

Garden Club of New Jersey

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President's Message

As the warmth of summer approaches our beautiful New Jersey, bringing with it the promise of delicious Jersey tomatoes and corn, I'm thrilled to step into the role of your new Garden Club President. It's truly an honor to serve as the 52nd President of this remarkable organization, especially during such a significant milestone – our 100th anniversary (1925-2025)!

Our centennial celebration kicked off wonderfully at our Annual Meeting, where we bid farewell to Beverly Kazickas, our outgoing State President, as she embarks on her new role as the Central Atlantic Region – SGC Director. We were also delighted to welcome Donna Donnelly from South Carolina, our incoming National Garden Club President, and Monica Hansen from upstate New York, our present CAR Director, and many of our esteemed past State Presidents, who made the event truly memorable and a fantastic start to this exciting chapter.

I look forward to connecting with all our garden clubs, learning more about your inspiring work, and working together on our shared passion for gardening. This year, I invite you to embrace the theme, **“The Importance of Pollinators—Go Native.”** Together, we will explore time-honored and innovative gardening practices that protect our water resources and support pollinators through native planting.

With genuine enthusiasm and dedication, I am excited to lead our organization over the next two years.

Warmly,

Susan Berdahl
President, Garden Club of New Jersey



100th ANNUAL MEETING of the
GARDEN CLUB of NEW JERSEY
at the NAVESINK COUNTRY CLUB



Incoming Members of the State Board



Floral arrangement for
Beverly Kazickas

Floral arrangement for
Susan Berdahl



Left to right: Beverly Kazickas, Susan Berdahl, Donna Donnelly, Monica Hansen

Beverly Kazickas will become the next CAR Director, Susan Berdahl is our new President of the Garden Club of New Jersey, Donna Donnelly is the new President of the National Garden Club and Monica Hansen is the outgoing Director for the Central Atlantic Region.

Photos by Judy Bonnano.



One of the tables for Awards

Congratulations to the following Garden Club of New Jersey Garden Clubs for outstanding projects serving their members and communities. These clubs and projects celebrate commitments to the goals of lifelong learning and advocacy for responsible gardening, protecting our precious planet, educating our young people to love the earth, and bringing joy to our friends, neighbors, and communities.

District I: Ramapo-Palisades

Pines Lake Garden Club - Demarest Garden Club Yearbooks Award (Medium Club)

District II: South Mountain -Eagle Rock

Maplewood Garden Club - Pines Lake Garden Clubs Trophy

Garden Club of Mountain Lakes Silver Trophy

Garden Club of Montclair - Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Civic Development and Improvement Award

Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Certificate of Appreciation to Barbara Mayer

Garden Club of New Jersey 2024 Perennial Bloom Award Recipient

District III: Lakelands

Snufftown Garden Club - Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Environmental Concerns Award, First Place (Medium Club)

The Holly Club of Sea Girt Award

District IV: Skylands

Belvidere Garden Club. Bernardsville Garden Club Trophy

Community Garden Club of Hunterdon County - Demarest Garden Club Yearbook Award
(Small Club)

Country Garden Club - Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Civic Development and Improvement Award (Small Club)

The Neshanic Garden Club - Garden Club of New Jersey Continuing Project Award

The Community Garden Club of Hunterdon County Silver Trophy

Warren Garden Club - The Myra Brooks Garden Therapy Trophy

The Green Thumb Garden Club of Cranford Publication Trophy

East Orange Silver Trophy

Framed Citation: Anne Leyburn-50 Plus Years of Membership

Washington Valley Garden Club - Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Yearbook Award, (Under 20 Members)

District V: Watchung

Basking Ridge Garden Club - Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

First Place, Environmental Concerns Award, (Large Club)

Bernardsville Garden Club - Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

The Violet S. Thoron Award

District VI: Foothills

The Garden Club of Cranford - The Hanover Garden Club Trophy

District VII: Delaware

The Pinelands Garden Club - The Edison Garden Club Trophy

West Trenton Garden Club - The Hazel Bowen Sternat Civic Beautification Trophy

The Woodbridge Garden Club Trophy

District VIII: Shore

Garden Club of Fair Haven - Katherine Cutler Junior Garden Club of the Year Silver Trophy

The Garden Club of Long Beach Island - Demarest Garden Club Yearbook (Large Club)

