



# From the Potting Shed April 2019

Master Gardeners of Bergen County

## SAVE THE DATE

### MG meeting – Tuesday, April 23

1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack  
1<sup>st</sup>-floor meeting room

Refreshments at 7 pm; announcements  
at 7:20 pm; program to follow

### Charlie Nardozzi presents: Container garden revolution

Charlie Nardozzi, a nationally known garden writer, speaker, and radio and TV personality, will speak about container gardening at our annual joint meeting with the Master Gardeners of Passaic County.



**Charlie Nardozzi**

Charlie says that container gardening has exploded in popularity as many gardeners are downsizing and more young people are gardening but live in locations with little room to garden.

Charlie's presentation will cover different types of containers; how to match the right plant with the right container; potting soils; and watering, fertilizing, and pruning. He will offer lots of tips and show many examples of container garden designs.

Charlie has worked for more than 30 years to bring expert gardening information to home gardeners through radio, television, talks, tours (his 2019 tour to Northern Italy and the Lake District is booked), the Internet, and the printed page. Charlie said he delights in making gardening information simple, easy, fun, and accessible to everyone.

Charlie has written for national magazines such as *Organic Gardening*. Among his book titles are "Urban Gardening for Dummies" and "Vegetable Gardening for Dummies." Visit his [website](#).

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### From the President's Desk

**By Carolyn Gretchen**

As the days get longer and warmer, we can celebrate that spring is officially here. If you wintered here, you made it through. We can look forward to enjoying many peoples' favorite season of the year.



Our gardens and our gardening sites are waking up; soil is warming; plants, trees, and shrubs are blooming; and the birds are singing. With all this excitement, April can be one of the busiest months for garden work. The more we get done this month, the easier it will be the rest of the season.

Some ways to do this are to pull any emerging weeds and cover all your borders and beds with mulch. Deadhead any early blooming bulbs, separate crowded perennials, and prune shrubs that may have winter damage. Don't forget about Arnie Friedman's presentation of "no-mow lawns" [at our January 2019 meeting]. You could be liberated from mowing by investing in this concept.

Despite the tasks, do take time to enjoy the emerging full array of greens and the palette of beautiful spring colors. There's no other season quite like this.

Happy spring!

### **Website help wanted**

There are many facets of running a non-profit organization like ours. If you have experience with web design and would like to earn volunteer hours in the process, we can use your help updating and maintaining our [website](#). To learn more, contact Joseph Cooper at [Joseph@MGofBC.org](mailto:Joseph@MGofBC.org). He'd be happy to discuss how you can help.

### Meet Sandi Ross, Class of 2015

*By Miriam Taub*

The book-loving residents of Rochelle Park owe a debt of gratitude to Sandi Ross. Sandi was one of four residents who were determined that the township's library should rejoin the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS) from which it had been ousted for a violation of its bylaws. As a stand-alone library, residents could not borrow materials from BCCLS member libraries and were limited to the items in its one room in the municipal building.

In a matter of weeks, Sandi and her partners collected enough signatures to get a library referendum on the ballot. In November 2017, voters overwhelmingly approved the formation of a municipal library; in June 2018, the Rochelle Park library rejoined BCCLS. Sandi was appointed to the library's Board of Trustees and voted its president.



**Sandi Ross**

Sandi, 72, was born in England and came to the United States in 1950 with her parents, Beryl and Frank Ross. They settled in Bogota where her father's sister had moved several years before with her American GI husband. Sandi was 5½ and recalled that her classmates would chant at her "Blimey, it's a limey."

The Ross family lived on a double lot with a barn in the back for a horse and buggy. The property was beautifully landscaped with cherry, pear, and apple trees. As a child, Sandi said, her job was to pick up the apples before the wasps got to them. When the U.S. government bought their property to build Interstate 80, they moved to Rochelle Park. There her parents bought "almost an acre" bordering Sprout Brook, a tidal waterway. A survey revealed no flooding to date. (That would change in 1977.) Her father, a contractor, had a house built.

