



# From the Potting Shed July 2019

Master Gardeners of Bergen County

## SAVE THE DATE

### MG meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 24

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

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

Program to be announced

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Order your MG apparel until July 17

Show your MG colors! You'll have until July 17 to order Master Gardener apparel: T-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, caps, aprons, and lanyards in Rutgers red with the words "Rutgers Cooperative Extension Agricultural Experiment Station" printed on the front of each item. Items will be shipped within six weeks after the order deadline of July 17.



Click [here](#) to visit the Rutgers Master Gardener Store on the All Colors LLC website. All Colors is the Rutgers-approved vendor selling the MG apparel. You can pay by credit card.

**Note to Class of 2019 students:** The T-shirts offered through this website are unrelated to the forest green T-shirts you've ordered for the 2019 fall festival.

### Website help wanted

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](#) to discuss how you can help.

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### From the President's Desk

*By Carolyn Gretchen*

Special thanks to the MG board members present and those who called in to vote at the special board meeting June 25. Approval was given to pay bills from both Rohsler's Allendale Nursery for our lovely BBQ and for the additions/corrections to the MG of BC website. Members will review the features of the website during the October meeting.



Since this year's Bergen County Fall Harvest Festival will be immediately before our September meeting, please contact [Karen Reide](#) or [Jeff Chan](#) if you'd like to volunteer. It's a great way to share educational information with the public, support our Class of 2019, and earn volunteer hours.

This year's Rutgers Master Gardener Association of NJ's (RMGANJ) conference is Oct. 5. The theme is "How Climate Changes Our Garden." All presenters will be Rutgers associates. Details should be available soon.

Love sunflowers? Don't miss the [NJ Sunflower Festival](#) at Stony Hill Farms, 15 North Road, Chester. The festival will be held Aug. 3-4 and 10-11 from 10 am-5 pm. You'll find two fields with a total of 2.5 acres of sunflowers and fun, family friendly activities. There will be wagon rides, mazes, a barnyard board game, trike track, homemade ice cream, and sunflower picking.

Given our spring weather, does your garden not look quite right yet? The answer is color spots. Remember, nurseries usually put their plants on sale on or after July 4. So treat yourself and pick up a few annuals in 4-inch pots on sale and plant your color spots in your garden.

Happy summer gardening, and enjoy your vacations! Looking forward to seeing everyone Sept. 24 for our board and general meeting.

## OUT AND ABOUT

### Frelinghuysen Arboretum



Sam Rothman

Samantha Rothman will discuss how to grow flowers organically and the permaculture techniques she used to restore the landscape and the design strategies she used to complement the landscape with flowers and other plant material at Fairview, her historic Gilded Age estate in Morristown.

Sam is the owner of [Fairview Farm and Flowers](#), a boutique cut-flower farm and floral design studio. She offers a “flower farm share” where customers pick up her home-grown flowers every week. The lecture will be from 7-8:30 pm Wednesday, July 17 in the Haggarty Center of the arboretum, 353 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Township.

To register, click [here](#). Then scroll down to July 17 in the left column. Earn 1.5 Rutgers Master Gardener CEUs. Cost: \$20 members/\$25 non-members.

### Hackensack River Greenway through Teaneck

Help remove trash and invasives at the two events below, both from 10 am-noon. Bring gloves, rakes, and loppers if you have them. Check the home page of the [website](#) for schedule changes or cancellations due to weather conditions.

1. Sunday, July 7. Cleanup at Lower Brett Park. Meet at 79 Old New Bridge Road, Teaneck, by the swing bridge.
2. Saturday, July 20: Cleanup at Terhune Park, 591 Terhune St., Teaneck.

### NJ Botanical Garden/Skylands

Join the Bergen County Audubon Society at 1 pm Sunday, July 14 for a walk through the gardens and fields to look for and identify butterflies that visit the NJBG. Bring binoculars if you have them, and wear comfortable shoes. Meet at the Carriage House. Rain cancels.

The NJBG is located at 2 Morris Road, Ringwood. On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, a State Park parking fee of \$5 for New Jersey-registered vehicles and \$7 for non-New Jersey-registered vehicles is charged. Visit the [website](#).