Garden Club of the Year Silver Trophy

Navesink Garden Club - Basking Ridge Garden Club Trophy

Garden Club of New Jersey Award

Point Pleasant Garden Club - Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Publicity Press Book Award, Second Place (Medium Club)

Seaweeders Garden Club of Bay Head & Mantoloking - Central Atlantic Region of State
Garden Clubs, Inc.
Youth Excellence Award
The Jean Ladson Outstanding Achievement Award
Elizabeth Hood Silver Trophy
The Garden Club of Spring Lake - The Medford Lakes Garden Club Silver Trophy
The Jane S.R. Bersch Trophy

2025 President's Awards:

The Bayberry Garden Club of Brielle, Inc.
The Garden Club of Cranford
Garden Club of Metuchen

2025 Garden Club of New Jersey Perennial Bloom Award Recipient:

Shirley Robinson - Greater Woodbury Garden Club, District VII

2025 Presidential Citations:

Jane Bianco
Theodora Falcone
Florence Leyssene
Ruth Korn
Robert Markey
Jessica Wang
Julie Morgan
Ann Fahey
Peggy Morrissey

**THE AWARD IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION TO BEVERLY KAZICKAS
GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY PRESIDENT, 2023-25**

"Plant America: Gardening for a Healthy Mind, Body and Soul"

**MEDAL OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW JERSEY
PRESENTED TO
MARY WARSHAUER**

In immense gratitude for her invaluable contribution over many years as an honored representative of the Garden Club of New Jersey at the local, state and national level.



If you missed the Annual Meeting, this is what happened. It rained outside but inside; some great things were occurring. Read on.

We had a truly wonderful 100th Annual Meeting at the beautiful Navesink Country Club in Middletown, New Jersey! It was a special occasion made even more so by the presence of incoming National Garden Club President, Donna Donnell, who traveled from South Carolina to celebrate our centennial and install our new officers. We were also delighted to welcome Central Atlantic Region – SGC Director, Monica Hansen, who joined us from Buffalo, New York, along with many of our esteemed past presidents.

We thanked our eight districts, who outdid themselves with incredibly creative and generous gift baskets. We also appreciated our speaker, Kirk Bown, for contributing a basket filled with books! Kirk delivered a fascinating retrospective presentation, taking us through the 100-year history of the Garden Club of New Jersey, from 1925 to 2025.

Jane Bianco led a moving Memorial Ceremony, adding the names of many cherished club members to our Book of Memory. Beverly Kazickas had the pleasure of awarding a \$1,000 grant each to three deserving clubs for their outstanding President's Project, "Plant America- Gardening for a Healthy Mind, Body and Soul." Congratulations to the winning clubs!

Donna Donnell then conducted a lovely installation ceremony for our new officers: Susan Berdahl, President; Peggy Morrissey, First Vice President; and our District Directors from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 8: 1- Evelyn Pachner (Demarest GC), 3- Rose Wolverton (Snufftown GC), 5- Carolyn Seracka (Rake & Hoe), 7- Trish Polunas (Nottingham GC), and 8- Michele Farias (GC of Long Beach Island).

We also extended our gratitude to our dedicated Nominating Committee: Nikki Chen, Caron Menger, and Deb Murphy, with Helga Fontus as Head. Finally, we welcomed our new Headquarters and Endowment Trustees: Kathleen Emmert, Chris Endris, and Carole Iuso for 2026; Jane Bersch, Cecelia Millea, and Stacy Schaffter for 2027; and Beverly Kazickas, Marina Kerber, and Jessica Wang for 2028.

The highlight of the Annual Meeting was Peggy Morrissey honoring the clubs who won awards and Mary Warshauer winning the distinguished Metal of Garden Club of New Jersey Award.

It was a great way to start off the new year, summarizing all the great things that were accomplished in 2024-2025 and the members who accomplished them.



Flower Show School III

June 10th-12th, 2025



We are excited to be offering Flower Show School III in June of this year at Holly House, 126 Log Cabin Road, East Brunswick, NJ. These classes can be taken in any order; taken for credit with the objective of becoming a judge or audited to learn more about Flower Shows, judging, designs, and horticulture. We hope you will consider registering. Registration information is on our website.