After graduation from Hackensack High School, Sandi became a hairdresser and worked in Montvale and

Tenaflly. She married the brother of a coworker (they are now divorced). When Sandi's father died, her mother rented the Sprout Brook home to Sandi and her family and moved nearby. All was fine until the Election Day flood of 1977 when water rose above her kitchen counters. The day after the chaos began, Sandi went into labor with her daughter, Layla (the "flood baby"), who is now a special education and history teacher in Ridgewood.

The following year, 1978, a hurricane resulted in a second flooding. That was it, Sandi recalled. She, her husband, and infant daughter temporarily moved out of the house for several months while the home was raised 6 feet 3 inches. It was "a nail-biting event," Sandi said, when the house was lowered onto its new foundation. Once the house was situated, Sandi began landscaping.

Meanwhile, when Layla was in kindergarten, Sandi rejoined the workforce. A short stint at a telemarketing company in Teaneck proved impractical when her car broke down during a snowstorm and she had to walk home to Rochelle Park. Her goal was to find a job where she could walk to work.

Her mother suggested Toys R Us, which, at the time, had its headquarters in Rochelle Park. Sandi followed her advice and was hired for the transportation logistics area where she worked for 12 years in Rochelle Park and later in Paramus (when the headquarters was relocated). Now well-established as a logistics specialist, Sandi went to work for Pearson Education in Nyack. When Pearson moved to Indiana, a trucker colleague suggested Linens 'n Things, where she worked until the company closed. This was followed by a short time in finance at Macy's before she retired.

After seeing an article in the Record, Sandi enrolled in the Class of 2015 with her friend, Christine Mueller, whom she persuaded to sign up. Sandi said she favors Garretson because of the variety of things to do, though last year her volunteering was cut short after breaking her ankle and being unable to stand on grass.

An addition to gardening and the library, Sandi's other interests are her granddaughters, London and India. Sandi has been crocheting blankets for their teddy bears. She enjoys reading, studying English history, doing crossword puzzles, and playing canasta. Sandi has two sister cats, Gigi and Ella, whom she rescued during an adoption day at PetSmart. They all enjoy eyeing the wildlife attracted to the numerous bird feeders hanging from the trees and attached to the deck outside Sandi's dining room.

## Composting made easy



Environmental educator Virginia Lamb poses with a basket of browns and greens after her talk on composting at our March meeting. Among her tips:

- Your compost pile should be as moist as a “wrung-out sponge.”
- Rinse and break up your eggshells before composting them.
- Spread your grass clippings “like parmesan cheese” on top of your food scraps and browns.
- Tear up your pizza boxes and add to your

compost pile.

- Never add meats, fat, dairy products, weed seeds, or diseased plants to your compost.

See the outline of her presentation, which was emailed along with this issue of the Potting Shed, for more tips.

## SHOWS, CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

### **New Jersey Flower & Garden Show**

April 25-28. NJ Convention & Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Ave., Edison.

This event will feature exhibits; seminars (examples are air plants and bromeliads; water features in the landscape; deer control; lavender); stage demonstrations (examples are designing with succulents; feeding your lawn and soil; designing with ornamental grasses); and activities for kids. MG Edith Wallace will present “lovely lilacs” at 11:30 am Sunday, April 28.

**Tickets:** \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors 65 and over; \$4 for children 6-17. Visit the [website](#).

### **International MG Conference**

June 17-21. Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, PA. **Note:** Registration closes May 23, and some tours have been filled.

This conference is held every two years and covers just about everything: Speakers, field study, pre- and post-conference tours, evening programs, and a marketplace. Examples of the range of seminars are witch hazels,

climate change, carnivorous plants, bog gardening, and vegetable diseases. The list goes on.

**Fee:** \$350 for early registration by April 14; \$390 April 15-May 23. Other fees may apply. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.

