

# The Garden Club of Princeton

## Newsletter

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### Dates to Remember:

November 1  
Due date: New Jersey Committee  
grant proposals

**November 4 for ZONE IV MEETING**  
**Hort.: Six month ownership deadline**

November 5 10:00 a.m.  
Conservation Field Trip to  
Headquarters Cinema, Morristown  
"Flight of the Monarchs"  
@ Kathleen Biggins

November 7  
Photography: Deadline for submission  
of photographs for consideration for  
GCA eNews to Diane Majeski at  
[btmaj1@aol.com](mailto:btmaj1@aol.com)

November 10 11:00 a.m.  
Hort. & Conservation Lunch & Learn  
With Trenton GC  
@ Present Day Club  
Speaker: Tim Schuler

November 11 10:00 a.m.  
Executive Committee Meeting  
@ Debbie Jordan

November 13 9:30 a.m.  
Photography Field Trip  
@ Maureen Stellato

**November 17 10:30 a.m.**  
**GCP Meeting & Lunch**  
**Floral Design Show**  
**Speaker: Gigi Goldman**  
**"We Share Solar Program"**  
**@ D&R**

December 1 10:00 a.m.  
Executive Committee Meeting  
@ Debbie Jordan

December 8 9:30 a.m.  
GCP Meeting, Christmas Workshop  
@Terhunes

January 12 10:00 a.m.  
Executive Meeting  
@Debbie Jordan

### *The President's Message*

From my garden ruin,

The early October frost struck down my magnificent yellow dinner plate dahlias, lush heliotrope and tall coleus while burning the outermost ends of my lantana and begonia. My coneflower and buddleia have faded and opportunistic squirrels and rabbits have climbed into my pots to feast on my succulents. It is time to cut it down and clear it all away. It is time to open my box of mail-ordered bulbs, scratch my way through the debris and dig.

It is a good time to enjoy the rich programming the Club offers in November. We can travel with the Conservation Committee to Morristown to view the "Flight of the Monarchs" in 3-D on November 5. We can join the Horticulture and Conservation Committees and friends from the Trenton GC to "Lunch and Learn" about Bees at the Present Day Club from the NJ State Apiarist, Tim Schuler on November 10. We can join the Photography Committee on their trip to the Native Plant Garden at Terhunes on November 13. We can enter the largest GCP Floral Design Show of the year and try our hand at hats, "art in bloom" or pollinator botanical jewelry on November 17.

Throughout the month, we can assist our Morven Festival of Trees Co-Chairs, Jenn Fenton and Cynthia Larsen, as their committee prepares and installs magnificent colonial revival natural Christmas decorations for the front porch of Morven.

Throughout it all, we will enjoy each other's company and remember why we love our Club.

As you put away your pots and plant your bulbs, please enjoy the following poem by Edward Thomas entitled "Digging".

All the best,  
Debbie

## Digging

By Edward Thomas

Today I think  
Only with scents, – scents dead leaves yield,  
And bracken, and wild carrot's seed,  
And the square mustard field;

Odours that rise  
When the spade wounds the root of tree,  
Rose, currant, raspberry, or goutweed,  
Rhubarb or celery;

The smoke's smell, too,  
Flowing from where a bonfire burns  
The dead, the waste, the dangerous,  
And all to sweetness turns.

It is enough  
To smell, to crumble the dark earth,  
While the robin sings over again  
Sad songs of Autumn mirth.

## Minutes of the October 13, 2015 Meeting

WELCOME: President Debbie Jordan called to order the General Membership Meeting of The Garden Club of Princeton held at D&R Greenway. She thanked our hostesses, Helena Bienstock and Charlotte McLaughlin, for their hospitality.

ATTENDANCE was taken and a quorum established.

MINUTES of the May and September meetings were approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visiting Gardens: Barbara Gallup reminded members going on the October 21 trip to Storm King that the bus will leave promptly at 7:30 a.m. A light breakfast will be provided. Lunch requests had to be submitted to Barbie Bromley by October 13. Barbara encouraged everyone to wear comfortable shoes. She noted that the bus has a bathroom.

Civic Projects: Emily Firmenich thanked those who turned out for the first clean-up at Memorial Park and asked everyone to come for another workday on November 3 to prepare for Veterans' Day. The Committee is researching the costs of purchasing and installing plants for Phase 2 of the park restoration.

## Minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting, continued

**Conservation:** Pam Mount announced a talk concerning climate change and the shoreline to be given on October 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 at Stony Brook Millstone Watershed by Bill Golden. Mr. Golden drafted the rules that led to the establishment of the EPA, inspired the clean-up of Boston Harbor and, most recently, founded a not-for-profit dedicated to the protection and restoration of American shorelines.

Katherine Dresdner announced two upcoming movie opportunities. The first, on the migration of monarch butterflies, will be shown on November 5 at the Morristown AMC theater and is sponsored by the Garden Club of Morristown. The cost will be \$10 per person. The second, entitled "Mission Blue," concerns the life and work of acclaimed oceanographer Sylvia Earle. It will be held at Margaret Sieck's house at 7:30 on Tuesday, October 20. Katherine has the milkweed plants previously ordered by members. The price has increased to \$3.00 per plant.

**Floral Design:** Betsy Griffith and Stephanie Wedeking described the three floral design classes that will constitute the show at our November 17 General Meeting. All three classes, botanical arts, floral hats and art in bloom arrangements, will be part of the Zone Show. This is a great opportunity to prepare for participation on the Zone level in May.

**Garden History and Design:** Meg Michael reported that the committee enjoyed a luncheon meeting held last week at her house. She asked members to look for news regarding a February workshop to be led by Elizabeth Wisler on designing a simple garden.

**Horticulture:** Kathy Enquist urged members to complete their amaryllis orders, noting that this year's bulbs are appreciably larger than previous bulbs. The kits are nicely wrapped and include instructions; they will make great holiday gifts. She reminded provisionals and interested members that the bulb-forcing workshop will be this Friday, October 16, at her house and be led by Cynthia Larsen. The rain location is the barn at Terhune Orchards. She recommended that members attend the Horticulture and Conservation Lunch and Learn Program at 11:00 on November 10 at the Present Day Club. Tom Schuler, the state apiarist, will speak about the challenges faced by bees and the ways we as gardeners and conservationists can help them. The cost will be \$35 per person and registration and checks should be given to Kathy.

**Membership:** Mary Hulme asked everyone to remember that proposals are due by February 1. It is time to think about possible candidates for membership.

**Morven:** Debbie Jordan informed the Club that after meeting with the chairs, Jenn Fenton and Cynthia Larsen and the Morven staff, it was decided to decorate Morven's front porch in a Colonial Revival style inspired by Williamsburg. The full committee will meet in the near future. Anyone interested in helping to assemble and install the decorations should set aside the morning of November 23.

**Newsletter:** On behalf of Tommye Schiro, Debbie asked members to send any newsletter submissions to Tommye by Saturday, October 24.

**New Jersey Committee:** Barbara Chatham thanked everyone who attended the fundraising luncheon on October 1. She advised the Club that grant proposals are due on November 1. Erin Forrey has the necessary forms.

**Photography:** Maureen Stellato encouraged anyone interested in photography or native plants to join the walk at Abbot Marshland on Tuesday, October 20. Participants will be asked to make a \$10 donation to the Marshland.

## Minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting, continued

Provisionals: Robin Gosnell thanked Betsy Griffith and Stephanie Wedeking for an informative floral design workshop that inspired the provisionals to step outside their comfort zones and experiment with modern arrangements, with impressive results. She also asked members to introduce themselves to Piper Burrows and Cheryl Mooney on the trip to Storm King.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned. We joined the Stony Brook Garden Club for coffee and refreshments.

Debbie Jordan convened the joint meeting of the GCP and Stony Brook Garden Club. Olive Coghlin, President of the Stony Brook Garden Club, introduced our speaker, Rick Darke. He gave a lecture based on the book he has co-authored with Doug Tallamy, The Living Landscape. Mr. Darke stayed to sign copies of his book. The joint session was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Gosnell, Recording Secretary

## FLORAL DESIGN: Betsy Griffith, Stephanie Wedeking, Jennifer Fenton

We have an exciting November show ahead featuring for the first time, Class I: Botanical Arts. Class II is Hat: All a Flutter and Class III: Art in Bloom, where entrants will interpret a floral design from a postcard. There is still one spot available in Class II. Please email [stephanie.wedeking@mac.com](mailto:stephanie.wedeking@mac.com) if you would like the last slot!

