

- 10/19 Artistic Crafts workshop (note date change)
- 10/14 Plant Exchange at Barb S.'s home
- 10/21 Teacup flower designs for AppleFest
- 11/4 Photography workshop cancelled, to be rescheduled.
- 11/16 Artistic Crafts workshop at Nancy S.'s home.
- 11/21 Flower Design for Thanksgiving



Announcements

News from the Garden Club of New Jersey



Upcoming GCNJ Courses:

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| Garden Study School
(Course III, Series VIII) | Oct 4-7 |
| Landscape Design School
(Course IV, Series XVII) | Oct 18-21 |

Upcoming Events:

Oct 3. West Trenton Garden Club, 7pm.
*New York Times Best Seller: "All the Presidents' Gardens" at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, West Trenton.

Oct 13. Holly Club of Sea Girt Annual Luncheon and Boutique, 11:30am. Spring Lake Golf Club. Fashion show from Ocean Grove's Emporium, \$40. Call 732-449-4043 for reservations.

Oct 13. GC of Watchung, 7-9pm. "A Scentsational Night". At St Mary's Stony Hill, Watchung \$60. 908-754-5766.

Oct 27. Warren Garden Club Annual Luncheon, 11am. "There are NO Rules: 3 Sticks and a Rock". Hawk Pointe Golf Club, Washington. \$45. Contact, 908-689-3744 for tickets.

Nov 5. GC of Toms River dedication of Blue Star Marker.

Nov 5. Native Plant Society of NJ Fall Conference. 10am - 4pm at Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ www.npsnj.org

Dec 1. Dogwood GC of Princeton. Holiday Luncheon & Speaker. Mercer Oaks Golf Club, Princeton Junction. \$50. 609-921-3165.

Dec 8. GC of LBI's Annual Holiday Tour of Homes (with Holiday Boutique & Tea). \$45. 609-494-3752. www.thegardencluboflbi.com

Need more info?

www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com

September Program notes, continued from page 1

WHAT AM I BID?

.... R&H members enthusiastically welcomed the return of the annual auction, led by ever-effervescent auctioneer Alice Cowell. One of the highlights for bid was a framed print of the New Jersey's official state butterfly. Artist James Fiorentino's painting "Black Swallowtail Butterfly" is being sold in a signed & numbered limited edition as a fundraising project of the Garden Club of New Jersey.



Another highlight of the auction was the "eggs-traordinary" pysanky egg, painted by our own Tracy C. Tracy shares some background for Bloomin' Times: "Pysanky are made using aniline dyes and beeswax. A *kistka* is used for writing the design on the egg. The tradition goes back to the 10th century in Ukraine. Eggs were decorated and given at Easter. Traditional pysanky are decorated using symbols and colors which can represent good health, fertility, good fortune, and agriculture. I have been making pysanky my whole life. This was a tradition we always made at Easter. Now I make the eggs all year long."

Our thanks to everyone who brought or pledged gifts and services, the auction took in \$1300, a huge jump over the 2014 auction that raised \$887.

-Joe D.

DELICIOUS DELECTABLES!

With the presence of so many special guests coming to our "housewarming" party at the September meeting, the Hospitality Committee pulled out all the stops and treated us all to a 'fest-i-fall' feast! Adding to its success was the opportunity to use a section of the clubhouse new to us and apart from the meeting space. Everyone was able to enjoy a great selection of food while sitting down at nearby tables.

Hostess/Host coordinators Jeanie and Rich P., with Regina D., Clare M., Joan K. and Carol K., provided an assortment of delicious foods. A beautiful floral design by Barbara M. served as feast for the eyes (see photo). Appetizers included mozzarella & tomatoes on skewers, pigs-in-a-blanket, spanakopita, turkey & cheese pinwheels, cream cheese & walnut squares, and a selection of sandwiches with egg, chicken, or tuna salads, and pasta salad. The table also featured a colorful 3-tier basket filled with several types of chips and popcorn. Desserts were overflowing on a separate table, including ambrosia, zucchini bread, brownies, and an expansive fruit platter. Completing the team effort were Galye Land Mary Lou N. who provided coffee and tea and the lovely tablecloths.

-Jeanie P.



Pls. visit the R&H Photo Gallery
for more viewing

Announcements & Committee News . . .

"So Many Birds"

...is this year's theme for the Cape May Fall Festival, 10/21-23. Co-sponsored by the NJ Audubon Society and the Cape May Bird Observatory, programs will include the Monarch Monitoring Project, the Raptor Project, Cape May Hawkwatch, Avalon Seawatch, and Morning Flight Songbird Count.



