



JUNE 2024



COMPOST HEAP

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IT'S BACK!!! The RGC Native Plant sale was a huge success!

DON'T STOP READING UNTIL YOU GET THIS MONTH'S MEMBER TIPS!

We look forward to seeing you at our

JUNE CLUB AWARDS MEETING

6pm Tuesday, June 11, 2024

at the Home of Avery & Chris Brighton

60 Rumson Road

\$30 per person

Open bar and hors d'oeuvres

Significant Others/Husbands welcome! (no jacket required!)

[RSVP TO JUNE MEETING HERE](#)

My first year as President is coming to an end. I have really enjoyed the journey with all of you by my side this year. Trying to reconfigure our meetings to suit most of you as well as getting us focused back on doing more in our community has been rewarding. Investing in garden club has been fun and there is no better way to wrap up this wonderful year than with cocktails celebrating our Club Awards! I'm thankful that Avery and Chris Brighton have offered to host this grand event. **I hope to see you all there! We have so much to celebrate!**

We set a goal this winter to bring back the Plant Sale after a hiatus of eight years (thanks to Ann Rossbach's positive vision!), and it was a huge success! I am so impressed by our Club Members for putting it together as a team and pulling it off seamlessly. I'm already looking forward to next year.

SEE YOU ALL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11th at 6PM!!!

Cheers to a fabulous year!

Best wishes,
Susan



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

(See Committee Reports for full details)

- Wed. June 5 - Kayak to Gunnings Island (Visiting Gardens)
- Sat. June 15 - NPSNJ Jersey Shore Chapter Garden Tour (Conservation)
- Mon. June 17 - Show & Tell your Native Plant Garden (Visiting Gardens)
- Sat. June 22 - Deep Cut Gardens Native Plant Flower Arranging (Conservation)
- Sun. June 23. - Pennington Watershed Institute Walking Tour (Conservation)
- Tues. June 25 - Canoe the Pine Barrens (Visiting Gardens)

PLANT SALE!

THE 2024 PLANT SALE WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

Saturday, June 1 was sunny and warm, and it was a perfect day for a plant sale. The plants, which were purchased from Cicconi Farms, were very healthy and hardy, and much larger than we expected. Everyone was quite impressed.

We'd like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who helped in so many ways. For selecting and ordering the plants, for publicity efforts to advertise our sale, for helping sort the delivery, staging the tables, organizing the plants into groups, collecting the money, and educating the public on the importance of Native Plants, we thank you for your participation and assistance. You were all part of the team and it couldn't have happened without you!

By 12:30 most of our 305 plants were sold out, and it was clear that our sale was very well received by the public and our members. Peeka's fun "This and That" table brought in an additional amount to add to the budget for our Community Outreach projects.

We're pleased to inform you that the Plant Sale made a profit of \$3,172.

Grateful and happy,
Maya and Elaine



HANDBOOK:

**** It's that time again! ****

Please Please Please

Email, text, hand deliver - any Handbook changes to Peekka **ASAP** so our membership Directory will be ready in time for our next meeting in September! A big thank you!

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A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:

Membership Dues for 2024-2025 are due by July 1, 2024!

Please send a check directly to the RGC PO Box or bring your check, cash or credit card to our June Cocktail Party!

Dues have increased to \$225 for the year for all members - Life Members annual fee remains \$75. There will be a \$25 late fee imposed on any dues received post July 1, 2024.

Any questions or issues please contact Christina Weber directly at cmcnamara2934@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP:



May ANNUAL MEETING SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Reid Spears — Gonska Scholarship

Molly Bartrum — Young Environmentalist Scholarship

RUMSON GARDEN CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Susan Olson
First Vice President	Heather Robinson
Second Vice President	Anne Reiss
Treasurer	Christina Weber
Corresponding Secretary	Machiko Maki & Maya Speelmans
Recording Secretary	Stephanie Hoitt

TRUSTEES

Joan Lynch Class of 2025	Maya Speelmans Class of 2025
Jeanne Shanley Class of 2026.	Kathryne Singleton Class of 2027
Anne Reiss Class of 2028	

Awards	Avery Brighton & Kathy Donnelly
Christmas Greens	Cynthia Labrecque & Teresa Maguire
Civics	Nancy Bowe
Communications	Sarah Fleming & Kathryne Singleton
Website	Tilden Wilt
Social Media (Instagram)	Pari Harrison
Conservation	Jo Ann Molnar & Sheila Ehrenberg
Floral Design	Louisa Renn & Stella Ryan
Botanical Arts	Bonnie Torcivia
Horticulture	Betsy Ford & Piper Leddy
Photography	Liz Dusko & Gail Van Winkle
Programs	Cathy Smith & Lucy Kalian
Staging	Wendy Wilt & Mary Brodsky
Scholarship	Mary Heins & Ann Rossbach
Visiting Gardens/Field Trips	Robbyn O'Neill
Fundraising	Heather Robinson
Plant Sale	Elaine Eadon & Maya Speelmans
Garden History and Design	Anne Reiss
Historian	Christiane McNamara & Peekka Tildesley
Handbook/Directory	Peeka Tildesley & Lisa Bitterly
Judging	Elaine Eadon
New Membership (Admissions)	Barbara Batting
New Member Liaison	Taphy Harcsar, Susan Sorokolit & Joan Lynch
NJ Committee/ Founder's Fund	Kathleen O'Neal & Alex Smith
Nominating/Policy	Heather Robinson



More from the Plant Sale & EcoFest!





Beautiful faces and flowers at the May Annual Meeting



MEMBER TIPS

From Anne Reiss:

<https://www.southernliving.com/grumpy-guide-to-hummingbirds-8643604>

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!