



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 pm

County Administration Building
One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack
(Home of the County Extension Office)

Refreshments at 7 pm; announcements at 7:20 pm



Paul Kubarych

Broad leaf evergreens, ground covers, and deer-resistant plants

Paul has given a number of talks in our area and has been touted consistently as a man with extensive knowledge and an interesting palate of plantings that focus on the unique and unusual. Paul holds a degree in landscape architecture from Rutgers and works for Design by Lee, a landscape firm in Stamford, CT. Paul's passion is garden design and architectural detail. He is a member of the Westchester Archeological Society and the Archeological Society of Greenwich, CT. Paul also has a love for birds and is involved with the Rockland Audubon Society.

His lecture will include information about little-known native trees, shrubs, and ground covers plus some foreign natives available for planting in our zone, most which are deer resistant and ecologically sound. He has a special knack for creating the unusual and different kind of design some gardeners strive for.

His will be a "content-rich" lecture, so have your pens ready. Paul will also provide handouts detailing deer-resistant plantings.

From the President's Desk



In the advancement of our educational efforts, I'm pleased to announce that the Master Gardeners of Bergen County Association has purchased portable equipment for the use of our members including a projector, projector screen, laptop computer, public address system, and peripherals. If you have a passion for a particular subject related to horticulture, the environment, sustainability, food, animals, and the like, you are welcome to borrow the equipment for presentations at schools, garden clubs, events, and other organizations. If you would like to develop or implement a program, Arnie Friedman is our Speakers Bureau chair and he is here to help you, as well organize a pool of speakers available upon request. The computer has PowerPoint, Word, and other programs for presentations and to aid in the development of programs or handouts.

Joe Papa has agreed to be our equipment manager and will be responsible for securing, tracking, and transporting the equipment to MG meetings and showing people how to use it.

Keep in mind, your time involved with a program counts toward volunteer hours. As a volunteer organization, we abide by Rutgers guidelines, and no Master Gardener can receive compensation for any presentation. Contributions to MG of BC are appreciated, though they are not mandatory for a program.

A special "thank you" to the Board, Arnie Friedman, and Joe Papa for making the expansion of our educational reach possible!

- Joseph Cooper

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TRIPS & TOURS

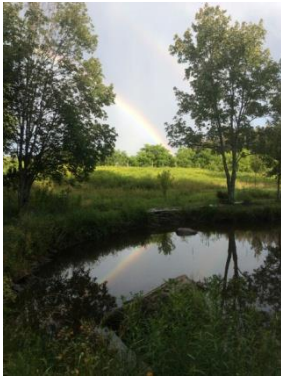
Date: Sunday, May 15

Event: Tour of Oliver Nurseries, Fairfield, CT, and Gilbertie's Herb Garden, Westport, CT

Sponsor: Watnong Chapter, North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS)

Lori Chips of Oliver Nurseries will demonstrate trough planting of alpiners. There will be time for shopping at both nurseries.

Bus leaves from Morristown at 8 am and Oakland at 8:30 am. Bus returns to Morristown no later than 6 pm. Cost: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members (includes one-year membership in the Watnong Chapter of NARGS). For information and registration form, contact Noel Schulz, programs director, at noelschulz@verizon.net or 201-445-6445.



May 31 Flying Trilliums Gardens and Preserve

Flying Trillium Gardens and Preserve includes more than 300 trees and shrubs native to the Northeast, including unusual cultivated varieties, hybrids, and more than 75 dwarf conifers.

Flying Trilliums Gardens and Preserve is located at 106 Bradley Road, Liberty, NY, in Sullivan County. The gardens are an ongoing work by author, teacher, and landscape designer Carolyn Summers. Throughout her career, Carolyn has been acutely aware of the need for clients, DIY homeowners, and designers to be able to see how lovely native plants are when used in garden settings.

The Catskills - mostly in a Zone 5 climate - makes an excellent test for fitness and hardiness. Large areas of the property are preserved to protect native flora in their natural habitats, along with the wildlife that depend on them.

Suggested donation: \$5 or more
For information and to sign up, email josie_ko1@hotmail.com. Sign up by May 21. Directions and lunch venue will be given to participants.

