



Ringwood Garden Club Newsletter

MAY 2026

President's Message

Dear Members,

May is here, and gardening is in full swing for many of us. There is something truly magical about watching the newness of nature unfold. Trees begin in soft hues of green and, in the blink of an eye, are full of leaves, creating a natural umbrella in our gardens. These are moments of awe and wonder that bring so many smiles.

The expression “stop and smell the roses” feels especially fitting this time of year. It reminds us to slow down in our busy days, relax, and enjoy the beauty and simple pleasures around us rather than rushing through life. Nature offers the perfect remedy—we simply need to step outside and embrace it.

April was a busy month for our garden club. Several of our members participated in a wonderful volunteer planting project at Van Dyk Assisted Living. The photos in this newsletter highlight the creativity and care that went into the planting designs. This project would not have been possible without the generous contributions of plants from our members, for which I am truly grateful.

June is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to our annual end-of-year gathering, planned for Sunday, June [insert date]. More details will be shared soon—we hope to see many of you there as we celebrate another wonderful year together.

Warmest wishes,
Pam



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You can tell the weather is warming and spring is happening by the sweet sounds of birds in our gardens and trees.

PLANNING & SCHEDULING

MAY GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT 6PM
Ringwood Public Library

Presenter: Orrin Sheehan

Program: Little Island

Orrin Sheehan is the Head of Horticulture at Little Island in New York City. During his program, Orrin will take gardeners on a compelling look into the innovative landscape of this amazing floating public park on Pier 55. Little Island is a cultural haven built on nature and art and the accessibility to all.

Orin will share the story behind its architecture, its immersive views of the Hudson River, and the horticultural principles that make Little Island a vibrant urban sanctuary.

Sweet or Savory: Karen Vieth

Beverages: Deb Manfredonia

Florals: Mary Jo Sichak

📌 Friendly Reminder 🌿

If you are scheduled to bring Sweets/ savory refreshments, beverages or florals but find yourself unable to attend, please take a moment to reach out to another club member for assistance. Your contribution helps make our gatherings warm and welcoming for everyone!

Thank you for being a thoughtful part of the **Ringwood Garden Club!**

Membership

LAST CALL !!!! Annual Garden Club Dues 🌿

A heartfelt **thank you** to all members who have already submitted their dues! Your contributions help sustain the vibrant programs and initiatives that make our club special.

How are your dues used?

- 🌸 Support engaging program presenters
- 🎨 Fund supplies for our Holiday Open House
- 📖 Contribute to Library & community outreach projects
- 📰 Cover membership dues for the Garden Club of NJ (which includes a GCNJ newsletter!)

Your participation helps keep our club thriving and ensures an enriching year for all. Thank you for being a valued part of the **Ringwood Garden Club.**



Happy Birthday to Karla Nugent celebrating her birthday on May 24th



THANK YOU TO THERESA McCABE FOR HER BEAUIFUL GARDEN AND FLOWER PHOTOS FOR YOU TO ENJOY!



AFTERNOON GARDENING AND GATHERING

Our Ringwood Garden Club gardening afternoon at Van Dyk Park Place on April 23, 2026 was a truly wonderful experience shared among our members and the residents. The project, centered around the ElderGro raised indoor garden planter, provided a beautiful canvas for creativity, allowing both members and residents to come together to plant and design.

The shared vision of our gardeners, along with the thoughtful addition of a handmade garden fairy house gifted by Mary Jo Sichak, created a planted landscape filled with whimsy and imagination. This special touch brought a sense of joy and wonder to all who participated, as well as to those who will continue to nurture the plants and enjoy their growing beauty.

A very special thank you to Jean Stark, Theresa McCabe, Renate Gudat, Mary Jo Sichak, Ceazonia Dyer, Gerry Shuman, Karla Nugent, Kathie Hetherington, and Pam for generously providing the plants that brought the residents' garden to life.

We are especially grateful to Ceazonia, Kathie, and Gerry for their tremendous help in arranging the planter and turning it into a vibrant and joyful display. Their efforts helped create something truly special—bringing many smiles to everyone who took part.

It was a fantastic and memorable afternoon for all.





Yes! Save Sunday, June 28th for our annual Garden Club June gathering. Details for the afternoon will be sent to all members in the next few weeks.



EVERY GARDEN (CLUB) NEEDS SUNSHINE!

If you know of a club member who is facing illness, grieving a loss, or simply in need of a little sunshine, please reach out to our Sunshine Chairperson, Karen Vieth. She can be contacted at 973-800-4933 or via email at karenyieth@icloud.com. Your kindness will allow Karen to take thoughtful steps to ensure our members feel supported and reminded that their club community cares.

Library Plantings

🌱 **Let's Plant!** 🌱 We are looking for Volunteers !

Join us for our annual planter planting at the **Ringwood Public Library's back reading garden** . This year we will plant on Tuesday, June 2nd with a weather alternate of June 4th. Our theme will be red, white, and blue displays. Help is requested in finding plants at garden nurseries that will thrive in the planters.

📅 **Arrival Time:** 10 AM

🕒 **Duration:** About 2 hours

We'll start by pruning, clearing out weeds, and removing any remaining plants from last season. Then, we'll bring the space to life with fresh new plantings! Please bring your trowels, gardening gloves, and shears. Pam will bring electric blower for cleaning up and large garbage bags. Pam will bring the plants that are purchased.

The **library staff are thrilled** to have our club involved and has kindly offered to handle watering throughout the season. We'd love to have a few members lend a hand and make this garden flourish!

🌸 **Interested in helping?** Let Pam know!

Home, Gardening and Living info and more:



Out and about....

Area garden club Plant Sale :



Step Into Our Gardens Tour 2026



THE WYCKOFF AREA GARDEN CLUB

presents

Step into
our Gardens



To benefit The Sally Ditton Memorial Scholarship Fund and other ongoing club projects.

Sunday, June 14, 2026

10 am to 4 pm (Rain or Shine)

To Purchase Tickets

Mail-in Registration To secure your tickets, please click this link [WAGC Garden Tour](#) to download the Registration Form. Complete the form and mail it along with your check (payable to WAGC) to:

WAGC 715 Galloping Hill Road Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Please ensure all mail-in registrations are received by June 1.

Tickets are \$25 per person (ages 16 and under are free). Please note: All ticket requests must include a completed registration form to be processed.

Venmo Marina Kunkera @WACGardens

Please put the names of the attendees in "What's this for?".

Ticket Pickup

Tickets are to be picked up either Saturday, June 13 or Sunday, June 14 from 9 am to 11 am at the Wyckoff Public Library (200 Woodland Avenue, Wyckoff). Tickets will also be on sale at that time \$25 on June 13; \$30 on June 14.

Reading material in link below:

Peony Expert

By Kathleen Gagan

Proprietor of Peony's Envy

The Perfect Perennial: A Guide to Choosing and Growing Peonies

Morris County Park Commission

By Bruce Crawford

Horticultural Manager

By Any Name, Truly A Green Mulch

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