

# The Garden Club of Princeton

## Newsletter

Summer, 2015

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### Dates to Remember:

September 8 10:30 a.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting  
@ Debbie Jordan

September 8 12 noon  
Executive Committee  
@ Debbie Jordan

September 10 3:00 p.m.  
Photography Field Trip  
@ Linda Sedgewick

September 11 9:30 a.m.  
Horticulture Workshop  
@ Louisa Clayton

**September 12 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
"Cocktails, Cackles and Sunset"  
Details in green book insert

**September 15 2:00 p.m.**  
**Opening Meeting, Tea and  
Horticulture Show**  
**@ Tommy Schiro**

September 18 10:00 a.m.  
Horticulture Field Trip & Workshop  
@ Kathy Enquist

September 22 12 noon  
Conservation Meeting & Lunch  
@ Kathleen Biggins

September 29 9:30 a.m.  
Photography Workshop  
@ Linda Sedgewick

September 29 1:00 p.m.  
Floral Design Workshop  
@ Betsy Griffith

October 1 11:30 a.m.  
NJ Committee Luncheon  
@ Navesink CC

October 6 10:00 a.m.  
Executive Committee Meeting  
@ Debbie Jordan

October 6 1:00 p.m.  
Floral Design Workshop  
@ Stephanie Wedeking

### *The President's Message*

From my August garden of butterflies, bees and hummingbirds,

Although my garden is parched and punctuated with thistle, weeds, Japanese beetles and spent blooms, it is also a destination for visiting butterflies, bees and hummingbirds, joining the ever present cardinals, robins and rabbits, easily distracting my eye from the necessary work at hand. I was so happy to see the butterflies join my other garden friends. Although I have not seen a Monarch, many other varieties are plying my buddleia and coneflower.

Fortunately, many of our members have spotted Monarchs in various gardens and locations in the Princeton area, both in town and in surrounding open fields. Sometimes the Monarchs are dancing around the familiar butterfly plantings enjoyed by all varieties of butterflies and bees. Some of our members have spotted Monarchs following the GCP branch of the Monarch Highway, feasting on milkweed planted in our gardens.

At War Memorial Park, recently, the Town of Princeton removed invasive, overgrown ivy and dead and dying trees and shrubbery as promised. This fall, we plan to partner with the Town and other stakeholders to plant dogwoods and a crabapple to match existing plantings, recreating the symmetrical design at the sides and immediate back of the bench in keeping with the 1967 Butler Plan. In June, a small but dedicated crew of GCP members and our Shade Tree Commission friend, Joanne Diaz, pruned back the existing azaleas and we plan to shape the existing rhododendron in a similar fashion in the near future. In consultation with the D&R's native plant experts, we will use the winter to plan new beds of native plantings for the back of the Park, including a bed of butterfly plantings, taking advantage of the light provided by the Town's removals. In the meantime, the Town will mulch the bare soil to improve the appearance of the Park while it is in transition and keep down the dust. We will continue to enjoy our display of annuals, roses and boxwood in the front planters. Please stop by to view the changes. Interestingly, in addition to the changes at Memorial Park, someone has planted a sizable pink crepe myrtle, now in bloom, at Mercer I. Park. When I made inquiries, the Town arborist stated that she did not know who had done so.

In addition to our continued work on the Monarch Highway and War Memorial Park, we will enjoy a wonderful year studying "Native Plants that Attract Pollinators", building a "Solar Suitcase", and co-hosting the 2016 Zone IV Meeting and Flower Show. We will compete in Floral Design, Hort and Photography Shows, hear stellar speakers including Rick Darke (at a joint meeting with Stony Brook GC) and travel to Storm King and the Philadelphia Flower Show. On the evening of September 12, we will kick off the year with our spouses and friends at "Cocktails, Cackles and Sunset", a gathering at the gracious home of John and Betsy Griffith. Please consult your 2015-16 GCP Program Book and inserts for details.

Until autumn, I offer the following poem by Alfred Noyes, written in 1930, describing the joys of a butterfly garden.

