



APRIL 2026

COMPOST HEAP

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"RGC in a Pot" at the Zone IV mtg

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

**We look forward to seeing you at our
April Membership Meeting!
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
at RCC Riverhouse**

RSVP TO APRIL MEETING [HERE](#)

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Passing

9:00 a.m. Judging

11:00 a.m. Lecture

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Business Meeting

***pls bring check for \$25 made out to RGC or make payment [here](#)**

APRIL SPEAKER

Full Sun Projects



Since 2016 Gabrielle Tanella and her employees at Full Sun Projects have produced “tens of thousands” of pounds of fresh produce at Glenn Farm in Rumson. Owned by longtime Lunch Break supporter Steve Glenn, the produce has been a major source for Lunch Break’s pantry. In March, Gabby attended the Rutgers Conference, "Rooted in Resilience: Women Cultivating the Future of Agriculture" highlighting New Jersey's female farmers honoring the 2026 International Year of the Woman Farmer, featuring women leadership, innovation, and undervalued roles in strengthening NJ agriculture. Gabby will demonstrate how to create and maintain organic gardens through sustainable methods and share a variety of seeds from her vast garden.



APRIL SCHEDULE

STAGING: NATASHA HALBOUT, MARIA KOLARSICK, MARY ANN MCDONALD
(*CATHY SMITH AND BETSY FORD ARE STEPPING IN FOR LISA AND LAURA)

PASSERS:

FLORAL: CATHY SMITH, LOUISA RENN

HORT: SUSAN OLSON, PEEKA TILDESLEY, PARI HARRISON

CLERKS:

FLORAL: ANN ROSSBACH, AMY MCCOOEY

HORT: JANE ORR, MARY ANN MCDONALD

JUDGES:

FLORAL: GCA JUDGES: SUKY BRACKEN, WOODNEY WACHTER (PROSPECTIVE), LIZ CLARK (CLERK)

HORT: GCA JUDGES: KATHLEEN BOURKE, ANNE GATES, LYNN BOYAJIAN, CATHERINE WEDGBURY (CANDIDATE)

Please take a moment to download, print, and fill out your entry cards prior to dropping off your entries. If you need entry cards or have questions, contact our Staging Chairs: Laura Haaren (lahaaren1118@verizon.net) or Lisa Atallah (lisa3atallah@gmail.com)

APRIL SCHEDULE

FLORAL

April is Blooming with Conservation!

(GCA Judges)

**“To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you
have to pick up other people’s trash.” Bill Nye**

- Class 1 **Create Earth Day 2026** - Create a *Parallel Design*. * Use recycled material for your container and accessories; Multiple containers are allowed. Staged on the Riverhouse’s 42” high wooden bar with lip. A 26” high white cloth backdrop and a staging space of 24” width x 18” depth are provided for each design. Viewed and judged from three sides. A Title or Statement of Intent is required. **(4) Entries**
- Class 2 Novice. Same as above. **(4) Entries**

**“In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be bent,
contorted in weird ways, and they’re still beautiful.” – Alice Wade**

- Class 3 **Arbor Day 2026** - Create a *Parallel Design** expressing important elements or features of a tree. Multiple containers are allowed. Staged on the Riverhouse’s 42” high wooden bar with lip. A 26” high white cloth backdrop and a staging space of 24” width x 18” depth are provided for each design. Viewed and judged from three sides. A Title or Statement of Intent is required. **(4) Entries**
- Class 4 Novice. Same as above. **(4) Entries**

Pre-registration is required by Sunday, April 19.

Class consultant, Louisa Renn, louisarenn@gmail.com.

Exhibitors may enter one class only.

* Parallel Design: a design in which plant material (and other components, if not prohibited) are placed in strongly parallel groupings with open space between; may be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Additional components may be placed at any angle at the base as connectives. Multiple containers may be used, but design must appear as a single unit. FS & JG, Book 5, p. 9.

APRIL SCHEDULE

HORTICULTURE

(GCA Judges)

All entries must be properly identified with species and cultivar information.

DAFFODILS

- Class 1 **Three** different varieties to be displayed in **separate** RGC containers. Properly identified with daffodil code and division*.
- Class 2 Novice. Same as above.

- Class 3 Three daffodils of the **same** variety to be displayed in **one** RGC container. Properly identified with daffodil code and division*.
- Class 4 Novice. Same as above.

