



SAVE THE DATE

May 24

ALL ABOUT FUNGI (MUSHROOMS)



WALK AND TALK

MAY 24, 3 - 5 pm McFaul Environmental Center,
150 Crescent Ave., Wyckoff

Meet in front of the Environmental Center. \$15 for Master Gardeners. You **must** preregister and pay before the event! *No money can be exchanged at McFaul.*

Register at

<https://www.catskillfungi.com/mushroom-walks.html>

For directions to McFaul, go to <http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/DocumentCenter/View/498>.

Lecture to follow at 7:30 pm at the MG monthly meeting

1 Bergen County Plaza, 1st-floor meeting room, Hackensack

Refreshments at 7 pm.

John Michelotti is a mushroom guy. He resides in Big Indian, NY, on a family farm where he cultivates (both indoors and outdoors) mushrooms for their healthful components. He uses mushrooms to create health extractions that he sells online, in stores, and at farmers markets.

He owns a company called Catskill Fungi whose mission is to empower people through fungi via outdoor guided mushroom classes, cultivation courses, educational talks, private consultations, mushroom art, and mushroom health extractions.

John is the president of the Mid-Hudson Mycological Association (MHMA), Connecticut Westchester Mycological Association (COMA), Pioneer Valley Mycological Association, and North American Mycological Association (NAMA) as well as [Amazon Mycorenewal Project](#) researching the use of fungi to remediate oil spills in the Amazon rainforest.

He has visited more than a dozen mushroom farms in the US, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Ecuador. From small scale to the largest mushroom producer in the US, John has led cultivation workshops in NY, Rhode Island, NJ, and Austin, TX.

He is a member of the Mushroom Advisory Panel for [Certified Naturally Grown](#) (a farm assurance program), which is developing standards for best practices in ecological mushroom production.

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Useful Links

Many local garden centers give discounts to MGs. See the list at mgofbc.org/useful-links.html. Bring your membership card when shopping.

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From the President's



Desk

2007 is when I first learned about the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Training Program, so I called and scheduled an interview with Joel Flagler and Dail Reid. It was at this time I first met Dail and was blown away by her knowledge of horticulture and insects. Now fast forward six months and I'm sitting in a small office answering Help Line calls on topics I have little to no knowledge of, so I would take my elementary questions to Dail's office, and she would teach me how to ask the right questions in order to find the best answers. It was at this point I realized how valuable she was to the RCE and to me. Even after I graduated, she has been a wonderful source of information and guidance over the years.

Since becoming a Master Gardener in 1998, Dail has worked as the Horticultural Consultant of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, and it is with bittersweet emotions I announce she will be retiring in June. Joel will have a field trip to Rohsler's Nursery with the MG students where we will have a little "thank you" gathering. Food and refreshments will be served, so please mark your calendar and join us on June 10 from 10 am to noon, at 100 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale.

Best wishes to Dail in her retirement!



It is with pleasure I also announce that her replacement is another Master Gardener of Bergen County: Joe Papa.

Congratulations to our fellow Master Gardeners.

- Joseph Cooper

MG OF BC NEWS

YOU ARE INVITED

Rutgers Executive Dean of Agriculture and National Resources Bob Goodman

invites you to a reception to celebrate

the Rutgers Gardens Centennial

Tuesday, May 17, 2 - 5 pm

Roy DeBoer Evergreen Garden

Rutgers Gardens

140 Log Cabin Road
New Brunswick 08901

Please register to attend by May 10 by clicking below:

[Rutgers Gardens Centennial Celebration](#)

RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF BERGEN COUNTY

Master Gardener program spring syllabus

All classes are 10 am - noon in the Learning Center on the 4th floor of 1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, except as noted with an *.