For details, call 609-427-3006 or go to www.BirdCapeMay.org

-submitted by Joe D.



The Horticulture Committee will be selling allium bulbs again this year as a fundraiser for Veterans. Allium are **DEER RESISTANT!** Bring your checkbooks to purchase at the general meeting October 12.



GCNJ is selling amaryllis bulbs as a fundraiser for the flower show this year. Large white or red/white or miniature green are for sale. Please get \$ to Pat Wilson prior to October 10.

Veterans Greenhouse at Lyons is selling mums. Building 47 from 9 to 7pm. \$10 each.

Community Projects

Excitement is in the air as our busiest two months of the year are upon us. There are many opportunities to pitch in and help one or more of our projects in October and November.

Kay C. will be organizing Mobile Meals table arrangements on Friday, October 21st at 9:00am in the Baptist Church [lower level].

Carolyn K. will be hosting the Memorial Day card signing for the veterans at her home on Friday, October 28 at 1:00pm.

Janet G. will be heading the Holiday ornament workshop for Jardine Academy at the Mountainside Community Room on Tuesday, November 1 at 1:00pm.

Mary S. will be collecting Holiday gift bags for the men and women veterans at the Lyons Hospital in October and November.



Thank you to the gals who have already planted bulbs at Jardine (and Irene's husband) and arranged flowers at the Lyons Hospital and thank you d Kris for organizing the

If you can cut stems off of flowers, write with a pen, or cut, glue and sparkle you are a perfect fit for community events!!! It's always so nice to spend time doing for others while having a good time in the process!!

-Lee P.

Guidelines for HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS FOR VETERANS

This year's themes for the bags will remain the same: COSY, BEAUTY, and GAME bags. The Lyons Hospital is very strict about what we can give, so please buy only what is on the lists. **Do Not Wrap** anything. Place the items in a decorative bag and insert a card thanking the Yets for their service and best wishes for the holidays. Bring your gifts to the October and November meetings. Mary S. has volunteered to deliver the bags this year!

This year you may include adult coloring books with each bag category!!

- (1) **Cozy Bag** - Cotton Sox (sz. 10-13), knit hats, slipper sox (any size), shower shoes (10-13).
- (2) **Beauty Bag** - (Med. size bottles only) - Shower Gel (no bar soap), shampoo (no conditioner), toothpaste/brush, comb, brush, deodorant (men and women), moisturizer
- (3) **Game Bag** - Playing cards, crossword/ word find/ sudoku books, telephone cards, stationary (men & women), envelopes & stamps.

Think of each bag as a way to honor not only these veterans but also a family member for their service to the country!!! Thank you to all who participate.

- Lee P.



Community Gardens . . .



Thank you Penny, Peg, Helen, Tracy, and Barbara for putting in the time to clean up our Rake and Hoe Gardens at Miller Cory. We thinned, weeded, and planted 50 Daffodil bulbs. I know the garden will look lovely in the Spring thanks to your efforts!
- Irene G

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A new tri-fold brochure on the 'Period Gardens at Miller-Cory House Museum' produced by Nancy S. and Inge B. is complete and ready for distribution to visitors at MC. Tour the gardens!



More Committee News

Horticulture

Trip to Hortulus Farm. On Sept. 27th eight of us had a great trip to *Hortulus Farm and Garden* just outside of Philadelphia. The gardens are lovely although fading at this time of year. The gardens and house are somewhat remote meaning a good distance from the garden center so it would be difficult for those who have difficulty with uneven terrain. We talked about returning when the gardens are in full bloom. That would be May or June which for this year is already packed with other club activities.



The house is a great example of our colonial history (our host, Jack Staub, resides there). A separate building he calls his office/library and the house are full of antiques and books which are treasures.

Next up! The Fall Plant Exchange at the home of Barb S. on October 14th. Then, the Oct 17th a return trip to *Eldorado Farm*...Gayle L.'s family's farm. It has been a good year for the farm and already 16 people have signed up. Look for the clipboard at the meeting.

- Susan D.



REMINDER: Please plant spring flowering bulbs so you'll have entries for the April 29th flower show. Because the weather is unpredictable, it makes sense to stagger the bloom time. For example, you may plant mid-April and late-April daffodils. Early May tulips may well be blooming in late April. You get the idea.

- Clare M.

