



Dear Powerful Women of Horticulture & Friends,

It has been a few months since our last meeting, but the good news is that it is just a few weeks until our next meeting (June 1st at the Rutgers Gardens). We've got to say that it has been completely wonderful to be on the planning side of these events and to watch this group continue to grow. Our first two meetings have been a complete success! From SiteOne in Branchburg last Fall to the Total Pro Expo this past Winter, we have brought together the voices of so many strong women from all facets of horticulture. Our round-table discussions have been described as not only "motivating and empowering" but also to have "provided suggestions that we can use on our path to success." It is when we are given feedback like this that we know we are on the right path. Our main goals in restarting this group have been just that: to bring strong women together for the purpose of motivating and empowering us all to be stronger every day. With that being said, if you have been to one of our Women in Horticulture meetings, we thank you for coming and joining us! We hope that you have heard or learned something new that you've been able to use this Spring. We hope that you've made a new friend, another strong and like-minded woman who you can bounce your ideas off.

We continue to ask our members what they would like to see discussed in our meetings. This way, we can continue to hold more round-table discussions, but we can also be sure to answer the questions that you all may have. Many women have reached out with new location ideas and new topics. We were invited to hold our next meeting at the Rutgers Gardens. Thrilled at the opportunity, we jumped on the chance to do so! We will be tying this meeting location in with a semi-related topic suggested by



another member: Healthy Eating on the Go. We all know this is super pertinent, especially this time of the year as many of us leave our homes well before 7 AM and don't get home till about twelve hours later. We hope to provide you with some healthy eating and snack ideas to keep you energized on the busiest of days.

We very much look forward to seeing you there. Women who share together grow every day. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or ideas regarding this group.

Thank you again for being a part of our growing Women in Horticulture group,

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