<http://www.flyingtrillium.com>

Date: Wednesday, June 8

Event: Bus trip to Chanticleer Garden, Wayne, PA

Sponsor: Wyckoff Area Garden Club (WAGC)

\$55 for the bus and tour

\$70 for the bus, tour, and box lunch from a gourmet deli

To reserve your seat on the bus, please make check payable to WAGC and include your email address and phone number and mail to: Fran Di Giorgio, 164 Greenhaven Road, Wyckoff 07481.

Questions? Write to Catie Farahat at cwfarahat@scatteringlight.com.

Date: Wednesday, June 15

Event: Bus trip to Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton

Sponsor: Tenafly Garden Club

Cost: \$35 per person; for reservations and information, call Carole at 203-228-0994.

Date: Tuesday, June 28

Event: Trip to LongHouse Reserve

LongHouse Reserve was founded by Jack Lenor Larsen, internationally known textile designer, author, and collector. His home, LongHouse, located on 16 acres in East Hampton, NY, was built as a case study to exemplify a creative approach to contemporary life. He believes visitors experiencing art in living spaces have a unique learning experience more meaningful than the best media. Inspired by the famous Japanese shrine at Ise, LongHouse contains 13,000 square feet over 18 spaces on four levels. The gardens present the designed landscape as an art form and offer a diversity of sites for the sculpture installations.

<http://www.longhouse.org/pages/about-longhouse-reserve>

Visit LongHouse Reserve on YouTube.

\$50 for tour and bus

\$70 for tour, bus, and box lunch. Charges includes all gratuities. Send an email to josie_ko1@hotmail.com to sign up.

Write check to Master Gardeners of Bergen County Attn: Bruce Walencyk. Mail to PO Box 542, Glen Rock 07452-0542 (make a notation for LongHouse Reserve Tour).

The meeting place, time, and location will be provided to everyone who signs up.

SHOWS, CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Garretson Farm

Garretson Farm is hosting two workshops on Sunday, April 3. **We strongly recommend that Garretson volunteers attend the composting workshop.** It is free with membership. Reminder: Membership in Garretson Farm is not the same as membership in the Master Gardeners and is a nominal \$15 a calendar year; \$10 a year for seniors.

11 am: Growing a Healing Herb Garden

Hands-on workshop: Learn how to grow herbs traditionally used for healing from seed, division, and bare roots. You'll save lots of money, have many more choices of varieties and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you grew them yourself. We'll plant easy-to-grow medicinal herbs that make wonderful companion plants in an edible garden, are ornamental, and can be used for teas and as culinary herbs. You'll take home several started plants and lots of tips for success. Also learn how to use repurposed and recycled materials for planters. Preregistration required; \$20/\$15 for Garretson members (materials fee). To register, send an email to garretsonseedbank@gmail.com.

2 pm: Composting Made Easy

Have you thought about composting but are afraid it will be smelly, messy, or too much trouble? Have you tried it, and given up because you couldn't get the right balance of greens and browns? Are you just curious about what's involved?

Join us for a presentation on home composting that will include a PowerPoint presentation; hands-on composting demonstration and a discussion of how to make composting easy and manageable; how to choose a composter; and how to compost with or without kitchen scraps. There will be a discussion and opportunity to get answers to questions that pertain to your home composting. \$10; free for Garretson members.

Pre-registration required. Send an email to garretsonseedbank@gmail.com.

Rutgers Spring Classes

With topics in horticulture, landscape design, and garden arts, our Garden Series has classes for everyone, whether experienced or just beginning. Featuring both introductory and advanced subjects, classes provide many different ideas and techniques for improving the home garden, growing plants, and decorating with them. Join us for a morning, afternoon, or evening session, and let our skilled experts share their experience and knowledge with you.

- Pruning techniques for the homeowner (workshop), April 2
- Plants that work so you don't have to, April 2
- Organic vegetable gardening, April 9
- Container vegetable and fruit gardening, April 23
- America's story of the tomato, April 23
- Container gardening with annuals (workshop), May 14
- Kim's jam session (workshop), May 17
- Choosing the best plants for home landscapes, June 4
- Designing mixed borders (workshop), June 11
- Indian herbs and spices, June 18
- Putting herbs to work in your garden, June 18

For more information on all of the classes or to register, please visit

<http://rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu/classes.html>.

