

Topiary Times

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I first want to applaud our wonderful holiday decorating efforts in Van Neste -- they added so much holiday spirit to the central business district -- well done Eleanor, Irene & crew! I think we all earned a collective exhale after the hectic holiday season and it is now time to take a breath, albeit a cold one, before we set our sights on our upcoming Garden Tour on June 3. Plans for the tour are well underway in the capable hands of Maria Gilosa and her committee. Please join in and help us make this important WGR initiative a success -- our project funding is depending on it! And if anyone has any influence with the weather gods -- let us know!!

Hope to see you all at the Feb. 2 monthly meeting. Stay safe and warm, and enjoy the quiet beauty of the winter season.

Jenny

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Ridgewood Library Auditorium

Board Meeting 10:30 AM

Luncheon 12 Noon

NO MOW - For A Better Environment

Learn to use strategies to increase diversity and reduce pollution while building a beautiful landscape.

Explore the design of beds and use of plants to create a 'water wise' property.

Business Meeting

HOSTESSES: Lisa Betancourt, Debbie Engel, Judith Field, Barbara French and Samara Saunders

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

REMOVAL OF BOXES FROM VAN NESTE PARK - JANUARY 3

Due to a computer glitch, some WGR members were not notified in time when the work session was cancelled. In spite of the bitter cold, Jenny Given, Lisa Betancourt, Maria Gilosa, Judy Scanlan and Cynthia Halaby removed the wrapped boxes from Van Neste Park. They were able to save many that were in good shape and transported them to the shed at Habernickel Park. They will eventually be placed in the family room in the basement under the HealthBarn kitchen, which has been permitted by the Ridgewood Parks and Rec department.

LIBRARY DESK FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS ON THURSDAYS

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| 1/18 - Phyllis Heilborn | 2/8 - Leslie Kolvek |
| 1/25 - Barbara Hyslop | 2/15 Carol Lehman |
| 2/1 - Joan Kokoska | 2/22 - Anthea Luter |

NJ FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW - "Color the World" FEBRUARY 22-25 at NJ Convention & Expo Center, Edison, NJ

CHANGES FOR 2017/2018 YEARBOOK

Please contact Judith Field, judithwfield2@gmail.com, with any corrections, changes or additions for the yearbook.

(Page 10) Catherine Donnelly has moved and her new contact info is: 40 Homewood Drive, Hampton Bays, NY 11946 Phone 201-280-8959

(Page 11) Judith Field's email address should once again be as printed in the yearbook, judithwfield2@gmail.com, after being restored by Google.

WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 5-7 PM, (arrive 4:30 PM)



Poppin' Peonies, Paint an' Sip

Please join us to paint Pinot's Poppin' Peonies, on a CANVAS TOTE BAG! A portion of your seat will be donated to a nonprofit or community fundraiser, which will be to the WOMEN GARDENERS OF RIDGEWOOD! Instructions for registration will be detailed at upcoming meetings. The cost is \$37.

PINOT'S PALETTE

PAINT. DRINK. HAVE FUN.

SECRET GARDEN TOUR - UPDATE

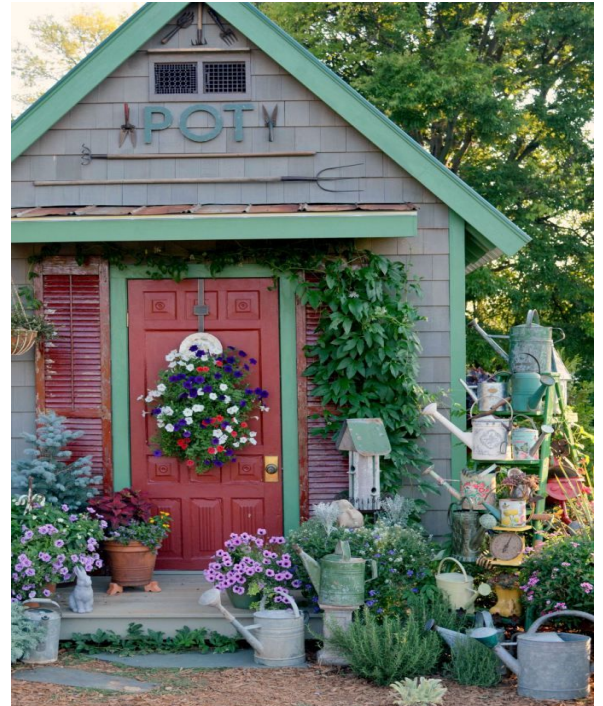
We are on track for our June 3rd Tour. There will be 7 private gardens and 2 public gardens, including the Health Barn Organic Garden at Habernickel and the James Rose House. There are 7 sponsors. The Stable has been rented for the day. Hospitality, the potting shed, about 3 vendors, and a plant sale will be held there. Weather will not be an issue for any of these groups as all can be held inside. All the Committee positions are filled with the exception of a publicity person. A tri-fold "invitation", which will be mailed out, is being designed.

POTTING SHED AT GARDEN TOUR – UPDATE

Hibernating and Motivated to Un-clutter? The Gardeners Potting Shed is looking for items to sell at the secret garden tour! All types of new, unwanted or used garden or nature themed items, including antiques, will be collected in a couple of months:

Tools, garden supplies, watering cans, planters, urns, containers, vases, mason jars, pottery, trellises, faux stems, arrangements & holiday, floral supplies, decor pillows, quilts, rag rugs, table linens, hammocks, picnic baskets, bird baths, bird cages & bird houses, gazing balls, pedestals, wind chimes, flags, crates, boxes, small furniture, chests & paintings, wagons, sculptures, owls, bunnies, foxes, frogs & snails...bees, butterfly's, birds and anything Americana.

All donations are greatly appreciated and will truly support the club, so please start to de-clutter now! If you need help or have questions call Debbie at 917-678-6235 or email at kjdsengel@gmail.com



HELP WANTED

We are in desperate need of a Public Relations Chairperson. 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. If you do not already hold a position, and would like to help out, please contact Jenny Given at jqivfam@gmail.com or phone (201) 612-0508 with questions or to discuss further.

GARDEN GATE RESOURCE ROOM OPEN DAY - JANUARY 9, at the Gatehouse in Habernickel Park Liz O'Leary and Judith Field organized books and sorted through some of the old files. Cynthia Halaby donated many, many books and magazines, and the new empty shelves are beginning to fill up. Jenny Given dropped by. As a reminder, the Resource Room is open to all WGR members on any weekday that the building is unlocked.

The next Open Day is Tuesday, February 13, 1-3 p.m. Maria Gilosa has volunteered to help. Contact Liz O'Leary or Judith Field if you would like to volunteer for March 13, May 8 or June 12.

BOARD MEETING, LUNCHEON, PROGRAM AND BUSINESS MEETING - JANUARY 5, scheduled to be held at the Library auditorium were cancelled due to unsafe conditions caused by snow and cold. Because of the cancellation, there are no minutes to include with this newsletter.