

### President's Message

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## Things to Remember and Things Remembered

### AMARYLLIS ORDERS HAVE TO BE IN BY OCTOBER 7.

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For those of you who missed the tour of Silas Montseir and Graeme Hardie's gardens in Nutley in September- and for those of you who were there, please enjoy the lovely photos above and scattered throughout the newsletter.

## A Welcome Word from our President

Dear Members,

Now that Deb and I are into our second month as your President and Vice President, we have a much clearer appreciation for all that our past officers and our fellow Board Members do to make WAGC the wonderful organization that it is. September was a bit overwhelming, but with our yearbook completed (kudos to Trish!), and all of our programs and trips planned for the coming year, we can finally take a breath!



The Silas Mountsier and Graeme Hardie Garden Tour arranged by Sally Ditton was a delight, and after seeing some of their creative garden art pieces, I went home and rummaged through my garage and basement to look for a few interesting things to adorn my humble grounds. A broken concrete statue was about all that I came up with, but I have to admit, it does look pretty good amongst the Japanese painted ferns...not that I would expect Silas and Graeme to concur!

If you have any interesting tidbits to share with us at the October meeting, please feel free to let me know. Joan's advice on keeping the deer from eating her foliage was very informative; now I just need a way to keep my two energetic lab mixes from purloining my plantings!

I am looking forward to seeing you at our October 9th meeting and getting to know all of you a bit better. We are indeed blessed to have each other and to share our love for gardening.

Fondly,

Eileen



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Silas Montseir's Garden Tour - Sept 14 in Nutley

## Our Next Meeting

Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**Where:** Monroe Room at  
Wyckoff Library

**Topic:** Millet, Cabbage, Kale  
and More

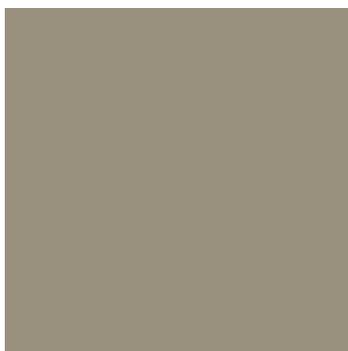
Presented by George Miner  
from Stone House Nursery

George will discuss some new  
and exciting Fall alternatives to  
the usual Mums.

Refreshments at  
7:00pm. Program  
begins at 7:30pm

Hostesses: Roselyn  
Burclar, Joan Kenney,  
Joan Rottcamp, and  
Lois Spreen

Bring a Guest!



Rainbow Hill at Sila's Garden Tour



## Dates to Remember

**Sunday Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Rutgers Gardens Fall Festival and Plant Sale**

**New Brunswick, NJ from 12-4pm**

**\$5 admission to Plant Sale, Farmers Market and kids activities.**

**Saturday Oct 12 @ 10am**

**Tour of Stone House Nursery**

**765 Wyckoff Ave.**

**October 6-31<sup>st</sup>**

**NY Botanical Gardens Haunted**

**Pumpkin Garden**

**Bronx, NY**

**Spooky Fun with Flowers – for all ages!**

Graeme Harth's lovely garden



## GROWING OUR CLUB

Please bring your guests!  
All are welcome 😊

# Out and About

## SAVE THE DATE

December 9, 2013

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

The cost will be \$70.

For more information, please call Vivian DeMarco at 201-944-3925

Chore of the Month

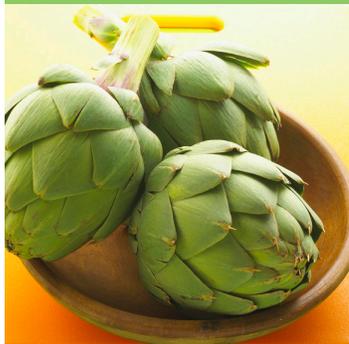
From [awaytogarden.com](http://awaytogarden.com) Visit the website for additional information.

### oct garden chores:

I GOT FAKED OUT by early bouts of cold, but the cusp of fall is always that way: fickle, and a bit of a tease. In the face of high-30s nights last month, I stashed tender tropicals when perhaps I could have waited, but better safe than sorry, right? Now if I can just get the rest of the harvest put up before the serious cleanup begins—all part of October's mad juggling act that makes it rival spring as the year's busiest garden month here in Zone 5B.

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## Chore of the Month



Despite those nippy nights, September came and went again this year without a frost, but I'm unlikely to escape another month. (In 2011 it snowed 18 inches one October night, so I'm on alert!) Wherever you are, it's probably *tick, tick, tick*, so first things first:

### the mad food stash continues

PRESERVING the edible garden here runs through the last apple and green tomato I can manage to squeeze into my pantry or freezer in the form of something delicious and durable. Such as **applesauce**, or **apple butter**, easy **vegetable and other soups**, or **jam-like tomatillo salsa**, or **skins-on easy tomato sauce** to freeze. I freeze lots of **herbs**, too, in various forms.

### the big cleanup begins

START YOUR CLEANUP with an eye to prevention—of pests, weeds, and general chaos next year. In case weather shuts you down early, make sure you clean up first around things that showed signs of disease, weed or insect infestation:

**WEED WAR!** Minimize weed woes for next year. Some weeds are actually easier to thwart in late summer and fall, **like these**.

**DON'T WASTE FALLING LEAVES!** Leaves are precious, and make great leaf mold to turn into beds and improve soil, or use as mulch, once composted. Maybe start a leaves-only compost pile this year? **Running over dry leaves** (and other dry non-woody material) with the mower to shred will reduce the area needed for such piles. **DON'T RUSH IT**, though. If a perennial has nice fall color or seedheads, let it stand for you and the birds to enjoy, just a little longer. (And think about adding more fall- and winter-interest things to your landscape; there's still time for planting this month.)

**BE SURE TO WATER** trees now through hard frost if conditions are dry, so that they enter dormancy well-hydrated. Evergreens (needled ones and broadleaf types like rhododendron, too) are particularly vulnerable to desiccation and winterburn. **DON'T PANIC IF EVERGREENS** start to show **some browning or yellowing** of needles this month and next. The oldest, innermost needles typically shed after a few years.

## AMARYLLIS ORDER FORM

The program, "Everything You Wanted to Know about the Amaryllis" by Pat Czarnecki, is Tuesday, November 12 at 6:45 with the Ramsey Garden Club. I need the orders in by the end of September for the workshop following the lecture. **October 7 is the absolute latest you can order.**

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If you don't want to pot an amaryllis, you can just come to hear her talk about these festive bulbs.

### Amaryllis Order Form

\_\_\_\_\_ large X \$12

\_\_\_\_\_ small X \$8

\_\_\_\_\_ total

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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