

September

- Sept. 9** Board Meeting
Noon at Regina Kelley home (w/ Margot Partridge)
- Sept. 11** General Meeting at Shady Rest CC.
Noon "Welcome-Back Auction".
*Hospitality Team: Carolyn Seracka**
w/ Elena Hreczny, Linda Parker, Richard Pelikan,
Jeanette Pelikan, Nancy Smith
Flower Design: Sharon Shiraga
- Sept. 16** Community Gardens: Miller-Cory Fall cleanup.
9:30 am Meet at Miller-Cory. (*Betsy Chance, contact*)
- Sept. 18** Juniors: Tea in the Butterfly Garden. Learn seed collecting and take
3:30 pm home plants to raise for upcoming Flower Show.
Meet at Diane Genco home. (*Alice Cowell, contact*)
- Sept. 19** Community Gardens: Fall planting of urns at Mindowaskin.
10 am (*Carmen Skoletsky, contact*)
- Sept. 24** Flower Design Workshop: Demonstration of 3 different Flower Show
1:30 pm classes: Miniature, Pedestal, & Art-in-Bloom. Mountainside Library.
(*Regina Kelley, contact*)
- Sept. 26** Garden B's: Boat trip on the Hackensack River with The River
10 am Keepers'. Meet at Tracy Criscitiello's. Bring bag lunch and \$30.
(*Beth Hanscom, con-* *tact*)



- 2024 MONTHLY PROGRAMS -

- Sept. 11 – Welcome Back Auction!** A chance to showcase your talents. Bring to auction off your best offerings and services, e.g. handmade items, potted plants, floral arrangements, chits for meals and/or desserts, yard work, etc. Bring cash or checkbook to buy other items offered. Funds raised go to our December project.
- Oct. 9 – “Raptor Adaptation”,** with Heather Natalo from the Raptor Trust. The Raptor Trust is a nationally recognized wild bird rehab facility located in the Great Swamp. Today’s program focuses on raptors (birds of prey) found in NJ, and their unique talon and beak adaptations that make them superior hunters and fishers. We will have the opportunity to meet a live bird ambassador.
- Nov. 13 – “The Love of Gardening”.** Local nurseryman, Dave Williams will share his love of gardening with us. After the sale of Williams Nursery in 2022, Dave continues to demonstrate and share his extensive knowledge of horticulture and the latest trends in house plants and landscaping. *Garden Club of Westfield is hosting.*
- Dec. 11 – “Members Only”.** A time to unwind and set the tone for the Holidays. A fun project is in store!



- 2025 MONTHLY PROGRAMS -

- Jan. 8 – “We Grew It Here: 100 Years of New Jersey’s Horticultural History”.** **Lesley Parness.** Beyond our well-known tomatoes, 19th century New Jersey plant nurseries led the nation with their innovative breeding, greenhouse, field, and marketing techniques. Some of the best peaches, ultimate orchids, and top turfs were bred and produced in our state. Meet these NJ horticultural superstars and other unlikely characters that played a role in making NJ the ‘Garden State’.
- Feb. 12 - “The Language of Flowers”.** **Layce Gebhard.** If flowers could talk, what would they say? Flowers and herbs have been used to convey sentiments throughout history, and gained special prominence during the Victorian Age. This program presents the history and symbolism of the flowers we love. Layce is an avid gardener, RU Master Gardener, and in retirement, owns a Christmas Tree farm with her husband.
- Mar. 12 - “Likeable Lichens”.** **Dorothy Smullen.** As naturalist at NJ Audubon and a retired high school science teacher, our speaker shares her love of lichens with us. What are lichens? How are they used by animal and human? Learn about the fascinating world of lichens and their amazing, beneficial partnership of fungi and algae.
- April 9 - “Lilacs in the Garden”.** **Lauren Errickson, PhD.** As Director of Rutgers Gardens and Campus Stewardship, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers University, Dr Errickson oversees the care of the plant collections, display gardens, farms, and natural areas of Rutgers Gardens. Her program takes us on a stroll through the newly rehabilitated lilac displays of the Alice Harding walk at the RU Gardens.
- May 14 - “Gardening Can Be Murder”.** **Marta McDowell.** A program on some horticultural connections to crime fiction. Our speaker is a well-known American author who has served as horticulturist at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, and serves on the Board of the NJ Historical Garden Foundation at the Cross Estate.
- June 12 - ANNUAL LUNCHEON at Echo Lake Country Club**