Please enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Debbie Jordan, President, The Garden Club of Princeton

## The Butterfly Garden

'Then there is that more capricious close of happy surprises – the butterfly garden. By keeping a sheltered corner for the colours and scents that they like best, you may not only the anchored sort of flowers, but what our forefathers would have called a pretty pleasance of winged flowers, flowers that have cut their stalky cables, and sail as they please upon the sunlit air.' – *Orchard's Bay*

Here, by this crumbling wall  
 We'll spread the feast, then watch what guests it brings.  
 Earth-rooted flowers to flowers of heaven shall call,  
 And all the gorgeous air shall wink with wings.

We'll choose what they love most  
 As all men must whose guests are of the sky;  
 Not lavender, of lost gardens the sweet ghost;  
 But heliotrope, young Psyche's cherry-pie.

Be sure she does not pine  
 For any phantom feast, that heavenly Maid!  
 'Tis we that make a wraith of things divine,  
 And think the very soul into a shade.

The Chilian orange-ball  
 First of the shrubs that Tortoise-shells prefer,  
 Must hand its honeyed clusters over all  
 And tempt the freckled blues to flutter near;

With globes of fragrant gold  
 Luring the Green-veined White from near and far,  
 While faultless Painted Ladies here unfold  
 Their pearly fans, inlaid with moon and star;

Till later buddleias trail  
 Their long racemes of violet and rose,  
 Round which the glorious Admirals dip and sail,  
 And swarthy Peacocks flit and sip and doze.

Hedging them closely round  
 Veronica must spread her spikes of blue,  
 That sun and flowers may in one sleep be drowned  
 Yet keep her own Fritillaries fluttering, too.

Blue is their heart's delight.  
 Therefore, though crimson petals also please,  
 And soft white wings will sail to bridal white  
 Like yachts with orange tips on blossoming seas,

We'll make them doubly blest  
 With this, the deepening blue of children's eyes;  
 For winged creatures love that colour best,  
 Which smiled upon them, once, in Paradise.

## Minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting

**WELCOME:** Since President Debbie Jordan was attending the GCA Annual Meeting in Rochester, NY, Vice President Betsy Griffith presided and called to order the Annual Meeting of The Garden Club of Princeton at The Bedens Brook Country Club.

Betsy thanked the hostesses, Barbara Morrison, Cynthia Larsen, Kathleen Murphy, Barbara Gallup and Marlene Doyle.

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance was taken and a quorum established.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership Chair Mary Hulme introduced the five new provisionals for 2015-2016: Piper Burrows, Christina Callaway, Jennifer Closser, Jennifer Delvecchio and Cheryl Mooney. She also noted the following changes in status: Jeanette Ching, sustaining transfer from Litchfield Garden Club; Nancy Hearne, reinstated as an active member; Kristin Griese and Jane Murphy, Provisional to Active; Gigi Goldman, leave of absence; Tracy Sipprelle, from leave of absence to active; Norma Baird, active to sustaining; Rosanna Jaffin and Vicki Trainer, sustaining to affiliate.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY AND APRIL MINUTES:** Minutes of the February 17, 2015 and April 21, 2015 meetings were moved by Betsy Hoover, seconded by Tommye Schiro and approved by the membership.

**COMMITTEE SIGNUPS:** Betsy passed around the signup list for 2015-2016 committees.

**TREASURER:** Marlene Doyle reminded everyone that dues can be paid today and encouraged all to consider a contribution to the Education Fund when paying annual dues. Marlene encouraged all to remit expenses to her as soon as possible and no later than May 31 so the budget for next year can be finalized.

**ZONE IV SHOW:** Co-Chair of the Zone Show, Molly Finnell, presented an up-to-date overview of the Zone Show "Return of the Natives" scheduled for May 4-5, 2016. She indicated that it was an ambitious show and will require a lot of volunteers. She will call on members to act as volunteers closer to show time.

**MONARCH HIGHWAY EFFORT:** Sophie Glovier and Emily Firmenich presented a slide show documenting the partnership efforts of The Garden Club of Princeton with other non-profit groups to promote the monarch highway efforts.

