

## Wyckoff Area Garden Club Newsletter November and December 2011

### President's Message

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*This is the time of year we start to put our gardens to bed for the winter, recall what we would change and plan on how we will make those changes.*

*I hope that you did not suffer significant damage to your homes or gardens due to the 'Ghoulish' storm.*

*Mother Nature really did some of the planning for us. Now we can think of a much sunnier garden due to tree and shrub damage. Some of us will mourn the loss of these trees and shrubs. Being the Polly Anna that I am this allows me to think about the future rather than dwell on what I lost. Annuals are now black from the frost, the perennials will survive, and we can start to anticipate the up-coming holidays.*

*Remember those less fortunate and bring either canned goods or cash for the Center for Food Action to the next meeting, November 16.*

*Happy Thanksgiving to all,*

*Janet*

### November Meeting of the Wyckoff Area Garden Club

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**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Wyckoff YMCA Lake House, come at 7:00 p.m. to socialize; at 7:30 p.m. short business meeting commences, followed by the hands-on meeting.**

**Program: "Holiday Decoration: Bows and Swags"** presented by Suzy Ludwig.

Suzy Ludwig will be demonstrating how to tie a large holiday bow. If you would like to make one of your own, please bring a length of wired ribbon, in any color you prefer. You will need a length of ribbon about four yards long. The ribbon should be 2 1/2, to 3 inches wide. If you prefer a bow with extra-long tails, bring a longer piece. Just be sure you have at least four yards. Wired ribbon can be purchased at Rohsler's Allendale Nursery, Michael's Crafts, or just about any other store that carries floral supplies. Suzy will also show us how to make a holiday swag and an attractive arrangement of greens in a bowl.



**Hostesses: Ginny Fleming, Kathryn Derderian, Claire Giachino**

**Just a reminder** – hostesses are expected to come early to set up and stay after to clean up.

**Please remember to:**

- Lug a Mug
- Bring a non-perishable food or household item (ex. paper towels) for the Center for Food Action

## **Out and About**

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**Zabriskie Open House:** The Zabriskie House will be open for its annual historic tour Saturday December 3rd. As usual they will need lots of cookies and hope that you will help again. You can deliver cookies – no peanuts – the week of November 28th to Marijke’s house, 415 Highland Ave., Wyckoff. Additionally, members of our club will be decorating the house on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>. We would love some assistance “undressing” the house after 4 pm on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Marijke thanks you all very much for helping with this event each year.

**Nov. 14, 7 pm Sun Dial Garden Club,** Meadowbrook School, Piermont Ave, Hillsdale  
Topic: Flower Arranging for the Thanksgiving Table; Speaker: Bonnie Fitzpatrick, Peter's Flowers and Gifts. Members who have previous signed up will make a small arrangement following the designer's ideas

**Nov. 15, 7:30 pm Master Gardeners of Bergen County:** “No Food Left Behind” presented by Gary Oppenheimer of AmpleHarvest.org.

**Nov. 16, 7:30 pm Oakland Garden Club,** Oakland Senior Citizen Center, 20 Lawlor Drive.  
Fund Raiser to support Oakland's Gardens. Topic: A Williamsburg Christmas; speaker: Ken Norman, Jr., AIFD, teacher-designer, judge, has been involved in the floral industry for the past 20 yrs. He will present our Holiday Fund Raiser with a floral design demonstration. Donation: \$20, including a buffet and a design and basket raffle. Contact: Anet Mandarano, 201-337-7285 or [amandarano@verizon.net](mailto:amandarano@verizon.net) .

**Nov. 17, 6:45 pm Hasbrouck Heights GC,** Hasbrouck Heights Public library meeting room.  
Topic: Bats, Bats, Bats; speaker: Joseph D’Angeli from the Wildlife Conservation and Wildlife Center.

**Nov. 19 (Saturday), 10 am, 1 pm Skylands: Wreath-Making Workshops.** An annual tradition at NJBG! In these two workshops, led by Pat Grossi, you'll learn how to assemble and decorate wreaths to grace your home, using a variety of fresh and dried materials. As you learn, you'll make a wreath to take home with you. Materials provided; bring clippers and any special ribbon or decorations you might wish to use. Reservations required. Fee: \$25 members, \$30 non-members

**Nov. 19, 2 pm: Tappan Zee Chapter of the American Rhododendron Soc.,** United Methodist Church, Bethoud St. Park Ridge. Topic: Grafting Rhododendrons and Conifers; Speaker: Jeff Clark

**Nov. 20 Harrington Park Garden Club,** Harrington Park Library, 10 Herring St. Topic: Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop; Speaker: Gerri Gibney, columnist on gardening. Preregistration is necessary. Call 201-768-2615. Bring pruners and gloves. Fee-\$16

**Dec. 1-4 (Thursday-Sunday) HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE at Skylands Manor.** The Manor will be decorated floor to ceiling for the holiday season, warm and welcoming with a totally different look every year. Visit our [Holiday Open House](#) page for more information and ticketing.

**Dec 3-11, 9:30 am – 5 pm: Frelinghuysen Arboretum: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread Wonderland and Holiday craft show**

## **Notes from the October Meeting on Pruning**

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We had a good turnout at our October meeting to hear Celeste Stapleton's comments about pruning. Janet sent an email out with the handouts from that meeting. Additionally, Celeste highly recommends [www.finegardening.com](http://www.finegardening.com) as a "veritable treasure trove on pruning." She also shared some of her favorite tools for pruning, including a ratcheted pruner with telescoping handles – great for anyone who doesn't have great upper body strength.

## **Cuttings**

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For those of you who want to send a sympathy card to the Sue Handley's family the address is: 103 Oweno Road, Mahwah, 07430

## Looking Ahead to Next Month

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### Holiday Party – Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>

\*\*\* Please note – this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month \*\*\*



We will be gathering for our holiday party at **The YMCA Lake House, Wyckoff Avenue, Wyckoff, from 6:30-9:30 on the evening of Wednesday, December 14th.** Reminder: the facility has no oven, stove or microwave. Members **A - G will bring appetizers and M - Z bring desserts.** Each member should bring a dish that serves eight. Please also remember the Center for Food Action with a donation, either cash or groceries, to help those in need.

Last year we beautified our party by having members decorate the tables. This was a fun and festive way to spread the cheer. If you are interested in decorating a table for this year's party, please contact Janet S.

This is your newsletter. If you have any questions or comments please contact [jamuller@optonline.net](mailto:jamuller@optonline.net).