- Class 5 One single daffodil of choice to be displayed in one RGC container. Properly identified with daffodil code and division*.
- Class 6 Novice. Same as above.

- Class 7 One miniature daffodil to be displayed in one RGC container. Properly identified with daffodil code and division*. A miniature is classified as having a bloom less than 2 inches.
- Class 8 Novice. Same as above.

THE ELLWOOD-WINMILL DAFFODIL AWARD

To be awarded to the member who garners the most points in the April daffodil show.

THE MARIE APPLEBY SEVERANCE TROPHY

To be awarded to the Novice member with the most points in the April daffodil show.

APRIL SCHEDULE

HORTICULTURE CONT.

(GCA Judges)

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SPRING BULBS

One single stem properly identified, to be displayed in a RGC container.

Class 9 Muscari (Grape Hyacinths)

Class 10 Novice. Same as above.

Class 11 Tulipa (Tulip)

Class 12 Novice. Same as above.

Class 13 Other BULB.

Class 14 Novice. Same as above.

FLOWERING BRANCH

Class 15 One flowering branch not to exceed 30" in length from the lip of the container to the tip of the branch. To be displayed in members' own clear glass container (this class may be subdivided).

Class 16 Novice. Same as above.

Class 17 Camellia Japonica (Camellia) one stem not to exceed 12" in length from lip of container to tip of the branch.

Class 18 Novice. Same as above.

NATIVE SPRING FLOWERS

Class 19 One stem of a native** spring flower. Can be bulbs, herbaceous or woody. To be displayed in a RGC container.

Class 20 Novice. Same as above.

Class 21 PAR

A rooted plant of exceptional horticultural merit, which does not qualify for entry elsewhere in the Horticultural Division. Please see page 12 for PAR definition.

***Daffodil code:** Daffodils are given a color code to describe both the perianth (petal) and the cup color. Refer to The American Daffodil Society <https://daffodilussa.org/> for more information on classifications of division and color.

**** Native plants, for the purpose of this schedule, will be defined as "native to New Jersey" according to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center or the JerseyYards.org Native Plant Database. Please visit those sites to verify the eligibility of your specimens.**

Finally - spring!

Like the buzzing bees, RGC has been busy with trips to Washington DC for NAL (virtual and in person), our Zone IV show and meetings in Princeton and finally the GCA Annual Meeting on April 20th.

Our April meeting brings us GCA judges for floral and horticulture. Floral is celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day with parallel designs. I encourage everyone to enter their daffodils - novices for the Marie Appleby Severance trophy and all others for the Ellwood-Winmill Daffodil award!

April is also Native Plant Month! We have a chance to make native seed balls with the 3rd grade garden club in Rumson on May 6th - please let me know if you would like to join us! And members are hard at work getting ready for our 3rd annual native plant sale on June 6th.

Believe it or not, it's time to put out our hummingbird feeders! You can report sightings and see the birds' progress on their migration north here:

<https://www.hummingbirdcentral.com/hummingbird-migration-spring-2026-map.htm>

As we hit the garden centers to fill our gardens and planters we are left with those darn plastic pots. This article gives some good tips to consider:

<https://perfectearthproject.org/plastic-pot-conundrum/>.

I look forward to seeing you all in April!

Keep growing,
Heather



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Apr. 13, 6:30 pm, "DarkSky" New Jersey Presentation, Robbyn O'Neill's home (Conservation)
- Apr. 22, 11 am, Sandy Hook Park P4P Planting Party
- Apr. 27, 6:30 pm, Rutgers Oyster Breeding Program at Brookdale CC (Conservation)
- May 6, 2:30-4 pm, Native Seed Balls with Deane-Porter Garden Club
- May 8, 12 - 5 pm, J.McLaughlin Sip & Shop (Fundraising)
- May 25, 9 am, Rumson Memorial Day Parade
- June 6, 9 am-12 pm, Native Plant Sale, Rumson Borough Hall**
- June 6, 9 am - 12 pm, Rally for the Rivers EcoFest at Victory Park (Conservation)
- June 8, 12 pm, New Members luncheon, McLoone's restaurant, Sea Bright (New Members)
- June 18, Rutgers Univ. Rain Garden Road Trip (Visiting Gardens)

FLORAL DESIGN:

Spring has arrived and we are all looking forward to getting back in the garden. It was a long snowy winter, and boy, are we ready for the change of seasons! And just like the changing weather, Mary Jane, Bonnie, Stella, and Louisa are nearing the end of our 2-year tenure as floral chairs. Each of us has tried to work hard for all floral designers in the club and we hope you have found joy in designing flower arrangements and enjoyed the challenges and workshops as much as we have enjoyed putting things together for you and the club.