They presented a proposal for the membership to vote on using monies remaining in the Monarch Highway "account":

Motion: Grants totaling \$1,350 to FOPOS (\$350) for the pollinator/monarch butterfly garden at Mountain Lakes and to Howell Farm (\$1,000) for establishing a garden at their location.

Vote: Betsy Hoover moved, Katherine Dresdner seconded, membership approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** All committee chairs made a brief verbal report to the club on their committee activities for the year and submitted full copies of their reports for the archives.

**Awards:** Pete Peters and Tommy Schiro presented two GCA Club Awards and noted that these awards are not to be confused with GCP club awards but rather are approved by the GCA.

1. Club Appreciation Award to Sandi Tatnall for 50 years of service to The Garden Club of Princeton
2. Club Horticulture Award to Dorothy Shepard for her many activities promoting horticulture as an exhibitor, committee chair and judge

Pete Peters then presented a special "surprise" award, the GCA Communications Award, to Tommye Schiro as the long time editor/producer of The Garden Club of Princeton monthly newsletter.

## Minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting, continued

For each of the following committees, the first person named delivered the report.

Archives – Sandi Tatnall for Martha Sword

Bulletin/PR/Communications – Nora Decker

Civic Projects/Memorial Park – Barbara Morrison, Sophie Glovier, Emily Firmenich

Conservation/NAL – Kathleen Biggins, Katherine Dresdner

- GCP CONSERVATION AWARD presented to Katherine Dresdner

Floral Design – Betsy Griffith, Stephanie Wedeking

- GCP FLORAL DESIGN AWARD presented to Mary Funsch

Founders Fund – Katie Cutler

French Market – Betsy Hoover, Jennifer Fenton

Garden History and Design – Meg Michael and Kathleen Murphy

Historian – Sandi Tatnall

Horticulture – Louisa Clayton, Penny Thomas, Kathy Enquist

- GCP HORTICULTURE AWARD for points earned for Club shows – Mary Funsch
- GCP HORTICULTURE AWARD for points earned outside Club shows – Cynthia Larsen
- GCP SPECIES OF THE YEAR AWARD – Cynthia Larsen

Houses and Hostesses – Marlene Doyle and Harriet Vawter

NJ Committee – Trudy Healy, ( Barbara Chatham) reminded everyone about the NJ Committee's fundraising luncheon featuring Andrea Wolf on October 1, 2015.

Newsletter – Tommye Schiro, Helena Bienstock

Photography - Linda Sedgewick and Maureen Stellato

- GCP PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD to Linda Sedgewick

Provisionals – Margaret Sieck, Leigh Bartlett

- GCP PROVISIONAL AWARD to Jane Murphy

Visiting Gardens – Barbie Bromley who thanked her co-chair Barbara Gallup for her hard work.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT presented by Vice President Betsy Griffith for Debbie Jordan.

The Meeting was adjourned so all could view the Horticulture and Floral Design Shows.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Funsch

Corresponding Secretary for

Robin Gosnell, Recording Secretary

## HISTORIAN: Sandi Tatnall

We are at the beginning of what promises to be a year of accomplishment, challenges and fun.

Princeton's War Memorial Park is in the second stage of restoration with the planning for landscaping the area behind the memorial well underway and installation expected in the coming year. Over the last 100 years members of the Garden Club of Princeton and their families have been involved in the planning, fundraising, designing, planting, cleaning up and maintaining the park. I am both proud and pleased to be a member of a club so dedicated to the history and future of this community.

On May 4 and 5, 2016, The Garden Club of Princeton and Stony Brook Garden Club are presenting an exciting Flower Show. The GCA Zone IV show will be open to the public and is entitled "Return of the Native," showcasing plants and flowers native to New Jersey. Horticulture, Floral Design, Photography and so much more will be on display. It promises to be educational and inspirational. I think we can look forward to a wonderful year ahead for the Garden Club of Princeton!

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

Plant Exchange - All members are invited, but we hope that Horticulture Committee members have saved the date, Sept 30, for the two plant propagation workshops (to be held at Rutgers) to help us prepare for the plant exchange and propagation classes for the May 2016 Zone IV meeting Hort schedule. Let's hit the track running! RSVP to Kathy Enquist if you can make it.