9th Annual African Violet Show and Plant Sale

Friday, April 15, 3 - 9 pm; Saturday April 16, 9-3

Bergen County African Violet Society, Old Reformed Church, 120 Washington Ave., Dumont

Contact info: violetmom@optonline.net

Bergen County Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Meet Kathleen Sullivan, Class of 2010

By Barb Johansson



Having just finished celebrating St Patrick's Day, I thought what better Master Gardener site manager to write about than Kathleen Sullivan who has been working at The Hermitage in Ho-Ho-Kus since 2010. During this time, she has, with fellow MGs, restored the Victorian kitchen garden. With the help of a Girl Scout, she created a children's herb garden for the Scouts' Gold

Award.

When talking about her family, Kathy proudly told me her grandmother owned a dairy farm in County Kerry, Ireland, at a time when women usually didn't inherit property. Her mother was a gardener, her father a "birder," so there was always family interest in the outdoors. Maybe gardening is in her genes?

Kathy was born in Providence, RI, attending school there until she went to Simmons College in Boston. She majored in journalism with a minor in government. Enrollment in a college work/study program found her working at both the Office of the Mayor of Boston and the Museum of Fine Arts.

In 1980, she moved to New Jersey and became a reporter at *The Record*. As she advanced in her career, she became the business editor, then the metro editor supervising legal, medical, business, and political news. She created the newspaper's first website as well as "The Road Warrior" column. After leaving *The Record*, she went on to complete her MBA at NYU in 1991.

Kathy then became the news editor and global director of newspaper relations for Bloomberg News, traveling to 15 countries and hiring translators for six languages. She retired in 2009 after 12 years.

Having become a survivor after a battle with breast cancer in 1999-2000, Kathy organized Tennis for Life, a support group of tennis clinics for breast cancer survivors connected to the non-profit Hackensack University Medical Center Foundation. She has gone from board member to president and is back playing her favorite sport.

In the mid '80s, Kathy married Robert Coleman. They bought a "big messy property" in Allendale where they still live. Never a person to relax for too long, she signed up for the next MG class having seen it listed in Joel Flagler's column in *The Record*. Today she delights in teaching children "history from plants." She also has learned much from volunteering at the Thielke Arboretum and the NJBG at Skylands.

Now for relaxation, Kathy is learning to knit. She and husband Robert escape from New Jersey by spending winters in a warm climate for a couple of months, be it Spain, Costa Rica, or anyplace else that gets them out of town 'til the cold is over.

MG OF BC NEWS

Speaking of Speaking

By Arnie Friedman

Having just taken over as coordinator of our Master Gardeners' Speakers Bureau I would like to explain its role as I see it and to ask my fellow members for their assistance. Basically, the Speakers Bureau is a referral service. As coordinator, it is my role to keep a list of speakers and topics to aid local garden clubs and other groups in finding people to address their members. Over the years we have had a limited list of people who, like me, have volunteered to speak around the county. I think we can do better. I know our organization is filled with many bright and communicative members who could share their wealth of knowledge about the world of plants and volunteerism with the greater community. I have always believed that since our county MG association is an integral part of the Rutgers Master Gardener Program and the Rutgers Agricultural School one of our roles should be the dissemination of horticultural knowledge and good gardening practices. Would you help me create a bigger and more diverse group of speakers who can bring more of our knowledge to our neighbors?

I know there are many of you with very interesting jobs and backgrounds that would be wonderful to hear about. Do you work with children in a community garden or with seniors doing horticultural therapy? Come speak about your subject or show us what you do. Maybe you are a group of volunteers who have built a garden in a local park or arboretum. Tell your neighbors about your experience. Maybe you will encourage others to volunteer. Don't worry if you have never done any speaking or presentation. I promise to guide you through the process of organizing your ideas and creating an enjoyable presentation. I will even help you to build a PowerPoint presentation or coordinate visuals to go along with your talk.

Even if you are tentative about doing something like this, let's discuss it. If you need moral support with your first talk I promise I or some other MG friends will join you

and be in your audience. Call me at 201-707-5149 or email to arnie@arniesgardens.com. Even if you have been on the list before let me know who you are and what subjects you can speak about.