Publicity

We will have our "Victorian" theme Flower Show this spring. In conjunction with this event, R & H has the large display case at the Westfield Library to fill with an announcement and Victorian themed items to display in the case. Please begin to think about items that you can loan for the library exhibit. Contact me with any items you may have. Thanks!

- Paula L



-- In Need of a Good Home --

Our club laser printer is looking for a new home....It doesn't take up too much space and is only rarely used for club business. Pls. consider - Thanks!

- Inge B.

Photography

Just a reminder that, due to rain, our Photography trip to historic Greenwood Cemetery on 9/19 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, 10/11. Many of you have already signed up for next Tuesday. We will be meeting at Anna's at 9:00am to carpool. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring snacks and water. And do not forget your camera! We will be traveling through the cemetery in our cars. Check out the You-Tube walking tour for ideas. We will be stopping at the Stone House restaurant on Staten Island for lunch.

If you would like to join us, we still have some space; priority goes to members of the Photography committee. Pls. contact Margot.

The Photography workshop planned for 11/4 has been postponed. A new date will be arranged soon. Thanks.

-Margot

Juniors

Juniors Decorate Gourd Bird Houses

The Juniors (13 this year with four new members) started their year with an art project directed by Adah L. that was truly for the birds. As the girls worked outside embellishing gourd bird houses on a lovely afternoon, Adah encouraged them to look closely at the flowers and leaves around them to see and appreciate the minute color gradations, depth and design elements in nature that could be used in their own work. It was a wonderful project that engaged the girls whether they were in elementary, middle or high school and the results showed how carefully they applied themselves.



In October they will be getting to work on the fern garden at Miller Cory, a new responsibility this year. While there, they will also do some hunting and gathering for plant material to press for November's botanical art project. If anyone is in the mood to press some of those end of season flowers and leaves in your pots and beds, we would certainly appreciate the contributions. Contact Beth S. or Joan B.

- Beth S.

Features & Info

... from the 'Garden B's' (Birds, Bees, Butterflies, and Bats)

Gain a Hawk's Eye!

Hawks are among the world's most popular birds, but can be some of the most difficult to identify. To become more comfortable with identification, there are three silhouettes to become familiar with that are seen in the Northeast.

Buteos - broad wings and broad rounded tails, often seen soaring in wide circles in the air. i.e. Red-Tailed Hawks



Falcons - streamlined, long pointed wings, longish compressed tapered tails; strong rowing wing beats. i.e. Peregrine falcons and Osprey

Accipiters - short, wide, rounded wings, long tails; strong rowing wing beats. i.e. Sharp Shinned Hawks



New Jersey and Pennsylvania are prime viewing areas as the hawks migrate south to their wintering grounds. Hawk Mountain in Kempton, PA holds their hawk count from August 15 through December 15. Cape May's hawk count occurs from September 1st through November 30th.

And in our own backyard there is Washington Valley Park in Martinsville. Look for an email regarding a Pop-Up trip this Fall.

For further reading, Hawks in Flight: Second Edition by Pete Dunn, David Sibley, and Clay Sutton comes highly recommended.

- Pam K.

Mark Your Yearbooks!!

October 5 Artistic crafts RESCHEDULED to Oct. 19 10:00am at Pat Badala's home

October 13 at 10:00am ADD-ON Clare Brownell garden cleanup to spruce up for Applefest

October 28 at 1pm Veterans cards VENUE CHANGE to Carolyn K's home.

Marianne M's email address is mimi3xxx2015@gmail.com

If you have a change /correction to post in the newsletter, pls. contact Inge B.

It's Flower Show Time (or at least time to start planning our show!)

Time for some fun!! Let's have a contest for the best title for the flower show coming up! As you know the theme is "Victorian". The schedule is almost completed but to give you an idea on what it includes: floriography (language of flowers), art in bloom, famous folks from the time period, victorian customs like the use of fans and tussle musses and photos of Victorian architecture and gardens. Please submit your title by email to Diana for consideration by the end of October. Good luck!



There are still some Chair openings for the Flower Show! Pls. take a look and If you are interested in filling any of the vacancies, let Diana know.