Tuesday, June 10th our own Heidi Muschick will instruct in horticulture, specifically judging roses and combination plantings and procedures. The GCNJ members will provide numerous plant materials and plantings for your learning experience. The morning is spent learning all about these subjects, then we break for lunch, and then concentrate for two hours on point scoring which is the basis for all judging. Those taking it for credit will do point scoring for credit from 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11th, Lynn Fronk from Georgia will instruct us on Creative Design and staging and procedures. Again, our members and the instructor will have designs in front of you that will be explained and point scored for your learning experience.

For those taking the exam only, we will meet at 9 a.m. until noon for a written exam on both subjects, on Thursday, June 12th.

Attending these courses is a wonderful journey and learning experience. We hope you will join us for one day or both days. Please check out our registration for the club special rate. Gail Bassolino is our registrar and may be reached at cbassolino@aol.com for any registration questions. Teddie Falcone is the Flower Show Chair and may be reached at tfalcone52@gmail.com for questions. Please click on the site below to find your registration information. <https://www.gardenclubofnewjersey.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/GCNJ-FSS-III-25-REGISTRATION-jan-23-2025-with-new-presidents-and-zeffy-link.pdf>

Try a Destination Meeting

Want to get out for a “destination meeting” to vary your monthly meetings next year? Recently, **District VIII, at our Spring meeting**, discussed alternatives to the usual meeting programs, namely speakers and presentations. We agreed that occasionally, it’s fun to “get out of town” and see the wonders of our beautiful state of New Jersey. There was only one caveat...the trip had to be within reasonable driving distance as the cost of bus rentals is somewhat prohibitive!

**Here’s a list of the places we discussed.
So, get out and explore this upcoming year. Enjoy!**

DESTINATION TRIPS FOR OFF-PREMISES MEETINGS (ACCESSIBLE VIA CARPOOLING PREFERRED)

1. Greenwood Gardens, 274 Old Short Hills Rd., Short Hills, NJ; 973-258-4026
2. Cattus Island County Park, 1170 Cattus Island Boulevard, Toms River, NJ; 732-270-6960
3. Island Beach State Park, NJ
4. Drumthwacket, Governor’s Mansion, Stockton St., Princeton, NJ
5. New Jersey Botanical Gardens, 5 Morris Road, Ringwood, NJ; 973-962-9534
6. Snug Harbor, 1000 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY; 718-425-3504
7. Deep Cut Gardens, 152 Red Hill Road, Middletown, NJ; 732-671-6050
8. Sandy Hook, NJ
9. Well Sweep Herb Garden, Port Murray, NJ
10. Calgo Gardens, 462 Adelpia Road, Freehold, NJ; 732-919-7770
11. Whitesbog Historic Village, 120 Whites Bogs Road, 34, Browns Mill, NJ
12. Pine island Cranberry, 3353 County Road 563, Chatsworth, NJ.
13. Colonial Park, 156 Mettlers Road, Somerset, NJ; 908-722-1200
14. The Pinelands-check out the Pinelands Commission website for tours.
15. Liberty Hall Museum, Union, NJ
16. Peony Envy, 34 Autumn Hill Road, Bernardsville, NJ,
17. Sunset Valley Farm, 550 Hands Mill Road, Woodbine, NJ; 609-504-4637
18. Holland Ridge Farms, 108 Rues Road, Crème Ridge, NJ; 609-448-7483

Peggy Morrissey
District 8 Director

Club Conversation

Neshanic Garden Club at their Annual Spring Luncheon



Top left to right: Diana Reinhardt, current President of the Neshanic Garden Club (NGC); Teddie Falcone, Linda Williams, Janet Gibson, Denise Coleman, Director of District IV, Jim Bushong, incoming President of NGC
Bottom left to right: Barbara Rudt; Barbara Devitt, Jeannie Geremia, a current member and past President of The Neshanic Garden Club and past President of The Garden Club of New Jersey; Beverly Kazickas, the President of The Garden Club of New Jersey.



Teddie Falcone and Linda Williams provided floral design demonstrations.

Garden Club of New Jersey

Life Membership

Don't miss out on being part of a very special group of people who strive to maintain and encourage GCNJ projects and goals. **Join today! Become a GCNJ Life Member.**

Life Membership is available to all Active or Sustaining Members of GCNJ. The cost of \$100.00 supports the GCNJ Headquarters/Endowment Fund and/or the Scholarship Fund.

