

*President's Message*

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*My Mother Kept a Garden*

My Mother kept a garden,  
a garden of the heart,  
She planted all the good things  
that gave my life its start.  
She turned me to the sunshine  
and encouraged me to dream,  
Fostering and nurturing  
the seeds of self-esteem...  
And when the winds and rain came,  
she protected me enough-  
But not too much because she knew  
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.  
Her constant good example  
always taught me right from wrong-

Markers for my pathway  
that will last a lifetime long.  
I am my Mother's garden.  
I am her legacy-  
And I hope today she feels the love  
reflected back from me.

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*Dear Members,*

*The April 23<sup>rd</sup> fundraiser with Kerry Ann Mendez was not only a financial success, but also a lovely celebration of our friendship, camaraderie, and gardening expertise. The committee, chaired by Kathy Derderian, worked arduously to provide all of us with a marvelous morning. Many thanks to Julie Fischer and Anna Abma, who did a fabulous job procuring, pricing, and “peddling” the plethora of donated jewelry. Kudos also to Janet Schulz, Marijke Creswick, Sally Ditton, and Terry Brockett, who added to our profit by selecting, setting up, and selling the annuals from Bel Fiore Nursery.*



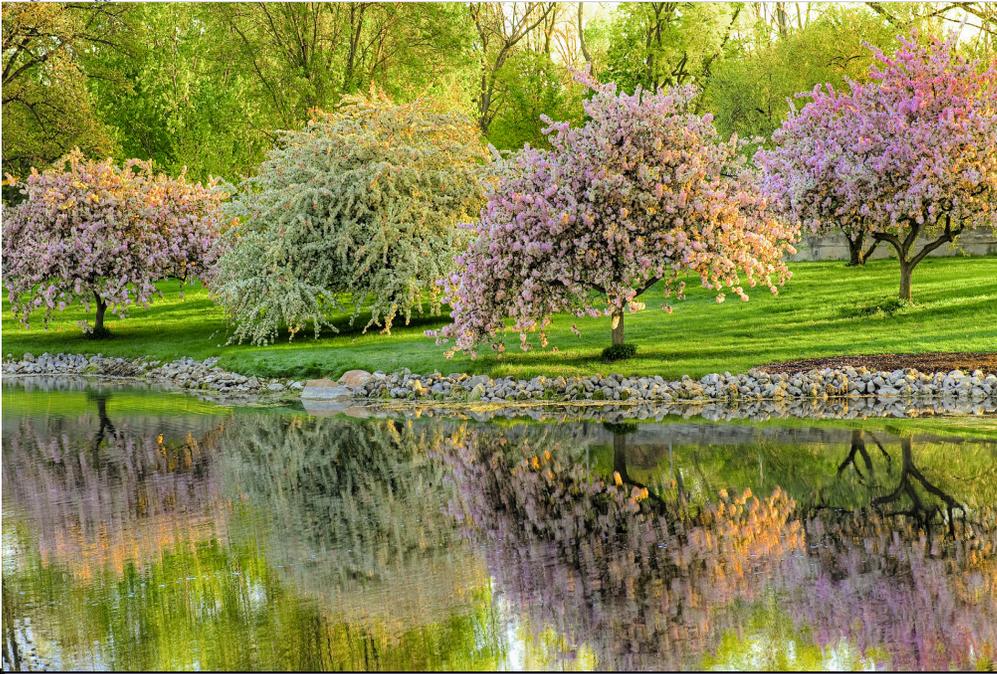
*Thank you also to Lauren Faustini for her exquisite hydrangea basket arrangement, Anna Abma for the large container of garden goodies, Sophie Stone and Andrea Florio for publicizing the event, Jeanne Muller, Janet Gaglione, Roz Burclar, Sue Gurak, Joan Rottcamp, Barb Douglas, and to all of you who provided savories and sweets for our members and guests. And many thanks to Fran DiGiorgio, our treasurer who keeps our club in the “green.”*

*Deb Fisk and I are most appreciative of the support of ALL the members of our club, and now we look forward to planning NEXT year’s big event!*

