



SAVE THE DATES!



January 26, 2016
7:30 pm

**One Bergen County Plaza,
1st-floor meeting room
Hackensack**

Paul Kowie presents

“The Trees and the National NYC 911 Memorial”

Paul Kowie, president of Paul Kowie and Associates, is a graduate of Rutgers and a renowned arborist.

The 911 Memorial was imagined as a stark, open plaza. The landscape architects' (PW&P) addition of a forest of 420 oak trees helped humanize the 911 Memorial bringing new life, comforting scale, and a moderation of intense sun, wind, and city noise.

The 911 Center redevelopment has frequently been described as one of the most complicated construction sites in the world. With numerous fast-tracked, heavy-construction projects simultaneously under way above, below, and on all sides of the 911 Memorial, tree planting had to fit precisely within a boggling matrix of process and deadlines. On top of that, absolute zero transplant mortality and post-planting stagnation were mandated.

Paul will be on hand with pictures to present an unforgettable display of how this undertaking at the 911 Memorial unfolded. This is only one of many well-known sites Paul has worked on. Other sites include Branch Brook Park, Constitution Gardens, Ellis Island, and Pier A Park in Hoboken.

Winter/Spring Meeting Schedule

2016: 1/26 2/23 3/22 4/26 5/24

President's Message

Happy New Year Fellow Master Gardeners!

2015 was a terrific year for our organization with record-breaking volunteerism, including volunteer hours reported, a new site launched, and new Board and Committee members. I would like to thank our outgoing committee chairs and officers for their years of service: John Walters, Fran Langendoen, Pat Fromm, Leslie Maltz, Tracey Fraser, Pat Libutti, Daphne Ayalon, Janet Austin, and Jane Furman.

We ended our year with a terrific holiday party attended by member, students, and guests. It was the biggest turnout that I can remember, and the hospitality team headed up by Hank Annunziata did an amazing job. As if it couldn't get any better, the decorating was incredible. Albina Daukantas and her crew did an extraordinary job with the floral arrangements; then Albina donated all of the centerpieces for us to purchase, raising \$876 for the Thielke Arboretum of Glen Rock Environmental Education Center. What a way to end the year!

I'd like to thank every member of the Master Gardeners of Bergen County for their contribution in making 2015 such a success.

Best Wishes for 2016!

- **Joseph Cooper**

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SHOWS, CONFERENCES, & WORKSHOPS

Feb. 18-21: Connecticut Flower & Garden Show,
Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, CT

www.ctflowershow.com

March 17-20: Springfest, Sussex County Fairgrounds,
37 Plains Road, Augusta

www.springfestgardenshow.org

Membership News

*Time! Volunteer Hours Are **Due Now***

We use the information from the V&EAR for our Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) and Rutgers University reports as well as the annual recertification of Master Gardeners. And, RCE receives additional funding based on the total number of reported volunteer hours. There are two ways to report your hours:

1. Excel form: Can be used on any PC and emailed. This is the easiest and most accurate way to track hours. Do not create your own spreadsheet, even if you are a skilled Excel user.
2. Paper form: Paper has to be mailed, and you need to keep a copy for your records.

Both forms can be found at www.mgofbc.org. If you haven't downloaded new forms (particularly paper) recently, please download the updated versions from the website. The November 2015 Excel form has the most accurate list of approved sites (the only entries that should go under the location column).

When using the Excel form, please remember to save the file with your name and year of reporting. This can be done by clicking on the "File" menu, then "Save As." You can then rename the file. Example, Jane Smith 2014. Send the entire report as one spreadsheet. Do not separate your education and volunteer hours into two or more reports. Do not skip lines when you enter data.

Visit www.mgofbc.org and click on "Documents & Forms" for examples of volunteer and education forms. They may answer your questions on how to list volunteer or education activities. If you need additional help, I have a document that can be emailed with more instructions. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email me.

