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FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Ridgewood Library Auditorium

Board Meeting 10:30 AM

Luncheon 12 Noon

LANDSCAPING LIGHTING

Jeff Jacobsen of Jacobsen Contractors
will show us how to enhance the look and functionality
of our landscape, gardens, water features, etc.
with very simple to very elaborate lighting.

HOSTESSES: Mandy Clark, Barbara Ferrante, Marcia Frifield,
Cynthia Halaby and Gail Modelski

If unable to attend, please notify Carol Lehmann, c414l@aol.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year it's taken me a bit longer to get into the holiday spirit, and I am now all in, thanks to all the recent snow! Mother Nature has awe inspiring power to impact us mere mortals and it's exhilarating every time!

I recently tapped into the holiday spirit at the wonderful Children's Evergreen Workshop, helping our young attendees create a personalized holiday decoration; and our decorating of Van Neste Square which has become a much loved Village tradition.

Thanks for bringing some WGR holiday cheer to our community and to each other at our lovely holiday luncheon at Ridgewood Country Club. Your gifts to the Center for Hope & Safety will help keep others warm this winter.

Wishing you all an joyful and meaningful holiday season!

Ho, ho, ho!

Jenny

THE STABLE GARDEN CLEAN-UP - NOVEMBER 17 - photo by Judith Field



Leslie Kolvek, Anthea Luter, Lisa Betancourt, Toni Cohen, Eileen Dowling and Eleanor Collins cleaned the Stable Garden.

SECRET GARDEN TOUR UPDATE - The first full committee Garden Tour meeting was held before the Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 6th. Happy to report we now have one premier sponsor, Tarvin Realtors, and 6 other committed tour sponsors, Bartlett Tree, Carleton Clinch, Gilsenan & Company, Green-Way Irrigation, Metropolitan Plant & Flower Exchange and Victoria's Nursery. Barbara Masarky and Lisa Betancourt are compiling a list of Non-WGR members as potential docents for the tour so please send contact info (name, address, phone and email address) directly to them. One last item is that we are accepting donations as "Friends of the Garden Tour" for any organization or individual who would like to make a donation but was not able to contribute at the Sponsor Level. We will acknowledge "Friends" but they will not have a logo on our printed material. If anyone has any questions or concerns about any of this info, please email me directly at mariagilosa@mindspring.com. We will have another committee meeting some time in the New Year.

WORK DAY AT THE LIBRARY GARDEN - NOVEMBER 28 - photos submitted by Judith Field



Judith Field, Eleanor Collins, Eileen Dowling, Debbie Engel, Judy Collins and Jeannette Wiener decorate the Library Garden.

DECORATE VAN NESTE PARK FOR THE HOLIDAYS - NOVEMBER 20 - *photos by Judith Field*



Cynthia Halaby, Ginny Bryan, Barbara Ferrante, Judy Scanlan, Irene Palatucci, Eleanor Collins, Lisa Betancourt, Bill and Sharon Gilsenan, Barbara French, Marianne Maher, Eileen Dowling, Jeanette Wiener, Maria Gilosa and Barbara Masarky tie down "gifts".

REMOVAL OF BOXES FROM VAN NESTE PARK - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 9-10:30 AM

Lots of help is needed to remove the holiday decorations from Van Neste Park. Bring scissors to cut the lines and a hammer to pull the stakes. Wear warm boots and gloves. Contact Eleanor Collins or Irene Palatucci.

THE NATIONAL CONSERVANCY OPEN DAY - DECEMBER 2, at Atlock Farms, Somerset - *photos submitted by Judith Field*



The "Experts in the Garden" featured Ken Selody, who presented the production and maintenance of topiary plants. WGR members attending were Debbie Engel, Lisa Betancourt, Sharon Gilsenan, Jenny Given, Judith Field.

WGR TRIP TO NEWPORT, RI - DECEMBER 5-6, Mansions decorated for Christmas - *photos submitted by Judith Field*



Lunch at the White Horse Tavern in Newport was enjoyed Betty Wiest, Ginny Bryan, Eileen Dowling and Judith Field. Pictured is the Marble House, one of four Gilded Age mansions decorated for Christmas and toured by WGR members.

