

Master Gardeners of Bergen County

May 2019 – mid-month update

MG meeting Tuesday, May 28

1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, 1st-floor meeting room. Refreshments at 7 pm; announcements at 7:20 pm; program to follow.

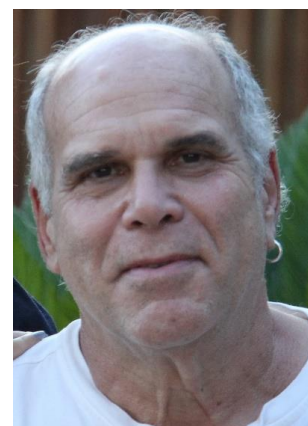
James Cooper presents: Growing figs in ground and in pots

Jim has been propagating, growing, and selling figs in New Jersey for more than 25 years and is extremely passionate about his work. He will cover the following:

- Starting fig trees as cuttings;
- Growing figs in pots and in the ground;
- Overwintering the figs; and
- The crazy world of fig buying and collecting.

Jim will present the different ways to purchase cuttings and rooted plants online and in nurseries. He will also discuss EBay, FigBid, Facebook groups, and the fig forums where all the action is. Jim will explore a number of well-known nurseries run by fig fanatics, all vying for that rare and delicious fig that they can put into their collection.

He will show several videos on rooting techniques, and he'll take us on a visit to the famous (now shuttered) Belleclaire Nursery on Long Island that grew and sold some of the most sought-after fig trees in history. Jim will have a few starter plants for purchase.



Jim Cooper

Please RSVP by May 29 for the June 4 BBQ at Rohsler's

Eat, shop, and learn — rain or shine! Instead of the annual MG picnic at Van Saun Park — the usual spot for our end-of-season event — we'll meet at Rohsler's Allendale Nursery from noon-2 pm Tuesday, June 4 for a triple header: A barbecue, shopping with a discount, and a lecture for which you'll earn education hours — plus a fun afternoon outdoors with like-minded people. Rohsler's is located at 100 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale.



In the event of rain, both the BBQ and the lecture will be held in a covered area. Rohsler's staff will barbecue for us. Attendees are asked to bring appetizers/salads or desserts based on the first letter of your last name.

A to K: Bring desserts

L to Z: Bring appetizers or salads

Shopping: You'll get a discount on your purchases above and beyond the usual 10% discount given to MGs.

Lecture: Eric Rohsler's topic will be unusual native plants. You can receive education hours for attending by listing the lecture on your 2019 volunteer hours spreadsheet.

RSVP: Rohsler's needs a headcount for the BBQ. Please let us know no later than Wednesday, May 29 if you'll attend the June 4 event. Send an email to info@mgofbc.org if you plan to attend.

Reminder: Recognition pins will be distributed in May

By Donna Karpel

Attention Classes of 1998, 2003, 2008, and 2013: The annual process of confirming individual members on their anniversary of becoming a Master Gardener of Bergen County is finished for 2019. Recognition pins for members who completed five, 10, 15, and 20 years will be handed out to the MGs listed below.

If you're eligible to receive an anniversary pin and would like to pick it up May 28, please let me know prior to noon Monday, May 27 and I will bring your pin for distribution before the meeting begins. If you were eligible for a pin last year and didn't pick it up, let me know and I'll bring the appropriate pin.

If you're unsure if you're to receive a pin (from this year or last year), feel free to contact me at 201-327-8835 or donna9189@gmail.com.

20-year pins, Class of 1998

Choby, Elizabeth
Langer, Inge
Wallace, Edith

15-year pins, Class of 2003

Czarnecki, Patricia
Ford, Diane
Toonkel, Jeff

10-year pins, Class of 2008

Cooper, Joseph
Danzig, Suzanne

5-year pins, Class of 2013

Cheddie, Dania
Curtin, Lynn
Karpel, Donna
Ko, Josie
Leibowitz, Paula
O'Connor, Pat
Oliveri, Christiane
Sheridan, Sue
Walencyk, Bruce
White, Wendi

Thielke Arboretum at Glen Rock needs volunteer docents on weekdays

By Laura DeFlora

Imagine seeing a swallowtail butterfly for the first time, or learning how pond life is dependent on creatures too small to see. Volunteer docents introduce school-age children to sights, sounds, and concepts in nature through outdoor classrooms and experiential learning.

Thielke offers programs for all class levels as well as scouting groups. In addition, docents guide tours for both children and adults. Volunteers don't need a background in teaching or biology, just a love of nature and a willingness to learn.

Docents generally are needed on weekdays in the mornings or afternoons based on when groups want to visit the arboretum. The arboretum is located at 460 Doremus Ave., Glen Rock.

If interested, contact me at lauradeflora@gmail.com or 201-960-9358. Please don't call after 7 pm.

Two more plant sales...

May 18, 8 am-noon rain or shine: Allendale Garden Club, Lee Memorial Library, 500 W. Crescent Ave., Allendale. Featuring locally grown perennials from members' gardens and from NJ nurseries.

May 18, 9:30-noon: The Hermitage, 335 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus. Historic herbs, native plants, perennials, and plantings in ceramic containers for outdoors.

Horticulture grapevine

- May 20** **7:30 pm, Ho-Ho-Kus Garden Club**, Ho-Ho-Kus Community Church, 400 Warren Ave., Ho-Ho-Kus. Entrance on Sycamore Avenue. Speaker: MG Arnie Friedman. Topic: Landscape design with respect for the environment. For more information, call Susan Robertson, 201-652-0729.
- May 22** **7 pm, Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club**, senior citizen meeting room, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights. Speaker: Terry McGarty, day lily hybridizer for 30 years. Topic: Hybridizing day lilies. Refreshments and greetings at 6:30 pm.