So in June, we will turn over our notes and clippers to our very capable friends, Betsy Ford and Jane Orr, who will then lead floral design through the 2026 – 2028 seasons. We can't wait to see all the wonderful things they plan for our club! To help in the transition and get them started in the planning process, immediately after the April 2026 Flower Show at RCC, Betsy and Jane will be holding a "Schedule Planning" meeting for all interested members. If you'd like to join the Floral Design Committee for 2026-2027 or if you want to share your ideas about what types of floral challenges RGC might offer in next year's flower shows, please contact and RSVP to Betsy at betsyford72@gmail.com or Jane at janeorr88@gmail.com.

Our next flower show is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st. On schedule there are 2 different floral challenges both requiring a parallel design style to be used; one will celebrate **Earth Day** (April 22), and the other **Arbor Day** (April 24). Please contact April's class consultant, Louisa Renn at louisarenn@gmail.com if you'd like to enter one of the classes or if you have questions. Entries are limited to 4 members per class. For those unable to attend our parallel design workshop earlier in March, a power point presentation, with multiple sample photos and tips, is located on the RGC website under the Floral Design tab, Parallel Design Workshop article. <https://rumsongardenclubnj.org/parallel-design-workshop/>

And as always, HAPPY DESIGNING! Mary Jane, Bonnie, Stella, and Louisa

HORTICULTURE:

The April show will bring out the best daffodils! Start conditioning your favorites if you think the weather will be too hot. They can be cut in advance and stored in the refrigerator as long as there is no food to spoil them. A beverage fridge or garage fridge can be a handy item.

The Marie Appleby Severance Award for the most points in Novice Class will be awarded along with the Winmill/Ellwood Award for most points in the regular class.

The division and cultivar on the entry forms is expected by the judges. Please refer to the American Daffodil Society website for guidance:

<https://daffodilusa.org/daffodil-info/daffodil-divisions-cultivars/>

There are plenty of other classes for bulbs, branches, camellia and of course your best “par” plant! Let’s show the judges what RGC is known for! Please refer to the schedule for class information.

PHOTOGRAPHY:



PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW May 19th, 2026

Class 1: **Celebration of Red, White and Blue**

Celebrating the semiquincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Plants or flowers in red, white and blue.

A color photo of a still life or outside in the garden.

Class 2: Novice, same as Class 1

Class 3: **250 Years of Patriotism**

Using the lyrics from “America the Beautiful” as inspiration: “O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountains majesties, Above the fruited plain... From sea to shining sea!”

Class 4 Novice, same as Class 3

All entries must be submitted by May 12th to

Gail Van Winkle - 51 Lippincott Rd., Little Silver. Follow mounting rules in the By-Laws.

4 Entries per class, Contact Gail at gailfvw@gmail.com to reserve a spot today.

CONSERVATION:

DarkSky New Jersey Presentation - April 13 at 6:30 PM

Robbyn O'Neill's home at 935 River Rd in Fair Haven. RSVP to Sheila at Sheilaehrenberg@gmail.com.

The presenter is Laura Bagwell, an active member of DarkSky New Jersey and other environmental organizations. Ms. Bagwell's presentation focuses on the importance of the night sky and the impact of light pollution. It demonstrates environmental damage and why darkness matters.

Oyster Breeding Program - April 27 at 6:30 PM

Student Life center at Brookdale Community College

Speaker: Samuel Ratcliff, Cape Shore Operations Manager, Rutgers University, Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory in Cape May, NJ.

Mr. Ratcliff will talk about the production and evaluation of Rutgers' disease-resistant oyster lines, the production of tetraploid lines and other experimental crosses in support of genomic research and genomic selection, and the coastal environment benefits of aquaculture.

