

Master Gardeners of Bergen County October 2020 – mid-month update

MG virtual meeting Tuesday, Oct. 20 via Zoom

***Announcements and election of officers at 7:20 pm; program to follow;
see Zoom instructions below***

Michael Mitchell presents: Winterizing Roses

Michael Mitchell, the owner/operator of Rose Gardens by Michael since 1997, will discuss what happens when roses go dormant. He will explain when, how, and why we winterize roses and provide a step-by-step analysis of preparing your roses for winter. Michael designs, builds, and maintains both public and private rose gardens. While these gardens incorporate all kinds of plants, roses are the predominant flower.

Prior to Michael's presentation the Nominating Committee will present the following slate to the general membership for a vote:

Recording secretary
Corresponding secretary
Treasurer

Keith Mazanec
Miriam Taub
Pat Vellas



Michael Mitchell

Keith Mazanec, Class of 2019, is taking on his first board role as recording secretary. Miriam Taub, Class of 2011, is the current corresponding secretary. Pat Vellas, Class of 2014, is the current treasurer. Once elected, each will serve a two-year term beginning in 2021. The reason for the election this year (when we had an election last year) is to stagger the elections so all officers' terms do not expire in the same year.

How to use Zoom

You can log into the meeting from your computer, iPad, or smart phone by clicking on the link below a few minutes before 7:15 pm Oct. 20. This link is good for the Oct. 20 meeting only.

<https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/97652303987?pwd=dHlXeUFPOGZzZEFcUFZBV1FsOEJHQQT09>

If you have the Zoom application installed on your device, you can also log in using the meeting ID and password: **Meeting ID: 976 5230 3987; passcode: 399381.**

After logging in either way, you'll be placed in the "waiting room" where you'll wait for the host to allow you to enter the meeting. By logging in a few minutes before 7:15 pm, you're leaving the host enough time to let all participants into the meeting. Be sure to turn on your device's camera and keep your audio/microphone muted during the meeting. To ask a question, you can send a "chat" to the host who will acknowledge your request. Icons for audio (a microphone), video, and chat options are at the bottom of the Zoom screen.

If you're unfamiliar with Zoom, click [here](#) to visit the Zoom site and then click on "Support" in the upper right for tutorials, FAQs, and other instructions. No login is needed to use the tutorials.



NJ Dept of Agriculture photo

Not so heavenly: SLFs on a tree of heaven.

Spotted lanternfly – help stop its spread

Eight NJ counties — Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Salem, Somerset, and Warren — are under quarantine for the spotted lanternfly. This means that anyone who travels in these counties is asked to do a quick inspection of their vehicle for the SLF before leaving. In Pennsylvania, 26 counties are under quarantine.

This invasive pest is known to feed on 70 different types of plants and trees. SLF has been confirmed in 16 NJ counties; no sightings have been reported in Bergen, Cape May, Cumberland, Ocean, or Passaic.

✓ Read more about the SLF on the NJ Department of Agriculture [website](#) and in its [press release](#).

✓ Residents outside of the quarantined counties can report the exact address of sightings of the SLF by emailing Slf-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov or by calling 609-406-6943.

✓ See a short [video](#) on YouTube on how to destroy an SLF egg mass.

Webinars

Oct. 15, 11 am-1 pm: NC State Extension sponsors Table Wreath Centerpieces Using Seasonal Plants. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Oct. 15, 6:30-7:30 pm: Middlesex County's office of Rutgers Cooperative Extension sponsors Growing Garlic. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Oct. 15, 7 pm: Friends of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum sponsors Spring Tulip Showstopper. Free. Click [here](#). Then scroll down to Oct. 15 in the left column for more information and to register.

Oct. 21, 1-2 pm (join at 12:45 pm): Rutgers Home Gardeners School @Home sponsors Designing with Ornamental Grasses. Fee \$35. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Oct. 21, 5-6 pm (join at 4:45 pm): Rutgers Home Gardeners School @Home sponsors Plants for Winter Interest. Fee \$35. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Oct. 29, 6:30-7:30 pm: Middlesex County's office of Rutgers Cooperative Extension sponsors Drying Flowers and Herbs. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Horticulture Grapevine

Oct. 22, 7 pm: Bogota Public Library via Zoom. Speaker: MG Janet Schulz, Class of 1988. Topic: Preparing the Garden for Winter. Visit the library's [events calendar](#) for Oct. 22 for registration information.

Oct. 24, 1-4 pm: Garden Club of Hackensack. End-of-season party in the community garden, Johnson Park, to discuss ideas for future programs and events with club members. Guests welcome. Bring a chair, and wear a mask. Free. For more information, contact [Roselyn Altman](#). Rain date is 1 pm Oct. 25.

Event suspensions and site closures for 2020

All in-person events, classes, programs, club meetings, and other group activities organized by or under the auspices of Rutgers Cooperative Extension have been suspended through 2020. This includes all MG meetings and events. MGs are not required to submit volunteer hours for 2020.