PLANT SALES

April 23, 10 am - 5 pm; Sunday, April 24, noon - 5 pm
Spring 2016 Plant Sale & Earth Day Celebration
Leonard J. Buck Garden and Watnong Chapter, North American Rock Garden Society. Plant sale will feature choice perennials, ferns, wild flowers, rock garden plants, shrubs and trees, and handcrafted hypertufa troughs.

Free inspiring garden talk each day at 1 pm. Free guided tour of Buck Garden each day at 2 pm.

Somerset County Park Commission Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills, 908-234-2677, www.somersetcountyparks.org.

April 30, 9 am - noon
Harrington Park Garden Club plant sale (many homegrown plants); annual fundraiser; library parking lot, 10 Herring St.

VOLUNTEER SITE NEWS

Bergen Regional Medical Center's Horticultural Therapy Greenhouse Program
By Katherine Sabatino, 908-233-1529

Buds and blooms and scents and the sounds of the birds continue to delight us for our HT sessions and all the work preparation the Bergen County Master Gardeners do for our residents. My coworker Ilona Robinson and I are at work 12 days each month and look forward to working with the MGs in the greenhouse, for the occasional outdoor plantings, and at our regularly scheduled HT sessions on the screened porches from mid-May through early October. Please join us for a few hours or as many as your schedule permits.

We appreciate our MG volunteers' good spirits, generosity, creativity, and hard work. We join our residents in saying thank you.

Overpeck Park 9/11 Memorial
By Lillie Steinberg

Hope you are enjoying our early taste of the summer. I will be checking on the WTC Memorial and will arrange with my friends of the Parks Department for garden debris buckets.

Date: Thursday March 31, 7:30 - 11 am

We will be clearing winter debris, weeding, and pruning. Please bring drinking water, insect repellent, pruners, and gloves, including long ones for pruning rose bushes.

Please contact me or leave a message at kenyita2@verizon.net or 201-836-4609.

Teaneck Creek Conservancy, 20 Puffin Way, Teaneck
By Denise Slusarev

Teaneck Creek Park has more than 1.3 miles of groomed trails, an outdoor classroom, and ecological art exhibits that make this oasis unlike any other. We maintain trails, plant native trees/shrubs, identify and remove invasive species, and remove debris from 9-11 am Wednesdays year-round. Our spring kick-off breakfast will be at 9 am April 13; meet in the building's parking lot. Bring gloves and water bottle; wear long sleeves/ pants. Information and to RSVP to the April 13 breakfast, contact Denise Slusarev at fionaalex@optonline.net or 917-975-1400.

The Hermitage
By Monica Buesser

We are busy cleaning up an area in the back to make a native wildlife area. Once we have it planted with natives, Kathleen Sullivan will arrange to have it certified by the Audubon Society! Come help us go native in the woods.



Melody, Arta, Linda

Anne, Monica, Dot, Arta, Melody



We welcome the company of willing, able, and ready fellow Master Gardeners.

Garretson Farm Annual Spring Festival and Plant Sale

By Lida Gellman

Saturday, May 7, 10 am - 4 pm

A large variety of native perennials and herbs will be available as well as milkweed seeds and plants. Master Gardeners will be busy potting up plants for the sale and starting seeds in the greenhouse and will be available to help select the right plants for your garden. Garden produce, as available, will also be readied for sale.

In addition to the plant sale, there will be open hearth colonial cooking demos, Revolutionary War re-enactors, May Pole dancing, colonial crafts demos, children's hands-on crafts, and tours of the homestead and gardens. Stop by and say hello to all the Master Gardeners helping out. Some may even be in period costumes.

The Community Seed Bank at Garretson is open for the season. All Garretson members are automatically enrolled as seed bank members and are eligible to receive free heirloom seeds. This is a great opportunity to sample many new varieties of heirloom, organic seeds for your garden. Contact Liz Scholl at ejscholl@elizabethjscholl.com for seed bank information.



Pea Day at Garretson Farm

Check out our website at www.garretsonfarm.org.

New Jersey Botanical Garden

By Dania Cheddie

Get into the gardening season. We currently have volunteer openings in the following areas:

Garden volunteers: Wednesdays and selected Sundays. You can work in the gardens on days other than Wednesdays and those selected Sundays if you have someone else who also wants to work those days, but Wednesdays are when most volunteers work in the gardens. You will need to arrange other days with that particular Garden Committee chairperson. Training is provided.