GARDEN HISTORY & DESIGN

Click below to view the April Garden History & Design newsletter:

https://www.gcamerica.org/_uploads/filemanager/common//document/GHandD/April%202026%20Newsletter.pdf

And the April featured garden, Linfield Garden in Short Hills:

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members:news/get/id/5265>



Linfield Garden, Short Hills, NJ

NEW MEMBERS:

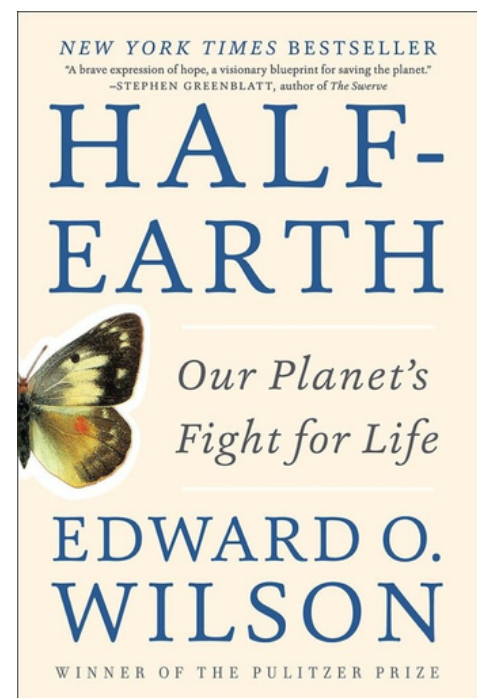
Our final New Member meeting will take place June 8th at 12 noon at McLoone's restaurant in Sea Bright. Our guest speaker, Kathy Donnelly, will bring us the news from our Civics committee.

What a group of wonderful new women! It has been a privilege to work with them this year.

Susan Sorolokit and Taphy Harcsar.

RGC ON AMAZON!

RGC's Amazon shop is up and running! Access it through the RGC website, click the product image, or click [here](#) to start shopping! Future shopping suggestions welcome!



*This month's featured product

RGC ON INSTAGRAM!

Please send Pari photos of any events, workshops, or special plants you encounter, including pictures from your garden or others.

Text Pari Harrison @ 732-915-3051

A NOTE FROM THE BIRD LADY:

They were quietly pecking away, chattering, and complaining amongst themselves, hopping, and scurrying around, alert but intent on the birdseed. It was a cold sunny day in early Spring. Clear blue skies with fluffy white clouds floating across the horizon. A peaceful scene.

Suddenly there was a raucous screaming, and then with a sudden swoosh all was deathly quiet. Not the faintest cheap or splash of a tail in the river could be seen or heard. Then, from an old dead tree nearby a pair of sharp shinned hawks (*Accipiter striatus*) made their silent appearance. Also known, sadly, as feeder hawks. Because, well you know...

The blue jays, (*Cyanocitta cristata*) had created a garden wide alarm. The chattering community stayed hidden in the hollies and the old camellia bush. The only sounds were the rippling of the river and the rustling of a breeze in the nearby trees. The retriever sensed danger and like a silky golden cushion, velvety ears twitching, flopped down to wait. Otherwise, all was still as if the world was holding its breath.

Eventually feeling rather peckish the hawks took off for lunch in another neighborhood. All day the locals stayed away and the next and the next, until several weeks later they finally came back to continue their interrupting foraging. They had lived to fight another day.

A friend took down her feeder for a week to deter her hawks. The deterrence lasted exactly a week before they came back again. We have squirrel "proof" bird feeders that function well, but what about a hawk proof feeder?

But hawks have brains, bird brain's, obviously, but who knows how successfully they can be outwitted before they figure out the blue jay's alarm system. Surprisingly, blue jays belong to the crow family, (*Corvidae*). Well, they changed up their colors. The town cryers of birddom.

Or we and the birds could adapt? So, who can say that a bird brain is not a compliment?



Sharp shinned hawk waiting for lunch.
Photos Jan Glass



Sharp shinned hawk eyeing the peanut feeder.

Haiku:
Softly gliding in
Birds of prey intent on kill
Little birds scatter



2025 | 2026

The New Jersey Committee of the Garden Club of America was founded in 1987 to utilize surplus funds from the GCA Annual Meeting hosted by Zone IV clubs. In 1994, **The Growing Fund** branched off to raise funds to provide Zone IV clubs with grant money to fund worthwhile projects within the state.

The Growing Fund generates about \$25,000 a year through the generous donations of the members of the Zone IV Garden Clubs.