Shew Chair	Diane
Shew Vice Chair	Pat
Adbook Chair	Pat and Susan D.
Awards Chair	
Boutique Chairs	Tracy, and Colleen
Clerks Chair	Beth H.
Design Chair	Barbara
Docent Chair	Richard
Horticulture Chair	Clare and Barbara S.
Judges Chair	Kay Cross
Judges Breakfast	Carole S.
Judges Luncheon	
Name Tags	
Photography Chair	Margot
Printing Chair	Barbara M.
Schedule Chairs	Diane, Kay, Barbara
Signage Chair	Inge
Special Exhibits Chair	
Staging Chair	Beth
Tea Chair	Mary and Hoyle
Youth Chair	Alice

Let sales

October's Flower of the Month Calendula, or “Pot Marigold”

Romans and Greeks used the golden calendula in many rituals and ceremonies, sometimes wearing crowns or garlands made from the flowers. One of its nicknames is “Mary’s Gold,” referring to the use of the flowers in early Catholic events in Europe. Since early times, *Calendulas* have been sacred flowers in India and are used to decorate the statues of Hindu deities. Ancient cultures also recognized their healing properties. In early medical writings, the calendula was recommended for treating digestive ailments. It is still considered a powerful antioxidant and a strong [antiviral herb](#). During the Civil War, calendula flowers were used on the battlefields to stem hemorrhaging in open wounds and as an antiseptic in dressings. The *calendula* is still important in alternative medicine and is used to treat a number of skin conditions. Today it is present in almost 200 lotions, shampoos and cosmetics.



Not to be confused with the common marigold, *Tagetes* sp., the related *Calendula* species have been used in cooking for centuries. The flowers may be dried to color butter and cheese, or as a replacement for [saffron](#). They were a common ingredient in German soups and stews, hence the nickname “pot marigold.” The flowers are traditional in Mediterranean and Middle Eastern dishes. My research indicated that marigold petals may be used fresh in salads, so I went out to my garden with snips in hand to do a tasting. When I planted my marigolds this year, I noticed a very strong onion-like odor. I found no onion aroma this time, but the petals had a bitter, pungent taste, reminiscent of... grass! Stick with johnny-jump-ups for your salads, or try nasturtiums, whose petals and leaves will add a peppery dimension to your meal.

-Joe D.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Do they know Thanksgiving is nigh? A rafter of wild turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*) in Barb S's backyard. [That's right! gaggle of geese, murder of crows, and rafter of turkeys!]

Do you have a photo of something unusual or spectacular in your garden? Wildlife, plants, et al. We hope to run a monthly photo in the BT newsletter, and we hope you will participate. Include a brief description, including where the photo was shot, and e-mail to Joe D. at jodamart@comcast.net.

IT'S APPLE TIME

Please share your recipe for a favorite sweet or savory, appetizer or dessert - perhaps a family recipe - perhaps a food item you served at an R&H monthly meeting. E-mail to Joe D. at jodamart@comcast.net

This month we feature a timely and favorite recipe from Adah L.

WASHINGTON APPLE CAKE

Heat oven to 350 F, butter a 13 x 9 x 2 cake pan. Set aside

- 3 large eggs room temperature 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 c. granulated sugar
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 c. canola oil
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 c. all-purpose flour
- 4 c. peeled, thinly sliced tart apple (about 5)
- 1 tsp. baking soda

Slice apples and spread them evenly in the bottom of the buttered cake pan. Set aside. Sift together flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Set aside. Beat eggs with a mixer until light and fluffy. Combine sugar and oil and pour into the eggs slowly while mixing on a medium speed. Add vanilla. Fold in the sifted flour, salt and baking soda by hand. Fold in the chopped walnuts. Pour batter over the apples in the cake pan, spreading evenly.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 1 hour. Remove and cool. Frost with Cream Cheese Icing. Cake improves with time. If serving in the evening, always bake in the morning or the night before.

CREAM CHEESE ICING

- 2 (3 oz) pkg. cream cheese
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 c. melted sweet butter
- 1 Tbl. lemon zest
- 2 c. powdered sugar

Soften 2 (3 oz.) pkg. of cream cheese. Beat until fluffy. Beat in melted butter. Beat in lemon juice. Gradually add the powdered sugar. Add lemon zest. Beat until fluffy. Frost cooled cake.

Thanks, Adah!



Did You Know?

PEOPLE BEHIND THE NAMES Tradescantia(a)

At first glance, the name of John Tradescant, (the Younger) brings to mind a member of the spiderwort family, *Tradescantia*. To mix metaphors, *au contraire!* Despite *Tradescantia* being a widely planted late spring-flowering perennial in this area, John Tradescant is better associated with the native fall-blooming asters in the Northeast.



John Tradescant Jr. (1608-1662), botanist and plant collector, is credited with bringing asters from North America to England.