We are also taking reservations for the December Holiday Workshop following the December 8 meeting at Terhune Orchards. This is a special opportunity to make angel or reindeer topiaries from Barbara Gallup's famous topiary form collection. Cost is \$40. All materials plus light lunch provided. There are only 11 slots left. RSVP to [stephanie.wedeking@mac.com](mailto:stephanie.wedeking@mac.com).

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mary Hulme

Now is the time to consider new members for the Garden Club. Think about friends who would enjoy, learn from, and contribute to the GCP. Invite friends who you believe would be compatible with our membership to join you at workshops, committee meetings, or programs. All you need do is get permission from the hostess and our President. I know everyone would welcome the opportunity to meet prospective members. The deadline for proposing new members is February 1. Please contact me, or any member of the Membership Committee with questions you may have.

## Photography: Linda Sedgewick, Maureen Stellato

We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to showcase our club and your photographic talent in the GCA eNews. Each zone is responsible for providing the photos that appear in the GCA eNews for a specific month. The November eNews issue is our month!! Photographs should depict appropriate colorful, seasonal subjects for that month, preferably from your Zone. Any GCA member is eligible to submit photos. DEADLINE IS November 7, 2015. Details are in the email sent to you on October 18. The subject of that email is: Re: Zone IV photo entries for the November GCA eNews

## Return of the Natives! Zone IV Meeting November Update: Molly Finnell

**Members of Garden Club of Princeton will be invited to hear our key speakers during the May 4-5 Zone meeting. Here is a preview:**

**William Cullina** holds degrees from the University of Connecticut and Hobart and William Smith Colleges in New York. During the 13 years he was the nursery director and head propagator at the New England Wildflower Society, he developed the largest native plant nursery in New England. The organization produces 75,000 woody and herbaceous plants annually for garden and restoration use. In 2008, he joined the staff at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay and has been its executive director since 2011. He has written several books on native plants ranging from woody plants to herbaceous perennials and grasses. His book, Understanding Perennials: A New Look at an Old Favorite, is a guide for gardeners to provide environments where perennials will thrive. In his role at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, it is evident that Mr. Cullina excels at landscape design. There the gardens feature a broad array of native and non-native plants put together with great skill, creating one beautiful vignette after another. However, he considers himself primarily an educator, which bodes well for his talk at the Zone Show.

**Donald J. Leopold** has been studying native plants for nearly 30 years. He earned his Ph.D. in forest ecology from Purdue University in 1984, his master's in forest ecology from the University of Kentucky in 1981, and a B.S. in ornamental horticulture and nursery management from the University of Kentucky in 1978. In 1985, he joined the Faculty of Environmental and Forest Biology at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York. He has taught courses in dendrology, plant materials, freshwater wetland ecology, and numerous graduate seminars on conservation and restoration topics.

Currently, he is Distinguished Teaching Professor at SUNY. Dr. Leopold has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers, four other books, six book chapters, five book reviews, three proceedings, and many miscellaneous publications, all generally about topics in forest and wetland ecology.

One of his publications is a book called Native Plants of the Northeast, a Guide for Gardening and Conservation. "If you've always wanted to garden with native plants, this book is for you. With entries for nearly 700 species of native trees, shrubs, vines, ferns, grasses, and wildflowers from the northeastern quarter of the U.S. and eastern Canada, its comprehensive horticultural coverage is unsurpassed by any other single volume."

Remember to check out the Flower Show schedule on the GCA website, using this link:

<https://www.gcamerica.org/index.cfm/members:main.getprotectedfile?common/document/ZoneIV/2016ZoneIVFSScheduleRevised091115.pdf>

When you look at the link, please note our beautiful **Return of the Natives!** meeting logo, designed by Linda Sedgewick from GCP and Sarah Shannon from Stony Brook Garden Club. You are all invited to attend the Flower Show opening reception on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00. There you can admire the show and mingle with GCA members from our zone and from GCA headquarters.

## HORTICULTURE: Penny Thomas, Kathy Enquist, Louisa Clayton

November 10 at 11:00 am: Lunch and Learn About Bees at The Present Day Club, 72 Stockton St. NJ State Apiarist Tim Schuler will speak about the perils bees are facing and what we as gardeners and conservationists can do about it. A delicious vegetarian lunch will follow. This will be an informative and festive event and there is still room for members and their guests. Send your check for \$35 (to cover expenses - this is not a fundraiser) to Kathy Enquist by November 4 to reserve your place.