## FROM THE GREEN SIDE

### Show your lawn some I-o-v-e

#### **By Arnie Friedman**

At our January meeting, I spoke about lawns. I reviewed their history, how they affect our environment, and strategies for having a kinder lawn. Now that it's April, many of you will be starting your spring gardening. I thought it would be good to review the steps needed to achieve a kinder, environmentally safer, and more carefree lawn.



**Stop! Yes, just stop.** Stop buying lime for spring; stop buying bags of fertilizer; stop buying poisons, like pre-emergent weed killer, crab grass control, lawn fungicide, and grub killer. Stop buying the wrong lawn seed. Stop using the mower so often with a regular blade. That's it in a nutshell. Stop looking for that perfect green carpet that eats up natural resources; pollutes the ground and the water supply; and fouls the air with carbon. And stop doing the crazy dance of cutting, fertilizing, and cutting again every seven days.

**Go out and buy a tall fescue seed mix.** Examples are Scott's Turf Builder Tall Fescue Mix, Ace Hardware Tall Fescue Mix, Wild Flower Farms Eco-Lawn Mix (found online; it can be mail ordered), Pennington Tall Fescue, or Pennington Athletic field mix (Walmart carries Pennington).

**Install a mulching blade on your mower.** It's easy to do. Measure the length of your mower blade and order a Gator brand blade or any other mulching blade sold online or at any lawn mower dealer or even Home Depot. It generally goes on with a simple wrench and one nut. Or, take your mower to a mower repair shop and ask for a mulching blade to be installed. You don't cut your own lawn? Call your lawn maintenance company and insist they cut and mulch your clippings. And while you're at it tell them: “Stop fertilizing, stop adding lime, and stop adding weed killer.”

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**Rake your lawn with a steel rake as soon as it dries out from melting snow and spring rain.** Remove the dead thatch and loosen the soil in the bare spots. If you haven't done it in several seasons or ever then core aerate your lawn. Core aeration is done with a machine that has hollow spikes that run over your lawn and makes holes for air, water, and seed to penetrate the compacted surface.

**Spread the tall fescue mix you bought.** Heavy seeding will crowd out weeds and begin to replace the old blue and rye grasses. Repeat seeding of the bare spots throughout the season. And rake and reseed in the fall if you want a really tight and greener lawn.

**Water your new seed every several days if there's no rain.** Lawns need about 1 inch of water a week. It's best to water in greater amounts on fewer days. This lets the water get deep down, rather than quickly evaporate, and encourages deep root growth. Water very early in the day before it's hot and sunny so the water doesn't evaporate. Don't water in the late afternoon or evening. A wet lawn tends to grow mold and mildew.

**Enjoy your eco-friendly lawn.** Walk on it; lay on it; look at the clover and the little native strawberries that will appear. Enjoy cutting half as often and not spending money on fertilizers, chemicals, and big water bills. Enjoy the knowledge that you're helping to preserve the earth. Enjoy not adding so much to the carbon dioxide and worsening global warming. Enjoy not polluting our waters with chemical runoff.

Have a happy spring.

[Editor's note: Visit Arnie's [website](#).]

## HORTICULTURE

### Are wildflowers in your future?

Ever wonder about the fields of wildflowers on the NJ Turnpike and Garden State Parkway? You can bring these colorful gardens to your own back yard. Both annual and perennial mixes are available for purchase from the NJ Turnpike Authority.

The **annual mix** contains mixed cosmos (*Cosmos bipinnatus*); yellow cosmos (*Cosmos sulphureus*); and plains coreopsis (*Coreopsis tinctoria*).

The **perennial mix** contains black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*); purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*); lanced leaved coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*); and blanket flower (*Gaillardia aristata*).

Quarter-pound bags are available for \$9.99 plus \$5 for shipping. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### Do you recognize me?