Over the years, every club in Zone IV has received multiple **Growing Fund** grants that have allowed them to actively pursue local endeavors that help educate others as well as to beautify and restore our New Jersey environment. To date, **The Growing Fund** has gifted over \$594,000 to support over 96 projects.

We encourage all Zone IV Garden Club members to donate to help our Garden State flourish!

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<http://www.njcommitteegca.org/>



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If you prefer to donate by mail, write a check to **'NJC of GCA'**

Mail to: **Rachael Lee**
4 Blue Spruce Drive, Pennington, NJ 08534

When you donate, please note your **Garden Club Affiliation**.

Contributions of \$100 and over will be acknowledged.

We are a 501(c)(3) organization. Please consider us if your employer has a matching gift program.

Deadline for donations is May 31, 2026.

NJC of GCA Executive Board

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Carolyn Von Meister, Corresponding Secretary
Garden Club of Somerset Hills

Lesley Hetherington, Recording Secretary
Garden Club of Somerset Hills



A POCKET GUIDE

WHO IS THE NEW JERSEY COMMITTEE?

- Established in 1987, The New Jersey Committee of The Garden Club of America (NJC) distinguishes Zone IV as
 - having 1 of only 4 area committees, nationally, throughout GCA
- Through its mission, NJC has donated \$595,000 to over 96 projects within the Garden State and provided scholarships to over 72 NJ students

WHAT IS THE NEW JERSEY COMMITTEE MISSION?

- Stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening,
- Restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment
- Fund projects that benefit the state of New Jersey

WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE?

- Two representatives from each of the 11 Zone IV clubs, for a term of two years
- The Committee is led by an Executive Committee, consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary

HOW DOES ZONE IV BENEFIT FROM THE NEW JERSEY COMMITTEE?

- A key focus of the Committee is to award Growing Fund grants that benefit local projects within the state of New Jersey. The original grant was awarded to Dr. Orton of Rutgers University to help with his hybridization studies which led to the development of the well-known Rutgers Dogwood Growing Fund grant money is raised through
- garden club members' and friends' generous donations (averaging \$85 per donation) to The Growing Fund. Gifts
- range from \$20 to \$2000. All gifts are appreciated. Every club within Zone IV has received multiple grants. Projects have included forest and greenhouse restoration, outdoor classrooms, rain and community gardens and urban farms. Grants may be submitted for consideration with a deadline of November 1 NJC helps small garden clubs do BIG things!
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SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Millicent Mercer Johnsen Scholarship is supported by NJC's annual fall luncheon and lecture
 - This program has provided tuition funds totaling \$170,800 and supported 72 NJ students in a field of study
 - including horticulture, environmental studies, food systems, landscape architecture, plant and marine sciences
- This year, NJC supports 5 interns. These students would not have had the opportunity to include an internship experience in their portfolio without the contributions of the members of our Zone IV clubs



RUMSON GARDEN CLUB

NATIVE PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
9AM-12PM

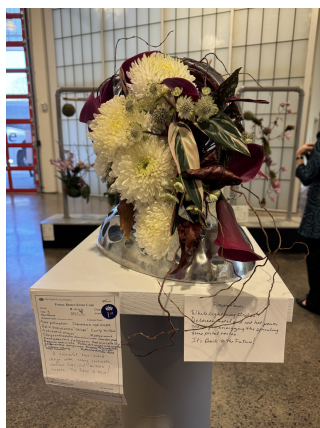
RUMSON BOROUGH HALL
BACK PARKING LOT

It's That Time of Year!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SUSAN OLSON (917)699-7652

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE RUMSON GARDEN CLUB'S COMMUNITY FUND



Louisa earns a 1st!



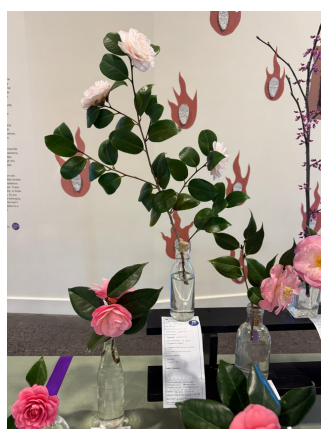
Susan's winning PAR entries!



Sarah is presented with the Zone Conservation award!



