

President's Message

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Zabriskie House Open House – Calling Bakers!!

As you all know the Zabriskie House is one of our community service projects and we again this year are making cookies for it's open house on **Saturday December 7, 2013**. This event is the major fund raiser for the house.

A few years ago we created a cookie sampler and all the proceeds are to be given to the Zabriskie House. These are the cookies featured at the open house

so please make your recipe from this book. For those of you who do not yet have a book they can be purchased for \$5.00. Call Janet Shultz.

Please deliver your cookies to:

Marijke Creswick

415 Highland Avenue, Wyckoff

December 2nd thru the 5th between 9 and 3.

A Welcome Word from our President

Dear Members,

Hopefully, you all had a joyful Thanksgiving and have saved up enough energy to make it through another busy month when we “shift gears from gardening to gift shopping.” On Wednesday, December 11th, at 7pm, we will celebrate the holidays together at Jackie

Fitzmaurice’s lovely turn-of-the-century home, 505 Franklin Avenue, just up the street from the Zabriskie House. You can park either on Wishing Well, which is across the street from Jackie’s, or on Woodfield Road. If your last name begins with A – G, please bring an appetizer, and if H – Z, please provide a dessert. Also, kindly remember the families of Emmanuel Cancer Foundation by bringing a can of tuna, jar of peanut butter, or box of Mac and Cheese for our food pantry gift basket. Looking forward to seeing you on the 12/11/13!



Eileen



At our last meeting with Ramsey Garden Club. Learning about and planting Armaryllis.

WAGC 2013-2014



Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Holiday
Party

Wed

Dec 11th @

7:00

Our WAGC Holiday Party

Where: At Jackie Fitzmaurice's home, 505 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff

What do I bring? If your Last name begins with A-G please bring an appetizer. If it begins with H-Z, please bring a dessert.

Anything else? If you would like to make a donation to The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, please bring a can of tuna, or a box of Mac and Cheese, or a jar of peanut butter for our food pantry gift basket.





Dates to Remember

*The Garden Club of Harrington Park would like to invite you and the members of your clubs to our annual **Holiday Make-It & Take-It Workshop on December 5th**, at 7:30 P.M. in the Harrington Park Library, 10 Herring Street.*

Hosted by their talented Garden Club President Gerri Gibney.

Choose between making a wreath or tabletop arrangement. The Garden Club will supply balsam greens, the unofficial scent of the holidays.

If you have evergreens in your garden, bring some cuttings along -- different evergreens will add texture and uniqueness to your arrangement.

And check out your garden for rose hips or interesting berries or other natural elements that you might include in your design. To personalize your creation even further, bring whatever doodads you might fancy.

Wreath makers should bring three wire coat hangers, and for the tabletop arrangement people, the Club will supply the floral container. All participants will need to bring pruners to cut the evergreens.

Reservations are required to ensure that there will be plenty of materials and room for everyone. Log on to: www.gardenclubofharringtonpark.com and click on the "Contact Us" button.

GROWING OUR CLUB

Please welcome our newest member – Terry Brockett!

Save the Dates

Chore of the Month

Out and About

Save the Date: December 9th 2013

Join the Tenaflly Garden Club on a trip to visit Winterhur and Longwood Gardens to see the beautiful decorations and displays for the Holiday Season.

Cost is \$70. Contact Vivian DeMarco at (201) 944-3925

Save the Date: February 13-16 2014

New Jersey Garden Club Flower Show at Raritan Exposition Center in Edison!

Visit: www.gardenclubofNewJersey.com and click on Flower Show tab

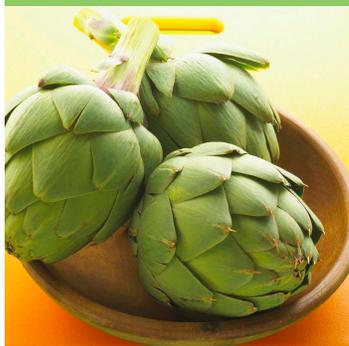
From awaytogarden.com Visit the website for additional information.

dec garden chores:

I'M STUCK ON A DR. SEUSS RIFF: 'How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon...My goodness how the time has flown...' While that plays on a continuous loop in my head, there are also moments of panic: Did I forget to turn off the outdoor tap and drain the lines? Is the potted rosemary in a place that will make it happy all winter? I'm double-checking, and doing other last-minute tasks that make up the December chores—the year's shortest list

(continued)

Chore of the Month



Most important, I'm working on memorizing another Dr. Seuss-ism: "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

"What have I forgotten?" is the theme of December, especially early on, while there is still time to react and make things ready. Besides the hoses to check, are any non-weatherproof pots still sitting, shivering, out in the open? Are the poles for the bird feeders anchored well into the ground (which will freeze here before long)? And what about those flexible fiberglass poles or other devices meant to indicate where the driveway ends and lawn begins—key markers for a successful, safe snow-plowing season?