Manor house docents: Give tours on selected Sundays and selected weekdays. Training is provided.

Garden tour guides: Give tours on Sundays and selected weekdays. Training is provided.

Coming in April and May are volunteer opportunities for the following events, so mark these dates on your calendar:

- **Plant sale**

Monday, April 25 - Thursday, April 28: Setup (times TBD).

Friday, April 29: NJBG members-only sale, 6:15 - 8:30 pm.

Saturday, April 30 - Sunday, May 1, 9:45 am - 4 pm

Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day), 9:45 am - 4 pm

- **Lilac garden splendor**

Saturday, May 7 - Sunday, May 8

Tenafly Nature Center

By Ann Lander

Work has started at the Tenafly Nature Center to replace the wildlife garden with a butterfly and pollinator garden. The first step is to remove the old fencing to prepare the garden for new native plants and a deer enclosure, which will be installed with help of Master Gardener volunteers this spring.

Director of the Tenafly Nature Center, Peter Punzi, below with Master Gardeners Janet Troy, Anne Lander, and Tammy Laverty at work



Thielke Arboretum Weed Warrior Day 2016

By Carolyn Gretchen

You are invited to join us at the Thielke/Glen Rock Arboretum, 460 Doremus Ave., Glen Rock, on Sunday, April 17 (rain date April 24) from 1 - 4 pm for our annual Weed Warrior Day stewardship project.

No experience is necessary. We will train you on site to identify and remove a variety of invasive weeds and restore a healthy balance to our environment. Bring your friends and family, have some fun, enjoy nature, care for your planet, invest in the land for the next generation, and enhance the beauty of this peaceful space right near downtown Glen Rock.

Wear clothes suitable for the temperature and for working outdoors. Bring gloves, kneelers, pruners, and drinking water. We will have extras on site if you don't have them.

The Thielke Arboretum is an 11-acre certified wildlife habitat. It supports a great variety of native trees, shrubs, plants, open spaces for wildlife habitats, and trails for the public's pleasure. This biodiversity is threatened when invasive plant species try to take over and dominate the environment. It is essential that they be eradicated as much as possible and we need your help to do so.

We appreciate your interest in helping to restore and maintain our beautiful and vital freshwater wetlands and forest habitat. See you at the Arb! For more information about the Arboretum, please visit our website, www.glenrockarboretum.org, or join us on Facebook.

Spring Story Walk

The Thielke/Glen Rock Arboretum is launching its annual free Spring StoryWalk® on Saturday, April 9 (rain date Sunday, April 10) at 2 pm at the Arboretum, 460 Doremus Ave., Glen Rock. Mayor Bruce Packer will be joining the Friends of the Glen Rock Arboretum for this delightful story set in nature.

At the Thielke/Glen Rock Arboretum, laminated pages from *Such a Little Mouse* by Alice Schertle will be displayed along a designated marked trail. Young readers can follow the story, tree to tree, to discover little mouse's adventures in the big world. At the end of the StoryWalk®, volunteers will be on board to help the children follow in little mouse's footsteps to gather seeds and plant them in a little compostable pot to take home.

The children will then be offered a "mouse treat." What is a mouse's favorite treat? Of course, it's cheese! Cheese crackers will be available to share with all the children. Continue the experience by taking the children on a self-directed scavenger hunt to find the same things, and even more, that the little mouse also found. Bring your grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and neighbors for a really nice program at the Arb. We'd love to see you there!

StoryWalk® is a novel approach to encourage people of all ages to get out in nature while enjoying wonderful children's books. Originally created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, StoryWalk® is currently used in 48 states and four countries.



Washington Spring Garden, Van Saun Park

By Suzanne Danzig

One of the most beautiful

displays of azaleas in Bergen County will soon be here - Washington Spring Garden. We are looking for new volunteers to assist in the maintenance of this magnificent garden. We meet on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to noon. However, if you can only offer an hour or two of your time, that is most appreciated. Please feel free to contact me for additional information at suzannedanzig@gmail.com. Bring your favorite hand tools and water; the park provides rakes and larger tools. Looking forward to seeing some new faces.