A blue for Alexandra!



A blue for Bonnie!



A blue for Elaine!



RGC does it again!





Chionodoxa and Winter Aconite appearing as soon as the big snow melted in Laura's yard



Enjoying the daffodils in Susan's yard

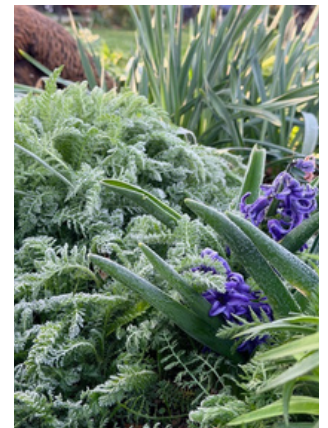
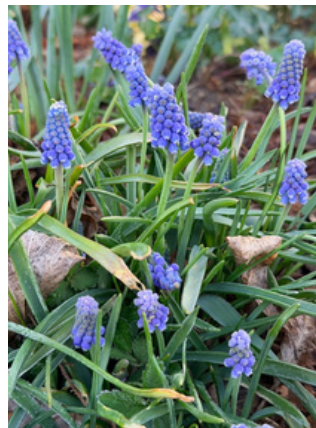


Hellebores in Heather's yard survived all the snow!



Blooms galore in Elaine's yard

And in Avery's as well!



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AND PLANT WITH US!

HELP RESTORE OUR HABITAT!

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN A SANDY
HOOK PARK P4P PLANTING PARTY!**

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 AT 11 AM

WHERE: SANDY HOOK PARKING LOT D.

**BRING: GLOVES, SPADE OR SHOVEL,
SUNSCREEN, HAT, MUG.**

RSVP: SRF529@GMAIL.COM



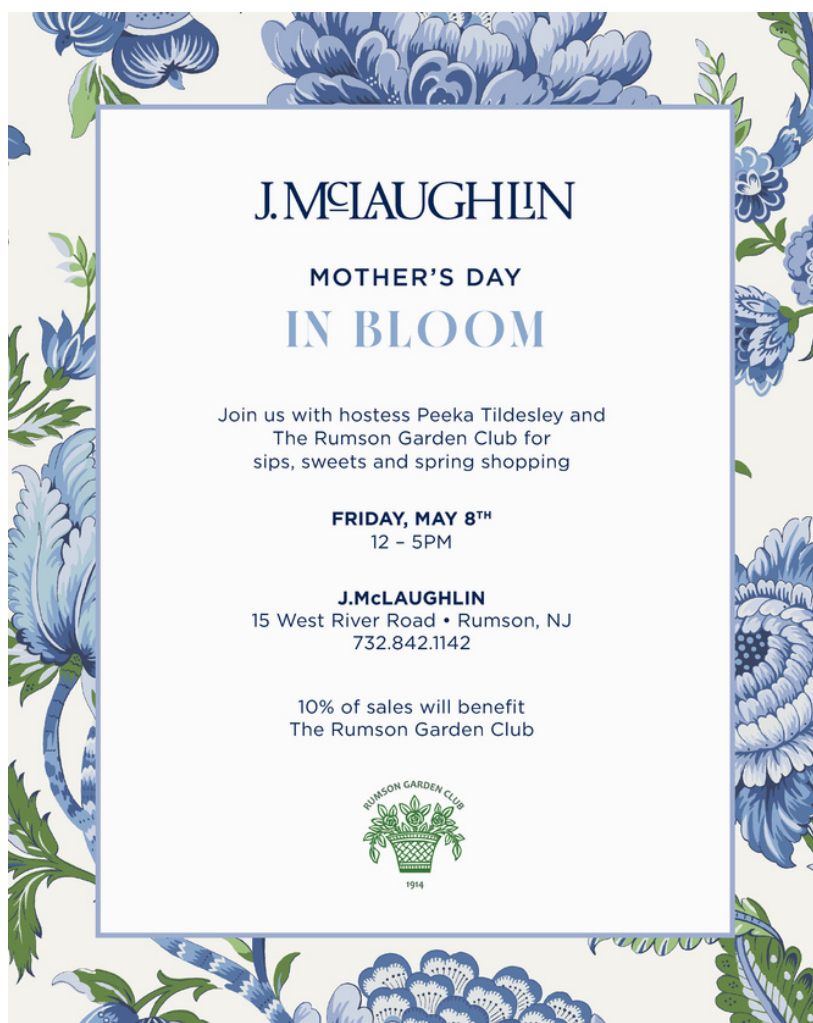
From Betsy Ford - A Daffodil Garden Visit Invitation:

Fran and I are having our annual open garden on April 13, 2026 from 2:00pm until 5:00pm. There is no set time for you to be here, come and go as you please. Be aware of my irrigation system and please do not walk on my daffodil beds. There is an 18 inch foot path between each bed in case you want to get a better look at a daffodil. No children under 12 please.