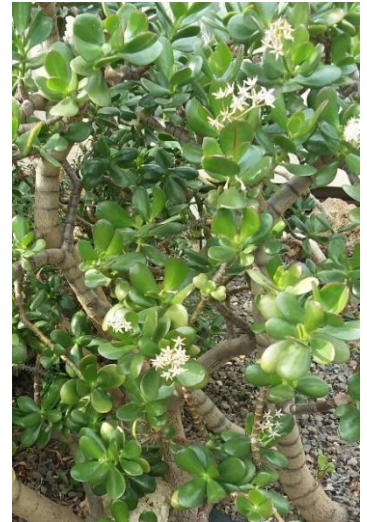
**By Edith Wallace**

We often see jade plants on windowsills. They need little care to remain alive. Like all succulents they are killed with too much water.

For instructions on how to grow a jade plant visit

[www.wikihow.com](http://www.wikihow.com) and, under "wikiHow to," type in "grow a jade plant." However, one contributor noted that "Jade plants bloom every seven years."

Have you ever seen a jade in bloom? To my surprise there is a large jade plant (pictured at right) in the room with euphorbias at the [New York Botanical Garden](#). It blooms about the time of the NYBG Holiday Train Show.



Jade blooms in the camellia greenhouses at [Planting Fields Arboretum](#) (Oyster Bay, NY) at the end of February. I've also seen it blooming in the ground in Southern California. Our jade house plants rarely bloom as they do not get big enough or old enough. They also need some exposure to cold.

Be it a mineral or a plant, enjoy your jade.

### Crazy about hot peppers?

Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station is offering the pumpkin habanero pepper (*Capsicum chinense*) for the 2019 season as part of its Exotic Pepper Project.

The Rutgers Exotic Pepper Project is evaluating and breeding hot peppers that grow well in New Jersey and the Mid-Atlantic states. The Rutgers NJAES pumpkin habanero was developed through traditional breeding methods by crossing varieties of Mexican and African habaneros. Click [here](#) for the order form.

## PLANT SALES

**April 13, noon-3 pm: Ridgewood Wildscape Association**, South Irving Street, Ridgewood. Native plant sale; hardy native NJ plants grown from local seed sources.

**April 27, 9 am-noon: Garden Club of Harrington Park**, library parking lot, 10 Herring St., Harrington Park. Perennial plant sale; nursery stock plus many home-grown direct from club members' gardens.

**April 27, 10 am-5 pm; April 28, noon-5 pm: Leonard J. Buck Garden**, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills. Choice selection of perennials, ferns, woody plants, and hypertufa planting troughs. For information, call 908-722-1200, ext. 5621.

**April 27-28, 10 am-2 pm: Thielke Arboretum of Glen Rock**, 460 Doremus Ave., Glen Rock. Native plant sale; flowers starting at \$2 each; trees and shrubs starting at \$12 each.

**May 3-6, various hours: Van Vleck House and Gardens**, 21 Van Vleck St., Montclair. Unique perennials, shrubs, and trees. Visit the [plant sale page](#) for hours and other information.

**May 4-5, 9 am-4 pm: Frelinghuysen Arboretum**, 353 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Township. Members can also shop from 4-7 pm May 3. One of the biggest sales in the tristate area. Visit the [plant sale page](#) for more information.

**May 10-12, various hours: Rutgers Spring Flower Fair**, Rutgers Gardens, 112 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick. Find your favorite varieties, as well as unique and/or difficult-to-find plants. Visit the [flower fair page](#) for hours and other information.

## OUT AND ABOUT

### Frelinghuysen Arboretum

*Frelinghuysen Arboretum is located at 353 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Township. All events are in the Haggarty Center. Visit the [website](#).*

#### Free lecture extravaganza

The arboretum has scheduled four lectures Saturday, April 13 as part of its Friends' Plant Sale Gardening Education Extravaganza. You can earn 1 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU for each lecture. The lectures are free, but you must register to ensure a spot and a copy

of the handouts. All lecturers are Morris County MGs. Here's the schedule:

#### 9 am: Dealing with deer in your landscape

Veronica Dengler has numerous ideas for choosing plants that are unpalatable to deer and other critters in the garden. She'll also offer practical advice on effective defensive barriers. Click [here](#) to register.