***May 6** Hands-on Planting; Ridgewood Duck Pond County Park: Joel Flagler. Bring shovel and gloves; lunch provided.

May 13 Plant Propagation; Physiology II: Joel Flagler

May 20 Stormwater Management; Rain Gardens: Madeline Flahive DiNardo, RCE Union County

May 27 Topic to be announced

***June 3** Hands-on Native Planting with Bergen Audubon at Overpeck County Park; Joel Flagler, Don Torino

Enter Overpeck Park from Fort Lee Road; proceed toward Equestrian Center. (Do not go to the right to the New Overpeck.). Stay to the left; go straight along property border to the back until you can't drive any further. Park and walk in from there. Shovels and gloves are appropriate for this detail.

***June 10** Field trip to Rohsler's Allendale Nursery, 100 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale; Joel Flagler

***June 17** Field trip to Skylands Botanical Garden; meet at 10 am in parking lot A rain or shine; dress for walking; Joel Flagler

November MG Graduation at the McFaul Environmental Center, Wyckoff

VOLUNTEER SITE NEWS



The Hermitage

By Monica Buesser

The Master Gardeners at the Hermitage will have a plant exchange/sale at the "garage sale." Admission is \$1. All proceeds from our table will be used to help our Eagle Scout candidate finance and build a new shed for us.

Please bring us your unwanted hostas, ferns, spring bulbs, herbs, native plants, etc. Donated plants can be left at the Hermitage at any time starting Tuesday, May 31. Leave the labeled plants in the bed at the north end of the parking lot behind the new rock wall. Thank you!

We will find a happy home for the donated plants. Pick up an herb plant or some tea. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Teas & Tours will start in mid- to late May depending on interest and availability. Contact me for more information at mkbuesser@gmail.com.

The expansion of the kitchen garden has been approved by the state. We will be removing the grass, turning over the bed, mulching, lining the bed with bricks, and finally planting more herbs. Lots of different projects to do. Please come help us Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:30 am - noon.

HORTICULTURE NEWS

ASHES, ASHES, THEY ALL FALL DOWN



May 5, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Seminar, Ridgewood Library auditorium, 125 N. Maple Ave., Ridgewood

Ash trees are being threatened by the emerald ash borer (EAB). These large, beautiful, and valuable trees have been killed in large numbers by this small green beetle that targets ash trees. EAB has been detected in Bergen County. Come to this seminar that will help you identify ash trees in your neighborhood that are at risk. A discussion will focus on strategies to manage EAB and save your high-value ash trees before it is too late.

This meeting is free and open to the public and is approved for two Community Forestry Program CEUs.

6:30 - 7 pm: Paul Kurtz, NJ Department of Agriculture; biology of EAB, where it is currently found in NJ, how to recognize signs and symptoms.

7 - 7:30 pm: Pam Zipse, Rutgers Urban Forestry Program; NJ EAB Task Force response to EAB in terms of insect surveys, ash tree surveys and inventories, decision support tools, and public outreach.

7:30 - 8 pm: Rosa Yoo, NJ DEP State Forest Service; guidance for municipal EAB management planning, treatment, and response options, wood use, and disposal.

8 - 8:30 pm: Q&A panel

Register to attend by contacting the Ridgewood Shade Tree Commission/Department at **201-670-5565** or parks.shadetree@ridgewoodnj.net.

- Monica Buesser

MG OF BC TRIPS AND TOURS



Tuesday, May 31 Flying Trillium Gardens and Preserve

Flying Trillium Gardens and Preserve includes more than 300 trees and shrubs native to the Northeast, including unusual cultivated varieties, hybrids, and more than 75 dwarf conifers.

Flying Trillium Gardens and Preserve is located at 106 Bradley Road, Liberty, NY, in Sullivan County. The gardens are an ongoing work by author, teacher, and landscape designer Carolyn Summers. Throughout her career, Carolyn has been acutely aware of the need for clients, DIY homeowners, and designers to be able to see how lovely native plants are when used in garden settings.

The Catskills — mostly in a Zone 5 climate — makes an excellent test for fitness and hardiness. Large areas of the property are preserved to protect native flora in their natural habitats, along with the wildlife that depend on them.