### NY-NJ Trail Conference

Earn hours by volunteering during Habitat Helper days at the NY-NJ Trail Conference from 9 am-noon July 7 and 21. You'll be working in the native plant landscape at the Trail Conference headquarters to maintain the plantings, install new plants, and remove weeds and invasive plants. The address is 600 Ramapo Valley Road (Route 202), Mahwah. Park in the lot or the Ramapo County Reservation, a short walk through the woods.

Click [here](#) for more information. Then click on “more details” to sign up for each date’s trail crew. You’re asked to register so the organization will know how many people to expect and to notify you of any weather-related updates.

### Willowood Arboretum

Willowood’s Japanese Festival will take place from 12:30-4 pm Sunday, July 14 at the arboretum, 14 Longview Road, Far Hills.

- Discover the beauty of Japanese gardens with [Asher Browne](#), a Japanese garden builder in Oakland.
- Enjoy a demonstration of ikebana flower design with Toshio Okimatsu, president of the Tachibana Chapter of the ikenobo school of ikebana, which began more than 500 years ago and now encompasses traditional and modern ikebana.
- Visit with members of the [Great Swamp Bonsai Society](#) to understand the art of bonsai.
- Go on the woodland walk. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

This event is sponsored by the Morris County Park Commission. The cost is \$30 per person. For more information and to register, call the Frelinghuysen Arboretum (not Willowood) at 973-326-7601.

## EDUCATION

“The Woody Plants of Summer – Native and Abroad” is the title of a two-session class offered July 23 and 30 by the Rutgers NJ Agricultural Extension Service’s Office of Continuing Professional Education.



Steve Kristoph

The classes will be taught by Steve Kristoph an adjunct instructor at Rutgers for more than 25 years and owner of [Steven Kristoph Nursery](#) in Millstone Township, Monmouth County, where he

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grows many types of ornamental trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials.

Both classes, described below, will begin with a short presentation followed by an outdoor experience where you'll learn how to identify each plant, learn where it grows, when to plant it, and to appreciate its ornamental value. The class will cover many of the species and cultivars that are leading the current trend in woody plant material. You'll receive plants to take home.

You may enroll for either or both classes. The cost is \$210 for one class or \$375 for both classes. Continental breakfast and deli buffet lunch are included. Preregistration is required. During registration, you can choose whether to enroll for one class or both. Earn 5.5 Rutgers Master Gardener CEUs for each class.

Classes will be held at Holly House, 130 Log Cabin Road, New Brunswick. You're advised to follow the Rutgers directions (not GPS) by clicking [here](#).

**Part 1: The Woody Plants of Summer: Native Plants**  
Tuesday, July 23; check in at 8:30 am; class is 9 am-3:30 pm.

Discover some of New Jersey's most useful native plants, including American wisteria, black chokeberry, climbing hydrangea, hop-hornbeam, moosewood, paw paw, and others. Click [here](#) to register.

**Part 2: The Woody Plants of Summer: Plants from Abroad**

Tuesday, July 30; check in at 8:30 am; class is 9 am-3:30 pm.

Discover some of the most impressive and useful non-native plants including Chinese fringetree, European smokebush, Japanese clethra, Rose of Sharon, Russian arborvitae, Turkish filbert, and others. Click [here](#) to register.

#### Useful links

Many local garden centers give discounts to MGs. See the list on our [website](#). Bring your membership card when shopping.

**We'd like to see photos of your volunteer work or of your garden. When submitting photos, be sure to identify everyone in the photo by first and last name. Submit photos to [janet-schulz@hotmail.com](mailto:janet-schulz@hotmail.com).**

## FARMERS MARKETS

**Allendale Farmers Market**, 500 W. Crescent Ave.; through October; Saturdays, 9:30 am-2:30 pm.

**Englewood Farmers Market**, Depot Square Park, North Van Brunt Street and Demarest Avenue; through October; Fridays, 11 am-6 pm. Information, click [here](#).

**Fort Lee Farmers Market**, Plaza at the Fort Lee Community Center, 1355 Inwood Ter.; through Oct. 24; Sundays, 8 am-2 pm.

