

**Wyckoff Area Garden Club
Newsletter
May 2012**

President's Message



I hope you are all enjoying your garden as much as I am enjoying mine. May is such a special month.

Lilacs, tree peony, columbine, deutzia, forget me nots, and the pansies are still going strong and it's time to put in our annuals as well. Planning the pots is almost as much fun as planting and the search for the treasures that go in them is not to be overlooked.

Hopefully most of your plants were purchased from our garden club plant sale. Joy does such a good job with that and the plants as well as the prices are second to none. I know there are more sales and always more garden centers to visit for as I say 'there is always room for one more.' If you find there isn't then look for something that is better than what you have and make the switch. That is what gardening is all about. Some of what we were enamored with a few years ago now becomes rather hum-drum as we grow in our garden knowledge and skills.

Usually as the garden chores increase the programs for the garden club seem to be winding down. This is not really true. Some of us will be working really hard preparing for next garden club year. Will you be one of them? We can't do it alone so consider how you can help. Remember what makes our club so good are the people who make it happen. Hopefully you will be one of them.

See you at the meeting. Remember: the meeting is NOT at the lake house but in the main building.

Janet



May Meeting of the Wyckoff Area Garden Club

TOMORROW: Wednesday, May 16th at the YMCA, 691 Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff
Arrive 7:00 to socialize, program begins at 7:30 p.m.

*****NOTE that this meeting is inside the YMCA – Program Room 5*****

Program: “Art in the Garden” by Rich Pomerantz

Rich Pomerantz is a professional photographer and author based in Litchfield County, CT. As a photographer, he specializes in garden photography. His work has been featured in numerous periodicals including Garden Design, Horticulture, Fine Gardening and many more. Rich conducts garden and flower photography classes at The New York Botanical Gardens, The Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and numerous other venues including privately contracted workshops at schools and nurseries.

Please plan on arriving early for a little socializing and catching up since our last meeting. Don't forget to 'lug a mug'!

Hostesses for the May meeting:

Salma Goldstein, Sandra Stracquadiano, Maureen Smith, Lois Spreen

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

Notes from the April Meeting – Wildflowers of New Jersey

Nancy Bristow gave an informative presentation with beautiful slides highlighting local wildflowers. Try to attend one of the Wildflower Walks given at Skylands (see Out and About below.)

Out and About

WAGC TRIP: This Thursday, May 17. Well Sweep Herb Farm, Port Murray, NJ

Family run farm with chickens, goats, etc. plus display gardens & plant nursery specializing in herbs & unusual perennials. Plant shopping. Bring picnic lunch. Car pool from Wyckoff Fire Station car park. 10am. It's about 1 hour drive, BYO lunch to picnic at the farm. Back around 2pm. If you would like to go please contact: Sally Ditton.

Sat May 19. Ho-Ho-Kus Garden Club Plant Sale, 9am – 1pm. *On The Green, corner of Franklin Tpke, Maple & Sheridan Ave behind Ho-Ho-Kus Inn. Home grown perennials, baked goods, annuals, baked goods, gently used items, herbs and specialty perennials.*

Sat May 19th Allendale Garden Club Plant Sale, 8 am – 2 pm. A large selection of locally grown and nursery plants will be sold. Lee Memorial Library, 500 W. Cresecent Ave., Allendale.

Sat May 19. Garden Conservancy Bergen Co. Open Day:

- **Janet Schulz** 16 Colonial Dr, Wyckoff - Yes our own President's garden, if you haven't been it's a must!
- **Monfried Garden**, 15 Stone Fence Rd, Allendale. Both open 10am to 4pm. Cost: \$5 per person, per garden benefits the Garden Conservancy charities.
www.gardenconservancy.org

May 19 (Saturday), 10 am, Skylands: Spring Wildflower Walk. What a difference a month makes! Join Nancy Bristow in exploring the spring bloomers in the Wildflower Garden now that the season is well underway. Wear comfortable shoes, meet at the Carriage House. Steady rain cancels. \$5 donation requested.