Suggested donation: \$5 or more. For more information and to sign up, email josie_ko1@hotmail.com. Sign up by May 21. Directions and lunch venue will be given to participants. <http://www.flyingtrillium.com>



Tuesday, June 28

LongHouse Reserve

Founded by [Jack Lenor Larsen](#), internationally known

textile designer, author, and collector. His home, LongHouse — located on 16 acres in East Hampton, NY — was built as a case study to exemplify a creative approach to contemporary life. He believes that visitors experiencing art in living spaces have a unique learning experience, more meaningful than the best media. Inspired by the famous Japanese shrine at Ise, LongHouse contains 13,000 square feet with 18 spaces on four levels. The gardens present the designed landscape as an art form and offer a diversity of sites for the sculpture installations.

Click on [About Longhouse Reserve](#) or watch LongHouse Reserve on [YouTube](#).

\$70 tour, bus, and lunch (gratuities included)

For reservations, email josie_ko1@hotmail.com to ensure your place. Make your check, for \$70 per person, payable to Master Gardeners of Bergen County. Mail to: Bruce Walencyk, Master Gardeners of Bergen County, PO Box 542, Glen Rock, NJ 07452-0542. Or present your check in person at the monthly MG meeting.

Sign-ups will be effective when payment is received.

The meeting place and time will be emailed to all participants.

GARDEN CLUB TRIPS AND TOURS

Sunday, May 15 Tour of Oliver Nurseries, Fairfield, CT, and Gilbertie's Herb Garden, Westport, CT

Sponsor: Watnong Chapter, North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS)

Lori Chips of Oliver Nurseries will demonstrate trough planting of alpines. There will be time for shopping at both nurseries.

The bus leaves from Morristown at 8 am and Oakland at 8:30 am. The bus returns to Morristown no later than 6 pm.

Cost: \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members (includes a one-year membership in the Watnong Chapter of NARGS). For information and registration, contact Noel Schulz, programs director, at noelschulz@verizon.net or 201-445-6445.

Wednesday, June 8 Bus trip to Chanticleer Garden, Wayne, PA Sponsor: Wyckoff Area Garden Club (WAGC)

\$55 for the bus and tour

\$70 for the bus, tour, and box lunch from a gourmet deli

To reserve your spot on the bus, please make check payable to WAGC and include your email address and phone number and mail to: Fran Di Giorgio, 164 Greenhaven Road, Wyckoff, NJ 07481.

Questions? Write to Catie Farahat at cwfarahat@scatteringlight.com.

Wednesday, June 15 Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton

Sponsor: Tenafly Garden Club

\$35 per person

For reservations, call Carole Hodges at 201-266-8452.

PLANT SALES

New Jersey Botanical Garden - Skylands

April 30-May 1, 9:45 am - 4 pm

Sunday, May 8, 9:45 am - 4 pm

Garden Club of Teaneck

April 30-May 8, at the greenhouse next door to 296 Lindbergh Boulevard

Sat./Sun.: 9 am - 3 pm; Mon. /Wed.: 9 am - noon;

Tues./Thurs./Fri.: 5 - 8 pm

House plants, annuals, perennials, herbs, and veggies; new this year: succulents, NJ natives, wild flowers, and more. For directions:

www.gardenclubofteaneck.org/PlantSale.html

Cash and checks only.

Glen Rock Garden Club

Saturday, May 7, 9 am - 1 pm

Main Line train station parking lot, Rock Road, Glen Rock. Annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, tomatoes, and other plants.

Oakland Garden Club

Saturday, May 7 rain or shine, 8 am - 2 pm

On the grounds of Ponds Reformed Church, Oak Street and Route 202, Oakland.

Ho-Ho-Kus Garden Club

Saturday, May 14, 9 am - noon; rain date May 21

On the Green by the Ho-Ho-Kus Inn, Franklin Turnpike and Sycamore Avenue. Perennials from members' gardens, assorted plantings, garden art and treasures, bake sale. Information: 201-447-9788 or 201-612-9534.

