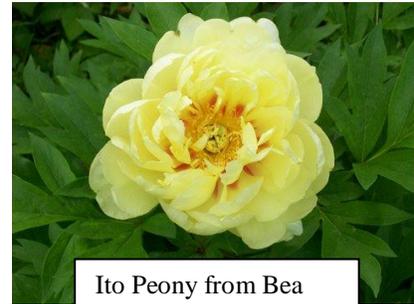


Wyckoff Area Garden Club Newsletter

Summer 2011

President's Message



I'm feeling a bit disoriented since summer doesn't officially begin until the 21st and as I write this, we're experiencing a second assault of 90+ degree days in the last 2 weeks. This does not bode well for avoiding outdoor water restrictions when July rolls around. If you're still completing your nursery visits, remember to present your club membership card at checkout for discounts of 10-15%. This, like our summer member only garden tours and socials, is a perk. Whatever you buy, get them home quickly, put them in a cool, shady location, water them well and get in the ground or pots ASAP. Plant early in the day before they become stressed from heat and don't water after 4PM to reduce the risk of introducing disease.

Here are the latest examples of why our club is as special as it is:

Dora has quietly been representing the club for thirty or more years by making a floral basket and presenting this tribute at the Memorial Day ceremony in Wyckoff. Do thank her yourselves next time you see her.

Once again Jeanne has shown her unfailing generosity; this time by volunteering to host the upcoming installation luncheon on June 15 at noon. Plus, she still has some tea cup and saucer feeders available. In the event of rain, the luncheon will be held at McFaul.

Cathy M. replied that she wasn't able to come to the installation but graciously sent a \$20 donation and asked that I say Hi to everyone and hoped she'd be able to make it to one of the get-togethers later in the summer.

Must recognize Joan Ramsey's achievement. Once again she was among those honored as a "100+ Hours Volunteer" at the NJBG/Skylands luncheon this Spring for their contributions during 2010. Congratulations Joan!

Before we transition to the new board on Wednesday, this is a good place to insert my thanks to the outgoing board for all their work these past two years. Everything that was accomplished bore the stamp of their input and support. As much as they did, all are returning in the same or other positions and I wish them and the new additions to the board success in each of their roles.

No need to recap the past two years, you've lived them or kept up with the reports in the newsletters or at general meetings. What is far more difficult is for me to express what it has meant to me to be president of this club.

While there's comfort in the familiar, taking the risk of going outside our boundaries is where

we grow. In this regard, I'm grateful to you for accepting the introduction of environmental programs to our roster and Janet has voiced her commitment to continuing the practice. Being observed during this week alone:

- **National Garden Week** - June 5-11
- **World Environment Day**, June 5 - The United Nations' main vehicle for creating environmental awareness and enhancing political attention and action.
- **World Oceans Day** - June 8

Our environmental programs are a small step toward raising awareness of this global interconnectedness.

More significantly, note the year-end contributions further down in this newsletter. All of them attest to the fact that by supporting the organizations/causes we selected, we can, as gardeners, make a difference.

To summarize these last two years, simply put "**We** DONE GOOD!" and the **We** is each and every one of you who hauled, planted, hosted, hoisted, donated, bought, drove, (and even baked) and did whatever else was needed. **We** worked, played and laughed and as I've said before, **We** probably got as much, if not more, than **We** gave. I know you will continue to do the same for Janet and the rest of the incoming board.

Regrets? Only that getting business done and "working the room" in one minute sound bites at general meetings left no time to socialize. I look forward to catching up with you all now that I've retired the bicycle bell.



Floribunda rose 'Tamara' from Barb

Thank you for letting me serve you.

Fondly,
Barb

Installation Luncheon – Wednesday June 15th, Noon

Please come and welcome the new Board while enjoying a delicious lunch at Jeanne's house. In case of rain we will be at McFaul. Please bring a chair and a dessert to share.

Officers 2011-12

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Garden Tours and Trips	Sally Ditton
Horticulture	Bea Maus
Hospitality	Janet Gaglione
Membership	Lucky Gillmore
Newsletter	Jeanne Muller
Photographer	Sophie Stone
Plant Sales	Joy Payne
Programs	Paul Mast
Publicity	Andrea Florio
Website	Sophie Stone
Yearbook	Tricia Nussenbaum



Kickoff Board Meeting – Monday, June 27th at 9:30 at McFaul. Mark your calendars.

Member Garden Visits

We are pleased to resume a fun WAGC tradition – visiting club members' gardens.

Wednesday, June 29 at 6:30 – Sally's Garden. Park on Bridle Way. Always a treat to revisit Sally's garden and see what this consummate collector has added.

Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30. Double fun! Marijke and Joy welcome you to both their gardens. Please park in the lot next to Joy's home.

Out and About

Bill Kolvek's Perennials – a Father's Day Coupon is attached to the newsletter – good 6/17-19

June 16th, 7pm Ramapo Orchid Society's Annual June Auction

Location: Flat Rock Environmental Center in Englewood with a great selection of orchids for all levels of collectors from beginner to advanced. Contact: Cheryl Wardrop at orchidwardrop@aol.com

Bergen County Open Day: June 18th – River Edge 8-4pm; River Vale 10-4pm. See the Master Gardeners of Bergen County website for additional details.

Bergen County Open Day: July 9th – Blue Meadow Farms, 378 Pulis Ave., Franklin Lakes 10-4 pm. See the Master Gardeners of Bergen County website for additional details.

There are three more Wednesday get-togethers for our club this summer: **July 20, August 10 and August 31.** Check your emails as the dates draw closer for details.

Not to be missed - Silas Mountsier's garden, 205 Rutgers Place, Nutley will be open to the public on **September 10 from 10-4.** Proceeds from the \$5.00 per person admission will benefit the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in celebration of Betty Scholtz 90th birthday. Betty is one of the first women public garden designers. His garden is usually on the Garden Conservancy Open Day tour and his landscaper changes the plantings every year. Worth the trip!

Cuttings

Trees vs Patio Umbrellas – No Contest: According to the U.S. Department of Energy, shading and evapotranspiration (the process by which a plant moves and releases water vapor) from trees can reduce surrounding air temperatures by as much as 9 degrees. And air temperatures directly under trees can be as much as 25 degrees cooler than air temperatures above nearby uncovered blacktop.

The US Postal System, as part of its Go Green commitment, has designed a series of 16 Forever stamps showing what each of us can do to promote the health of our environment. Forever stamps are always equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce rate.

<http://www.usps.com/green/gogreenstamps.htm>

Looking Ahead to the Fall

Start potting up extra plants and collecting seeds for a fundraiser plant sale in September. Date to be announced.

This is your Newsletter

Comments, suggestions AND PHOTOS for the newsletter are greatly appreciated. Submissions are due by the 20th of the month to Jeanne Muller at jamuller@optonline.net.