After a slow start because of the cold weather, the daffodils are in high gear and I hope we will have some left on the 13th. I have not scheduled a rain date because this is my Daffodil Show Season and I am working hard picking and reading daffodils for the shows. I have about 3500 bulbs in the ground and over 1000 varieties. All my show daffodils are in the backyard. Front daffodils are for beautification only.

We are located at 340 Newtons Corner Rd, Howell Township, NJ 07731 which is exit 31A off of I-195. When you take the exit, turn left at the first light onto Herbertsville Road, and at the second light stay to the right onto Newtons Corner Road. We are approximately 2 1/2 miles from I-195. For the ones coming from the south, we are near Wall and Brick, just past Ramtown (part of Howell) and the first house north of the 4 way stop at Allenwood-Lakewood Road and Newtons Corner Road.

Thank you,
Clay and Fran



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It's daffodil time again and our very own **Maya Speelmans** has become an American Daffodil Society Judge AND the ADS Northeast Regional Director 2024-2026. Maya is always available to share her love and knowledge! For now enjoy these fabulous daffodil tips to get us ready for our Spring flower shows:

April is Daffodil month! We already see many blooming plants, and yes, it seems to be earlier this year than in the past. Here are important and helpful guidelines for saving your blooms, until it's time to exhibit. For identification, division and color code, please use Daffseek.org. It's an invaluable source of information.

Good luck to everyone!

Keeping Daffodils in the Refrigerator for an Extended Time

'From Daffodil Society of Minnesota Show Schedule

Daffodils can be kept in a refrigerator for 4-5 weeks if necessary. It is certainly not recommended, but sometimes is necessary if spring comes much earlier than the show.

1. Keep the humidity high in a modern frost-free refrigerator. Use trays of water and/or wet towels. Option: create a tent with sticks and a plastic bag around the flowers to retain humidity. The sticks hold the plastic away from the petals.
2. Keep temperature in the 34-36 degree range as low as possible without freezing the blooms. A refrigerator thermometer is a must.
3. Put blooms in a deep container, covering as much of the stem as possible. Daffodils lose water through their stems, not the petals.
4. **MOST IMPORTANT:** Do not store any fruit or aging produce in the same refrigerator! Gasses from ripening fruit will kill daffodils.
5. If a daffodil dies in the refrigerator, remove it as soon as found. If the flower wilts, re-cut the stem to open the pores and replace in fresh water.
6. Take out of the refrigerator the day before the show if:
 - *The flower is not fully mature (e.g. color not fully developed)
 - *The flower is not fully open (hooded)
 - *The flower is looking downward (and that is not its natural pose) –place a light behind the bloom to get it to raise its head. It is easier to adjust the pose downward but hard to raise the head of the flower. In all cases, make sure it has 6 petals, no nicks in the petals, and that the cup/corona is in good shape.
7. Before refrigerating, clean off any dirt or stains. Use a damp Q-tip or soft brush. Look at the back as well as the front of the petals, and inside the cup. Stains and dirt are almost impossible to get off after refrigeration.
8. Pick in the morning if possible.
9. Pick flowers if temperatures are predicted to go below 22' degrees.
10. Division 6 flowers tend to last the longest in refrigeration.
11. Daffodils that have yellow petals/ yellow cups and yellow petals/red cups do not need sunlight to complete their development –they can be picked before they are completely open.
12. Flowers that are reverse bicolor, have lemony colored petals, or have pink cups need sunlight to complete development. They must be left on the plant in the ground to completely mature.

(Article copied from daffnet April 5, 2012 – provided by Ethel Smith of the Daffodil Society of Minnesota')



***PART 5: ENJOY MORE OF OUR RGC HISTORY!
FROM RGC'S 2014 100TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO***