

## President's Notes

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## Welcome Back!

*Our 2014-2015 season begins on Wed. **Sept 10 at 7:00!** Join us this year for interesting programs and speakers, fun trips and social events!*

*Our meetings take place at the Wyckoff Library, in the Monroe Room unless otherwise noted.*

*Check out this newsletter each month for more details on upcoming events. And don't forget to go to our website for even more information:*  
<http://www.wyckoffgc.com>

## A Welcome Word from our President

Dear WAGC Friends,

As September rapidly approaches, I am feeling a bit nostalgic since I no longer have a classroom to set up nor new sixth graders to welcome to Eisenhower Middle School. After 32 years as a teacher, I retired this past June, and though I know I will be busy with Garden Club activities and my menagerie, I will miss the excitement of a new school year. So, if I act a bit pedantic this year, I hope you will understand!



Deb Fisk, our vice president, has been very busy planning some great programs for us, and Sally Ditton has come up with some wonderful "Out and Abouts" for us to explore. Last year, we enjoyed a Garden Tour of Silas Mountsier and Graeme Hardie's fantastic gardens; 205 Rutgers Place, Nutley, NJ, and once again on September 6<sup>th</sup>, their gardens will be open to us from 10-4 o'clock. A \$5 donation is requested to benefit The Garden Conservancy.

Looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>!

Fondly,

Eileen



WAGC 2014-2015





Our Next Meeting

Wednesday Sept 10 @ 7:00pm

**Where:** Monroe Room at Wyckoff Library

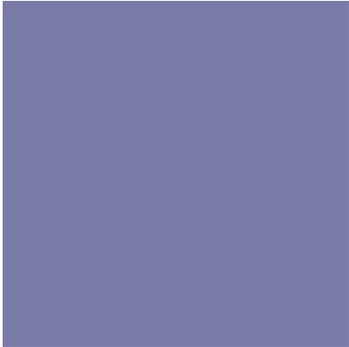
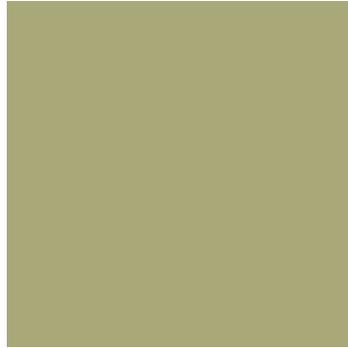
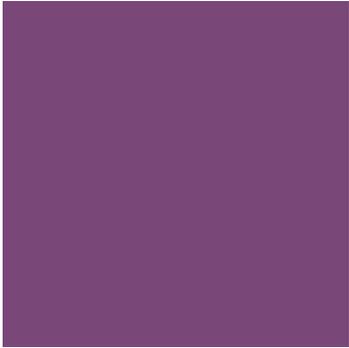
**Topic:** "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Adventures and Misadventures in Our Gardens"

We all get back together in the Fall and compare notes on successes, failures, surprises, and lessons learned over the season.

Bring samples from your garden!

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

Bring a Guest!



## Dates to Remember

*Sept 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm* – The Garden Club of Harrington Park featured speaker is Dail Reid. Dail will present “Fall Color in Your Garden”. The presentation will take place at Harrington Park Library, 10 Herring St.

*Sept 6<sup>th</sup>* - Garden Tour of Silas Mountsier and Graeme Hardie’s fantastic gardens; 205 Rutgers Place, Nutley, NJ. Their gardens will be open to us from 10-4 o’clock. A \$5 donation is requested to benefit The Garden Conservancy.

The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum and DIG IT! Magazine will take you on a very exciting garden, music and art experience on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 on a

### *September Serenade!*

Stop One: *Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts* with guided garden and mansion tours with centuries of Asian art, Flamenco Concert and buffet luncheon.

StopTwo: *Untermeyer Gardens* with a guided garden tour of one of the most beautiful, Persian style gardens in the country, now at the glorious crossroad of ruins and restoration. COST: \$130/members; \$150/become a member. Cost includes bus, Mediterranean luncheon, all guided tours and garden admissions and Flamenco Concert.

REGISTER: [www.arboretumfriends.org/Events](http://www.arboretumfriends.org/Events)

## GROWING OUR CLUB

Welcome our newest member: Stan Goodman!



Save the Date



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## Out and About

***"The 30th Anniversary Gala Fundraiser"*** to benefit:

NJBG/Skylands Association and the Carriage House Restoration Fund

Indian Trail Club, Franklin Lakes NJ.

September 19, 2014

Cocktails 6pm - 7pm

Buffet Dinner and Guest Speaker to follow.

Tickets. \$150

Table. for ten. \$1350

RSVP and questions:

NJBG/Skylands Association,

[gala@njbg.org](mailto:gala@njbg.org)

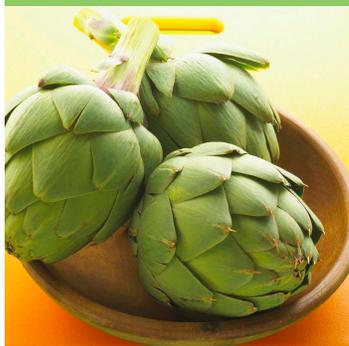
From [awaytogarden.com](http://awaytogarden.com) Visit the website for additional information.

### sept garden chores:

I DARE YOU: DO A SURVEY of your garden, right this minute. Go outside with a clipboard, and make a headcount of what's still queued up and waiting to show off (compared to what's spent and done for the year). Then commit to lengthening the still-to-go list with some well-planned September planting. That's how this year's September garden chores begin:

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with analysis, so you can do enhancements—and yes, I know: we also have **harvests to process**, weeds to outsmart, lawns to renovate, and more. But let's not skip this primetime strategic opportunity to not just analyze, but also act to improve the year-round view out the window by planting and transplanting this month.

Here in Zone 5B, where frost can come in late September or early October, you'd think I'd be feeling more fatalistic—that the season's "end" was in sight.

Instead I have gradually loaded my garden with things that flower or fruit or form great seedpods late, or take on fall foliage colors, or with good offseason structure or bark. On the other end of the calendar, I've worked hard to layer in extra-early performers. In my region that means things that start up in March, as snow melts—such as minor bulbs or early perennials like hellebores. A **365-day garden**, remember?

### vegetable garden

**SAVE SEED:** The time is now for saving tomato seed (and other "wet" seeds such as peppers, squash, cucumber, melon). **How to save tomato seed.**

**SEND IN SOIL SAMPLES** for testing if you're seeing poor results in some beds.

### flower garden

**DON'T DEADHEAD** FADED perennials, biennials and annuals if you want to collect seed (non-hybrids only) or let some self-sow. Nicotiana, annual poppies, larkspur, clary sage and many others fall into this leave-alone group. So do plants with showy or bird-friendly seedheads, like coneflowers, some sedums, clematis and grasses.

**DAYLILIES** can be dug and divided as they complete bloom, right into fall, if needed.

**PEONIES** are best divided and transplanted in late August through September, if they need it. **Remember with these fussy guys** that "eyes" must not be buried more than an inch or two beneath the soil surface.

**MANY POPULAR ANNUALS** can be overwintered as rooted cuttings rather than nursing along leggy older specimens. Geraniums, coleus, wax begonias, even impatiens (to name just a few common ones), if grown in good light indoors and kept pinched and bushy, will yield another generation of cuttings for next spring's transplants. Expend this effort and space on an unusual form of something, not the garden variety.

See more at [awaytogarden.com](http://awaytogarden.com)

Garden Humor 😊

# Cuttings



Wyckoff Area Garden Club

Visit our website:

<http://www.wyckoffgc.org>

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