**Hasbrouck Heights Farmers Market**, Central Avenue and Boulevard; through October; Tuesdays, noon-6 pm.

**Paramus Farmers Market**, Petruska Park north parking lot, 475 Farview Ave; through October; Wednesdays, 2-7 pm.

**Ramsey Farmers Market**, Main Street train station; through November; Sundays, 9 am-2 pm. Information, click [here](#).

**Ridgewood Farmers Market**, train station parking lot, Godwin and West Ridgewood avenues; through October; Sundays, 9 am-3 pm. Information, click [here](#).

**River Vale Farmers Market**, 406 Rivervale Road; through October; Thursdays, noon-6 pm.

**Rutherford Farmers Market**, Park Avenue and Glen Road; through October; Wednesdays, 11 am-6 pm.

**Teaneck Farmers Market**, Beverly Road and Garrison Avenue; through October; Thursdays, noon-6 pm. Information, click [here](#).

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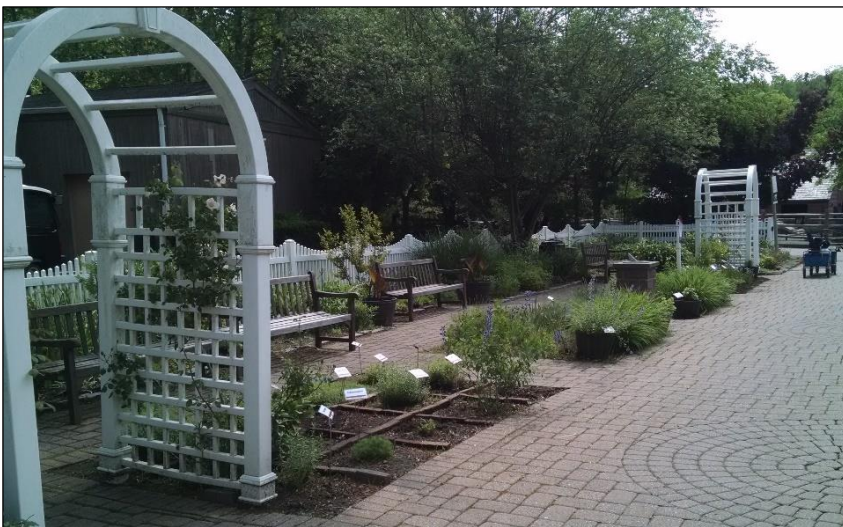
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## VOLUNTEER SITE NEWS



### Van Saun Park Zoo volunteer crew in the demonstration garden

Members of the Class of 2018 helped spruce up the zoo's demonstration herb garden in time for the annual members night of the [Friends of the Bergen County Zoo](#). From left: Marsha Mandel, Cheryl Wardrop, Susan Robertson, Sharon Ma, Terry Campbell (behind Sharon), Louise Mullen, Gloria Trangia, and site coordinator Jeffrey Chan. Volunteers meet 9 am-noon Mondays from March through October. Special projects can be done at any time during zoo hours (8 am-4:30 pm).



The demonstration garden, at left, contains common herbs like parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme plus different varieties of oregano and mint along with some uncommon plants, such as Vicks plant (*Plectranthus tomentosus*), indigo, and roses. The plants are labeled for demonstration and aren't used for any other purpose although wild residents of the zoo munch on them occasionally. The garden also contains some ornamental sections.

Call or text Jeffrey Chan at 201-723-7422 if interested in volunteering.

*Photo and information supplied by Jeffrey Chan.*

### Garretson Forge and Farm squash planting



The vegetable garden at [Garretson Forge and Farm](#) will be even more robust with the planting of summer squash. Front to back: Jeannie Yoo, Jane Nicholson, and Christine Belli. This year marks the farm's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Volunteers meet Thursdays from 10 am-2 pm and the second and fourth Sundays from 1-4 pm at the farm, 4-02 River Road, Fair Lawn. Contact Lida Gellman, site coordinator, at 201-461-4204 or [LB922@aol.com](mailto:LB922@aol.com) if interested in volunteering.

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