GCNJ Life Membership Benefits:

1. Receive a Life Membership Card and an "Official Thank You Letter."
 2. Receive a 10% reduced fee to GCNJ schools held within a fiscal year.
- *Meals are not included in this privilege.
3. May request special Life Membership seating at the Annual Luncheon Meeting.
 4. May purchase Life Membership Wreath-Insignia Jewelry.
 5. According to IRS ruling, the \$100 cost for your Garden Club of New Jersey Life Membership can be used as a charitable deduction for tax purposes.

Click on the site below to get your application.

<https://www.gardenclubofnewjersey.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/LifeMembership-07-05-2023.pdf>

I would like to welcome two new Life Members who have just joined-- Susan Berdahl, our new GCNJ President and Judy Bonanno, our new Membership Chair.

I know that new Life Members are out there. Join us today!

LIFE MEMBERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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Life Membership Chair

Crawford's Corner

Take A Hike To Discover New Plants

I was not always a fan of hiking. After all, why one would work so hard to climb a hill, merely for only a quick panoramic view before stumbling back down the other side! However, as my legs became more accustomed to the climbs, I started to take note of the many plants and plant communities these hikes revealed. Some of these plants had tremendous ornamental appeal, yet appeared to go unnoticed by gardening enthusiasts and garden centers alike. In fact, one plant I might not even know today if not for hiking is *Rubus odoratus*, the Purple-flowered Raspberry (as seen below in late May).

Rubus odoratus is a member of the Rosaceae or Rose Family and is native from Nova Scotia and Ontario South to Georgia and Alabama. It is typically found growing in shaded forest communities, along woodland edges, or even in open sunny areas.

Both the genus and species were officially described and named in 1753 by the Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778). The genus name of *Rubus* is from the Latin of the same name for Bramble or Blackberry. It is by no means a small genus with upwards of 1,000 species! This species epithet means fragrant or sweet smelling, referring to the light yet sweet fragrance of the flowers.



Most likely, it was the sheer size of the colonies that initially attracted my attention. The slowly spreading underground rhizomes produce a dense mass of suckering stems that typically reach 3-4' tall, but can stretch to heights of 6' while plants can spread to well over 6' wide. Although the size of the stems is not unique to this genus, their longevity is another matter! For most species of *Rubus*, the stems live for only two years before dying to the ground. This necessitates their removal in order to maintain an attractive and productive plant if it is grown for raspberry production. By contrast, the stems of *Rubus odoratus* are persistent and live for many years, significantly reducing maintenance needs! The color of the stem also transitions with age from a light gray of the current season's growth to a warm brown in subsequent years. The older stems also exhibit a lightly exfoliating bark for a subtly attractive winter appearance (as seen on the right). However, their biggest benefit is their lack of thorns, botanically known as prickles, making them surprising 'user friendly'! This



allows it to be safely planted adjacent to paths and patios without worrying about harm to skin or fabric!

As subtly attractive as the stems appear during winter, the glossy green foliage and magenta flowers are as brazen during the remainder of the year! The bold leaves are maple-like or palmate with 3-5 lobes and expand to 4-10" wide, **as seen at right**. The largest leaves appear in deeper shade, or on vigorous young canes with the color changing to a pleasing yellow in fall. The foliage also provides a very attractive backdrop for the flowers, which serves to make the plant truly garden worthy. The flowers appear in loose corymbs at the tips of stems from late May or June into



August. Even before the flowers open, the buds offer interest through their glandular red hairs or trichomes that cover the 5 sepals and the pedicel, **as seen in the closing image on page 14**. These hairs serve to protect the bud through their secretions while producing a very appealing fuzzy texture. The sepals are also tipped by a long green leafy appendage, giving the appearance of a flag or banner! When the calyx opens, it reveals a star-shaped flower with 5 overlapping petals reaching 2-2½" in diameter. Flowers are initially dark lavender in color (**as seen below right**) and gradually fade to pink over the course of several days (**as seen below left**). The flowers are often likened to those of a wild rose with a ring of yellow anthers surrounding a central boss of white carpels. In an effort to prevent self-pollination, the anthers



mature and release their pollen prior to the stigmas becoming receptive to pollen. Botanically known as protandry, this process is displayed visually by the color of the petals changing from dark lavender to pink and the anthers reflexing backward to reveal the central carpels. As mentioned, the flowers have a subtle, yet sweet fragrance that also helps to attract a number of different pollinators in search of the nourishing nectar and pollen. Although the flowers are never produced

in great abundance at any one time, the long season of bloom when few other shrubs are in bloom, combined with the sweet fragrance makes the plant a wonderful garden addition.

