

President's Message

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Enjoy the photos in this
newsletter from the
Philadelphia Flower Show
– "Articulture"



Speaker Kerry
Ann Mendez in
her garden

Our Annual Fundraiser Coming Soon!

Probably our most important event of the year is approaching- **Our Annual Fundraiser on Wednesday April 23rd @ 10:00am at the Wyckoff Library!** Mark it in your Calendars **Now!** We have an exciting speaker- **Kerry Ann Mendez** instructing us on what we all want to learn more

about –**"Design Tips for Easy Care GORGEOUS Gardens!"** And of course, we will have the loveliest and most unusual plants for sale at amazing prices, along with great prize raffles and a 50-50 raffle! This year we will also have our first Jewelry Sale! Which promises to be a popular item with the ladies☺

Dear Gardening Friends,

As we bid fond (?) farewell to February and wonder what March will bring, I try to keep focused on my plans for transforming my barren backyard into something aesthetically pleasing yet pup friendly. Raised planters...synthetic grass (\$24,000)... an enormous patio and fire pit...a pool a top my septic tank, or more realistic crabgrass with a sprinkling of rupturewort? Oh well, I can always dream of my perfect little oasis, and in the meantime, wander down the road to my friend Sandy's bucolic backyard and call to mind one of my favorite poems by Charlotte Reyes.



Dreaming of Spring
 On this cold winter day
 My dreams are of May
 The garden alive with its flowers
 The sun on my face
 The joy of this place
 Asserting its magical powers
 It's not that I hate you, dear winter
 It's not that you don't serve us well
 You encourage warm hugs
 You kill off bad bugs
 I really do think you are swell
 But on this winter day
 I wish you would stray
 To some place that's missing you so
 And bring them your gifts
 Of cold and snow drifts
 While my flowers bloom all in a row.





Articulture theme at Philadelphia Flower Show

Upcoming Meeting

**Wednesday March 12 @ 9:30am
at McFaul Environmental Center**

Arrive at 9:30am to socialize;
program begins at 10:00am.



Hostesses for the November meeting: *Sue Anteau, Sandy Spizziri, Heidi Loh, and Margaret Davies

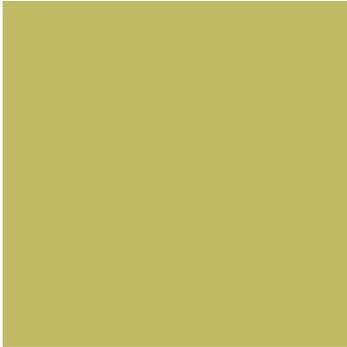
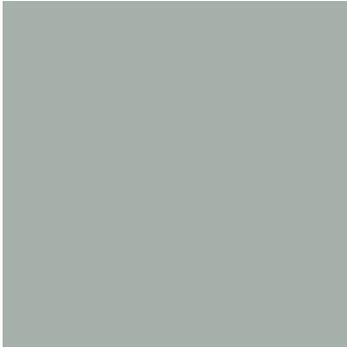
Just a reminder – hostesses are expected to come early to set up and stay after to clean up.



Program: Elaine Silverstein will discuss "Easy to Grow Native Plants"

The Oakland Garden Club will join us ☺





Dates to Remember

Thursday March 13 to Sunday March 16
Springfest Flower & Garden Show
Augusta, Sussex Co, NJ

Best local flower & garden show with floral displays, plant sales, lectures, demonstrations, crafts & café.

Details, including discount coupon at:
<http://njstatefair.org/springfest>

Car pool : Friday March 14, meet at the Wyckoff Fire House Car Park to leave by 9:30am.

If you would like to go, there will be a sign up sheet at the March meeting, or contact Sally Ditton (201) 652 8459 or sallyditton@aol.com. Please indicate if you would be willing to drive.

Thursday March 20 10:00am to 12:00pm

New York Botanic Garden Winter Lecture Series, NYBG, Bronx, NY

Great lectures on gardening, part 3

*** Thomas Rainer- Designing with Native Plants**

Sign up and pay in advance (\$35 non members. \$31 NYBG member) or at door.

www.nybg.org

GROWING OUR CLUB

Reminder to our members: Please bring your annual dues of \$35 to the meeting

THIS SUNDAY!!

Chore of the Month

Out and About

Songbird, bee and butterfly populations are in serious decline!

Are you part of the problem??

Using Native Plants in the Home Landscape

Join us **on Sunday, March 9th at 9:00 a.m.**

Barnert Temple

747 Rt. 208 South

Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Lecture by Mike Wilson,

Environmental Horticulturalist

RSVP: Karen Dougherty, (201)-818-1714 or

karekdougherty@aol.com

From awaytogarden.com Visit the website for additional information.

MARCH IS THE MONTH when I need two versions of the garden to-do list: one labeled, "If frozen..." and the other, "If thawed..." The glacier is nowhere near receding here, but the chickadees say emphatically that it will, and besides, certain seeds need starting indoors, anyhow. Shall we find our way together gingerly into spring, with the March garden chores?

Particularly up North, it's an if-and-when kind of month, as in: Do things on this list if and when the snow melts, the ground defrosts, and mud starts to drain off and dry.

Chore of the Month



If and when. Not before! The biggest caveat: Don't walk or work in too-wet soil, or trod on sodden lawns. Love your soil, and protect it. No matter what the weather: Empty nest boxes of old nests, and maybe add more birdhouses. Muck out water gardens of fallen leaves and other debris at the earliest opportunity, using a net. Watch for tadpoles and salamanders and egg masses in every heap; return them to their watery hideouts. (I turn each netful of debris gently into a wheelbarrow with water in it, and poke around in each load for hostages.) When the weather settles, remove floating de-icers (remember [my fall regimen for water-garden care?](#)), and get pumps and filters going again, following all my [spring water-garden tips](#).

seeds

WHEN TO START WHAT? [My seed calculator tool](#) will help time sowings properly, no matter where you live. Don't rush. Stout, sturdy seedlings are better than older, leggy ones for transplanting. For perspective: I don't start tomatoes here in Zone 5B until mid-April.

FIRST SEEDS FIRST: Only leeks and onions get going indoors [under lights](#) before mid-month in my Zone 5B area, but after that, the pace quickens: In mid-March or so, I sow first batches of cool-season crops such as broccoli (I love 'Piracicaba' and [spigariello](#), a leaf broccoli, spring or fall), plus cabbage, cauliflower, kohlrabi and Brussels sprouts, to set outside six weeks later. I [sow peas](#) (these are [some varieties I love](#)) and spinach around mid-March outdoors, too, if the soil allows. I pray I can get them in no later than the end of the first week in April, so they don't bump too hard into summer heat at harvest time. Again: if and when.

Read more at www.awaytogarden.com

WAGC Fundraiser Ticket Order Form

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

at the Wyckoff Library

Kerry Ann Mendez

“Design Tips for Easy Care Gardens”

Doors open **10 am**; program begins **11 am**

Raffles, door prizes, plant sale, jewelry,
refreshments

1. Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

*If purchasing multiple tickets, please
print the name of the other attendees;
their ticket will be held under your name*

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Cuttings

Mail check payable to:
Wyckoff Area Garden Club

Mail this order form and check to:
164 Greenhaven Road
Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481

ADVANCE TICKETS: **\$20**

Checks must be received by **April 9**
for the advanced price of **\$20**;
Or at the door: **\$25**

*Please come and join us for a morning of fun,
learning, and gardening companionship
after a LONG winter!!!!*