May 20 (Sunday), 1 pm, Skylands: Family Woodland Walk. Join Rich Cahayla-Wynne on an easy, kid-friendly walk in the Garden's woodlands. Learn a bit about the plants, animals and geology around you in a walk designed to fit the group. Wear sturdy shoes, meet at the Carriage House. Precipitation cancels. **FREE.**

Mon May 21. Bergen Co Master Gardeners: "Consider the Leaf - Foliage in the Garden " with Judy Glattstein. *The County Administration Building, One Bergen Plaza, County Place, Hackensack, NJ. in the 1st floor meeting room. 7pm. www.mgofbc.org*

Sun May 27th 1-3pm, Frelinghuysen Arboretum: Greens Galore: Kale, collards, chard and escarole are not the most popular greens but perhaps they should be. So healthy and delicious they deserve our attention, which they get in this cooking demonstration featuring these wonderful greens. Spend a Sunday afternoon with Cynthia Triolo, our resident Chef and Master Gardener for these cooking demonstrations sponsored by Whole Foods Market in Madison. Learn some new recipes, eat some great food and leave inspired to try something new. Register by 5/20. Cost: \$20/members, \$25 non-members.

June 2nd, 2-3 pm, Frelinghuysen Arboretum: Totally Tomato. Memorial Day is the ideal time to plant tomatoes for that fresh picked, Jersey Fresh flavor. Learn the difference between determinate and indeterminate, heirloom and hybrid, compact and vining as well as tips on growing, caging, pruning and planting in smaller containers. Take home a tomato plant, too. Senior Horticultural Program Specialist, Gwen Montgomery has been growing and giving away tomatoes for 25 years. Register by May 26. Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members.

Cuttings

Annual event at **Wild Birds Unlimited: Birdfeeder Cleaning**, Saturday, June 9 from 10 - 2
\$4 per feeder to benefit the Bergen County Audubon Society
189 Rt. 17 South in Paramus (between Midland and Century Roads) 201-599-0099

Plant-a-Container, Plant-a-Row: “Share Your Garden Bounty with Neighbors in Need.” As you plan your vegetable garden, designate a plant or row of plants’ harvest for a local food pantry. **Local food pantries love to receive fresh, nutritious and mouth-watering produce.** Find a local food pantry in your community, possibly in a nearby house of worship, a YMCA or other civic location by visiting www.AmpleHarvest.org. AmpleHarvest.org, founded by Gary Oppenheimer, helps connect more than 40+ million vegetable gardeners across America, who often harvest more than they can use, to local pantries. *AmpleHarvest.org* helps America’s gardeners diminish hunger in their community by enabling them to donate their excess garden produce.

Did you know?

Did you know that one of the best bonuses our club offers is the Advisory Committee? Sign up to have the Advisory Committee come to your house and help you with any problem spot you have. This beautiful garden was designed for me last year, complete with the recommendation for a water feature – doesn’t it look great? The only cost to you is offering the committee lunch – their gardening knowledge is well worth it!



Growing our Club

Please welcome the following members to our club:

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Please adjust your yearbook to reflect that Rosemary Boyajy has resumed her maiden name Rosemary Stracquadanio.

Looking Ahead: June Meeting of the Wyckoff Area Garden Club

Wednesday, June 20th at the Janet Schulz's house, at noon

New Members Luncheon

This annual event will take place in the beautiful gardens of our president Janet Schulz. Take the time to meet our new members and share stories about yourself and how you came to join the WAGC.

New members will be guests; all other members pay \$10 to cover the cost of the luncheon. If your last name begins with H-Z please bring a small dessert.

Bring your own chair! As always, contributions to the Center for Food Action will be gratefully accepted.

This is Your Newsletter

Submissions should be received by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter. Do you have a photo from your garden? Send me the pdf file and we will try to include it in the next edition! Any questions should go to jamuller@optonline.net