A Message From The President

I am so thrilled that we finally had our "Fall Hort Show". It turned out to be a very good show with many more houseplants than we expected. Our speaker, Reverend Seidel, was excellent. Obviously he loves what he does! Thank you to our hostesses Kathy Andrews, Betty Hackman, Elisabeth Loiseaux and Peggy Tyler. It was wonderful to see everyone after the summer and chat over coffee and other goodies. Hopefully we will see even more members in October!

- Mary

Horticulture

Our September horticulture show was a big success! Thank you and congratulations to everyone who participated. The judges commented that the quality of our entries was outstanding and the staging perfect!

In the Shakespeare Garden last June, Evie Madsen planted a coloquintes melon (an ancient cucurbit mentioned in Othello). After some yellow blossoms appeared, several round, green melons grew on the vine. The melons received a second place at the Harvest Show and first place at our in-house show. Phyllis Alexander's unusual ceropgia, a succulent vine, won a blue in the houseplant division.

Don't forget that we have a propagation workshop scheduled for Monday, October 15th, at the Freylinghuysen Arboretum from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. We will be propagating plants in the rosacea family in preparation for the plant exchange. Please come since we'll need all the help we can get in growing plants! RSVP to Phyllis Alexander at 725-2286 so we'll know how many of you are coming.

Now that the chilly weather is in the air, you may wish to stay indoors and while away the hours reading a good gardening book! I recently finished Jamaica Kincaid's My Garden Book and highly recommend it. Another favorite is "Mrs. Whaley and Her Charleston Garden". Both books are available in paperback. How about a garden catalogue? Mary Kent has some catalogues from the Rare Find Nursery, a nursery we visited in Jackson, NJ. If you're interested in unusual rhododendrons and azaleas, this is a great source.

Hope to see you at the workshop on Monday, October 15th!

- Phyllis
Many thanks to Jeanne Turner who entered the Harvest Show and won a second place with her beautiful Tussie-Mussie!

I will be passing around the schedule for our January In-House show in October.
- Tucker

There is a Zone IV Conservation meeting being held Monday, October 26th at 1:00 p.m. at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. Anyone wishing to accompany me is welcome. In addition, The Zone IV Conservation Committee is looking for any member concerns about New Jersey conservation issues. If you know of something in our area that the committee should be aware of, please advise me and I will bring it to the committee's attention.
- Susan

Membership update: Beth Harbaugh has unfortunately resigned. Lauren Shepard was unable to accept membership due to changed circumstances. Diane Carpenter's status has been changed to affiliate from active, and I am saddened to report the death in July of our affiliate member Dottie Davis (Mrs. F. Edgar). Also, please add Susan Fraser's email as: skf729@aol.com and change Kathy Andrews to:
kathyandrewsetal@home.com.
- Jane

Program
- October 17th - 9:00 am
  Coffee, at the home of Mrs. William Shepherd
Conservation Meeting - Wetlands Boat Tour 11:00 am -1:30 pm

- November 15th (Note: Thursday!) - 8:30 am
  Meet at home of Mrs. Ronald Kent
Tour of Metropolitan Museum - 10:00 am
Mrs. Butzi Moffitt - "Art In Flowers-Flowers In Art"
Lunch at GCA Headquarters

- December 5th - 9:00 am
  Coffee - Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church
Wreath Making - One for you, one for charity
Bring your favorite houseplant

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It was disappointing that our Wetlands trip was cancelled. We did get a very informative talk about the area from our guide. We will try to reschedule for some time next spring. Judy Boggess, the National Committee Chair for National Affairs and Legislation, is speaking to Garden Club of the Oranges and Summit Garden Club on November 8, 9:30 a.m. in Summit at St. John's Church, 587 Summit Ave. The invitation to attend her talk has been extended to any of our club members who wish to hear her speak. If you are interested, please call me. I would love to have someone from our club go and report back about her talk.

November brings our trip to the "Met" and lunch at G.C.A. Headquarters - always a special treat! See you then or in the garden!

- Mary Kent

 Horticulture

The Zone IV hort meeting was fun and informative. At the meeting, I received a Directory of Gardening Resources compiled by the horticulture committee of the GCA (1999). This book is available for members to borrow and is a fabulous source for nurseries and gardens all over the country.

The Summit Club is planning a small flower show in May 2002. Their hort chairman gave us some Oxalis regnellii var. triangularis bulbs to try growing for the show. This is a purple-leaved, ink flowered oxalis grown primarily for its foliage. Please let me know if you'd like to try some; it's supposed to be an easy houseplant that can summer on your patio.

Here's an idea for a sunny kitchen window. If you have old grocery store garlic and it has sprouted, you can separate the cloves and plant them snuggly together in a pot. Snip the young shoots that come up and toss them into salads or onto baked potatoes.

Latin Lesson: Latin cues will help you determine if a plant is suited to your garden. Some of the words translate in an obvious way, but I listed them anyway, just for fun:

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| Reptans, repens      | hanging        |
| Robusta              | creeping       |
| Scandens             | robust         |
| Suffructicosa        | climbing       |
| Tunua                | shrubby        |
| Thin                 |                |
How are your cuttings doing? Katie Hines told us at the Zone meeting that there are several strict rules about overwintering cuttings. They must not dry out and they must not freeze and they must not be in direct sunlight.

- Phyllis Alexander

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**Flower Arranging**

At the October meeting I passed out the schedule for our January In-House Flower Show ... several of our members have already entered! Thank you very much to them! Please call me if you need a schedule and I will make sure you receive one.

- Tucker Trimble

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**Conservation**

On October 29th, I attended the first annual meeting of the Zone IV Conservation/NA: Committee at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum. The meeting focused on what the New Jersey clubs could be doing "in our own backyards". It was suggested that club members complete a questionnaire prepared by Brown University Environmental Studies. These surveys will be passed out at the next meeting and our anonymous answers tallied to see how our club approaches conservation. The committee feels this will be a very "personal" way for our members to rethink how each of us can protect our environment.

Conservation Fact of the Month: How many cars do you estimate travel around the Morristown Green on a daily business day?

a. 20,000  
b. 30,000  
c. 80,000  
d. 50,000

Give up? An astounding 80,000 vehicles round the Green each day. New Jersey has the greatest number of traveled paved roads in the country.

- Susan Fraser

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