THE GARDEN CLUB GRAPEVINE

- April 1** **2 pm, Demarest Garden Club**, United Methodist Church, 109 Hardenburgh Ave. Topic: Gardens in the fall. Speaker: Dail Reid, horticultural consultant, Cooperative Extension Office of Bergen County.
- April 7** **7:30 pm, Garden Club of Harrington Park**, Harrington Park Library, 10 Herring St. Topic: Designing intimate gardens. Speaker: Bruce Crawford, director of Rutgers University Gardens.
- April 11** **7:30 pm, Bergenfield Garden Club**, Coopers Pond Field House, West Church Street across the street from South Presbyterian Church, 150 West Church St. Topic: The birds and the bees - gardening for wildlife. Speaker: Elaine Silverstein.
- April 12** **7 pm, Ramsey Area Garden Club**, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 55 Wyckoff Ave., corner of Woodland Avenue, across from the Ramsey Library. Topic: The truth about roses; how roses got their names; and how to grow roses sustainably in Bergen County. Speaker: Stephen Scanniello.
- April 13** **7:30 pm, Garden Club of Oakland**, Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive. Topic: An introduction to bonsai. Speaker: John Michalski, bonsai artist.
- April 14** **7 pm, Garden Club of Teaneck**, Rodda Center (multipurpose room 2B), 250 Colonial Court (enter from Palisade Avenue). Handicapped parking/access from the lot up the hill at the back. Topic: Will we start seeds, share seeds, learn to recognize seedlings, remove invasive species, or re-dedicate ourselves to (gently) spreading the word about natives? Speaker: Dr. Randi Eckel.
- April 19** **7 pm, Backyard Garden Club** sponsored by the Friends of the River Vale Free Public Library, 412 Rivervale Road (follow detour signs during road reconstruction). Speaker: Dail Reid, horticultural consultant, Cooperative Extension Office of Bergen County. Topic: Fall in the garden - plants that provide garden color and texture in autumn. Her presentation will inspire gardeners to plan and plant now for an interesting garden display this fall.
- April 19** **7:30 pm, Glen Rock Garden Club**, Glen Rock Municipal Annex, 678 Maple Ave., Glen Rock. Topic: Gardening with perennials: Speaker: Sonia Uytterhoeven.
- April 25** **7:30 pm, Ho-Ho-Kus Garden Club**, Community Church of Ho-Ho-Kus, 400 Warren Ave. Topic: Shade tree gardening with native wildflowers and ferns. Speaker: Hubert Ling.

Luncheon

- April 20** **Tenaflly Garden Club luncheon** at the Knickerbocker Country Club, 188 Knickerbocker Road, Tenaflly. Program: Floral arrangements by Carl Lemanski; \$40 per person. Reservations and information: Call Rita at 201-568-6067.

Contact Lucy Malka at lmalka@optonline.net or 201-791-3562 to supply information for the Garden Club Grapevine. Publications deadline is no later than the 25th of the prior month.

THE PLANT SOCIETY GRAPEVINE

- April 13** **6 pm, Native Plant Society of New Jersey, Bergen Passaic Chapter.** Nature walk at Thielke Arboretum, 460 Doremus Ave., Glen Rock, led by Tom Bender. Information: bsuther@gmail.com.
- April 27** **7 pm, Native Plant Society of New Jersey, Bergen Passaic Chapter,** Bergen Regional Medical Center auditorium, 230 E. Ridgewood Ave., Paramus. Topic: Deer and protecting the landscape. Speaker: Chris Markham, New Jersey Deer Control. Information: bsuther@gmail.com.
- April 28** **7:45 pm, Bergen County African Violet Society,** Old Reformed Church, 120 Washington Ave., Dumont. Topic: Pests and diseases. Speaker: Susan Gruben, retired associate professor of horticulture and botany at Bergen Community College. Information: violetmom@optonline.net.

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As a reminder, the Master Gardeners of Bergen County does not share or sell its mailing list to non-members. We keep all membership information confidential and for use by members only. If you receive email from other organizations, we did not give permission for their use of our membership list. We would appreciate it if our members would not share our list with non-members or use it for any unauthorized purposes as it is for official MG use only. When sending an email to the MG mailing list, please remember to address it using the "bcc" option instead of "to" in order to keep the list of recipients from being visible.

Please share photos of your volunteer work or of your garden. We would all like to see photos of Master Gardeners at work either at volunteer sites or in home gardens.