In 1633 he brought over the Virginia aster and later introduced the very popular New England aster and New York aster. Among the seeds he introduced to English gardens were great American trees, like magnolias, bald cypress, tulip tree, and garden plants such as phlox and asters. When his father died, he

succeeded as head gardener to Charles I. He is the subject of the novel *Virgin Earth* by Philippa Gregory.

Help Bumblebees with Your Garden



Last week brought the news that seven species of bee have been added to the US endangered species list, while a bumblebee species is being watched for addition to the list, too. [Here are simple ways to support the wild bumblebees in your area.](#)

Yo Provide them with pollen and nectar from late winter through early fall. Plan your garden to start blooming early and **fl**ow late.

Choose flowers that welcome the bumblebees. Plants native to your area are a good choice because the bees have evolved alongside them. Exotic (but not invasive) species can work, too. Just be sure to use the straight species, or pick cultivars that retain the general look of the species's flower. That is, avoid cultivars bred for double petals or other fancy forms that make it hard for the bumblebee to access the pollen.

- Bumblebees best like purple, blue and yellow flowers. They cannot see the color red.
 - Avoid using pesticides.
 - Help bumblebees, which typically nest underground, overwinter by leaving some ground undisturbed—that is, not planted or mowed. Bumblebees may also take up in compost piles, woodpiles, stone walls or empty bird houses.
- For more pointers on how to help bumblebees, plus an identification guide and recommended plants by region, [see *Conserving Bumble Bees* by the Xerces Society.](#)

-adapted from [Meghan Shinn, Hortmag.com](#), 10/3/16

What kind of wildlife garden fits you?

You snap a picture when you spot a fox in the woods, and you scan the ocean for a glimpse of a dolphin. But did you know it's easy to bring that excitement home to your own backyard?

When you create a Certified Wildlife Habitat®, wildlife will naturally gravitate towards it, and it doesn't take an expert! It's as easy as providing natural sources of food, water, cover, and places to raise young and maintaining your garden in a natural, sustainable way.

See which kind of Certified Wildlife Habitat® is best for you:

The Urban Balcony

- 1 shallow dish with water = water
- 1 roosting box = cover
- 1 large flower pot with 3 native plants, including milkweed = 3 food sources, a place to raise young, and sustainability
- Eliminate chemical pesticides = sustainability

The Suburban Haven

- 1 tree = food, cover, place to raise young
- 1 hummingbird feeder or native nectar plant = food
- 1 berrying shrub = food, cover, place to raise young
- 1 birdbath = water
- Organic mulch or ground cover = sustainability
- Limit water use = sustainability

The Natural Grounds

- 1 wooded area = food, cover, place to raise young
- 1 garden pond = water, cover, place to raise young
- 1 native wildflower patch = food, cover, place to raise young
- 1 berrying shrub = food, cover, place to raise young
- Remove invasive exotic plants = sustainability
- Reduce or eliminate lawn = sustainability

Each garden achieves the same goal: 3 food sources, 1 water source, 2 places for cover, 2 places to raise young, and 2 sustainable gardening practices. Does your garden provide these things? Certify it as a Certified Wildlife Habitat®!

-David Mizejewski, NWF Naturalist



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's Rake and Hoe Club gives flower creations to Mobile Wheels

By Community Bulletin

on November 01, 2016 at 2:24 PM



Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield include, from left, Carolyn Klinger-Kueter, Susan Dinan, Marylou Nolas, Sharon Shiraga, Margo Partridge, Richard Pelikan, Betty Gulino, Nina Sylvester, Ruby Simmons, Maryann Pietruszki, Clare Minick, Dinana Kazasis (President of R&H), Cathy Becker, Carole Smillie, Peg Sheridan, Irene Greenstein, Lee Perry, Kelly Boero, Kris Luka, Barbara Spellmeyer, Peggy Dinger, Cyndi Cockren, Anna Daurio, Jane Christiani, Marylyn Straight, Kay Cross and Mary Foley Smith. (Courtesy of Paula Long)

Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield's Community Projects Committee completed 50 mini flower creations on Oct. 20, 2016 for clients of Mobile Meals of Westfield.

Twice a year club members gather at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, where Mobile Meals originates. The club donates the flowers and prepares small arrangements in detergent caps to accompany that day's meal delivery to clients. This project was led by Kay Cross. Josephine Walsh, director of Mobile Meals Operations, 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 all: 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 Society's Annual Apple Fest on Sunday, Oct. 23. Proceeds from the tea cups floral arrangements will be donated to the club's Veterans projects.