*With may thanks for your friendship and support,*

**Eileen**





*Upcoming Meeting  
with Oakland  
Garden Club*

**Wednesday May 14th @ 7:30pm**  
**At the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Dr., Oakland**

*Arrive at 7:00pm to socialize;  
program begins at 7:30pm.*



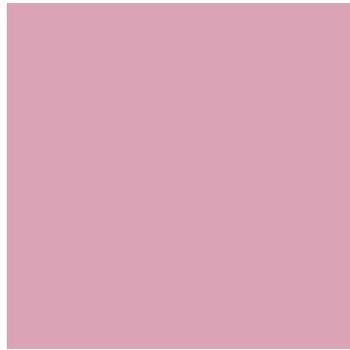
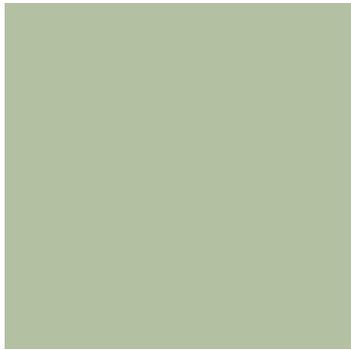
**Program:** *“The Artful  
Landscape: Plants and Creative  
Combinations at Wave Hill”*

**Presented by** *Laurel Rimmer,  
Assistant Director of Public  
Programs at Wave Hill*

Laurel shares some bold and  
quirky designs and plant  
combinations that inspire  
visitors to the garden every  
season.

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





## Dates to Remember

Coming this June:  
MEMBERS GARDEN TOURS!

Wednesday Nights  
6:30pm to 8pm.

Wed Jun 4 Jeanne Muller Wyckoff

Wed Jun 11 Deb Fisk  
Franklin Lakes

Wed Jun 18 Claire Giachino Wyckoff

Wed Jun 26 Sally Ditton Saddle  
River

## GROWING OUR CLUB

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

*More Garden Tours!*

*Chore of the Month*

## *Out and About*



**Short Hills Garden Club is sponsoring a Garden Tour on June 9<sup>th</sup> - 10-4pm.** Tickets \$30 pp before 6/1 \$40 after 6/1. Tour features 8 private Short Hills gardens and Greenwood Gardens, a historic public garden in Short Hills. The theme is “Everything is Coming Up Roses”. For further questions go to [www.shorthillsgardentour.com](http://www.shorthillsgardentour.com) or call 973-761-7263

From *awaytogarden.com* Visit the website for additional information.

**R**ECALCITRANT is the politest word I’m using to describe spring so far, and looking at the national weather map, I’m probably not alone in muttering various other stronger things under my breath. Panic mode is setting in with my first garden Open Day looming—but it’s important to steer around panic and just soldier on. Like we discussed in *April: priorities, or else*.

## Chore of the Month



### vegetable garden

**MAKING NEW BEDS?** A nature-inspired method for raised-bed building, using fallen branches and logs, is called *hugelkultur*—and it's fascinating, and effective, if you're expanding your growing area.

**TUBERS AND SLIPS:** Are the *white potatoes* in the ground? *Sweet potatoes can go in this month, too.*

**MY SEED-STARTING CALCULATOR** will tell you *when to sow what*, indoors and out, in spring. Also for reference: *My 20 top seed-starting FAQs.*

**SOW (OR SOW MORE) *CARROTS***, beets, radishes, *salad greens*, dill. With salad greens, select heat-resistant varieties now for best results if they'll bump into warmer weather in your zone. Direct-sow more kale and chard, too—or *start kale indoors, like this*, to give it an extra-strong start.

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**IF YOU LIKE *CILANTRO***, plant a short row every couple of weeks for a constant supply because most varieties bolt pretty fast (eventually yielding coriander seeds). Or try one of the substitutes *in this story.*

**DIRECT-SOW BEANS** at mid-month and beyond (assuming your frost date is late May, like mine); sow a short row every two weeks, and also sow *pole beans* for an even later crop. Maybe try *heirloom beans for drying*, too? Wait till month's end, when the weather is settled, to sow summer and winter squash, cucumbers, melons, or start indoors at the first of month and set out at end. {Check out the website for more info...}

## Cute Mother's Day Crafts



## Cuttings