THE GARDEN CLUB GRAPEVINE

- May 2** **7 pm, Sun Dial Garden Club**, Meadowbrook Elementary School, 50 Piermont Road, Hillsdale. Topic: A virtual tour of [Laurelwood Arboretum](#). Speaker: A representative of Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum.
- May 2** **11:30 am, Tenafly Garden Club**, Davis Johnson Park and Gardens, Engle Street and Westervelt Avenue. Topic: Garden State gardens. Speaker: Edith Wallace.
- May 5** **7:30 pm, Garden Club of Harrington Park**, Harrington Park Library, 10 Herring St. Topic: Art and design in the small garden. Speaker: Janet Schulz.
- May 10** **7 pm, Ramsey Area Garden Club**, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 55 Wyckoff Ave., corner of Woodland Avenue, across from the Ramsey Library. Topic: From dwarfs to giants - the many faces of hostas. Speaker, Suzy Ludwig.
- May 11** **7 pm, Oakland Garden Club and Wyckoff Area Garden Club**, Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland. Topic: Let's welcome spring. Speaker: Cathy Miller, former White House floral designer and member of the Wyckoff Area Garden Club.
- May 17** **7 pm, Backyard Garden Club**, sponsored by the Friends of the River Vale Free Public Library, River Vale Library, 412 Rivervale Road. Topic: Water conservation and the benefits of planning a xeriscape garden. Speaker: Sonja Clark, director of community outreach, SUEZ North America.
- May 17** **7:45 pm, Glen Rock Garden Club**, Glen Rock Municipal Annex, 678 Maple Ave. Topic: Native ferns. Speaker: Jean Epiphan.
- May 23** **7:30 pm, Ho-Ho-Kus Garden Club**, Community Church of Ho-Ho-Kus, 400 Warren Ave. Topic: Container gardening. Speaker: Lauren Faustini.

June 5 **9 am - 4 pm (rain date June 12) Hoboken Secret Garden Tour;** annual guided walking tour featuring up to 10 Hoboken gardens. Tickets \$25 in advance or \$30 on day of tour. For advance tickets, call the Hoboken Historical Museum at 201-656-2240 or buy online at www.hobokenmuseum.org or <http://bit.ly/GardenTour2016>. Volunteers are needed. Call the museum for more information, or email volunteer@hobokenmuseum.org.

Contact Lucy Malka at lhalka@optonline.net or 201-791-3562 to submit information for the Garden Club Grapevine. Publications deadline is no later than the 25th of the prior month.

THE PLANT SOCIETY GRAPEVINE

- May 21** **4 pm, Bergen Passaic Chapter Native Plant Society,** Celery Farm, Allendale. Nature hike led by Michael Limatola, marsh warden. <http://celeryfarm.net/>
- May 22** **9:45 am, Bergen Bonsai Society,** Closter Nature Center, 154 Ruckman Road, Closter. Topic: Well-known bonsai artist Chase Rosade will work all day with club members to develop and improve their trees. Non-members are welcome, especially those interested in learning more about bonsai. Chase has run his own bonsai center near New Hope, PA, for many years and has been very influential in promoting bonsai. Website: BergenBonsai.com. Information: Marlene Cuniberti, 201-569-8731.
- May 25** **7 pm, Bergen Passaic Chapter Native Plant Society,** Bergen Regional Medical Center auditorium, 230 E. Ridgewood Ave., Paramus. Topic: Registering your backyard as a Bergen County Audubon Certified Wildlife Garden. Speaker Don Torino. Information: www.bergencountyaudubon.org/cwg.
- May 26** **7:30 pm, Bergen County African Violet Society,** Old North Reformed Church, 120 Washington Ave., Dumont. Topic: Panel of expert AV growers will advise how to prepare AVs for summer; tricky tray auction. Information: Sharon Lynch at violetmom@optonline.net or 201-784-9501.

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Please share photos of your volunteer work or of your garden. We would all like to see photos of Master Gardeners at work either at volunteer sites or in home gardens.