

President's Message

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Welcome Autumn

The cooler weather is finally here 😊
And with it comes fall clean ups, harvesting, hay rides, pumpkin and apple picking and my personal favorite – Fall Decorating. Which makes Lauren Faustini's

presentation on Fall-oween planter arrangements even more fascinating!
Please continue to join us for even more interesting programs coming up in November. See you there!

A Welcome Word from our President

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that October has arrived, and with it a myriad of gardening chores as we get ready to "put our gardens to bed." Yesterday, the arborist and his team arrived to cull the dead wood from my weeping cherry, oak, and maples. I also had several spindly sassafras removed to enlarge the planting bed in my "Garden of High Hopes." Thanks to many WAGC members, I now have some lovely ligularia, perennial begonias, and Japanese anemones to add to my garden. And to continue this spirit of sharing, if possible please bring a few of your perennials to share to our October meeting. (I will be bringing some iris if anyone would like some.)



Last Sunday, I did take a much-needed break from my house and gardening chores to walk the High Line, an elevated rail line in NYC, which has been transformed into a public park on Manhattan's West Side. It is a one and a half mile stroll replete with lovely plantings, interesting artwork, and great people watching! Hopefully, all of you will have a chance to visit this site before winter sets in.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our October 8th meeting at the library. Our own Lauren Faustini will show us how to create a container planting and arrangement to celebrate fall and Halloween. Please bring a guest to share in the fun!

Fondly,

Eileen

P.S. Please remember that while you are out shopping for your own families, try to pick up something to donate to the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation Food Pantry, located in Midland Park. Thank you!



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Our Last Meeting's Highlights

Wednesday October 8th @ 7:00pm

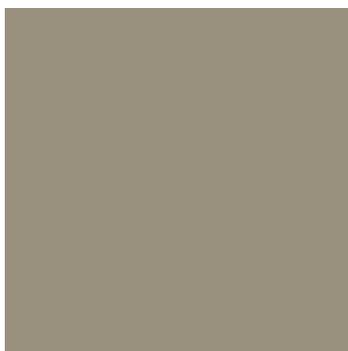
Where: Monroe Room at
Wyckoff Library

Topic: Our Member *Lauren Faustini* created lovely planter containers for Fall and Halloween! See photo above 😊

Next Meeting is on Wed. Nov 12th at 7:00 at Wyckoff Library.

Topic: *An Introduction to Bonsai*
By *John Michalski*





Dates to Remember

- November 22 (Saturday), 10 am & 1 pm
Wreath-Making Workshops. An annual tradition at NJBG! In these two workshops, led by Pat Grossi, you'll learn how to assemble and decorate wreaths to grace your home, using a variety of fresh and dried materials. As you learn, you'll make a wreath to take home with you. Materials provided; bring clippers and any special ribbon or decorations you might wish to use. Reservations required. Call the NJBG office at 973-962-9534 or [click here](#). \$25 members, \$30 non-members.

- October 18 (Saturday), 10 am
Daffodil Planting. [GS] Bring the whole family and help us plant more daffodils in the Botanical Garden. A great chance to learn more about spring-flowering bulbs for your own garden! Bring gloves and small tools if you have them. No experience necessary. **FREE.**

GROWING OUR CLUB

Please bring your guests!
All are welcome☺



Out and About

Ringwood Garden Club

Presents

Fabulous Flowers and More

With Renowned Floral Designer:

Carl Lemanski

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:15 PM

Community Presbyterian Church

145 Carletondale Road, Ringwood, NJ

Tickets are \$22.00

For more information and tickets contact

Carol 973-839-0332

Chore of the Month

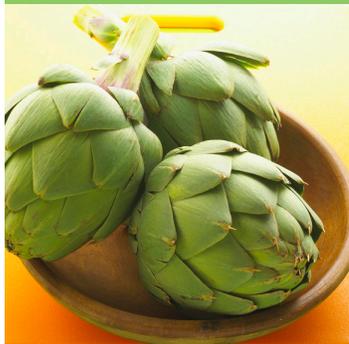
From awaytogarden.com Visit the website for additional information.

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.

DIY Fall Decorations

Cuttings



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