Flowers are followed by thimble-like red berries. Although attractive, they are rather dry and tart with an overabundance of seeds, making them more appropriate for attracting wildlife than a gardener with an appetite! The thimble-like shape of the fruit led to the infrequently used name of Thimbleberry!

Although *Rubus odoratus* is occasionally called Thimbleberry, this name is typically



reserved for its cousin *Rubus parviflorus*, as **seen on the right** in Montana at Glacier National Park. The two species look virtually identical, although *Rubus parviflorus* has white flowers with an earlier bloom period of May through July. The foliage is also fuzzy or rugose to the touch. It is native to Western North American, stretching from Alaska south to California and east to New Mexico and Montana. It is also native to S. Dakota and

the states and Canadian provinces surrounding the Great Lakes. The plant was described in 1818 by the English botanist Thomas Nuttall (1786-1859), who explored North America from 1810-1841, only returning to England during the War of 1812. The species' name is from the Latin *Parvus* meaning small and *Flora* for flower, describing what Nuttall considered to



be small flowers. In reality, the flowers are the same size as their cousin! Once again, the plant produces red berries (**pictured at left in Olympic National Park in Washington**) and although they are a bit sweeter than its Eastern counterpart, they are still tart. However, they are beloved by animals. While hiking in Glacier National Park, the large thickets of Thimbleberry were a popular spot for Grizzly Bears to forage.

Although the movement of bears is carefully tracked by the Rangers, hikers still need to be cautious during July and August when the fruit is ripe! We also came across this species in Olympic National Park and in both parks, plants were growing in the light shade of Spruce and Arborvitae.

Rubus odoratus and its cousin are very adaptable to a wide variety of growing conditions and are not 'fussy' in the least! In the wild, I have seen it growing mostly on the edge of woodlands or in dappled shade. I have also grown it with great success in light shade, although it is growing in full sun on a steep embankment at Frelinghuysen Arboretum

where it is also subject to road salt – a tough site indeed! Hardy in zones 3-8, it is best grown in humus enriched soils that drain well and have a pH of 6-7. I wouldn't necessarily call it a groundcover, but it does nicely cover the ground and rarely is a weed seen growing in a colony – certainly an asset for the weed weary gardener. It is also great for stabilizing soil, especially on hillsides. If the stems grow too tall for a particular location, the taller stems can simply be cut to the ground in late winter. The entire colony can also be renewed and cut to the ground, allowing it to re-flush to a more compact height come spring, although it will only flower sparingly during the first year. Its other very endearing quality is its resistance to deer predation! With its relaxed and arching stems, it looks great mixed with more structured plants like the many selections of Hosta, the bold foliage of Spotty Dotty Mayapple (*Podophyllum* 'Spotty Dotty') and Ginger (*Asarum canadense*). Or consider pairing it with more structured ferns like Christmas Fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*) or the Tassel Fern (*Polystichum polyblepharum*).

Aside from all the health benefits of hiking and the wonderful mountain top vistas, hiking also provides a great way to learn about new plants and the environment these plants prefer best. Many of these plants are highly touted in magazines and books but, until consumers become familiar with the plant and develop a demand, they will not appear at local garden centers. It's lack of familiarity became apparent when a group of well-accomplished gardeners visited a home where *Rubus odoratus* was growing. Although the garden featured many unusual and colorful plants, everyone was intrigued with the Raspberry, yet no one had a clue as to the identity! Subtle justification that more people need to take a hike and discover the beauty of *Rubus odoratus* for themselves!

Bruce Crawford
Manager of Horticulture
Morris County Parks
Commission



Will you help save our Monarch Butterflies? Learn about the National Monarch Dome

Neshanic Garden Club member, Jim Bushong, is an ecology garden designer + installer. He utilized his experience to develop the smallest yet most beneficial garden for our Monarch Butterflies.

Despite decades of effort, our Monarchs need more people to help as their populations have decreased up to 90% in just the last 30 years. To participate in creating your individual support pillar for the National Monarch Dome, all you need to do is plant at least one of the **“Monarch Super-Attractor” Perennials** and at least one of the **“Monarch Super-Host” Milkweeds** indicated below:



Plant one Super Attractor!

“Blue Fortune” Anise Hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*)

Monarchs (and a huge variety of other pollinators) find this plant to be completely irresistible and will feed on its prolific blooms and prodigious growth for an incredible 4 months (July – October). - You never have to dead-head it; it is completely deer proof; and supremely drought tolerant once its roots are established. Plant in a sunny location with well-draining soil and watch in amazement what this native cultivar can do! It is 3'x3' at maturity.

Meadow Blazing Star (*Liatris ligulistylis*)

This stunning 3'–6' tall, towering beauty emits a hormone that Monarchs (and many other butterflies) can detect from afar, - providing an extraordinary natural beacon that will give you the best chance for them to find and utilize your Monarch Dome support pillar garden. Plant in a sunny location with well-draining soil, and its July-August blooms will summon any nearby Monarchs to your home and provide the nectar source they evolved to rely on, as they migrate south to Mexico. Excellent drought tolerance and deer resistance. 5'-6' high x 1' wide at maturity.





Plant at least one Monarch Super-Host!

Orange Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Monarch Caterpillars require milkweed. It is the **ONLY** plant species they can eat. This is the perfect milkweed choice for sunny and well-drained soil locations, and a perfect match for either or both of the two super-attractors. This plant provides all the required benefits that Monarchs need from milkweed and looks fabulous doing so with its extraordinary orange blooms that also provide June to August nectar for them and a variety of other pollinators to enjoy. It has superb drought tolerance and deer resistance. It is 1'-2' high-- extra wide.



Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)

Swamp Milkweed is the best choice for your Monarch Super Host Plant if you have a consistently moist area in your landscape with 2 to 8 hours of sun per day. Monarchs and many other butterflies, such as the regal Tiger Swallowtails, enjoy their nectar too, during its early to mid-summer bloom. It grows 3'-4' high and is 2' wide. Both this and the Butterfly Milkweed behave well in the garden. To avoid the potential problem of prolific spread that some other milkweed species possess, it is best to keep any milkweed in an area that any plant-eating pets can't get to or that is fenced in. It is mildly toxic if eaten in large quantities.

If you would to help by purchasing these flowers (or already have them), please email Jim Bushong at Team@MonarchDome.com so that he can add your support pillar to the virtual map hosted at www.MonarchDome.com. He is also interested in learning what garden club members throughout New Jersey feel are the most attractive plants to Monarchs.

Please have your club vote and send the top two favorites to him. The conditions are that the plants must be native/native cultivars and readily available commercially. For example, the Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea* sp.), which has many cultivars. Please do indicate the specific cultivars your club likes.

One perennial and one annual will be added to the project flowers for NJ, based on your input! **CHECK THIS OUT! BECOME PART OF THE TEAM TO SAVE THE MONARCHS!**



Upcoming Events

June 1-7, 2025: National Garden Week 2025-Check the National Garden Club website for ideas as to how to celebrate.

June 8, 2025: The Women Gardeners of Ridgewood will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary and will host the 2025 Secret Gardens Tour. Additional information regarding time and how to purchase tickets can be found on their website: www.womengardenersofridgewood.com.

June 10-12, 2025: The GCNJ will hold Flower Show School III at Holly House in East Brunswick, NJ. See page 8 for further information.

June 19, 2025: The Garden Club of Westfield will sponsor a bus trip to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA for \$140. Contact Phyllis Pappas at 732-261-7369 or by email at npappas121@comcast.net.

June 26, 2025: The Navesink Garden Club invites you on a special trip to The New York Botanical Garden for a self-guided tour through Van Gogh's art in flowers. The cost is \$125 for bus transportation and entrance to the Garden. Lunch is not included. Questions: Call Ronnie Lander at 732-671-9395 or email Judinks@comcast.net.

July 4, 2025: Diana Dove; Youth Chair for the Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly Garden -GC for 28 years is to be honored in Washington Borough (Warren Co.) for volunteerism in a number of organizations including founding the Karen Nash Memorial Butterfly Garden at Memorial School.- Diana has been named the Grand Marshal of the Washington Celebrates America July 4th Parade in Warren County Parade Event: July 4 at 3pm starting on Broad Street, Washington 07882.

Information for the next issue



August 1 is the deadline for articles and current club events for the
FALL 2025 News Leaf Issue.

Please send articles and upcoming event information to

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Go to the GCNJ website at
www.gardenclubofnewjersey.org
for more information.