GROUP LIBRARY ARRANGEMENT, DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 28 - *photo by Cynthia Halaby*



With Season's Greetings from:
Toni Cohen, Debbie Engel,
Barbara French, Marcia Frifield
and Cynthia Halaby. This winter
display was created for the
enjoyment of library patrons, and
will be left in place for three weeks
during the holiday season.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON - DECEMBER 8, at Ridgewood Country Club - photos by Judith Field



A festive holiday luncheon was served in a beautifully decorated room at the Ridgewood Country Club.

LIBRARY DESK FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS ON THURSDAYS

12/28 - Marge Garfield 1/18 - Phyllis Heilborn
1/4 - Sharon Gilsenan 1/25 Barbara Hyslop
1/11 - Jenny Given

EVERGREEN WREATH WORKSHOP FOR KIDS - DECEMBER 9, at the Stable - photo by Maria Gilosa



The children had a great time making wreaths to take home on a snowy day.

HELP WANTED - - -

PR Chairperson is needed. The goal of this job is to help educate the public about WGR and the many community services we perform. No previous experience is necessary, just a knowledge of club activities and willingness to forward photos and information to the media, primarily The Ridgewood News. Please contact Jenny Given at jgivfam@gmail.com or phone (201) 612-0508 with questions or to discuss further.

RESOURCE ROOM UPDATE - DECEMBER 12, at the Gatehouse in Habernickel Park - *photo by Judith Field*

Although there were no visitors who dropped by on the Open Day in December, Carol Lehman volunteered to help just in case. She donated a stack of gardening magazines. Judy Scanlan stopped in to donate many books, so the two newest bookcases are beginning to be filled. The next Open Day is Tuesday, January 9, 1-3 p.m. Contact Liz O'Leary or Judith Field to volunteer.

January 9 - OPEN	April 10 - Dianna Unver
February 13 - Maria Gilosa	May 8 - OPEN
March 13 - OPEN	June 12 - OPEN



MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING - DECEMBER 8, 2017

Following our December Holiday Luncheon President Jenny Given called to order a brief meeting. Attendance was not taken at this meeting.

Jenny thanked Janel Clinch for arranging our luncheon with the Ridgewood County Club. She also thanked the hostesses for the arrangement they made which will be given away. (The person whose chair had a ribbon tied to it would take home the arrangement. Jeannette Wiener won.)

Programs: Debbie Engel and Barbara French announced that our January speaker is going to be Jeff Jacobsen and he will be talking about landscape lighting. In March they are planning a workshop at Pinot's Palette where we will paint a tote bag with a peony on it. Details will be available in January.

Garden Tour: Maria Gilosa reported that Janel Clinch was able to get our sixth sponsor, Greenway/Sietsma. We now have one premier sponsor at \$1000 and 5 others at \$500 each. This goes a long way to covering our expenses. The garden tour committee met on Wednesday before the Board Meeting. Everything is going along well. All the committee positions are filled with the exception of publicity. We will begin working on the "invitation" which this year will be a tri-fold rather than a card. Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome.

Green Kids: Jenny reported that the fall programs were completed. Tomorrow, Saturday, Dec 9th is the Wreath Workshop. 25 kids are signed up to come and we have 12 volunteers to help.

Special Projects: Eleanor Collins let everyone know that we did have to move the boxes that had been installed at the Oak Street entrance to Van Neste at the request of Janet Fricke so that the creche could be placed there. The Oak Leaf Hydrangea was also cut down to make room for the creche. The Club will follow up on that.

We are also applying for a permit to store the ribbons and wrapping paper for the boxes in the basement of the Gatehouse at Habernickel.

Executive Vice President's Report: Sharon Gilsenan reported that she and other WGR members had gone to Atlock Farm on one of the Garden Conservancy Open Days. They shopped and attended a workshop on how to start and maintain a topiary.

Library Arrangement: The Library Lobby display was put up on Wednesday, Dec 6. A small winter vignette with a season's greetings poster and small lights and plants.

Trips: Betty West and 3 other WGR members took an overnight trip to Newport, RI and visited 4 open houses decorated for the holidays. It was a wonderful trip.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Cohen, Co-Recording Secretary

Photo submitted by Betty Wiest



*Happy Holidays from the
Women Gardeners of Ridgewood*