#### 10:30 am: Plants that thrive in the shade

Diane Lattanzio will focus on design ideas for the shady areas of your garden. She'll give advice on plant combinations that work well together in beautiful vignettes so that you can create a shady retreat and relish the fact that your garden is not parched by full sun all day. Click [here](#) to register.

#### 1 pm: Glorious groundcovers

Gail DiDomenico will speak about ground covers and how they should be planted instead of spreading mulch in our gardens. Gail will show examples of groundcovers that thrive in both sun and shade and that will add the finishing touch to your garden design. Click [here](#) to register.

#### 2:30 pm: Starting your vegetable garden

Wing-Yee Pavlosky is back with her popular and practical advice on siting, soil prep, and choosing the best vegetables for the upcoming season. Click [here](#) to register.

#### Great plantings for small gardens

Steven Kristoph, adjunct professor at Rutgers University and owner of Steven Kristoph Nursery in Millstone Township, will give a fun talk about small trees and shrubs, both native and non-native, that will behave well and dazzle throughout the seasons. The lecture is from 11 am-noon Saturday, April 27. Many of the plants he recommends will be available at the arboretum's plant sale May 4-5.

**Cost:** \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Earn 1 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU. Click [here](#) to register. Then scroll down to April 27 in the left column.

### Garden Conservancy

Two fabulous area gardens will be open for visitors during the Garden Conservancy's Open Days program Saturday, April 27. Open Days provides opportunities to visit the area's most exciting, creative, and innovative gardens.

**Mountsier Garden**, 10 am-4 pm, 205 Rutgers Place, Nutley. For 23 years garden designer Richard Hartlage has worked with owners Silas Mountsier and Graeme Hardie on their garden. Visit the [webpage](#). **Fee:** \$10; free for children under 12.

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**Greenwood Gardens**, 10 am-5 pm, 274 Old Short Hills Road, Short Hills. Greenwood is a 28-acre formal Italianate garden surrounded by a naturalistic landscape. Visit the [webpage](#). **Fee:** \$10 for adults; \$5 for seniors and students; free for children under 12.



*Greenwood Gardens photo.*

### **Hackensack River Greenway through Teaneck**

The Hackensack River Greenway through Teaneck has scheduled two cleanups from 10 am-noon on the following dates:

- **Sunday, April 7:** A native planting and cleanup at the Mary S. Topolsky Garden and Trail, Terhune Park, 640 River Road, Teaneck.
- **Saturday, April 20:** A cleanup at Riverview Drive. Meet at 662 Pomander Walk. Christine Favorito, river ambassador from the Hackensack Riverkeeper, will work with the group.

Dress appropriately, and bring gloves and loppers or clippers. For more information, visit the [website](#) and click on "Events."

In addition, Christine Favorito will lead a family friendly discussion of water pollution from 2-3:30 pm Sunday, April 14 in the Mary S. Topolsky Garden, 640 River Road, Teaneck.

### **The Hermitage**

A fundraiser to support the Hermitage Museum will feature the Black Lace Blues from 7:30-10 pm Saturday, April 13. The Black Lace Blues is a popular five-piece band that performs an original mix of blues, funk, and rock. Doors open at 7 pm.

Tickets are \$45 for members/\$50 for non-members and include light fare, beer, and wine. No one under 21 will be admitted. Seating is limited. To purchase tickets, click [here](#). The Hermitage is located at 335 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus. Visit the [website](#).