Attached is a photo of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club Members who prepared flowers arrangements for Mobile Meals and teacups for the Apple Fest 2016 which are donated by the Rake & Hoe Garden Club.

The Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield's membership is diverse, spanning all ages (including juniors ages 7-18), interests, and occupations. Federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of New Jersey, the club has approximately 80 members all of whom share one thing in common: a love of flowers, gardening and community service. Contact Pat Wilson 908-389-9342 for more information or look at their Facebook page and website, rakeandhoe.org.

This item was submitted by Paula Long.

Home & Garden

Westfield's Rake & Hoe Garden Club Members Bring Cheer to Mobile Meals



By PAULA LONG

November 2, 2016 at 9:05 AM

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Members left-right: Carolyn Klinger-Kueter, Susan Dinan, Marylou Nolas, Sharon Shiraga, Margo Partridge, Richard Pelikan, Betty Gulino, Nina Sylvester, Ruby Simmons, Maryann Pietruszki, Clare Minick, Diana Kazazis (President of R&H), Cathy Becker, Carole Smille, Peg Sheridan, Irene Greenstein, Lee Perry, Kelly Boero, Kris Luka, Barbara Spellmeyer, Peggy Dinger, Cyndi Cockren, Anna Daurio, Jane Christiani, Marylyn Straight, Kay Cross, Mary Foley Smith and not shown in photo: Marianne Murray.

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WESTFIELD

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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.

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This item was submitted by Paula Long.

Garden clubs launch pollinator project with nurseries



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

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By Community Bulletin

on November 15, 2016 at 2:55 PM

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!

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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, please contact Diana Kazazis at 908-654-8783.

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Photo courtesy of Jeannie Pelikan

POLLINATION PROJECT...Diana Kazakis, president of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, discusses and displays a poster in conjunction with a project in which Rake and Hoe and the Garden Club of Westfield will participate in facilitating the organization of pollinator centers with local nurseries.

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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, which the garden organizations hope will be a successful template for all states.

Merrilyn Crane, president of the Garden Club of Westfield, and Ms. Kazakis will collaborate on approaching nurseries to spearhead this GCNJ program locally. For more information, call Ms. Kazakis at (908) 654-8783.



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(above) Diana Kazazis, President Rake & Hoe Garden Club

<http://www.nj.com/>

Designer inspires members of 2 Westfield garden clubs



Attending the meeting, from left, were Diana Kazazis, President, Rake & Hoe Garden Club; Mary Warschauer, third VP of National GC; Marilyn Crane, President of GC of Westfield; Susan O'Donnell, President of Garden Club of New Jersey; Cathy Mullarkey, asst. Treasurer GCNJ; Carole Iuso, past president of GCNJ; Debi Harris, Board member of GCNJ. (Courtesy of Paula Long)



By **Community Bulletin**

on December 05, 2016 at 1:45 PM

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield and the Garden Club of Westfield members hosted by Diana Kazazis, President and Marilyn Crane, President respectively, were inspired and entertained by the creative arrangements of floral designer Ken Norman of Floral Inspirations, Delaware on Wednesday, November 9 at Scotch Hills Country Club.

Garden club dignitaries also in attendance were Susan O'Donnell, President of the Garden Club of NJ (GCNJ) and Mary Warschauer, Third Vice President of the National Garden Club (NGC). Ms. Warschauer will become the national president in 2021. Both local clubs are affiliated with the Garden Club of NJ and the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

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GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS...Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield and the Garden Club of Westfield recently gathered together, welcomed guests and enjoyed a presentation on Victorian-style flower arrangements. Pictured, from left to right, are: Diana Kazazis, president, Rake and Hoe Garden Club; Mary Warshauer, third vice-president of the National Garden Club; Merrilyn Crane, president of the Garden Club of Westfield; Susan O'Donnell, president of the Garden Club of New Jersey (GCNJ); Cathy Mullarkey, assistant treasurer of GCNJ; Carole Iuso, past president of GCNJ, and Debi Harris, GCNJ board member.

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Rake and Hoe Garden Club brings gifts to vets at hospital



NJ.COM By Community Bulletin

on December 16, 2016 at 4:09 PM

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This is the largest number of bags ever collected. Previously, the most successful collection was 120 bags. The beautiful bags were filled with toiletries, socks, games and other necessary items to bring joy to the veterans during this holiday season.

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By PAULA LONG

December 29, 2016 at 2:00 PM

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