If you skipped it because your weather has been warmish so far, don't delay any longer: The water garden needs immediate attention and winterizing, to avoid burst plumbing; [here's how](#).

As I buzz about one last time, I've still got an eye out to prevention—of pests, weeds, and general chaos in 2014. More on that below.

[Windy weather](#) can make a mess, too, so out come the saw and loppers again, and off came torn or hanging branches that probably were weakened but not broken all the way through. And will the leaves ever stop showing up, as if from nowhere? To the heap with them! fresh in memory.

seed shopping

SEED-CATALOG SEASON GETS GOING in earnest shortly, so early December is prime time to inventory leftover seeds (which should be stored in a cool, dry place). A friend stashes his in the fridge, first sealing in zipper bags with the air squeezed out, then placing the bags in a sealed plastic box rather than having strays get lost among the yogurt and mayonnaise.

vegetable & flower gardens

AGAIN: REDUCE 2014 PESTS now by reducing places they overwinter. Squash bugs, cabbage worms and more can be limited with [extra-good cleanup, like this](#). For instance, be extra-vigilant cleaning up under fruit trees, as fallen fruit and foliage allowed to overwinter in place invites added troubles next season. START A POT OF PAPERWHITES in potting soil or even easier, [pebbles and water laced with alcohol](#), and stagger forcing of another batch every couple of weeks for a winterlong display. WAKE UP [AMARYLLIS BULBS](#) by watering once, placing in a bright spot, and waiting for them to respond. If no dice in a couple of weeks, water again...but don't repeatedly water an unresponsive bulb or it may rot. It will tell you when it's ready for action.

Need to give a gift or want to give someone a hint on what to give you? Check out this list from our **Garden Club Elves:**

Lee Valley Tools was mentioned most often as a great source for tools: (www.leevalley.com)

- Folding kneeler stool (EB410) – “all other brands are too high and not good for your back”
- Root Knife (BL110) – “Can’t garden without it!”
- Velcro Tape (EA175) – “So good and reuseable”
- Mattock (PA403) – “Two tools in one”

Other Tools:

- Japanese farmers knife (hori hori) ”a knife, trowel, weeder, digging tool in one ... and weapon if needed!” AM Leonard www.amleo.com sells one called Soil Knife for under \$20
- Felco Pruners – “are the best. Always good. Nothing else comes close.”
- Nitrile gloves (#35-675) from www.gardeners.com. - “tough, cheap, and comfortable” “\$4 for 2+ so get for yourself and give as stocking stuffers”

Plant/Bulb Websites:

- For Plants: www.plantdelights.com or www.whiteflowerfarm.com
- For Wholesale Bulbs: www.vanengelan.com
- Retail Bulbs: www.johnscheepers.com

Cuttings

Books:

- Dirr, Michael. Hardy Trees and Shrubs, An Illustrated Encyclopedia – “My Bible.”
- Rice, Graham. “Planting for Dry Shade Garden. “If you have these conditions, invaluable.”
- Viette, Andre and Mark. Month by Month Gardening in New York. “covers us in Zone 6B and is an easy reference for planning ahead”
- Schenk, George. The Complete Shade Gardener. “around forever because it covers it all.”

Gift Certificates to the following Nurseries:

- [Oliver Nursery, Fairfield, CT](#) “plus fabulous on-line catalog as a reference”
- [Variegated Foliage Nursery, Eastford, Ct.](#) “does mail order too.”

Garden Center Gift Certificates: “Always Welcome”

- Rohslers, Allendale
- The Farm at Green Village – “Near Morristown, worth the trip!”
- Stone House, Wyckoff

Novel Ideas for Gift Vouchers:

- The Sharp Shop, Midland Park – to have tools sharpened
- Day at the Spa – The Fountain, Ramsey or Hilton at Chestnut Ridge