



Ringwood Garden Club Newsletter

February 2026

President's Message

Sure enough, every February 2, just like clockwork, many of us—especially me—are eager to learn whether Punxsutawney Phil has spotted his early-morning shadow and retreated for another six weeks of winter. Well, you may have heard the news: Last week Punxsutawney Phil did see his shadow this year.

So, it looks like it's time to make another hearty pot of homemade soup and keep those warm sweaters lined up, because winter is here to stay a little longer. Snow, single-digit temperatures... brrr! Thankfully, we can start counting down the days until the first day of spring.

*As you receive this newsletter in your inbox, we will have **36 days** left until spring. Who's counting? (Hint: probably all of us!) (days as of 2/12/26)*

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 17th, looking forward to seeing you!

Until then...

*Good health and happiness,
Pam*



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**February General Meeting is on Tuesday, February 17th at 6 PM
Ringwood Public Library, lower-level meeting room**

Plant and Container Exchange

We encourage all club members that are attending to take a break from the winter chill and dream of spring, plants, garden planning!

This mid-winter gathering will showcase our members' house plants and flowerpots. Each member will choose from their home a plant and a flowerpot to enter into an exchange with members during the meeting.

A lottery method with free tickets will add to the fun.

Please bring your plant protected from the cold weather, a plastic bag or covered box can keep it safe and warm!

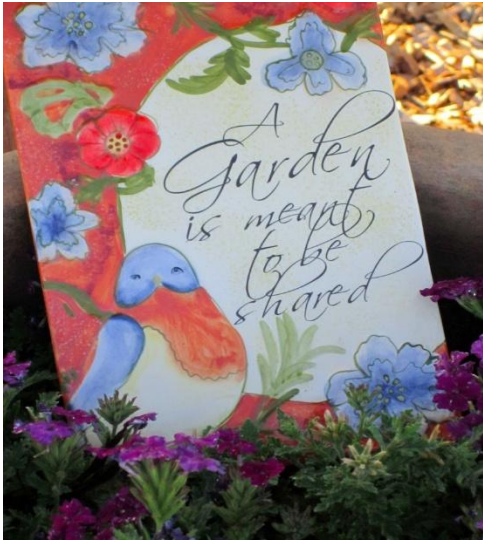
A "how to care" card or sheet with the name of your plant will be an added touch!

Savory or Sweets: Members

Beverages: Paula Evans

Florals: Jane Nielsen





A warm welcome to our newest members!

Penny Mohamed & Ronia Mohamed

*We all look forward to sharing ,
creating, planting, volunteering and
getting to know each of you.*



Many thanks to Renate Gudat for hosting the January Garden Club workshop! Renate provided an array of dried grasses, lavender, pods and more for members to create a door swag or display for a vase. Members were busy designing each unique and personal arrangement. As you can see in the photo this was a wonderful winter workshop!



Newsletter Photos



Gardens will soon be blooming... Take a picture and share it with the club!

Each month it is nice to show pictures taken by our members. If you have any digital photos to share you can email or text them to Pam. Need some ideas? Our members have shared photos of flowers, plants, displays, centerpieces from their home or travels.

Winter get away... Pam and Dan recently escaped two winter snowfalls and lots of very cold weather for a Central Caribbean cruise.

On one of the excursions a visit to the Carambola Botanical Gardens and Nature Trails in Sandy Bay Roatan, Costa Rica was extremely interesting.

The gardens, which began in 1985, showcased a wide variety of exotic plants. This garden is situated along the banks of “Mahogany Creek” bridges it connects walkways that led us through areas of ferns, spices, fruit trees such as cashew, cacao trees, hardwood trees, one which was just awesome to me, the Honduran mahogany. I was amazed by the inside of the mahogany tree pods (picture below).





The colors were so rich and beautiful



Star Fruit



Member Information Updates

The club is requesting you inform us if there are any changes with your current information for the annual Yearbook and the GCNJ Membership.

Any questions please reach out to Carol Wrede, Membership Chair: 201-341-7588 or email: wredekc@aol.com

Notes for your yearbooks: newest member information-

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Happy February Birthday to our following members.

Ronia Mohamed 1/18

Janice Schwarz 2/25



Please note: March meeting for the Garden Club has a change of date:
We will have the meeting on **Tuesday, March 24th at 6pm** .

Our guest speaker, Rashmi Dhekne is a master gardener. Rashmi holds a Bachelor's degree and a Master in Science in zoology with specialization in Genetics.

Her talk **"The Tick Talk"**- Rashmi will discuss the types of ticks in NJ and their impact on humans.

Sweets or Savory: Karen McNierny-Eskholme

Beverages: Barbara Sanford

Florals: Anet Mandarano

If you are unable to provide a refreshment, beverage, floral piece please reach out to a club member to request their help!

EVERY GARDEN (CLUB) NEEDS SUNSHINE!

If any of you know of a club member who has become ill, lost a loved one, or needs our aid, please get in touch with our Sunshine Chairperson, Karen Vieth , cell: 973-800-4933 or email: karenyieth@icloud.com. This will enable Karen to take the appropriate steps to let our members know their fellow club members care and are thinking of them.

Home, Gardening and Living info and more:



Many Thanks to Renate Gudat for providing Gardening information !

Please see the attachment of the recent article from Bruce Crawford for February garden notes.