- Donna Karpel, donna9189@gmail.com, 201-327-8355

Meet Dail Reid, Class of 1998



By Barb Johansson

Anyone coming to the Cooperative Extension office in Bergen County with a secured insect need only tell the guard on duty that he or she is there to see "the bug lady." Sitting in her office recently, her "interview" was interrupted by a young man with a dead specimen. After Dail inspected the bug under a microscope, she affirmed that it was a bedbug and assured her visitor that it was not an indictment of anyone's housekeeping. With the announcement that there were undoubtedly more where that one came from, she proceeded to give instructions to avoid having a repeat close-up encounter while waiting for the exterminator to come a second time. So Dail gives information on bugs other than aphids, spider mites, lady bugs, and assorted garden creatures both good and bad.

Dail's second area of investigation is the identification of various types of plant diseases whether fungus, bacterial, or virus. She also receives calls that lead to investigative detective work. When she is asked what's ailing a hedge, she must go through the process of trying to discern whether it is deciduous ("You know, does it lose its leaves?") to begin to identify the horticultural specimen. This is no easy task and one requiring a great amount of patience. She announced that this job, which she has been doing for 17 years, is the "most rewarding" she has ever had because she enjoys learning and sharing her knowledge.

So how did a girl born in St. Louis wind up in New Jersey? Dail was graduated from Lake Forest College in Chicago. After a year back home, she drove to San Francisco where she lived for 16 years. She worked for several years in the stock brokerage business, then for many more for Potlatch Corp. It was a Potlatch sales job transfer that brought her to New Jersey. After a few years she went on her own as a packaging broker. She still has ties to St. Louis: a sister, a niece, and a nephew.

When not working, Dail and husband Tony have enjoyed trips to Spain and especially Brazil, which gave them the opportunity to try out their limited Portuguese (along with a little sign language). Their next trip will be to southern California, with stops in San Diego, Los Angeles, and Monterey, places she is familiar with from her years living in San Francisco but which will be new to her husband.

Back home in Maywood, Dail credits Janet Schulz as being a "huge influence" in her learning "who to go to and where to find" the shrubs and perennials with which she has filled her garden as well as "all the Latin" that fills her head. Dail's memberships include the Hosta Society ("no deer in the neighborhood") and the Perennial Plant Association. She is a frequent visitor to Rare Find Nursery in Jackson, NJ, where she may discover something in her quest to have a plant in bloom 12 months of the year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED/SITE NEWS

Thielke Arboretum



The Thielke Arboretum

Will We Have Snow?

Do you know children who can't wait until it snows? This new winter StoryWalk® is about a boy named David who feels exactly the same. Beginning Jan. 9, you are invited to read our new winter StoryWalk®, *Big Snow*, by Jonathan Bean, at the Thielke Arboretum, 460 Doremus Ave., Glen Rock.

This delightful picture book for children ages 3-6 (and fun-loving adults, too) captures the tenderness of David's family and adds interesting details, like the yellow cat that wanders in and out of the pages. As Mom attempts to distract David with indoor activities, he creates his own indoor snowstorms until the big event arrives. The typical emotions of children this age — impatience, excitement, and wonder — are delightfully depicted through the illustrations on the pages.

Jonathan Bean, the author/illustrator, has received widespread recognition for his beautifully illustrated books. He is the recipient of two Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards for two of his six illustrated books, and he has had an Editor's Choice and a Notable Children's Book on the New York Times book lists. *Big Snow* is Jonathan's latest book, new to the book scene this past fall.

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. This is the beginning of Thielke Arboretum's second year providing literature in nature for the four seasons. If you know a child or are a child at heart, come read *Big Snow* by Jonathan Bean beginning Jan. 9. This event is free to the public for your enjoyment. All are invited! *Big Snow* will remain up during the winter months, so come and reread and enjoy often.

This annual winter StoryWalk® is made possible through the efforts of the Friends of the Thielke Arboretum, Inc., and through the generous donation by Sally and Jim Moran of The Curious Reader, an outstanding children's bookstore, at 229 Rock Road, Glen Rock. In addition, Mail & More Inc., at 233 Rock Road, a full-service mail center, provided the labor and laminating materials to enable the book pages to be securely mounted in the outdoors to be enjoyed by all.