### **NJ Botanical Garden/Skylands**

*NJBG is located at 2 Morris Road, Ringwood. Indoor events take place in the Carriage House Visitor Center and are free unless noted. Parking is free at this time of year. Visit the [website](#).*

#### **Earth Day weekend events**

Two events are scheduled for Earth Day weekend:

- Volunteer open house and season kickoff, 10 am-noon Saturday, April 20: Learn how you can participate on the volunteer team through gardening and more. Meet some of the volunteers, and start working in the garden. Bring gloves. Meet in the Carriage House.
- Early spring wildflower walk, 1 pm Saturday, April 20. Check out the early bloomers in the woodlands of the wildflower garden with volunteer Darlene Nowak. Wear sturdy shoes, and meet at the Carriage House. Rain or snow cancels. Donation \$5.

#### **Birding for beginners**

Don Torino, president of the Bergen County Audubon Society, will present an indoor introduction to birding by covering bird identification, field guides, and optics. Weather permitting, a walk will follow. Bring binoculars if you have them. The event will begin at 1 pm Sunday, April 28.

### **Thielke Arboretum of Glen Rock**

*The arboretum is located at 460 Doremus Ave., Glen Rock. Indoor events are held in the Environmental Education Center. Visit the [website](#).*

#### **Arbor Day events**

The following events are scheduled for Arbor Day weekend Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28.

- An open house of the Environmental Education Center, a plant sale, a tree seedling giveaway, and family activities from 10 am-2 pm both days.
- A guided tour of giant trees from 2-4 pm Sunday, April 28.

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### Proper tree planting

Jason Grabowsky, professor of urban forestry at Rutgers University, will discuss the do's and don'ts of tree planting in his lecture "You'd think we'd know this" and other observations about planting trees in strange places. The talk will be from 7-8:30 pm Thursday, May 1. Cost is \$10 for Thielke members/\$15 for non-members. Click [here](#) for the registration page.

### Women Gardeners of Ridgewood

Tovah Martin, horticulturalist, lecturer, and author, will speak at the Gardeners' Day event Wednesday, April 10 at the Old Paramus Reformed Church, 660 E. Glen Ave., Ridgewood.

Doors open at 11 am for shopping (vintage jewelry, plants, and a selection of Tovah Martin's books) and a light lunch with Tovah's lecture ("Gardening as if the world depends on us") at 12:30 pm followed by a Q&A and book signing.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Seating is limited so reservations are encouraged. Click [here](#) to learn more and to purchase tickets. Visit Tovah's [website](#).

### Wyckoff Area Garden Club

Cathy Miller, who created flower arrangements for five U.S. presidents, will design an arrangement while entertaining her audience with stories about her White House experiences. The former concert pianist also will play a few of her favorite pieces on the piano. Cathy's presentation will be 2-4 pm Sunday, April 7 at the Ridgewood Public Library, 125 N. Maple Ave., Ridgewood.

This event is a fund-raiser for the club's Sally Ditton Memorial Scholarship. Tea sandwiches and sweets will be served, and one audience member will go home with the flower arrangement that Cathy will create. Tickets are \$20 each. Click [here](#) to visit the club's website and print a form to purchase tickets.

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## HORTICULTURE GRAPEVINE

**Deadline for the Horticulture Grapevine is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the prior month. Submit information about garden club meetings that are open to the public to [Miriam Taub](#).**

- April 1**      **11:30 am, Tenafly Garden Club**, Davis Johnson Park and Gardens, Tenafly. Speaker: Bruce Crawford, director of Rutgers Gardens. Topic: Happy hydrangeas. A \$10 donation is requested toward the club's annual scholarship given to two students studying horticulture with Bruce Crawford at the Rutgers Gardens summer program. For more information, call 201-568-8254.
- April 4**      **7:30 pm, Garden Club of Harrington Park**, upstairs in the Harrington Park Library, 10 Herring St., Harrington Park. Speaker: Donna Dorsey, owner, [Goffle Brook Farm](#), Ridgewood. Topic: What's new and exciting and my trade secrets. Q&A session and refreshments to follow program.
- April 5**      **2 pm, Demarest Garden Club**, United Methodist Church, 109 Hardenburgh Ave., Demarest. Speaker: MG Edith Wallace. Topic: Gardens of the Garden State Gardens consortium. Visit Edith's [website](#).
- April 9**      **7 pm, Ramsey Area Garden Club**, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 55 Wyckoff Ave., corner of Woodland Avenue, Ramsey. Speaker: Tom Bender, president, Glen Rock Garden Club and plant expert at Metropolitan Farms, Closter. Topic: Techniques for pruning trees and shrubs.