The Horticulture Committee will be selling daffodil, tulip and paperwhite bulbs at the next meeting. Top grade Dutch Master daffodil and Monsella tulip bulbs, the same bulbs that members potted up for forcing at the Bulb Forcing Workshop, will be sold in bags of 15 bulbs for \$10. Plant to beautify your yard and at the same time grow entries for The Club April Daffodil Show. To see pictures of the tulips, see [vanengelan.com](http://vanengelan.com) on line. Monsella is a beautiful early double tulip that is fragrant! Also for sale will be paperwhite bulbs sold 10 in a bag for \$10. The variety we have ordered, called Paperwhite Nir, is one of the best paperwhites introduced to date, says the COLORBLEND catalogue. The stems are shorter, and therefore much less likely to flop than those of Ziva, the standard variety. Its flowers are larger and showier and its sweet fragrance, while strong, is not overpowering. Each bulb will produce 2-3 sturdy stems crowned with clusters of white flowers. Allow 5-6 weeks from planting to bloom. Irresistable!

Amaryllis bulbs: Pick up for bulb orders will be at the November meeting, or by special arrangement.

### Horticultural Activities and Expectations

Barbara J. Bromley, Mercer County Horticulturist

Helpline Number: 609 989 6853

We encourage all members to go to the web site, "Barbara Bromley's Monthly Tips for Mercer County, NJ," at [www.mgofmc.org/monthlytips.html](http://www.mgofmc.org/monthlytips.html). There you will find her Mercer County Horticultural Activities and Expectations for the year and for each month. In previous newsletters we reproduced the information found on the web site. In the interest of space, we encourage you to visit the Master Gardeners of Mercer County web site for this and other useful information.

## HISTORIAN: SANDI TATNALL

The Garden Club of Princeton has been a presence in the Princeton community for a long time. Looking at the list of the Charter Members of 1911 you will see many names which are memorialized throughout the town to this day. One of the many distinguished members was Mrs. Alan Marquand, wife of the head of the University's Art Department. Mrs. Marquand accompanied Mrs. Russell to the meeting in Philadelphia at which the plan to organize a national garden club, to be called The Garden Club of America, was formulated in 1913.

She was also a vice president of our club and became a recognized authority on the symbolism and representation of flowers in records of the past. She was able to identify, locate and date trees and flowers represented in books and paintings of great antiquity. Princeton University awarded Mrs. Marquand an honorary M.A. in recognition of her scholarship. The knowledge she acquired enabled The Institute for Advanced Study to identify time periods of paintings, manuscripts and sculpture. In 1948 the Garden Club of America awarded her the Buckley Medal.

Next time you pass Marquand Park, which was the land surrounding her home, Guernsey Hall, pause and give a thought to our renowned Charter member. Mrs. Marquand lived at Guernsey Hall from her early years as a bride in 1896 until her death in 1950.

## FORGET-ME “NOTES”

**Meeting RSVP procedure:** All Active, Sustaining, and Provisional members RSVP regrets to the lead hostess designated by an asterisk (\*) in the green book.  
Affiliate members RSVP acceptances to the hostess.

**Zone IV Flower Show Schedule is on the GCA website. Please consider entering. Pay attention to pertinent deadlines!**

**The six month ownership deadline for Horticulture is November 4! “Entries eligible for the Catherine Beattie Medal and/or the Clarissa Willemsen Horticulture Propagation Award must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least six months and will be identified on the entry card.”**



**Please visit the following websites regularly for updates and calendar events:**

**GCP blog page link:** <http://gcaprincetonlocavores.blogspot.com>, for a complete listing of all local farms and farm market schedules, and a selection of recipes coordinated by our club. Send your recipe featuring local produce to: [farmmarketscnj@gmail.com](mailto:farmmarketscnj@gmail.com).

**GCP Website:** [www.gcprinceton.org](http://www.gcprinceton.org). Click on Members section and sign in as [members@gcprinceton.org](mailto:members@gcprinceton.org). (IMPORTANT: Do NOT use your own email or try to set your own pin because that will lock everyone else out.) Password is on first page of green book.

**Please visit our website to access all updated information, (calendar, schedule, and directory), for the 2015-2016 year.**

**GCA Website:** [www.gcamerica.org](http://www.gcamerica.org). Please see Club Administrator for assistance.

**Deadline for next Newsletter: November 24, 2015**

**Please email entries to [tpms1206@aol.com](mailto:tpms1206@aol.com) in Arial font, size 11**

**Please write: “GCP Newsletter – Your Area” in the Subject line**