A reminder - Now is the time to collect seeds for Barbie Bromley and Jane Murphy to take to the Seed Share Exchange at the National Shirley Meneice Horticulture Meeting in Seattle in October. This is a highlight of the Meeting. We will get some interesting and unusual seeds in exchange for those we send.

Save the date for our upcoming trip:

Friday, September 18      Bog Garden Workshop      RareFinds Nursery, Jackson NJ

After a lecture on bog plants by Jason Austin, participants will plant a garden in a 15" container of their choice (provided), to winter over and enter in the club May Hort Show.

Cost: \$100/participant - limited to 20 people

Transportation by car pool. Leaving at 9ish Location details to be provided.

RSVP to Kathy Enquist by Sept 7th. This will be special. Sign up early to be sure to get in.

The September Meeting Horticulture Show schedule is below. We are looking forward to plentiful entries and a beautiful show for the season opener. Remember to enter EARLY and come prepared if possible with botanical and common names. As always, help available if necessary. Select with a discerning eye and GROOM, GROOM, GROOM before you arrive!

Tuesday, September 15, 2015    Opening Meeting, Tea and Horticulture Show

**Opening Meeting and Tea**

**2:00 p.m.**

**\*Tommye Schiro, Marlene Doyle, Robin Gosnell**

### **Horticulture Show "Summer's End"**

**Captains:** Kathy Enquist and Jane Murphy

**Show Entries:** will only be accepted on the morning of the show, Tuesday, September 15, 2015, from 8:30-9:45 a.m. If you have a job responsibility at this show, you must bring your entries at 8:00 a.m.

#### **Passers**

Kay Brush

Avril Moore

Mary Funsch

Sophie Glovier

#### **Clerks**

Kathleen Biggins

Jennifer Closser

#### **Runners**

Helena Bienstock

Leigh Bartlett

#### **Placers**

Betsy Griffith

Barbara Gallup

If you cannot perform your job, please find a replacement and inform one of the captains. **Please consult GCP website for a detailed description of the duties of a Captain, Passer, Clerk, Runner, and Placer.**

### **Class A: Edibles from your Garden**

1. Fruits and Vegetables
  - a. Fruits.
    1. A collection of fruits shown on your own terra cotta saucer.
    2. A single sample of a fruit shown on your own terra cotta saucer.
  - b. Vegetables.
    1. A collection of vegetables shown on your own terra cotta saucer.
    2. A single vegetable shown on your own terra cotta saucer.
2. A collection of five different herbs, one stem of each, artistically arranged in a clear glass container to be Supplied by the exhibitor. Each stem is to be listed on the entry card. Judging will be based 60% on horticulture and 40% on artistic merit.

**Class B: Flowers – Best Blooms from your Garden**

One stem per exhibit unless otherwise noted.

1. Annuals
2. Perennials
  - a. New Jersey Natives
  - b. Cultivars of New Jersey Natives
  - c. Non-Natives
3. Biennials
4. Non-Hardy Perennials and Shrubs
5. Shrubs – branch height not to exceed 26”
  - a. New Jersey Natives
  - b. Cultivars of New Jersey Natives
  - c. Non-Natives
6. Bulbs, Tubers and Rhizomes

**Class C: Collection featuring a New Jersey Native Aster (new botanical name is *Symphyotrichum*)**

Collection of 3 stems or branches featuring one flowering stem of a New Jersey native Aster or cultivar of a New Jersey native Aster, and two stems of two different plants (not Aster), which may or may not be in flower. Cut specimen collection to be displayed in a clear, un-colored, un-cut, un-etched glass container supplied by the exhibitor. Judging will be based on 60% horticultural and 40% artistic merit.

**Class D: Roses (*Rosa*)**

1. Single stems. One bloom on one five-leafed stem, grown without pesticides.
2. Single stems. One bloom on one five-leafed stem, grown with pesticides.
3. Single stem. More than one bloom on a five-leafed stem, grown without pesticides.
4. Single stem. More than one bloom on a five-leafed stem, grown with pesticides.

