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Master Gardener Meeting

Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 7pm
Totowa Business Center, Suite 250
Totowa, NJ

Meet us for an early dinner at 5pm

Miranda's Café
Route 23 North, Wayne NJ
Allow 15 minutes to get to the meeting

“Landscape Design” with Wayne Cahilly

Wayne Cahilly is the manager of the Institutional Mapping Department of The New York Botanical Garden. He is a graduate of the School of Professional Horticulture and has worked at NYBG for nearly 24 years in the capacities of Botanical Garden Aide, Forest Manager, Lead Arborist, and Arboretum and Grounds Manager, prior to his present assignment.

He is the president of Cahilly's Horticultural Services, a consulting firm conducting tree inventories and structural analysis of potentially hazardous trees for public and private clients, as well as providing services in forensic arboriculture to the legal profession. He is a member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists, a professional organization whose membership provides similar services worldwide.

Cahilly resides in New Jersey with his wife, 5 children, Peaches the hound dog, and Cream the rabbit.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our MG Picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 22nd from 6–8 pm, at Edith Wallace's home. Details are enclosed.

DO YOU CARE?



Do you care about our environment? Do you care about birds? Do you care about native plants? Do you care about invasive plants? Douglas Tallamy, an entomologist (bug man) at the University of Delaware, makes the best case I have ever seen for caring and he makes practical suggestions for each of us, as gardeners, to “make a difference.” If you care, read his book *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens*. Beware: this book may change your thinking. - Edith Wallace

MASTER GARDENER ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Our annual plant sale, held on May 17, 2008 was very well received. All participants had a wonderful time preparing, labeling, and setting up. The day before the sale, we would not allow a little rain to spoil our parade. The day of the sale was absolutely beautiful; the sun god looked favorably on us all.

This was our most profitable sale to date. Thank you all Passaic County MGs and the Class of 2008. Without you this could not have happened. Also a round of applause for our chair-people: Jo-Ann Pituch, Leigh Brower, Jill Hanifan, Mari Striegel.



Now we can relax and see our beautiful plant purchases grow!!

MASTER GARDENER SWEATSHIRTS AND T-SHIRTS

We will order dark green sweatshirts and t-shirts about 5 days after you receive this issue of Green Times. The cost is \$12 for a t-shirt and \$23 for a sweatshirt. They come in small, medium, large, X-large, 2X and 3X large. Please email your request to em-wallace@wpunj.edu (unless you already have) or call me (Edith) at 201-444-2717. Some of the requests taken at the plant sale are confusing, so please confirm. The shirts will be ready by the time of the picnic or sooner.



MANY THANKS!

The hand gardening tools that were donated to Strengthen our Sisters are greatly appreciated by the women and children.

DIGGING IN THE PAST

“I grew up in Sweden. The first signs of spring were the most exciting times. The snow started to melt and the sun stayed up longer and longer each day. Tiny brave flowers appeared. One of the first was coltsfoot (Tussilago). This tough, small, yellow flower popped up in the mud between the melting ice decorating the side of our unpaved road. We picked a few and our mother put them in an egg-cup and placed it on the kitchen table. After moving to West Milford a dozen years ago, I was suddenly brought back to that simple and innocent time in my life. In the first springtime in our new home I saw them again! The coltsfoots were growing on the side of the road in front of our house just like they had in Sweden.”

Birgit Hellen, West Milford





RHUBARB PUDDING RECIPE

Our thanks to Jill Hanifan for providing a delicious rhubarb pudding for the volunteers at the MG Plant Sale on May 17th. Jill was kind enough to provide the recipe, which follows:

Ingredients: To make an 8" x 8" pan

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 egg • 1/8 teaspoon salt • 3/4 cup sugar • 3 cups rhubarb (about 1 pound) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/4 cup butter • 3/4 cup flour • 1/2 cup packed brown sugar |
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Directions:

1. Wash and cut rhubarb into 1/2 inch cubes. Place in a buttered pan.
2. Beat egg with sugar and salt until thick and yellow. Pour over rhubarb.
3. Mix last 3 ingredients to form a streusel. Sprinkle streusel over top.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

(To make a 9" x 13" pan just double the ingredients for an 8" x 8" pan.)

And for more ideas on ways to enjoy rhubarb, Edith Wallace provided the following recipe for rhubarb sauce:

RHUBARB SAUCE RECIPE

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 lb. rhubarb, cut into 1" pieces
- 1/2–2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water

Directions: Place rhubarb pieces in pot and cook until mushy, stirring occasionally. Good warm, cold, or over vanilla ice cream. Can be frozen after cooking; keeps for a long time. The cut-up stalks may be frozen and cooked at your convenience.

WOW!

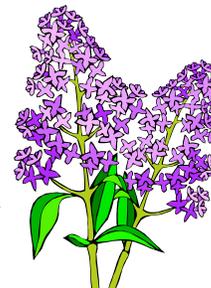
The Wonders of Wetlands educational workshop described on the enclosed sheet is an opportunity to earn continuing educational credits (5) and learn more about environmental education. It should be an interesting program.

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SAVE SOME SATURDAYS FOR FUN AND LEARNING IN THE NJBG LILAC GARDEN

Dan Ryniec of Brooklyn Botanic Garden will join with us June 14 and 21 (rain date June 28) and again in the fall September 20 and 27 (rain date October 11). We begin about 9 in the morning and end after a light lunch. Come when you will, for as long as you can stay. Bring pruners. Our work of the past years made the lilac garden look even better this year. Hundreds of people enjoyed the results of our work Mother's Day weekend. We are appreciated. The tree lilacs are still in bloom, so look up if you visit the lilac garden this week.

Exciting news: Dan Ryniec and three basic scientists (including our speaker Dr. Susan Pell) from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden came to the NJBG lilac garden on May 22nd to collect samples. The lilac DNA will be analyzed and compared with that of known cultivars to aid in identification of our plants. Only the late blooming Preston lilacs are being studied.



A NEW ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN BLOOMS AT MORRIS CANAL PARK

Under the direction of Jack Kuepfer, five graduates of the MG Class of 2008 have designed and planted an English country garden at Morris Canal Park. Currently, the garden contains a combination of perennials, annuals, and hardscapes. The garden is still a work-in-progress, and a hedge border will be added in the fall in order to complete the look of an English country garden.

If you find yourself in the Clifton area, stop by the Morris Canal Park Nature Preserve to visit the new garden (located next to the parking lot). While you are there spend a little quiet time enjoying the park and all it has to offer.

For those of you who live in the Clifton area, your help at the Morris Canal Park is always welcome.

Jack extends his thanks to Denise Durkacs, Kathy Di Bianco, Kathleen Dubbells, Lisa Porter, and Regina Imperato for developing this new addition to the park.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Garden workshops at Eastside Park, Paterson will be held on July 19th, August 2nd, 9th, and 23rd, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

Elaine Barbour can provide you with lecture material and hands-on materials.

Contact Elaine at ebarbour@njaes.rutgers.edu for details and to sign up.

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