- April 10**     **7:30 pm, Bergen-Passaic chapter, Native Plant Society of NJ**, NY-NJ Trail Conference headquarters, 600 Ramapo Valley Road (Route 202), Mahwah. Park in the lot or the Ramapo County Reservation, a short walk through the woods. Parking and trail are not lighted, so bring a flashlight. Speaker: Susan Petro, professor of biology, Ramapo College. Topic: The buzz on bees and wanna-bees - a focus on our native bees. For more information, send an email to [bergenpassaic@npsnj.org](mailto:bergenpassaic@npsnj.org).
- April 11**     **7:30 pm, Garden Club of Teaneck**, Rodda Center, Room 2B, 250 Colonial Court, Teaneck; enter on Palisade Avenue. Use upper parking lot for handicap accessibility. Speaker: Don Torino, president, Bergen County Audubon Society. Topic: Got hummingbirds? How to attract them to your backyard. Refreshments at 7 pm.
- April 16**     **7 pm, Backyard Garden Club sponsored by the Friends of the River Vale Free Public Library**, River Vale Library, 412 Rivervale Road, River Vale. Speaker: David Daehnke, former landscape supervisor at McFaul Environmental Center. Topic: Landscaping *with* nature: How to animal-proof your garden while continuing to grow what you want. Visit David's [website](#).
- April 16**     **7:45 pm, Glen Rock Garden Club**, Thielke Arboretum of Glen Rock Education Center, 460 Doremus Ave., Glen Rock. Speaker: Don Torino, president, Bergen County Audubon Society. Topic: Gardening for butterflies - creating gardens that welcome butterflies. Refreshments.
- April 17**     **7 pm, Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club**, 320 Boulevard, 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor library meeting room. Speaker: Geri Gibney, avid gardener, antique dealer, and founder of the Garden Club of Harrington Park. Demonstration: Creating a wreath and other pieces for the spring season. Meet and greet with refreshments at 6:30 pm.
- April 17**     **7 pm, Wyckoff Area Garden Club** joint meeting with the Allendale Garden Club, Saddle River/Upper Saddle River Garden Club, and Oakland Garden Club; Wyckoff Public Library, 200 Woodland Ave., Wyckoff. Speaker: Ken Greene, [Hudson Valley Seed Co.](#) Topic: History of seed diversity, importance of ethical seed stewardship, and the beautiful and tasty varieties you can grow at home.
- April 18**     **7:30 pm, Garden Club of Bergenfield**, Cooper's Pond, 133-153 W. Church St., Bergenfield. Speaker: Marc Gussen, director, [Closter Nature Center](#). Topic: Hydroponics.
- April 26**     **8 pm, Fyke Nature Association**, Allendale Borough Hall, 500 W. Crescent Ave., Allendale. Speaker: MG Edith Wallace. Topic: The mystery writers' garden (with a nod to Agatha Christie). Visit Edith's [website](#).
- April 29**     **7:30 pm, Ho-Ho-Kus Garden Club**, Community Church of Ho-Ho-Kus, 400 Warren Ave., Ho-Ho-Kus, entrance on Sycamore Avenue. Speaker: Audrey Maihack, professional painter and avid gardener. Topic: Cupid's garden. Visit Audrey's [website](#).
- May 2**        **7:30 pm, Garden Club of Harrington Park**, upstairs in the Harrington Park Library, 10 Herring St., Harrington Park. Speaker: Michael Mitchell, owner, Rose Gardens by Michael and past president of the Garden State Rose Club. Topic: A rose for every need. Q&A and refreshments to follow program.



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