**Class E: Succulent Container Garden**

A collection of at least 3 different succulents displayed in a trough \* not to exceed 18 inches in diameter/diagonal inside measurement. Key card required. Judging will be based on 60% horticultural and 40% artistic merit.

\*Troughs shall be defined as a hyper tufa, stone-like or cement container of any shape.

**Class F: A Bloom from the Garden of a Provisional**

A bloom or flowering stem from the garden of a provisional, entered by that provisional with the assistance of her proposer.

**Class G: Par (See Rules)****Class H: Educational Merit (See Rules)**

All classes will be subdivided as necessary. Please see Garden Club of Princeton Horticulture Rules.

## 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 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.

## VISITING GARDENS: Barbie Bromley, Barbara Gallup

Trip to STORM KING Sculpture Park, Mountainville, New York

Save October 21 for an opportunity of a lifetime. Thanks to Helena Bienstock and her husband Peter, we have an incredible opportunity to visit Storm King, one of the world's leading sculpture parks. We will leave the Princeton Shopping Center, at the Rite Aid end, at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 5:00 p.m.

We will be traveling by bus, (with a bathroom on board.) Please arrive early to allow for time to board the bus. Light breakfast fare will be served. Lunch is included in the price.

The cost is \$90.00 for one ticket or \$175.00 for 2 tickets. NOTE. The 2 ticket price is for 1 member and 1 guest. Trams are available for travel about the grounds. Price is **all inclusive**.

We look forward to seeing you on Oct 21. Please send your check, payable to GC of Princeton, to Barbie Bromley.

## MEMBERSHIP: Mary Hulme

The changes in status that were announced at the May meeting are in the Minutes on page 3 of the newsletter.

Following the May meeting, the membership committee also accepted the resignations of Pat Wiser and Ann Vehslage.

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## Monarch Butterfly Sightings

On August 7, Katherine Dresdner sent me a picture of a, "female monarch getting nectar from blooming A.incarnata," in her garden

On August 7, 2015, Jennifer Closser wrote, "I haven't seen any in my new yard, but I've walked by a butterfly bush on Madison St. that has had several over the last week.

On August 7, 2015, Barbara Gallup wrote, "YES! I,have monarchs ... Not many but some are better then none !!!!"

On August 7, 2015, Stephanie Wedeking wrote, "I've seen them in my garden too! And I'm seeing them often on the golf course at Bedens Brook!"

On August 7, 2015, Nora Decker wrote, "I saw a monarch the other day too! It was feeding on the milkweed from the GCP May 2014 meeting (which, by the way, is taller than me!). I couldn't believe how close I was able to get - the monarch didn't even flinch."

On August 7, 2015, Marlene Doyle wrote, "I saw one this morning, as well! Hooray."

On August 7, 2015, Kathleen Biggins wrote, "Yay!! I've seen a few while driving and have almost run off road to avoid them. So glad we are finally seeing them in some numbers. Whew."

On August 7, 2015, Sophie Glovier wrote, "I've been seeing quite a few as well, so nice!"

On August 8, 2015, Lisa Stockman wrote, "We also have monarchs here on Carter Rd. We have planted milkweed extensively in our fields and have planted my big garden in butterfly friendly flowers- We have a super abundance of Swallowtails and some monarchs- happy to report.

On August 9, 2015, Sandi Tatnall wrote, "I spied a Monarch in the reclaimed meadow at the Institute yesterday. Not MY garden but nearby. Maybe it will come by for a visit with the Swallowtails."

On August 11, 2015, Jane Murphy wrote, " I have Monarchs on my Asclepias incarnata. The A. incarnata is adjacent to the patio outside my kitchen window so I often see the Monarchs. I also planted 3 A. tuberosa and 2. A. curassavica.

## 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. Debbie Jordan also sent it to the membership with a detailed message on August 8. Please consider entering. Pay attention to pertinent deadlines!**



**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: Russell.

**Please visit our website to access all updated information, (calendar, schedule, and directory), for the 2014-2015 year.**

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

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

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

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