- Carolyn Gretchen, Publicity Chairperson, Thielke/Glen Rock Arboretum

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Russell Farms Community Park

Bergen County has a new and exciting official volunteer location. On Nov. 17, the Board of the Master Gardeners

approved a proposed "Sensory Garden," which will be located within the five-acre Russell Farms Community Park in Wyckoff.

The Sensory Garden, designed by Master Gardener Laura DeFlora, incorporates the following qualities into the design plan: educational opportunities for students and the public at large; opportunities for the physically and educationally challenged to enjoy and benefit from a sensory-rich landscape; and a provision for social and interactive opportunities with the environment.

Ground breaking for the garden is scheduled to begin in early 2016, and volunteer opportunities will be publicized in *The Potting Shed*.

For further information, contact me.

- Susan Gurak, susan@gurak.com, 201-891-0379

Archivist Wanted

Attention "senior" MGs: If you're no longer able to do physical work (think weeding), but you want to keep up your certification hours, this job may be for you.

The MGs need a new archivist. The job includes creating an index and scanning documents onto a disk to create an archive and answering questions from the Board as requested. If interested, e-mail Joseph Cooper at Joseph@JosephCooper.net ASAP.

Useful Links

Many local garden centers give discounts to MGs. See the list at mgofbc.org/useful-links.html. Bring your membership card when shopping.

The Garden Club Grapevine

- Jan. 7** **7:30 pm, Harrington Park Garden Club**, Harrington Park Public Library, 10 Herring St., Harrington Park. Topic: Members' Night and Winners and Losers in the Garden," members' "slide show and tell."
- Jan. 8** **2 pm, Demarest Garden Club**, United Methodist Church, 109 Hardenburgh Ave., Demarest
Topic: "Broadleaf Evergreens and Broadleaf Groundcovers." Speaker: Paul Kabyrich.
- Jan. 12** **7 pm, Ramsey Area Garden Club**, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 55 Wyckoff Ave., corner of Woodland Avenue, Ramsey, across from the Ramsey Library. Topic: "Critters and Climate." Speaker: Tom Bender.
- Jan. 13** **10 am, Wyckoff Area Garden Club**, Wyckoff Public Library, 200 Woodland Ave., Wyckoff. Topic: "House Plants Post-Holiday." Speaker: Tom Bender.
- Jan. 21** **7:30 pm, Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club**, Hasbrouck Heights Library, 1st-floor senior center, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights. Topic: "Nature of the Meadowlands," which will include beautiful photography of life at the Meadowlands. Speaker: Jim Wright.
- Jan. 25** **7:30 pm, Ho-Ho-Kus Garden Club**, Community Church of Ho-Ho-Kus, 400 Warren Ave., [Ho-Ho-Kus](#). Topic: "New Plants for 2016/Deer-Resistant Plants." Speaker: Melissa Secor.

Contact Lucy Malka at lhalka@optonline.net or 201-791-3562 to submit information for the Garden Club Grapevine. *Publications deadlines are no later than the 25th of the prior month.*

The Plant Society Grapevine

- Jan. 20** **7 pm, Bergen-Passaic Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey**, Bergen Regional Medical Center auditorium, 230 E. Ridgewood Ave., Paramus. Topic: Movie screening, "Highlands Rediscovered." Speaker: Erica Van Auken, Highlands Coalition. Contact: Bron Sutherland at bsuther@gmail.com.
- Jan. 23** **Noon, Tri-State Hosta Society**, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave., Morris Township. Lunch and learn (members' presentations).
- Feb. 13** **10:30 am, Watnong Chapter, North American Rock Garden Society**, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Haggerty Education Center, 353 East Hanover Ave., Morris Township. Topic: "A Collector's Point of View." Speaker: Janet Schulz. Contact: Noel Schulz, programs director, at noelschulz@verizon.net.

Contact Catie Farahat at cwfarahat@scatteringlight.com to submit information for the Plant Society Grapevine. *Publication deadlines are no later than the 25th of the prior month.*

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.